



# OTTAWA COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## 2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS AWARDED



### Foundation Celebrates 20 Years!

For a community foundation run entirely by volunteers, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) has more than exceeded its own expectations.

“The Foundation was established in 1999 and during our first 20 years, we have created 89 funds and granted over \$5 million,” says Joy Roth, Board President. Last year, the OCCF awarded more than \$148,000 in scholarships to local students as well as to adult students seeking to expand their education.

The OCCF is affiliated with the Toledo Community Foundation (TCF) so we may take advantage of TCF’s administrative structures and oversights. “The assistance of TCF over the years has been phenomenal,” said Roth.

The Ottawa County Community Foundation awarded **over \$49,000 to twenty-nine local non-profit organizations** at the annual Grant Awards Breakfast on June 20. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the work of a variety of charitable organizations whose projects and programs address current and emerging needs throughout Ottawa County in the fields of education, social services, physical and mental health, safe and positive living environment, natural resources and the arts. **Congratulations to the 2019 grant recipients!** Thank you to each organization that identified a need and submitted a request. Find a list of grant recipients and purpose of each grant on page 3.

Funding for these grants is made possible from several unrestricted community needs funds held by the Ottawa County Community Foundation including the Kenneth and Naomi Akins Family Fund, Bob and Grace Armbruster Fund, Lenore Peterson Blackburn Fund, Earl J. Johnson Fund, OCCF Fund, Lenore Peterson -Blackburn Fund, Dr. James I. and Priscella Rhiel Fund, Paul H. Rofkar Community Needs Fund, Harry Stensen Memorial Fund, Dave and Jeanne Thierwechter Fund, and one Donor Advised Fund.

Since our first grant was awarded in 2003, the total amount given to charitable organizations through our annual community grant process now totals over \$472,000. In addition, we are able to award grants from several other specific use funds including Jack and Judy Schiller Dyslexia Fund, Special Initiatives Support Fund for Schools, and Burton D Morgan, bringing our total community giving to over \$625,000.

*Special Thanks*  
to Brian Snyder for use of the conference room at the Sutton Center for our Grant Awards Breakfast.

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# OCCF FACTS

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**TOTAL GIVING**  
**Over \$5.2 million**



As grants for charitable projects, scholarships and donor directed giving since 1999.

**CURRENT ASSETS**  
**\$8.7 million**



The combined market value of our 89 established funds as of 7/1/19

**COMMUNITY GRANTS**  
**Over \$140,000**



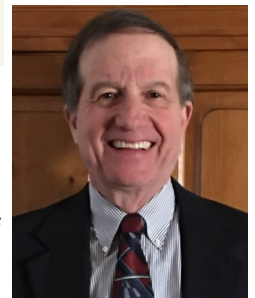
Local non-profit organizations received grants to address current and emerging needs in 2019.

## 2019 Grant Awards

Terra College Foundation	Supplies and snacks for Kids College
Oak Harbor Log Cabin Ass.	Support for summer concert series at the Log Cabin
Harris-Elmore Public Library	Materials to display and preserve Ottawa Co artifacts
Stein Hospice Services, Inc.	Supplies for kid's bereavement program/Camp Good Grief
Oak House	Sturdy, stackable banquet chairs for participant use
Dr. John E Braun Memorial Park	Add electrical power to pole barn in the park
Joyful Connections	Furniture and refrigerator, for family use during visits
The Salvation Army	Send at-risk children to week-long Salvation Army Camp
Catawba Island Historical Society	Storage shelves for archival protection of artifacts
Greater PC Area Arts Council	"Beached Fish" for deposit of recyclable bottles/city beach
Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa Co.	Training of camp counselors for 3 4-H camps
Ottawa County Museum	Convert two boarded windows to display cases
Light House Sober Living	Sober living activities to support adults with addiction
Nightingales Harvest	Provide cancer families with gas/transportation; advertising
Friends of Port Clinton Parks	Installation of second small pavilion in Lakeview Park
Musical Arts Series in PC	Provide live music concerts to 6 senior communities
Engaging Opportunities Foundation	Startup renovation of Christy's Corner Café
Ottawa Co Family Advocacy Center	Support Port Clinton summer lunch program
Ottawa Co Family Advocacy Center	Laptop computer for Grandlove advocate
Ottawa Co Family Advocacy Center	TNT Mentoring school spirit T-shirts
OC Family & Children First Council	Assist at-risk families not eligible for other programs
ARC of Ottawa County	Summer camp for children with developmental disabilities
Oak Harbor Lions Club	Community LED billboard sign to be used by non-profits
Oak Harbor Tree Commission	Purchase trees for east and west gateways into Oak Harbor
Playmakers Civic Theatre	Replace master lighting control board for stage lighting
Harris Elmore Fire Department	Purchase SCBA face mask nameplates for firefighters
Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa Co	Materials for construction of single-family house
Friends of Ottawa Nat'l Wildlife Refuge	Concrete trail to increase youth fishing access
Luther Home of Mercy	Establish a scout troop for LHM residents

### Bensch Welcomed as New Board Member

We welcome Arlyn Bensch as the newest member of the OCCF Board. Arlyn is a retired CPA with a career in healthcare finance whose experience as an auditor, actuary, business analyst and CFO will certainly be beneficial on the Board. Other than his college years and early career, Arlyn has been a lifelong resident of the Oak Harbor area. He is an active member of the Oak Harbor Lions Club and the Board Finance Committee for BCS Schools. He serves on the Luther Home of Mercy Foundation Board and the Oakwood Manor Board. Participation as a mentor through the TNT program with BCS Schools provides both him and his mentee a rich and rewarding experience. In his spare time, Arlyn enjoys biking, serving as Council treasurer and singing in the choir at St. John Lutheran Church in Rocky Ridge, and traveling. He is an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland sports teams and the Oak Harbor Rockets. Arlyn and his wife Candy have two adult sons and two grandchildren. They are anxiously awaiting twin grandchildren this fall and another grandchild in February.



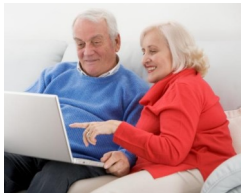




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## Grant Dollars at Work



*Maker’s Space* at Bataan Elementary School is a unique learning area for students. It supports the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concept and provides a safe environment to create, experiment, explore and learn through trial, error and play.



Since 2016, more than 1,000 students from 6 different Ottawa County schools have enjoyed an educational field trip to Stone Lab, the Ohio State University freshwater field station on Gibraltar Island. A new fund has now made these yearly field trips a permanent opportunity for Ottawa County schools.