



Madison Wiechman, 2024 Port Clinton High School graduate and recipient of two OCCF scholarships, is now studying at BGSU.

Students Awarded Over \$179,000 in Scholarships in 2024

Thanks to the Ottawa County Community Foundation's Scholarship funds, 126 students were approved for a total of \$179,200.94 in scholarships in 2024. The Foundation currently holds more than 55 endowed scholarship funds that were

established through the generosity of donors whose goals were to provide opportunities for students throughout Ottawa County. Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors, college students, and adults seeking to continue their education.

Generosity Times One Hundred

In a powerful demonstration of community spirit, 100 Caring Hearts of Ottawa County has made a significant IMPACT gift of \$10,000 to the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF), supporting the Foundation's Rapid Response Fund.

Thanks to the generosity of these women, OCCF recently awarded seven Rapid Response grants to local nonprofits:

- Alliance Chapel Food Pantry, Oak Harbor, Ohio
- Genoa Community Food Pantry, Genoa
- Oak House for Polly's Place, Port Clinton
- St. Thomas Episcopal Church for "Food on the Table," Port Clinton
- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Port Clinton
- Family Advocacy Center, Port Clinton
- Salvation Army, Ottawa County

Bubble Up Campaign a Success

Taking a grassroots approach to providing neighborly support for those in need, the Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) held a "Bubble Up" personal care product drive during the month of November. More than 2,000 items were collected and distributed to a variety of community groups.

"In OCCF's 25th anniversary year, it was very important for us to do something tangible ... something very personal and hands-on ... to



Kathy Barbee, Christy's Corner Café, Elmore, accepts Bubble Up items.

impact people across the breadth of Ottawa County," said Trustee and Bubble Up Coordinator Brenda Haas.

OCCF 25 Years in Review

Take a few minutes to scan and view our video that was produced to highlight OCCF's first 25 years of "Doing Good. Forever":



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From Shea McGrew, Executive Director

As we concluded our 25th anniversary year in December, we also said "thank-you and stay in touch" to retiring OCCF board members Paul Druckenmiller and Tina Hablitzel, who joined the board in 2013 and 2015, respectively. They have been dedicated advocates and sustainers of OCCF, contributing mightily to the Foundation's growth. Their connections in the community helped to expand our visibility and reach, and their advice was always sound and thoughtful. We know they will always be close by and ready to lend a hand.



So much to share with you in this newsletter, with a focus on the impact of many generous scholarship donors. I hope you enjoy it.

Did you know...

...if you are age 70½ or older, you contribute directly to OCCF from your IRA and pay no income tax? It's called a "Qualified Charitable Distribution."

If you are required to take minimum distributions, ask your financial advisor or contact us about this tax-advantaged way of giving.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

2024 OCCF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 126 scholarships = \$179,720.94

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	SCHOOL	INSTITUTION ATTENDING	SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Ms. Christen Sayre	\$1,000.00	PC	BGSU	Thomas W. Maher
Ms. Nora Bodie	\$1,250.00	PC	University of Michigan	Steven G. Benko Family Memorial
Ms. Christen Sayre	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Ms. Kayleigh Royster	\$750.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Ms. Arleigh Dackermann	\$750.00	PC	University of Findlay	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Ms. Makenna Wells	\$750.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Ms. Samantha Timerding	\$1,840.61	D	Bowling Green State University	Blair Scholarship
Ms. Hope Cooks	\$862.58	PIB	Ohio University	Mayor John W. Blatt, Mayor of Put-in-Bay
Ms. Macy Craddock	\$1,389.19	OH	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Ms. Michaela Harris	\$694.60	D	Ohio State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Ms. Maria Maringer	\$694.59	D	University of Notre Dame	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Ms. Paige Lewis	\$1,389.19	G	Owens Community College	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Ms. Jade Mitchell	\$1,389.19	PC	Bowling Green State University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Mr. Emil Michael	\$1,389.18	PIB	Purdue University	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Ms. Amira Murphy	\$1,389.18	W	University of Toledo	Mayor John W. Blatt for Grads of OCHS
Mr. Spencer Heintz	\$872.83	OH	The Ohio State University	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Ms. Molly Downs	\$872.83	OH	Iowa State University	Carl and Phyllis Bensch Family
Ms. Kakenna Wells	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Ann Bolte Achievement
Ms. Megan Rife	\$2,743.60	OH	University of Cincinnati	Linda Kaiser Carsten
Ms. Halee Church	\$1,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Catawba Is. Volunteer Fire Dept Auxiliary
Ms. Rosemarie Todd	\$750.00	D	Xavier University	Coffin Memorial
Ms. Ellie Fish	\$873.26	D	The Ohio State University	Coffin Memorial
Mr. Elijah Hatfield	\$750.00	D	Bowling Green State University	Coffin Memorial
Ms. Michaela Harris	\$1,000.00	D	The Ohio State University	Coffin Memorial
Ms. Maria Maringer	\$1,000.00	D	University of Notre Dame	Coffin Memorial
Ms. Andrea Winke	\$1,195.10	OH	John Carroll University	William and Frances Druckenmiller
Ms. Kayleigh Royster	\$2,500.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Fraternal Order of Eagles #2295-Redskin Bowling
Ms. Caydie Buchanan	\$2,500.00	W	Tiffin University	Pamela Graver-Koenig Memorial
Ms. Jandi Torres	\$2,000.00	PC	Kent State	Marlene Gulas and Family
Mr. Darik Hoyt	\$1,242.65	PC	Bowling Green State University	Dorothy Jean (Armbruster) Gulau
Mr. Seth Auger	\$2,045.22	OH	University of Toledo	JoAnn Hablitzel Memorial
Ms. Maria Maringer	\$1,666.57	D	University of Notre Dame	Ron Harger Memorial
Mr. Richard Frohne	\$846.14	PC	Bowling Green State University	James Jacob Lee Jake Hefflinger Memorial
Mr. Tait Dusseau	\$455.75	OH	The Ohio State University	Hellwig-Clements Family
Mr. Kayden Shrader	\$793.20	PC	Bowling Green State University	Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education
Ms. Sophia Fonseca	\$661.26	W	Bowling Green State University	Ian Huffman Memorial - Woodmore Graduates
Ms. Miranda McDougall	\$500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Port Clinton Community Scholarship
Mr. Ernesto Urbina	\$657.13	PC	Bowling Green State University	Lester J. Klenk
Mr. Tait Dusseau	\$700.53	OH	The Ohio State University	Grayson and Dorothy Koepke Ag
Ms. Keileen Fullenkamp	\$874.67	D	Heidelberg University	Joseph J. Kristenak Memorial
Ms. Maggie Thompson	\$1,672.84	D	Ohio University	Jane M. Krynock
Ms. Nora Bodie	\$3,500.00	PC	University of Michigan	James W. Longe
Ms. Madison Wiechman	\$3,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	James W. Longe
Ms. Lydia Boykin	\$3,500.00	PC	Capital University	James W. Longe
Ms. Cadence Wallace	\$3,500.00	PC	Siena Heights University	James W. Longe
Ms. Averie Webb	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Ms. Rebekah Koehl	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Ms. Faith Chapman	\$3,500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Mr. Xavier Manning	\$3,500.00	PC	Ohio University	James W. Longe
Ms. Leila Balduf	\$1,344.29	OH	Michigan State University	David B. and Virginia B. Martin
Ms. Avanell Nowak	\$2,168.33	G	University of Toledo	Jennifer K. Martin
Mr. Dylan Hutton	\$1,226.21	OH	Ohio University	John and Carolyn Miller
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Ms. Andrea Winke	\$1,000.00	OH	John Carroll University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Mr. Spencer Heintz	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Mr. Tucker Lenke	\$1,000.00	OH	Penta	Oak Harbor Rotary
Mr. Dagan Meyers	\$1,086.25	PC	University of Mount Union	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Mr. Skyler Cornell	\$1,086.25	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Mr. Bryce Copeland	\$1,086.25	PC	Defiance College	Jonathan T. Pope Memorial
Ms. Kayleigh Royster	\$687.76	PC	Heidelberg University	1999-2004 Port Clinton Walleye Festival
Ms. Hollie Robinson	\$691.34	OH	Lourdes University	Joshua D. Priddy
Ms. Hope Cooks	\$2,000.00	PIB	Ohio University	Scott Pugh Memorial
Ms. Jandi Torres	\$1,640.34	PC	Kent State University	Julia A. Quayle Educational
Mr. Bryce James	\$500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Priscilla Rhiel
Mr. Spencer Singer	\$500.00	D	Ohio University	Richmond Fund for the Arts
Mr. Cory Hartman	\$1,703.53	OH	The Ohio State University	Marvin and Alice D. Rohloff
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Ms. Halee Church	\$1,085.46	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Ms. Aubrey Haghir	\$3,000.00	PC	Miami University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Alexa Taylor	\$3,000.00	PC	Lake Forest College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Kyle Biers	\$3,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Reagan Ruthsatz	\$3,000.00	PC	University of Cincinnati	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
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Ms. Christen Sayre	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
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Ms. Jade Mitchell	\$2,000.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Evelyn Zam	\$1,500.00	PC	BGSU	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Anna Hittepole	\$1,500.00	PC	Xavier University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Maxwell Solomon	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Brandon Dunfee	\$1,500.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Landon Witte	\$1,000.56	PC	University of Toledo	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Liliana Lucero	\$1,000.56	PC	Jackson College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Skyler Cornell	\$1,000.56	PC	Ohio Wesleyan University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Kamdyn Periat	\$1,000.56	PC	University of Minnesota	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Cameron Schmitt	\$1,000.56	PC	University of Toledo	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Gladys Wiechman	\$1,000.56	PC	Ohio State - Newark	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Bryce Copeland	\$1,000.56	PC	Defiance College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Jenna Niceswanger	\$1,000.56	PC	Terra State College	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Chase Marlatt	\$1,000.56	PC	The Ohio State University	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Mr. Edward Fick	\$1,000.56	PC	The Ohio State University - Newark	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Ms. Madison Wiechman	\$1,100.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Alexa Taylor	\$1,100.00	PC	Lake Forest College	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Kamdyn Periat	\$1,100.00	PC	University of Minnesota	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Gladys Wiechman	\$1,100.00	PC	Ohio State - Newark	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Kaylie Simpson	\$1,100.00	PC	Michigan Tech University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mr. Dagan Meyers	\$1,100.00	PC	University of Mount Union	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mr. Maxwell Solomon	\$1,100.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mr. Edward Fick	\$1,100.00	PC	Ohio State - Newark	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mr. Jackson Beasley	\$1,100.00	PC	Heidelberg University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Lilliana Lucero	\$1,100.00	PC	Jackson College	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Amelia Finn	\$1,100.00	PC	Ohio University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Ms. Halee Church	\$1,100.00	PC	Bowling Green State University	Jessica Schenk Memorial Scholar Athlete
Mr. Tait Dusseau	\$2,400.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Jack Schiller Family
Ms. Melana Cook	\$1,000.00	PC	Owens Community College	Rollie W. Sidell Memorial
Mr. Scott Smith	\$1,953.30	OH	Adrian College	Les and Barb Sprouse
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Mr. Blake Rosario	\$500.00	PC	BGSU - Firelands	Tom Brown
Ms. Grace Draeger	\$1,000.00	W	The Ohio State University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association
Ms. Sydney Mahaney	\$1,000.00	OH	Eastern Michigan University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association
Ms. Michaela Harris	\$1,000.00	D	The Ohio State University	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association
Mr. Kamdyn Periat	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Minnesota	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association
Ms. Arleigh Dackerman	\$1,000.00	PC	University of Findlay	Ottawa County Retired Teachers Association
Ms. Ella Dedes	\$2,000.00	OH	Bowling Green State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Ms. Emily Wolf	\$2,000.00	OH	Youngstown State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Ms. Haily Tyson	\$2,000.00	OH	Cleveland State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Ms. Canna Stephens	\$2,000.00	PC	Kent State University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club
Mr. Chance Sayre	\$2,000.00	PC	Miami University	Pontius/Catawba Island Club

Three Non-traditional Scholarships Available

Generous donors have created scholarship funds to help students further their educational goals. Each scholarship has specific guidelines established by the donor of the fund. Many scholarships are for graduating high school seniors, but three non-traditional scholarships are available throughout the year. Find the application forms for these scholarships on the website along with a complete list of all available scholarships.

Donald and Joan Loeffler Second Chance Scholarship supports adults returning to school to further

their education to obtain or continue employment.

Ian Huffman Memorial Scholarship for International Study provides assistance with study abroad and international experiences for college students.

The Ohio State University Stone Lab Scholarship assists Ottawa County high school students and teachers to attend summer courses at The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory.

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