

2021 OCCF BY THE NUMBERS

Doing Good. Forever.

COMMUNITY GRANTS \$136,500

32 local nonprofit organizations received grants to address current & emerging needs in our community.



SCHOLARSHIPS \$152,197

121 scholarships were awarded to students according to the wishes of the donor.



TOTAL GIVING \$364,223

As scholarships, grants for charitable projects, & donor directed giving.



TOTAL ASSETS \$12+ MIL.

Combined market value of all OCCF's established funds.



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“Thank You” Walker Funeral Homes & Crematory



Keith Walker

Ottawa County Community Foundation thanks Keith Walker, President of Walker Funeral Homes & Crematory, the newest member of OCCF's *Business Partners Giving Society*. The company is acknowledged at the *Benefactor* level – the highest recognition tier.

“We at Walker greatly value the contribution that Ottawa County Community Foundation continually makes to the county,” said Mr. Walker.

“We are very pleased to support the great work that they are doing.”

Since its establishment in 1933, Walker Funeral Homes & Crematory has helped families face the loss of a loved one. Providing services in many areas of northwest Ohio, its Ottawa County locations include Gerner-Wolf-Walker in Port Clinton, Robinson-Walker in Oak Harbor and Robinson-Walker in Genoa. Whether choosing a traditional funeral, a cremation ceremony or a more creative end-of-life farewell, the Walker team plans and conducts a memorial event that honors the story of a lifetime. For information, visit www.walkerfuneralhomes.com.



Five New Funds Created in 2021

- Dave and Dee Slosser made provisions to create the Dave and Dee Slosser Scholarship Fund with a legacy gift.
- Mark and Linda Sprenger created the Marlene Gulas and Family Scholarship Fund. The fund will provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Port Clinton High School who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in education.
- Harold and Diane Hawk created the Hal and Diane Hawk Family Foundation of the Ottawa County Community Foundation, a donor advised fund.
- Larry Fletcher established the Larry and Jamie Fletcher Community Service Fund of the Ottawa County Community Foundation, a donor advised fund.
- The Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center (OCFAC) Board established The OCFAC Endowment Fund, an organization endowment fund.

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Board Hires Administrative Assistant



Brenda Mazur

As the Foundation has grown over the last year under Executive Director Shea McGrew, it became evident that administrative help was needed. The OCCF Board of Trustees recently approved a new part-time Administrative Assistant staff position, and Brenda Mazur was hired to fill the role. Brenda appreciates this opportunity which allows her to contribute to the community furthering OCCF's broader efforts, while prioritizing her family responsibilities. The Board extends a warm welcome to Brenda.

Most recently a substitute teacher, Brenda originally wanted to be a veterinarian and earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Bowling Green State University. A veterinary assistant for eight years, she eventually returned to school to get an Associate degree in Medical Laboratory Science (Certified ASCP MLT) and spent several years as a laboratory technician. Brenda has lived in Port Clinton since she was two, and many people know her through her grandparents Millie and Richard (Dick) Wolfe, the dockmaster and caretaker of the Port Clinton Yacht Club (retired in 2005). Brenda and her husband Chris were high school sweethearts and PCHS Alumni. They have been married for 14 years, and enjoy spending time with their three daughters Jaelynn, Kenleigh, and Emory. Animal lovers, the Mazurs have three dogs, a cat, two rats, five chickens, and an assortment of tank dwellers. They enjoy camping at Tall Timbers Campground, and Brenda's other hobbies include swimming, reading, and crocheting.

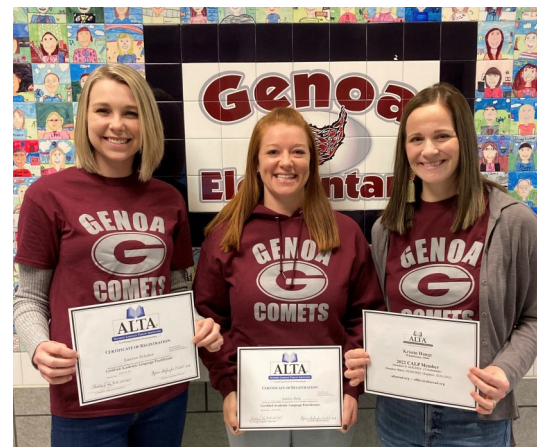
Ottawa County Teachers Trained to Battle Dyslexia

As an increasing number of students are diagnosed with dyslexia, classroom teachers are faced with the challenges of helping these students learn to read. Students with dyslexia have difficulty with the sound-letter relationship, which impacts reading, writing, spelling, and comprehension.

Through several grants from the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF), 56 teachers from Ottawa County schools have taken the opportunity in the last three years to help students with dyslexia. These teachers have participated in a 30-hour Orton-Gillingham dyslexia training, also known as Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE).

Benton-Carroll-Salem and Genoa Schools have led the way with 37 teachers completing the specialized training. Three of these teachers — Lauren Schober, Ashley Delp, and Kristin Hange (pictured on the right) — have finished an additional year-long practicum and are now Certified Academic Language Practitioners (CALPs). OCCF recently awarded them another grant for further advanced training, with the goal of becoming certified MSLE trainers for area teachers.

The OCCF thanks the school administrators and teachers of Ottawa County for their dedication in making this program an overwhelming success. Thanks to you, we are making a powerful impact in the lives of children with dyslexia.



Recognizing Donors

December 1, 2020—March 31, 2022

Thanks to generous donors, the Foundation had a stellar year in both donations received and grants awarded. Your investment will help OCCF continue to grow and sustain our service to the people and organizations of Ottawa County.

Special acknowledgement goes to the Burton D. Morgan Foundation. Through its \$50,000 matching grant, OCCF was able to match all year-end contributions.

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Thank you for supporting the Ottawa County Community Foundation, so we may continue to serve our community.

Thank you for making OCCF your philanthropic resource.

Ottawa County Community Foundation Establishes 100th Fund

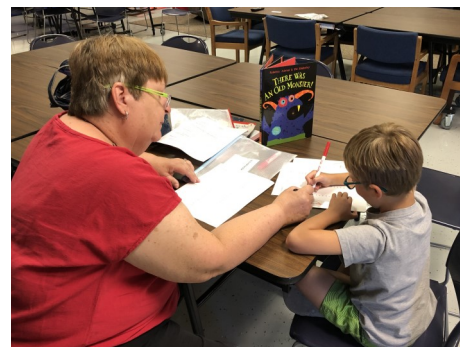
OCCF recently established its **100th fund**, reaching the major milestone with Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center (OCFAC).

“I’m excited about taking the initiative for longevity and planning for our future,” said OCFAC’s Executive Director Connie Roe. OCFAC utilized a portion of the Center’s reserves to create a permanent fund expected to generate income annually.

In 2021, OCCF gave more than \$136,500 in community grants to organizations and community projects across the county. What many organizations do not realize is that they may benefit, directly, from creating their own funds and building a nest egg for current and future use.

“Administratively, establishing an organization fund is a quick and easy process,” said OCCF Executive Director Shea McGrew. “Let OCCF help your organization move toward financial stability, so you may further the important work you do.”

There are two organization fund options. A permanent endowment fund generates income for use now, while growing over time with investment returns. A portion of the investment earnings is made available regularly to spend on operations, programs, or other priority needs, with the remainder retained to provide for the endowment’s growth. A donor advised fund enables the organization to recommend grants to be used for operating support, programs, or special projects. For more information about organization funds, email ottawaccf@gmail.com or call 419-635-7750.



Through the “GRAND love” program, Rosalyn Barnhill tutors a young learner.

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