



Port Clinton Fire and Rescue received funding for needed Personal Protective Equipment thanks to the Rapid Response effort. Additional protective gear is needed for both staff and patients on every emergency run.

## Rapid Response Effort Initiated

COVID-19 has turned our world upside down in countless ways. In response to these challenging times, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) initiated a Rapid Response effort. The goal of the Rapid Response effort is to support immediate needs of non-profits in Ottawa County as they strive to fill the basic needs of economically vulnerable populations caused by closures and cancellations related to COVID-19.

Initiated with a \$2,000 donation from The Dr. Derrill A. Hablitzel Family Fund, many additional donations have also been received to support the effort. To date we have given over \$17,800 to 12 organizations: Engaging Opportunities, Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, Heartbeat of Ottawa County, Joyful Connections, Oak House, Ohio Living Foundation (Vineyard), Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Ottawa County Senior Resources, Port Clinton Fire Fighters, Salvation Army, Seed Faith Ministries, and Cancer Services. Emergency grants are still available. We encourage non-profit organizations seeking emergency funds to submit the simple application form which is available on our website.

Donations of any amount are still needed so that we can continue to help those impacted by this crisis. You may give online at [www.ottawaccf.org](http://www.ottawaccf.org) or send a check to OCCF, P.O. Box 36, Port Clinton, OH 43452. Please indicate "Rapid Response" in the memo line. All contributions qualify as charitable deductions. Thank you for helping us ease the burden for so many in our county.

## OVER \$40,000 AWARDED to LOCAL NONPROFITS

The Ottawa County Community Foundation awarded over \$40,000 to 26 local non-profit organizations in June through its 2020 community grants. The Foundation would like to recognize the work of so many organizations that meet pressing needs in the community and conduct effective programs throughout Ottawa County. This year, in lieu of the Grant Awards Breakfast, which was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, the grant recipients were notified by mail. We applaud each organization's efforts. Find a **list of grant recipients and the purpose of each grant on page 3.**

Funding for these grants is made possible from several unrestricted Community Funds and a Donor Advised Fund held by the Ottawa County Community Foundation. These include the Kenneth and Naomi Akins Family Fund, Bob and Grace Armbruster 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 Joseph and Eleanor Kokinda Fund. Several local donations were also received in support of the community grant program.

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## In Memoriam

*It has been especially difficult to lose two of our founding members this year.*



Words could not express our disbelief and sadness upon hearing the news of the sudden loss of our president, mentor, and friend, Joy Roth on July 9. Joy was the spark plug that launched the Foundation in 1999. She always had a smile on her face and a positive attitude in her heart. As one Board member said, "Joy's name exemplified her life."

We were blessed to have had her as our Rock and Cheerleader for 20 years. Her passion for the mission of OCCF and her boundless energy have grown it into the vibrant Community Foundation that it is today with over \$8 million as assets and 90 established funds. We are confident that Joy's vision and love of community will forever be remembered. The Board will truly miss her enthusiasm and dedication to the Foundation, but we will strive to continue the important work for which Joy was so influential.



It was with heavy hearts that we learned that Dr. Derrill Hablitzel passed away March 17 at the remarkable age of 101. Hab, as he was known by many, was born and raised in Ottawa County and opened his dental practice in Port Clinton following graduation from The Ohio State University. He was involved at many levels in his community over the years.

Notable for us, Hab was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Ottawa County Community Foundation, along with Joy Roth and several other individuals. He went on to serve as a member of the Board and Vice President for 17 years. In 2017, he became an emeritus Board member and remained supportive of the work of the Foundation. His family established The Dr. Derrill A. Hablitzel Family Fund in his honor on his 100th birthday. The Fund has already given back to the community with a donation to start the Rapid Response effort. We remember Hab's generous spirit, sage wisdom, and get-it-done attitude. What a positive influence he had on us all!

*Donations in memory of Joy Roth may be directed to*  
**The Founder's Fund.**

*Donations in memory of Dr. Hablitzel may be directed to*  
**The Dr. Derrill A. Hablitzel Family Fund.**

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## 2020 Grant Awards

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Boy Scouts/Harris-Elmore Library

Cancer Services, Inc.

Cultivate the Clover of Ottawa Co.

Engaging Opportunities Foundation

Firelands Symphony Orchestra Free

Friends of Port Clinton Parks

Habitat for Humanity of Ottawa Co.

Jacob's Joy

Joyful Connections

Light House Sober Living

Magruder Hospital Foundation

Musical Arts Series

Oak Harbor Log Cabin Association

Oak House

Ottawa County Juvenile Court

Ottawa County Museum

Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

Ottawa Co. Task Force on Aging

Otterbein Marblehead

Pathway Inclusion Center

Port Clinton Fire Fighters Assoc.

Port Clinton Music Boosters

Riverview Industries

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

United Way of Ottawa County

Identify and serve more food insecure people

Landscaping for Harris-Elmore Library Eagle Scout project

Patient resources and support services for cancer patients

4-H camp counselor training program for teens

Electrical upgrades to Christy's Corner Café in Elmore

Summer Ensemble Concerts in Port Clinton area

Handicapped accessible sidewalks in Lakeview Park

Safety equipment to protect employees and volunteers

Retreat for women who have experienced pregnancy loss

Laptops/Chromebooks for staff to aid in safety and security

Sober activities to promote healthy living

Celebrate Community - a wellness event

Concerts for residents of six senior residential facilities

Log Cabin Summer Concerts in Oak Harbor

Fishing trip for Oak House members

After-school activities program for 10-17 year-old youth

Expand capacity/improve security of public-use computers

Law Enforcement Awareness Program (LEAP)

Senior Resource Guide 2020-2021

It's Never 2 Late (iN2L) technology for social activities

Outdoor playground

Lifepak 15 cardiac monitor

Port Clinton HS Marching Band replacement uniforms

Revitalize building for community friendly environment

Gift certificates for dairy products

Back-to-School backpacks for children

## Foundation Recognized as Economic Development Partner

The Foundation was recognized as the 2019 "Economic Development Partner" at the Ottawa County Improvement Corporation's Business and Industry Awards Dinner in March. Through the generosity of our donors who have established 90 named funds with the Foundation, we are able to support some amazing projects, programs, and scholars in our community each year. Thank you Ottawa County Improvement Corporation for this honor.



Over \$5.4 million given as grants, scholarships, and donor directed giving since 1999.

## ***Our Grant Dollars at Work***



Light House Sober Living residents have benefited from a grant that supports healthy living activities in the community to encourage positive recovery options.



The Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council designed a new way to encourage recycling of plastic bottles. They created a fish receptacle that is located in a high traffic area at the end of Madison Street in Port Clinton.