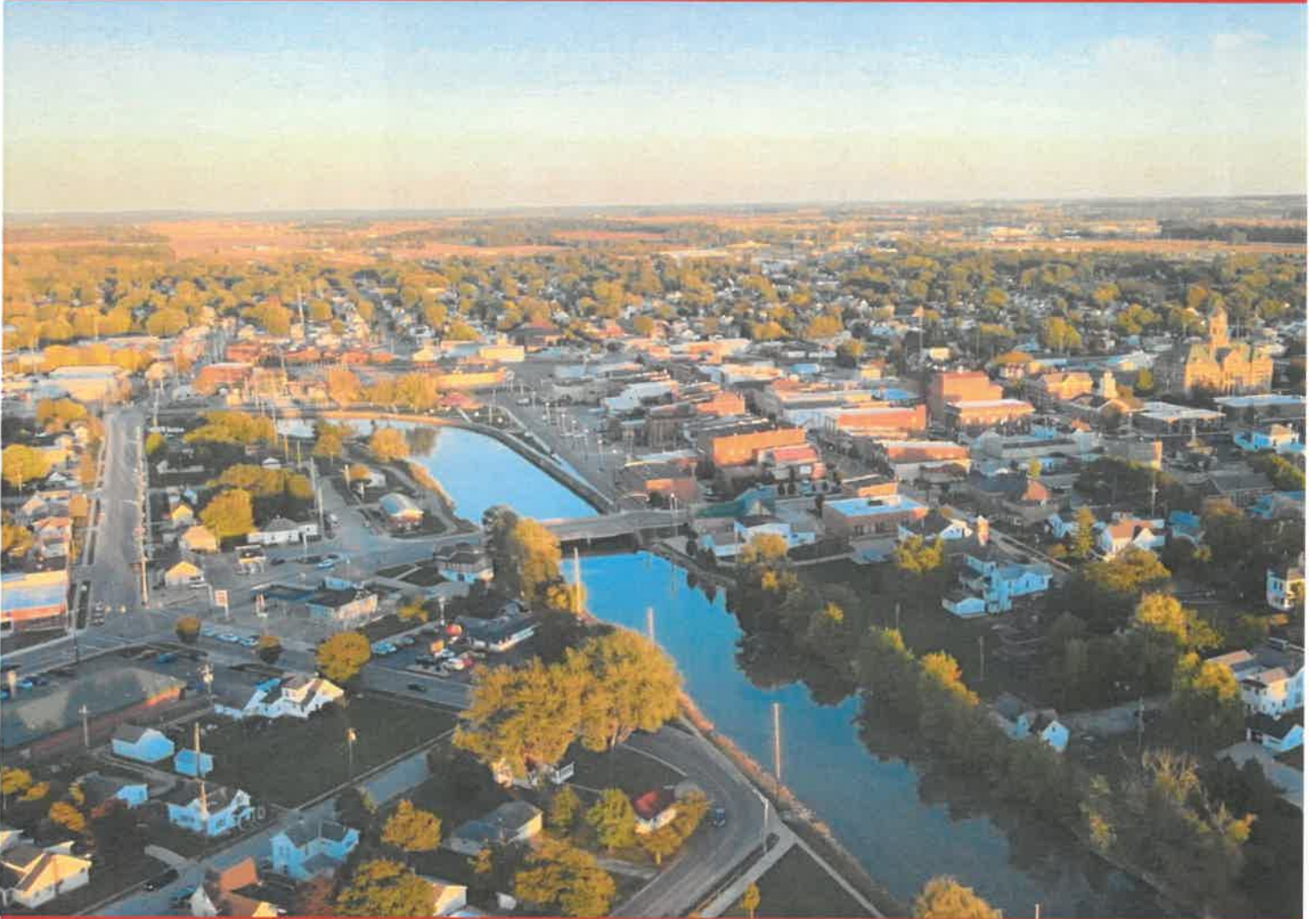


**SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
SINCE 1989**



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation

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Our Mission

The Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Wapakoneta area through organized philanthropy.

To fulfill this mission, the Foundation—

Provides leadership and acts as a catalyst in identifying and addressing evolving community needs.

Distributes grants for charitable purposes in the areas of health, economic development, basic human needs, education, cultural activities, environment, and community services.

Assists donors in creating funds to meet emerging community needs and distribute proceeds in accordance with the donor's intent.

Prudently manages the Foundation's resources to achieve the maximum benefit for the Wapakoneta area in perpetuity.

Let's do great things together!



Message To Our Community

SETTING NEW RECORDS IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS



Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings from the Foundation office. Becky Schaub and I want to thank you for another successful year. This year's Annual Report is filled with more good news about what has been happening with OUR community foundation.

The Foundation's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Wapakoneta area through organized philanthropy. Philanthropy is defined as the desire to promote the welfare of others through generous donation of money to good causes. Over the past 35 years, many civic-minded individuals, families, businesses and organizations have generously invested in creating 50 donor advised funds and 45 scholarship funds to benefit our community and people. These are perfect examples of philanthropy at work promoting the welfare of others.

We continued to grow and prosper in 2025. We received a major bequest from the Jonathan T. Sweger estate—\$1.3 million—to establish a new scholarship fund. We set new records in scholarship awards—\$349,000 and Community Fund grants—\$170,900. Our investment planning has also been successful. The market value of our assets now exceeds \$14 million. Last year we had the opportunity to celebrate our founding. In April of 1990, the Foundation had two scholarship funds and a cash balance of \$32,802. The good stewardship of past and current board members and the generosity of our donors have been the source of our success. For that, we say THANK YOU!

As we approach the end of the year, our Annual Community Fund Campaign will be underway in December. The campaign goal is to invite local citizens, businesses and civic groups to invest in the fund that enables the Foundation to award our grants. There are details about the campaign in the report. We hope you will want to invest in the campaign. It is a perfect example of doing great things together. Please contact us if you have any questions. Also, let us know if you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, follow us on Facebook, and visit our website. We welcome your comments.

Thanks for your continued support,

Greg Myers

Executive Director

Becky Schaub

Administrative Assistant

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please visit our website — wapakacf.org**

2025 COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

Investing in our community and people since 2016

SPRING GRANT AWARDS

Lima Symphony Orchestra - Symphony Story Time	\$2,500
United Way of Auglaize County - Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$5,000
Grand Lake Area Literature Festival - Literature Festival Event	\$1,000
Wapak Family YMCA - Child Development Fellowship Program	\$10,000
Auglaize County Virtual Academy - Let's Get Real Day Events	\$1,500
Wapak Skins Youth Football - Football Equipment Purchases	\$3,000
Generations of Love - Pearl Street Home Purchase	\$2,500
NextSteps - Ticket to Work Program	\$3,000
JTD Hospital Foundation - Grand Lake Health Challenge	\$2,500
First Fridays Wapakoneta - Kids Events at First Fridays	\$2,500
Armstrong Air & Space Museum - Astro Theater Audio Visual Project	\$5,000
St. Paul United Church of Christ - Food Ministry Programs	\$5,000
Children's International Summer Villages - Auglaize Co. Recruitment	\$650
Wapak Middle School - Positive Behavioral Intervention Program	\$4,000
Wapak Loaves and Fishes - Community Meal Program	\$2,500
WHS Robotics Club - Sport & Rigors of Science/Technology Program	\$2,500
First on the Moon, Inc. - Books for Second Graders Project	\$1,700
Wapakoneta Ministerial Association - Voucher Assistance Program	\$2,500
Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership - Façade Improvement	\$5,000
Auglaize County Library - Mobile Makerspace Project	\$5,000
Riverside Art Center - Event Sustainability Project	\$5,000
Roots & Shoots Garden Club - Downtown Planters Project	\$2,000
Cornerstone of Hope - Mental Health Response Workshop	\$1,500
WHS Post Prom Committee - Post Prom Activities	\$2,500

TOTAL GRANTS \$78,350

FALL GRANT AWARDS

WHS English Dept. - GLTF Actor/Teacher Shakespeare Program	\$3,550
JTDMH Foundation - Grand Lake Health Challenge	\$1,500
Children's Hometown Holiday - Christmas Festival Events	\$10,000
MAV Mentoring - Youth Mentoring Program	\$2,500
Roots & Shoots Garden Club - Downtown Planters Project	\$3,000
St. Paul UCC Food Ministry - Meal Program	\$6,000
Wapak Red Youth Football - New Player Equipment Purchase	\$5,000
United Way of Auglaize County - Run to the Moon Project	\$10,000
Lunar Landing Disc Golf - Course Enhancement Project	\$5,000
Mercy Unlimited - Weekend Micro Pantry Project	\$2,000
Wapakoneta Family YMCA - Pool Access Stairs Project	\$6,500
Coleman Health Services - Essential Facility Repairs Project	\$7,000
Wapakoneta Middle School - Student Assist Time Project	\$8,000
Miracle Meal - Community Meal Program	\$1,000
New Bremen Blanketeers - Blankets for Those in Need	\$2,000
Cornerstone of Hope - Community Response Workshop	\$2,500
Riverside Art Center - Wapakoneta Tiny Strings Project	\$6,000
DWP-First Fridays - Holiday Event Carriage Rides	\$1,500
Let's Back the Blue - First Aid Kits for Officers Project	\$5,000
Downtown Wapakoneta Partnership - Façade Improvement	\$5,000

TOTAL GRANTS \$92,550

The Foundation initiated its Community Fund Grants Program in 2016. Over the past nine years, the Foundation has awarded 196 grants totaling \$627,069.

Charitable organizations can apply May 15-June 15 and November 1-30 each year on the Foundation's website www.wapakacf.org. Grants are awarded in April and October.

If you have questions, please contact us at 419-739-9223 or gmyers@wapakacf.org.



JTDMH Foundation—Grand Lake Health Challenge Community Fund Grant Recipient



United Way of Auglaize County—Run to the Moon Community Fund Grant Recipient



DWP-First Fridays—Holiday Carriage Rides Community Fund Grant Recipient

TOTAL COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS IN 2025: \$170,900



EAGLES PARK GRANT RECIPIENTS — Front Row L-R: Alan Scott-Buckland, Jarid Kohlrieser-Cridersville, Lindsee Vaughn-Uniopolis, Jaime Nelson-Wapakoneta Recreation, Brad Rex-Wapakoneta City Schools. Back Row L-R: Members of the Eagles Park Grants Committee- Rex Katterheinrich, Kenny Kohlrieser, and Lonnie Pedersen.



**Grand Lake Area Literature Festival—Annual Event
Community Fund Grant Recipient**



**WHS English Dept.—GLTF Shakespeare Program
Community Fund Grant Recipient**



**Children's Hometown Holiday—Christmas Festival Events
Community Fund Grant Recipient**

MORE 2025 FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS FROM INDIVIDUAL DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Wapakoneta Eagles Aerie #691 Community Parks Fund

Wapakoneta Recreation Department

Improvements at Harmon Park Ball Fields—\$1,500

Uniopolis Browns Youth Football Association

Improvements in Uniopolis Veteran's Park—\$2,500

Village of Cridersville

Picnic Tables in Legacy Park—\$2,000

Village of Buckland

Remodel Park Concession Stand—\$2,000

Wapakoneta City Schools

New Fencing at Middle School Baseball Field—\$2000

Keith Froning Bike Safety Fund

Wapak Police Department—Helmets for Bicycle Safety Day—\$1,417

Richard & Mary Lowry Endowment Funds

Uniopolis Historical Society—Quarterly Grants—\$7,538

Uniopolis Fire Department—Quarterly Grants—\$5,224

Union Township—Quarterly Grants—\$5,224

Fairmont Cemetery—Annual Grant—\$2,884

Nutrien Advised Fund

Community Easter Egg Hunt Grant—\$4,500

250 Turkeys for Regional Food Bank—\$7,123

Wapakoneta Eagles YMCA Fund

Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—\$2,925

YMCA Endowment Fund

Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—\$3,756

YMCA Investment in Youth Fund

Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—\$5,071

Arthur Rudd Fund

Wapakoneta First United Methodist Church—Annual Grant—\$1,863

Marion Yocum Rudd Fund

Allen County Historical Society—Annual Grant—\$959

Rudd-Yocum Fund

Wapakoneta Family YMCA—Annual Grant—\$962

Larry & Karen Sheipline Advised Fund

Auglaize County Public Libraries—Makerspace Project Grant—\$3,600

Ty Garrett Miller Memorial Fund

Boys Soccer Team T-shirts—\$1,050

Jenny Roettger Memorial Fund

Program Speaker at Cridersville Elementary School—\$900

Special Needs Donor Advised Fund

Special Needs Prom Activities Grant—\$1,000

Grants listed are those of \$500 or more.

TOTAL OF THESE GRANTS: \$65,996

**TOTAL OF ALL FOUNDATION GRANTS
AWARDED IN 2025: \$236,896**

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

For Community Fund Grants

At the end of each year, the Foundation conducts its Annual Community Fund Campaign. The Community Fund provides the funding for the Foundation's semi-annual grant awards to local organizations that enhance the quality of life in our community.

The campaign goal is to invite local individuals, families, businesses and organizations to invest in this unrestricted fund and allow the Foundation to expand the grant opportunities each year. In 2025 the Community Fund was able to grant \$170,900 to local organizations to make our community better. As the fund grows, we can do much more. We encourage you to join in the 2025 campaign this year. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, donations to the Foundation are tax deductible as allowed by the law.

**THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IS
THE WAY FOR EVERYONE TO
DO GREAT THINGS TOGETHER!**

HOW TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

TYPES OF FOUNDATION FUNDS

The Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation enables people to set up a charitable fund that gives to a specified organization or cause forever. The fund can be tailored to your interests. You can create a fund now with current gifts or later through your will or other estate planning document. We are here to help you through the planning process. Here are examples of the fund options.

COMMUNITY FUND — Allows donors the opportunity to provide direct financial support for the Foundation's grants programs and operational costs.

DONOR ADVISED FUND — Provides the donor the ability to make contributions to specific charities at the donor's discretion.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUND — Provides the ability to support a broad area of concern to the donor, such as education, scholarships, the arts, persons with personal challenges, or health services.

DESIGNATED FUND — Ensures that support will be provided to a specific not-for-profit organization named by the donor.

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUND — The Foundation allocates income to the agency on an annual basis as designated by the donor.

GIFT ACCOUNT FUND — A short term donor advised fund that is intended to disburse to the qualified charity the entire amount gifted by the donor.

PROJECT & CAMPAIGN FUND — Designated use, non-permanent fund established only for the duration of a capital project or community initiative.

YOU DECIDE WHAT BEST MEETS YOUR LEGACY GOALS.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FUTURES

The Foundation is pleased to award \$349,000 in scholarships this year to 99 students. The scholarships are listed in the order in which they were established—the first in 1990 and the most recent in 2025. More details for this year are listed on Page 10.



Leah Brackman
Wilmington College



Abigail Makuh
Case Western Reserve
University



Aythen Johns
College of Charleston

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ida Brown Scholarships (Established in 1990)

Myla Heitz — \$1,500
Abigail Makuh — \$1,500
TOTAL — \$3,000

Scott Lhamon Scholarship (Established in 1990)

Owen Becker — \$1,000

Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarships (Established in 1991)

Kera Dorsten — \$2,000
Chloe Ott — \$2,000
Reese Rable — \$2,000
Marcus Atherr — \$2,000
Leah Brackman — \$2,000
Kelly Imwalle — \$1,500
Whitney Tangeman — \$1,500
Delana Pitts — \$1,500
Caleb Huelskamp — \$1,000
Stella Wehner — \$1,000
Zara Spees — \$750
Lydia Bushman — \$750
Jayce Turner — \$750
Hannah Schneider — \$750
Caden Homan — \$750
Kayla Myers — \$750
TOTAL — \$22,000

Minster Bank Scholarship (Established in 1993)

Dakota Headapohl — \$1,000

Al & Gladys Heinrich Scholarships (Established in 1995)

Anthony Bailey — \$1,000
Reyna Woodruff — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$2,000

Naylor Scholarships (Established in 1995)

Christian Ackerman — \$1,500
Taylor Spicer — \$1,500
TOTAL — \$3,000

Paul E. (Bud) Fisher Scholarship (Established in 1999)

Aythen Johns — \$1,500

Hardacre Family Scholarships (Established in 1999)

Karson Lighty — \$1,000
Abigail Makuh — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$2,000

VFW Post #8445 Scholarships (Established in 2000)

Mary Bauer — \$1,000
Kyle Beach — \$1,000
Brantsyn Clausing — \$1,000
Addison Cooper — \$1,000
Lydia Manger — \$1,000
Sydney Schlenker — \$1,000
Elizabeth Sidener — \$1,000
Lyla Wilder — \$1,000
Kaelyn Zwiebel — \$1,000
Jordan Williams — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$10,000



Caleb Huelskamp
University of
Northwestern Ohio



Reyna Woodruff
Perdue University



Stella Wehner
University of Findlay

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Alexandra Steinke
Ohio Northern University



Kortney Fullenkamp
Ohio Northern University



Kaelyn Zwiebel
University of Findlay



Trevor Steinke
Ohio Northern University

Wapakoneta Eagles Scholarships (Established in 2006)

Jaclynn Felver — \$2,000
Kortney Fullenkamp — \$2,000
Lydia Manger — \$2,000
Alexandra Steinke — \$2,000
Kaelyn Zwiebel — \$2,000
TOTAL — \$10,000

Arlene Metz Teaching Scholarship (Established in 2006)

Myla Heitz — \$1,000

Diane Inbody Pepple Scholarship (Established in 2006)

Chelsea Jordan — \$500

Jesse Doseck Scholarship (Established in 2009)

Karson Lighty — \$1,000

Fremuth-Sutton Scholarship (Established in 2009)

Trevor Steinke — \$1,000

Sons of the American Legion Post #330

Jerry Mason Memorial Scholarship (Established in 2010)

Savannah Wireman — \$1,000

Jason Kline Scholarship (Established in 2010)

Myla Heitz — \$2,000

Jason Strauser Memorial Scholarships (Established in 2011)

Madison Brown — \$1,000
Addisyn Cooper — \$1,000
Kortney Fullenkamp — \$5,000
Carter Weber — \$1,000
Kaelyn Zwiebel — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$9,000

Steven & Marie Bilyj Scholarships (Established in 2012)

Madison Brown — \$1,500
Kaylin Phillips — \$1,500
Houston Sutton — \$1,500
Lyla Wilder — \$1,500
TOTAL — \$6,000

Wapakoneta Community Scholarship Fund Scholarships (Established in 2013)

Anthony Bailey — \$500
Mary Bauer — \$1,000
Griffin Block — \$1,000
Holden Bowersock — \$750
Brantsyn Clausing — \$500
Kortney Fullenkamp — \$500
Dakota Headapohl — \$500
Myla Heitz — \$1,000
Ross Honigford — \$1,000
Caleb Huelskamp — \$500
Aythen Johns — \$500
Julian Jordan — \$1,000
Kerrigan Lenhart — \$750
Karson Lighty — \$1,000
Abigail Makuh — \$1,000
Lauren Miller — \$500
Samuel Mosler — \$1,000
Gabriella Raney — \$500
Trevor Steinke — \$750
Riley Szelagoski — \$1,000
Eli Vanmeter — \$1,000
Carter Weber — \$500
Lyla Wilder — \$500
Savannah Wireman — \$750
TOTAL — \$18,000



Gabriella Raney
Miami University



Lyla Wilder
Rhodes State College



Carter Weber
Life University



Reese Rable
Ohio State University

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Christian Augsburg
Ohio State University



Whitney Tangeman
University of Cincinnati



Delana Pitts
University of Findlay



Dakota Kennedy
Rhodes State College

Scholarships within the Wapakoneta Community Scholarship Fund (Established in 2013)

Wapakoneta Lions Club Scholarships

Olivia Allemeier — \$1,000
Aubryn Schnarre — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$2,000

Barbara Norton Scholarships

Ethan Eisert — \$500
Allison Longworth — \$500
TOTAL — \$1,000

Leland E. Stroh Hamer Lodge Masonic Scholarships

Ella Donaldson — \$500
Caden Mellott — \$500
TOTAL — \$1,000

Roots & Shoots Garden Club Scholarship

Megan Kohler — \$500

Riverside Art Center Scholarship

Hannah Schneider — \$500

Ben Stoll Heartbeat Scholarships

Allison Longworth — \$500
Hannah Wimmers — \$500
TOTAL — \$1,000

Neil A. Armstrong Scholarship

Christian Augsburg — \$500

Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Julian Jordan — \$1,000

Alvin Egbert Scholarship (Established in 2014)

Caleb Homan — \$500

Merle & Opal Miller Scholarships (Established in 2014)

Candance Bergman — \$2,000
Madison Brown — \$5,000
Keri Heckman — \$2,000
Caden Homan — \$7,000
Kaylin Phillips — \$2,000
Houston Sutton — \$2,000
Whitney Tangeman — \$2,000
McKenna Tinnerman — \$2,000
Leanne Wendeln — \$10,000
Lyla Wider — \$2,000
Avery Wilges — \$2,000
Madison Bailey — \$5,000 Renewal
Kelsie Ball — \$10,000 Renewal
Gracie Casebolt — \$5,000 Renewal
Addisyn Cooper — \$5,000 Renewal
Avery Hutt — \$4,000 Renewal
Megan Kohler — \$5,000 Renewal
Kearstyn Ley — \$10,000 Renewal
Maggie McDermitt — \$7,000 Renewal
Carlie Schroeder — \$2,000 Renewal
Maddison Springer — \$5,000 Renewal
Kyra Sutherland — \$7,000 Renewal
TOTAL — \$103,000

Berg Family Scholarship (Established in 2014)

Caleb Huelskamp — \$1,000

Mary Place Baker Scholarship (Established in 2015)

Myla Heitz — \$5,000

Carl & Imogene Atkins Scholarship (Established in 2018)

Anthony Bailey — \$500



Kyra Sutherland
University of Findlay



Avery Wilgus
Wright State University



Candance Bergman
Miami University



Caden Mellott
Ohio Northern University

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Isaac Puff
Triple Ten University



Neveah White
Miami University



Kaylee Douglas
Rhodes State College



Lucas Kline
Bowling Green
State University

First National Bank Academic Team Scholarships (Established in 1990)

Lucas Kline — \$1,000
Issac Puff — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$2,000

AmVets Post #333 Scholarships (Established in 1990)

Anthony Bailey — \$2,000
Mary Bauer — \$2,000
Grace Bensmen — \$2,000
Addisyn Cooper — \$2,000
Allison Longworth — \$2,000
Lydia Manger — \$2,000
Ella Resor — \$2,000
Kierra Sieftring — \$2,000
Garrett Sieftring — \$2,000
Lyla Wilder — \$2,000
Kaelyn Zwiebel — \$2,000
TOTAL — \$22,000

Larry Sanders Memorial Scholarships (Established in 2019)

Addisyn Cooper — \$1,000
Lydia Manger — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$2,000

Deborah Kleinhenz Scholarships (Established in 2019)

Makenna Bailey — \$1,000
Kelsie Ball — \$1,000
Mary Bauer — \$1,000
Landon Brandt — \$1,000
Madison Brown — \$1,000
Addisyn Cooper — \$1,000
Alexandra Folk — \$1,000
Kearstyn Ley — \$1,000
Karson Lighty — \$1,000
Kaelyn Long — \$1,000
Lydia Manger — \$1,000
Maggie McDermitt — \$1,000
Kaylin Phillips — \$1,000
Avery Place — \$1,000
Gabriella Raney — \$1,000
Sydney Schlenker — \$1,000
Carlie Schroeder — \$1,000
Audrey Sparks — \$1,000
Neveah White — \$1,000
Lyla Wilder — \$1,000
Kaelyn Zwiebel — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$21,000

Sheriff James & Carol Knoch Scholarship (Established in 2020)

Gracie Casebolt — \$1,000

Beckie Bell Bledsoe Scholarship (Established in 2021)

Neveah White — \$500

Tom Kohlrieser Agriculture Scholarship (Established in 2021)

Caden Homan — \$1,000

Layla Yoakam Scholarships (Established in 2021)

Olivia Allemeier — \$1,000
Mary Bauer — \$1,000
Sophia Braun — \$1,000
Madison Brown — \$1,000
Kara Dorsten — \$1,000
Kaylee Douglas — \$1,000
Raegan Hutchison — \$1,000
Hannah Schneider — \$1,000
Carter Weber — \$1,000
Neveah White — \$1,000
TOTAL — \$10,000



Grace Bensman
Wright State University



Landon Brandt
University of Cincinnati



Avery Place
Kent State University



Reagan Hutchinson
Ohio University

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jalon McInnis
Ohio State University



Sydney Schlenker
Ohio State University



Ashlyn Ross
Wright State University

Michelle Schulte Ewald Scholarship (Established in 2022)
Myla Heitz — \$1,500

Auglaize DD Legacy Scholarships (Established in 2022)
Joelle De Lisle — \$1,500
Kera Dorsten — \$1,500
Adriana Heitkamp — \$1,500
Allison Longworth — \$1,500
Evan Prenger — \$1,500
TOTAL — \$7,500

James & Janet Stroh Scholarship (Established in 2024)
Gabriella Raney — \$1,000

Graduate Student Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Rachel Partington — \$5,000
Taylor Paul — \$2,000
Grace Wilker — \$3,000
TOTAL — \$10,000

Non-Traditional Student Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Krystle Flinn — \$5,000
Rebecca Eyink — \$3,000
Dakota Kennedy — \$3,000
Kaden Moore — \$2,000
TOTAL — \$13,000

Jonathan Sweger Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Kelsie Ball — \$2,000
Ella Donadson — \$2,000
Kera Dorsten — \$2,000
Kortney Fullenkamp — \$2,500
Lexi Hanson — \$7,000
Raegan Hutchinson — \$7,000
Aythen Johns — \$2,000
Erika Lisi — \$2,000
Kaelyn Long — \$2,000
Jalon McInnis — \$2,000
Allyson Pape — \$2,000
Ashlyn Ross — \$2,500
Eli Van Meter — \$1,000
Leanna Wendeln — \$8,000
TOTAL — \$44,000

Wapakoneta Wrestling Scholarship (Established in 2025)
Caden Mellott — \$500



Evan Prenger
University of Cincinnati



Ashlyn Ross
Wright State University



Ross Honingford
Ohio State University

ANOTHER RECORD-SETTING YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation awarded its first \$600 scholarship in 1990. In 2025, we managed 45 scholarship funds established by various generous donors over the past 35 years. We awarded 199 scholarships to 99 students totaling \$349,000. Students receiving scholarships attended ten regional high schools in Auglaize, Allen and Shelby Counties. Students graduating from Wapakoneta High School received 64% of the scholarships. Our scholarship recipients will be attending 26 different universities, colleges, and certification programs—both on campus and online.

**WE WISH EACH OF OUR RECIPIENTS
GREAT SUCCESS!**

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS ADDED IN 2025



Jonathan T. Sweger SCHOLARSHIPS

Jonathan Sweger was a 1971 graduate of Wapakoneta High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He also participated on the football, wrestling, and tennis teams. He was a Senior Letterman and member of the Varsity Club. After graduating, he went to work as a skilled machinist at the Wapakoneta Machine Company until it closed in 1988. He then went to work as a machine tool builder at Minster Machine until his retirement in 2017. Jonathan was an accomplished bridge player. He competed in bridge tournaments around the country. In 2024, he earned *Gold Life Master* ranking, the highest level in bridge anyone in Auglaize County has received. He died in August 2024. He left his entire estate to the Foundation to establish his scholarship fund. It provides multiple scholarships each year to students in any Auglaize County high school or home-schooled students. This year, 14 students received \$44,000 in scholarships.

Sean T. Bailey Memorial SCHOLARSHIP

Sean was a 2001 graduate of Wapakoneta High School. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in geology. He moved to Denver, Colorado and began a career as a professional engineering geologist. He worked for Brierley Associates, a trenchless tunneling company. He worked on projects in New York, Kentucky, Wyoming, Nevada and Colorado. He was very proud of his work on the Lake Mead Intake Project, a major tunnel boring project beneath Lake Mead in Nevada to increase water supply for the Las Vegas area. Sean died on September 30, 2024 at age 41. His family and friends have created this scholarship in his memory. It provides an annual \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school senior, attending Wapakoneta High School who plans to major in Earth Sciences, including geology, oceanography, environmental sciences, geophysics, geochemistry, paleontology, hydrogeology, mineralogy, petrology, astronomy, or meteorology. Unfortunately, there were no WHS seniors planning to major in Earth Science this year. The family has decided to open the scholarship next year to seniors at any Auglaize County high school.

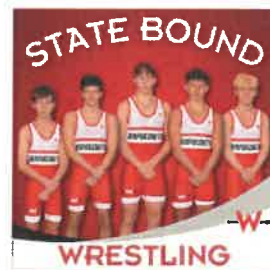


Kiwanis Club of Wapakoneta Scholarship

The local Kiwanis Club has established a new annual, \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior at Wapakoneta High School who has displayed a commitment to community service. Julian Jordan received their first scholarship.

Wapakoneta Wrestling Scholarship

The Wapakoneta Kids Wrestling Advised Fund has established a new annual scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior at Wapakoneta High School who has participated on the wrestling team for four years. Caden Mellott received their first \$500 scholarship.



"I was fortunate to get a scholarship when I went to college. Somebody was kind enough to spend their money to educate people that they would never get to know. That is what I think philanthropy is about."

—Lee Iacocca President & CEO of Chrysler Corporation 1979-1992

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER!

A CELEBRATION & A PROJECT

On the evening of April 12, 2025 more than 700 people nearly filled the Wapakoneta Performing Arts Center for a concert by *Under the Streetlamp*, an internationally acclaimed quartet whose five specials on PBS have played to more than 300 million viewers worldwide and a million people have seen them live. That evening they were in Wapakoneta to celebrate the Foundation's 35th anniversary. It was an amazing performance!



Under the Street Lamp (left to right) Jordan Goodsell, Shonn Wiley, Brandon Wardell, and Michael Ingersoll on stage at the Wapakoneta Performing Arts Center.

It also had another purpose. The Foundation Board wanted to rekindle the conversation about performing arts in Wapakoneta. It hopes to encourage the creation of a new organization that will organize an annual concert series at the Performing Arts Center. There are currently 77 such organizations doing that work throughout Ohio. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please contact us at 419-739-9223 or gmyers@wapakacf.org.

The Foundation also wants to thank Jackie Martell, Deb Fischer, Deb Zwez, Kami Rex, Matt Staugler, and Mike Watt for their help in planning and promoting the April 12 concert. We refer to them as the *Launch Committee*. We could not have done it without them. We also want to thank the Wapakoneta School District for its full support of the project. Hopefully, there will be more concerts like this in the future.



Under the Streetlamp an amazing ensemble of four singers and six musicians perform before a near "sell out" crowd at the Wapakoneta Performing Arts Center on April 12, 2025.



A TRULY REMARKABLE COMMUNITY ASSET

The Performing Arts Center was built in 2010 at a cost of \$5.6 million. It was totally funded by local taxes. No state funds were invested in the facility. The people of the Wapakoneta School District chose to fund the building locally.

The theater seats more than 700 people. It has theater-quality lighting and sound systems operated from a control booth at the top of the theater. It was designed to have excellent acoustics and comfortable seating.

The stage is of ample space with an orchestra pit that can be lowered when needed. It also has theatrical rigging space that allows stage crews to hoist curtains, lights, or scenery above the stage quickly and quietly. Back stage there are two dressing rooms, space for scenery construction and storage, and an overhead door to allow for easy unloading and loading from the stage.

It is used for a wide variety of school events for high school, middle school and elementary students. It also hosts many community and regional events each year. On April 12, we discovered it was a perfect venue for a community arts concert!



Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation LIFETIME MEMBERS

We appreciate your commitment to making great things happen in the Wapakoneta area. You can become a lifetime member with a one-time donation of \$500 or more to the Foundation's Community Fund.

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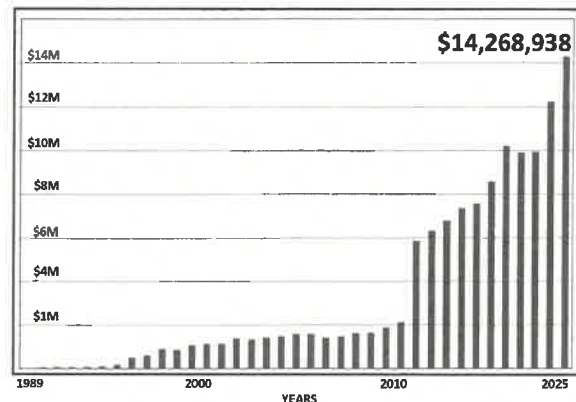
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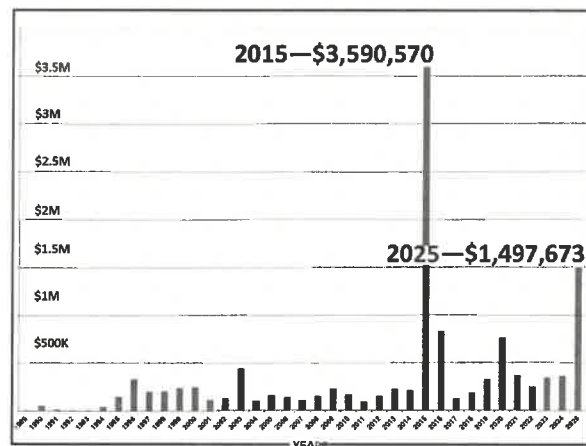


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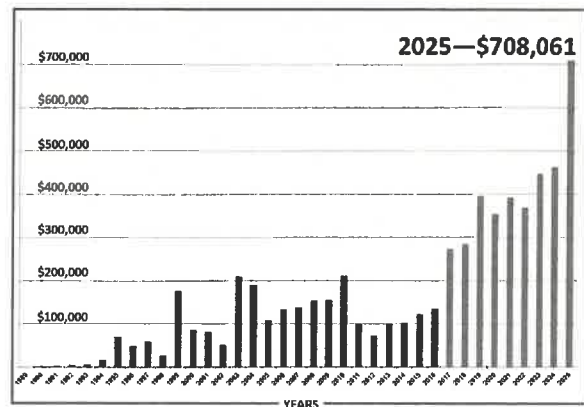
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Information based on Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2025

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Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Years Ended May 31, 2025 and 2024

Fiscal Year	2025	2024
Fund Assets (Market Value)	\$14,268,938	\$12,266,333
Contributions Received	\$1,497,673	\$360,008
Investment Earnings	\$1,223,302	\$659,960
Total Income	\$2,704,442	\$1,019,968
Scholarship Grants	\$510,692	\$258,700
Program Grants	\$197,369	\$202,878
Total Grants (Grants & Scholarships)	\$708,061	\$461,578
Total Operating Expenses	\$110,758	\$99,396
Total Expenditures	\$818,819	\$560,974
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$1,885,623	\$458,994

A more detailed financial report, prepared by Stroh, Johnson & Co. can be found on our website at www.wapakacf.org or by contacting us at 419-739-9223 or gmyers@wapakacf.org.

You can also pick up a copy at our office in the Jauert & Burton Law Office at 103 S. Blackhoof Street in Wapakoneta.

"The purpose of life is not just to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



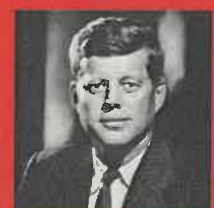
"If you are going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that cannot be erased."

—Maya Angelou



"Philanthropy, charity, giving voluntarily and freely—call it what you like, but it is truly a jewel of an American tradition."

—John Kennedy





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REASONS FOR INVESTING IN THE FOUNDATION

The Foundation is a local organization with deep roots in our community.
The Foundation has broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.
The Foundation provides personalized service for the needs of each individual donor.
The Foundation's funds help donors invest in the causes they care about.
The Foundation offers the maximum tax advantages allowable under federal law.
The Foundation multiplies the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants to support local organizations and projects.
The Foundation builds endowment funds that benefit our community forever and help you create a personal legacy.

Let's do great things together!