



Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation

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ANNUAL COMMUNITY FUND CAMPAIGN

Investing in People, Programs, and Projects

Each year, the Foundation invites individuals, families, organizations, and businesses to make a difference in our community by investing in our Annual Community Fund Campaign.

Although the Foundation currently has more than \$15 million in assets, most of the money is in restricted funds designated for specific scholarships or charitable purposes specified by the donors. The Annual Community Fund Campaign helps us to grow our unrestricted funds that allows us to invest in local people, programs, and projects.

Since the Community Fund was established in 2016, the Foundation has awarded 199 grants totaling \$627,069. A list of the grants awarded this year is on back of this page.

We invite you to join us in making these annual investments in our community. Our suggested investment levels are \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more. Your charitable investment in the Community Fund Campaign is fully tax deductible. The Foundation will provide you with the required documentation for your tax return.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and hope you will be able to join us in making more great things happen in the Wapakoneta area.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at gmyers@wapakacf.org or 419-733-0568.

Best regards,

Greg Myers

\$13,000 in Community Fund Grants for Emergency Food Distribution

In response to the recent national food distribution challenges, the Foundation contacted the three local organizations—**Mercy Unlimited, God's Storehouse, and Agape Ministries**—about their current financial needs in providing food assistance to families in Auglaize County.

The Foundation was able to immediately fund their requests for \$13,000 from the Community Fund. The fund was established in 2016 for this very purpose—meeting the needs of local charitable organizations.

During the past nine years, the Foundation has been able to award **\$627,069** in Community Fund Grants. We invite you to join us in that good work!



Agape Food Pantry - St. Marys



Mercy Unlimited Food Pantry - Wapakoneta



2025 COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

Below is a summary of the grants awarded during the past year

SPRING GRANT AWARDS

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| 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

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| 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 199 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.

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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