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More than \$80,000 Awarded to Local Nonprofits

At its annual awards presentation, held at Catawba Island Club on June 15, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) awarded \$80,063 in grants and special recognitions. Thirty-eight local nonprofit organizations received funding, including OCCF's recipient of the third annual Joy Roth Little Tiger Award, The Arts Garage.

"We are pleased to partner with such diverse and deserving organizations in 2023. We congratulate and thank our grant recipients for their ongoing community efforts," says OCCF Executive Director Shea McGrew. "Their services are crucial to this area and touch so many lives." The grants program supports a variety of county efforts in the fields of health, safety, human services, education, the environment and the arts. Funding for these grants was made possible by private donations and earnings from several unrestricted community funds and donor advised funds held by OCCF.

A product of OCCF's Special Initiatives Support Fund for Schools, one of the most significant 2023 awards was a \$20,000 grant provided for the Business Advisory Council's (BAC's) State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) certification program.



BAC's Clay Finken and Katherine Adams accept \$20,000 from OCCF Trustee Mary Coffee and Exec. Dir. Shea McGrew.

Joy Roth Little Tiger Award Presented to The Arts Garage

During the Awards Breakfast, the Foundation presented its 2023 Joy Roth Little Tiger Award to The Arts Garage (TAG), of the Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council (GPCAAC). Joy Roth, founder and long-time President of OCCF, passed away in July 2020, and the OCCF Board, with the support of Joy's husband Jeff Roth, sought to establish this special recognition to honor her legacy. Joy, a fan of the Auburn University Tigers football team, was known by family and friends to be a "little tiger" herself.



Jeff Roth presents the Joy Roth Little Tiger Award to Jonnie Myers-Debbink and Carol Morgan.

Created to recognize similar champions who go above and beyond to give back to the community, the award was presented to Jonnie Myers-Debbink and Carol Morgan, who spearheaded the acquisition and renovation of the historic (1935) Port Clinton city garage into an art space providing a studio for resident artists, writing groups, musical performances, dance, visual arts and more.

Its parent organization, GPCAAC, fosters a vibrant community through its public arts programming. The organization also offers scholarships to area youth, advocacy on behalf of artists/organizations and access to "arts and culture for all" in Ottawa County.

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OCCF Welcomes Trustee Alex Morgan Johnson

We extend a warm welcome to Alex Morgan Johnson, OCCF's newest Trustee.

A Port Clinton High School graduate who received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Kent State University, Alex — Broker/Owner of Weichert, Realtors - Morgan Realty Group with her parents Jeff and Carol Morgan — started in Real Estate in 2001 as her parents' assistant. Within the year, she was a licensed Realtor on their team. A short six years later, she earned her Brokers license. They opened Morgan Realty Group in 2006.

“I love selling Real Estate and helping the Agents in my office do the same,” says Alex, who is also actively involved with multiple community groups. In addition to serving on OCCF's Board, she is the incoming President of the Port Clinton Women's Club, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County (Secretary), and is also an RPAC Major Investor.

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Alex's biggest blessing in life is her family. She and her husband Joe have three children — Kertis, Dylan, and Gabby.

She takes pride in “forever learning,” hence her “nerdy audible list” and these many designations — GRI, AHWD, e-Pro, CMS, QSC, CRS, RSPS, CNE, C2EX Certified.

Welcome to the OCCF Board, Alex!

“Thank You” to OCCF's Business Partner

OCCF thanks Hal and Diane Hawk, of Crown Battery, for returning again in 2023 as members at the highest Benefactor recognition level of OCCF's Business Partners Giving Society. The Hawks also serve on OCCF's newly created Advisory Council.

Established in 1926 as a small battery repair shop, Fremont's Crown Battery leads globally with “The Power Behind Performance” principle — a commitment to providing power to people around the world, whether for personal use, the railroad industries, underground mining equipment, steel mills, renewable energy installations, recreational marine and automotive industries, or aerial access equipment.

Business Partner contributions enable OCCF to continue the important work of grant-making and promoting charitable giving across Ottawa County. Thank you, Crown Battery and all OCCF Business Partners!



For details about becoming a Business Partner, visit www.ottawaccf.org or contact Executive Director Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750.

Congratulations to OCCF's 2023 Grant Recipients

Arc of Ottawa County
 Courageous Community Services
 Cancer Services
 Cast It Forward
 Catawba Island Historical Society
 Concerned Citizens of Oak Harbor
 Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa County
 Engaging Opportunities Foundation
 Genoa Area Community Food Pantry
 Genoa Civic Theatre
 Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council
 Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa County
 Harris-Elmore Public Library
 Heartbeat of Ottawa County
 Joyful Connections
 Lake Erie Islands Conservancy
 Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center
 Mid-County EMT Association
 Musical Arts Series Port Clinton
 Oak House
 Ottawa Co. Ag. Society
 Ottawa Co. Family Advocacy Center, Inc.
 Ottawa Co. Holiday Bureau
 Ottawa Co. Museum
 Ottawa Co. Transitional Housing
 Otterbein Senior Life Marblehead
 Playmakers Civic Theatre
 Port Clinton Firefighters Association
 Portage Fire District Firefighters Association
 Put-in-Bay Chamber of Comm. Tourism Bureau
 Salvation Army
 Schedel Arboretum and Gardens
 Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc.
 St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
 Team VIAC
 Walk in My Shoes, Inc.

Summer camp for children with disabilities
 Fun in the Sun camp for children at Camp Courageous
 Cancer services for patients and their families
 Fishing trips for veterans, kids, and seniors in need
 Exterior GFI receptacles to provide power for outdoor displays
 Three (3) refrigerators and two (2) ranges at Oakwood Manor
 Leadership training for 4-H Camp Counselors
 Job training activities for adults with intellectual disabilities
 Six (6) new wagon carts for food distribution
 Painting theatre as part of renovation project
 FACE LIFT - interactive art sculptures at TAG (The Arts Garage)
 Playhouse Build - teaching children the pride of homeownership
 Circulating STEM Kits for Harris-Elmore and Genoa libraries
 Update technology and Quick Books
 Reduce finance and transportation barriers
 AmeriCorps intern
 Interactive digital displays for current wildlife exhibits
 Video Laryngoscopes - replace outdated patient care equipment
 Concerts for seniors at assisted living centers
 Trips to various attractions and events
 New pens for sheep and goats at Ottawa County Fairgrounds
 Upgrade meeting room and kitchen facilities
 Food and household items for those in need during the holidays
 Purchase archival materials for storage, repair, etc.
 Ruth Ann's House-new refrigerator
 Hearing Loop in dining room and activities room
 Theatre summer school for youth
 EMT Certification
 Fire blankets designed for vehicle fires
 PIB Chamber of Commerce Tourism Promotional Video
 Camp NEOSA Residential Summer Camp for at-risk children
 Summer science and art camps
 Build and deliver beds to those in need
 Food and food certificates for those in need
 Veteran retreats in 2023
 New shoes for children in need

Special Initiatives Support Fund for Schools
 Business Advisory Council
 STNA
 Certification Program

Joy Roth Little Tiger Award
 The Arts Garage

Special thanks to Jim Stouffer, an OCCF Advisory Council Member, and his Catawba Island Club staff for helping make the 2023 Awards Breakfast such a success!



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in 2023



Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) Trustees and nonprofit community organizations gathered for the OCCF presentation of more than \$80,000 in community grants during an awards breakfast held at the Catawba Island Club on June 15.

THANK YOU
to all Ottawa County nonprofits for touching so many lives across the county.

OCCF is proud to support you and continue its efforts of "Doing Good. Forever."

