



OCCF Founder Joy Roth

OCCF: Embracing the Next Quarter Century

Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) is celebrating its Silver Anniversary year. The brainchild of founder Joy Roth, OCCF was formed to impact and support the residents of Ottawa County when charter members Roth, Bob Armbruster, Ellen Bergman, Tom Salamone, Derrill Hablitzel and Bart Anderson signed the Articles of Incorporation in April of 1999.

“There is much to celebrate and be thankful for,” says OCCF Executive Director Shea McGrew. “We celebrate Joy’s vision and the generosity of donors whose gifts have enabled OCCF to distribute, over the past quarter century, approximately \$10 million via student scholarships and grants to nonprofit organizations.”

OCCF provides philanthropic services to individuals, families, businesses and other nonprofit organizations, helping donors make gifts to meet vital community needs in the fields of education, health and social services, economic development, natural resources and the arts.






“Twenty-five years ago, the charter members could never have imagined how many lives OCCF would change for the better,” says Trustee Marcia Jess. “Today, we are humbled by the immense difference we’ve made. We look forward to the next 25 years, confident that the legacy of visions and innovation we’ve pioneered will only continue to grow. Our community deserves it. Our community can count on it.”

OCCF will honor its milestone and the people of Ottawa County with a yearlong calendar of special anniversary events, including the Foundation’s second annual GALA fundraiser on July 23 at Catawba Island Club, as well as a “personal care” community drive for those in need planned for the fall. Visit ottawaccf.org for anniversary and event details.

Foundation Seeks to Ensure Financial Future with Endowment Fund

As OCCF celebrates 25 years, the Foundation hopes to expand its impact and ability to serve residents’ needs. To do so, Trustees must continue to plan ahead, financially.

During OCCF’s 20th anniversary, Jeff Roth surprised Joy by creating a permanent endowment fund to honor the original Founders. Supported, at that time, by other generous community donors, the fund ensures Joy’s vision lives on by helping OCCF to sustain itself

OCCF at a glance		1999 - 2024	
Community Grants Awarded  521 Impacting 164 nonprofit organizations	Community Grants Total  \$1.16 million		
Scholarships Awarded  1,589	Scholarships Total  \$1.77 million		
\$ Benefiting Donor-Specified Causes \$7.44 million			
Permanent Funds 108	Total Fund Assets \$12.2 million		
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operationally and as a community provider.

An endowment fund is invested and yields annual earnings to support an organization or a cause. The permanent endowment fund created by the Roths provides the Foundation with annual earnings that have been designated to defray OCCF's operating expenses.

Help support OCCF's next 25 years!

An endowment fund donation of ANY amount will bolster OCCF's future and impact those in need, in Ottawa County, for decades to come.

Add to the designated endowment fund during OCCF's Silver Anniversary year. To donate directly to the fund, click on the fund QR code above or send a check to OCCF with "OCCF Endowment Fund" in the subject line. Thank you!



Welcome, OCCF Trustee Diane Zeitzheim

OCCF welcomes Diane Zeitzheim to the Board of Trustees. Born and raised on the southside of Chicago, Diane is a retired educator with an avid interest in supporting area residents.

"I am excited to be a member of this wonderful organization and to be a part of all the good work that OCCF does for Ottawa County," says Diane. Volunteerism is in the family genes. Diane's father dedicated his life to helping others by volunteering with many Chicago organizations. Diane's older sister is an executive director of a nonprofit, and her elder daughter is a marketing coordinator for a nonprofit.

A graduate of John Carroll University with a BA in Education, Diane received her Reading Certificate from University of Toledo and a Masters of Education from Bowling Green State University. She began as a kindergarten teacher in the inner city of Chicago before moving back to Ohio and residing in Cleveland. A Port Clinton resident since 1991, Diane taught at Immaculate Conception School for 19 years in various roles including 5th and 6th grade, Physical Education, and as a librarian/media specialist. While her children — Elise, Brendan, and Emma — attended ICS, Diane was active in the school's parent group. Diane also taught 5th grade Math at Bataan Elementary for more than nine years.

In addition to volunteering, Diane keeps busy with maintaining rental properties and traveling with Eric, her husband of 30 years. She enjoys working out, reading, and spending time with family and friends.



“Thank You” to Crown Battery, a 2024 OCCF Business Partner

Crown Battery’s Hal and Diane Hawk return as 2024 members at the highest Benefactor recognition level of OCCF’s Business Partners Giving Society.

“OCCF is such a very important part of our community. It is a way for people and businesses to invest, support and commit to Ottawa County,” says Diane Hawk. “Hal and I are proud to be involved with this dedicated and strong organization for all that they do to support and give back to many organizations. OCCF leadership is leaving a positive footprint in our community ... Congratulations on celebrating 25 years. Thank you, OCCF, for touching so many lives in Ottawa County.”

Established in 1926 as a small battery repair shop, Fremont’s Crown Battery, www.crownbattery.com, distributes across the globe and leads 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,



OCCF Business Partners and Advisory Council Members, Diane and Hal Hawk of Crown Battery

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. OCCF is grateful for the continued support of the Hawks, both as Business Partners and valued members of the OCCF Advisory Council.

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

Thank you for touching the lives of the people of Ottawa County.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

AMOUNT OF DONATION: Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

\$100 \$500 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000 Other \$ _____

I would like my gift to remain anonymous.

My gift is in honor of _____ in memory of: _____

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I have questions. Please contact me via: email phone

Send me information about: establishing an OCCF fund giving through my estate plan

DONATE TODAY. Make checks payable to “Ottawa County Community Foundation.”
 Mail to P.O. Box 36, Port Clinton, OH 43452. To pay by credit card, visit ottawaccf.org.



OCCF Giving Levels

No gift is ever too small!

Benefactor	\$5,000 +
Sustainer	\$2,500 – \$4,999
Advocate	\$1,000 – \$2,499
Patron	\$500 – \$999
Supporter	\$100 – \$499
Friend	Up to \$99

DONATE TODAY!



Give to a cause; invest in a dream!

Cheers to 25 Years!

Ottawa County Community Foundation
is celebrating its 25th anniversary of
"Doing Good. Forever."

Please join us on July 23

for an evening of entertainment and high energy
with the *Cleveland Keys Dueling Pianos*.

There will also be some exceptional items up for bid
during a live auction throughout the evening.

*Limited tickets available. Advanced ticket sales only. Watch the OCCF
website and social media for updates and more information.*

Thanks to many of you for helping to make last
year's GALA such a success
and for supporting OCCF's efforts to
touch the lives of the people of Ottawa County.

*OCCF has much to be proud of,
and the best is yet to come!*



Doing Good
GALA

**CHEERS
TO
25
YEARS**

featuring
LIVE AUCTION
CASUAL STROLLING DINNER
CLEVELAND KEYS DUELING PIANOS

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024

Catawba Island Club Pavilion
6 pm - sunset

*Proceeds support Ottawa County
Community Foundation's charitable
efforts to help Ottawa County thrive*

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Doing Good. For 25 Years.

\$100/person, visit website for tickets

