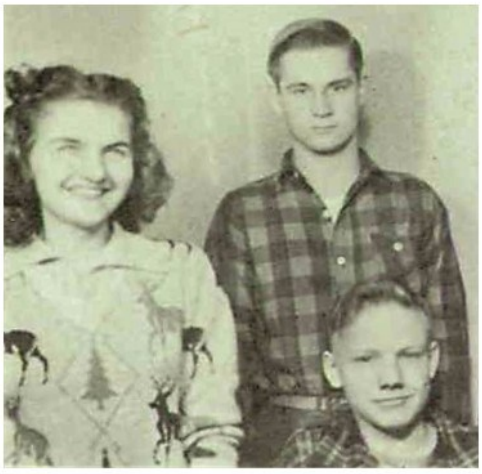
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND PEOPLE SINCE 1989





Neil Armstrong holding one of the model airplanes he built and flew at his home in Wapakoneta, Ohio.



Neil Armstrong (seated) was a class officer at Blume High School in the Senior Class of 1947. He was 16 when he graduated.

NEIL ARMSTRONG BOYHOOD HOME DESIGNATED FUND

The Auglaize County Historical Society has established a designated fund within our Community Foundation to assist in the purchase of the home at 601 W. Benton Street in Wapakoneta and create a local museum to honor Neil Armstrong and tell the stories of his early life in Auglaize County.

2026 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

ANOTHER RECORD SETTING YEAR FOR BOTH SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS

Friends of the Foundation,

We are pleased to report on another highly successful year at the Foundation. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in the Wapakoneta area through organized philanthropy.

Year after year we continue to grow the number and amount of our scholarship investments in our students. This year we awarded 228 scholarships totaling $397,250. Scholarships were awarded to 127 students from nine school districts in Auglaize, Allen and Shelby Counties. They are attending 29 different universities, colleges, and certification programs. We awarded a scholarship this year to our first home-schooled student.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation was able to award grants from our various Donor Advised Funds and the Community Fund totaling $345,561. Our Community Fund Grants Program was established in 2016. Over the past decade, the Foundation has been able to award $842,989 in Community Fund Grants. This investment included 254 grants to local organizations and schools.

We want to thank the many individuals, families, organizations, and businesses who have invested in the Foundation. Your generosity has made these investments in people and projects possible.

Thank you for your continued support,

Greg Myers
Executive Director

Becky Schaub
Administrative Assistant

ONE OF OUR FOUNDERS PASSES

Douglas S. Jauert

1945-2026



In 1989, a group of local citizens began a conversation about establishing a new community foundation. Doug Jauert was among them. The Foundation held its first meeting in May 1989. Doug was elected President of the Board, a job he held for 25 years—1989 through 2014.

Doug graduated from Wapakoneta High School in 1963 and OSU in 1967. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, spending a year in Vietnam. He earned his law degree at OSU in 1972.

Doug helped to write the Foundation's mission statement: to improve the quality of life in the Wapakoneta area through organized philanthropy. He took that mission very seriously. In 1990 the Foundation's funds totaled $32,800. Through his vision and leadership, today our funds total more than $16 million.

We believe Doug would proudly say, Mission Accomplished!
To him we gratefully say, Thank You!

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To learn more about the Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation, please visit our website — wapakacf.org

2026 COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS

Investing in our community and people since 2016

SPRING GRANT AWARDS

Ronald McDonald House — Local families accommodations	$5,000
First on the Moon, Inc.— Distribution of Neil Armstrong books	$1,920
Wapak Ministerial Assoc.— Transient assistance program	$2,500
Make-A-Wish Ohio — Grants to children battling leukemia	$1,500
Mission of Hope — Funds to equip local counseling office	$2,500
Wapakoneta Middle School — Positive Behavior Program	$4,000
Riverside Art Center — Bellefontaine St. Mural Project	$5,000
First Fridays-DWP — Funds for marketing Downtown Events	$2,000
St. Paul UCC Church — Local lunch meal program	$8,000
WHS Post Prom — Funds for Post Prom activities	$2,500
JTDMH Foundation — Funds for Child Wellness Event	$3,000
Armstrong Air & Space Museum — Funds for virtual tour	$5,500
Downtown Wapak Partnership — Façade Improvement Program	$5,000
WHS Robotics Club — Operational costs & WHS robot upgrades	$2,500
Wapak Family YMCA — Financial aid to assist child daycare	$10,000
Aug. County Horsemen — Improvements to horse arena	$3,000
Aug. County Crisis Center — On-call crisis response program	$3,000
Grand Lake Literature Festival — Annual reading/writing event	$2,000
Otterbein Cridersville — A/V system in public Community Room	$4,000
Childrens International Village — End of Year Celebration	$500
Childrens Hometown Holiday — Annual Christmas Celebration	$10,000
Wapakoneta Loaves & Fishes — Weekly free meal program	$3,500
Lima Symphony — Funds for Symphony Storytime events	$2,400
Aug. Co. Education Academy — Funds for Let's Get Real Day	$2,000
Wapak Skins Youth Football — Purchasing new equipment	$2,500
United Way of Auglaize Co. — Dolly Parton Imagination Library	$10,000
Auglaize Co. Historical Society — Picture Yourself in Aug. County	$2,000
TOTAL	**$105,820**

FALL GRANT AWARDS

Wapakoneta Middle School – Reading Intervention Program	$1,500
Riverside Art Center – Tiny Strings & Beyond Initiative	$6,000
West Ohio Food Bank – Wapak Area Hunger Relief Partnership	$2,000
St. Paul United Church of Christ – Food Ministries Program	$10,000
Miracle Meal Inc. – Miracle Meal Event	$3,000
Aug. Co. Dev. Disabilities – Accessible Wheelchair Glider	$2,000
Wapakoneta High School – Great Lake Theater Program	$3,600
Downtown Wapak Partnership – Façade & Beautification Projects	$5,000
Roots & Shoots Garden Club – Downtown Planter Projects	$3,500
Children's Hometown Holiday – Christmas Holiday Events	$9,300
Wapak Ministerial Association – Servants Day 2026	$2,000
Christmas Jubilee – Christmas Event	$1,500
Aug. County Horsemen – Horse Arena Tarp Project	$4,000
Aug. County Historical Society – Life-Size Additions to Museum	$2,000
Performing Arts Wapakoneta – Neil Diamond Experience Concert	$12,000
New Bremen Blanketeers – Blankets, Hats, Scarves Project	$2,500
MAV Youth Mentoring – Youth Mentoring Programs	$3,000
Otterbein-Cridersville – Brain Health Initiative	$2,000
Generations of Love – Families Facing Barriers Program	$3,000
United Way of Auglaize County – 2026 Run to the Moon Event	$3,500
Downtown Wapak Partnership – Transition to Main Street Program	$4,000
Uniopolis Browns – Football Helmet Reconditioning	$2,000
Wapak Skins Football – Youth Football & Cheer Program	$2,000
Aug. Co. Public Libraries – Experience Pass Program	$5,000
Wapakoneta City Schools – Tennis Court Shade Structures	$5,000
Miss Summer Moon Festival Pageant – Recipient Scholarships	$2,000
TOTAL	**$109,200**

10 YEAR TOTAL: $842,989

The Foundation initiated its Community Fund Grants Program in 2016. Over the past ten years, the Foundation has awarded 254 grants totaling $842,989.

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

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



Spring 2026 Community Fund Grant Recipients



First Fridays/DWP Downtown Event Marketing
2026 Community Fund Grant Recipient



Mercy Unlimited Food Pantry
2026 Community Fund Grant Recipient

TOTAL COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS IN 2026: $215,020



EAGLES PARK GRANT RECIPIENTS (left to right) Aaron Rex—Wapakoneta City Schools, Chris Landis—Uniopolis Browns Football, Dorie Miracle—Eagles Trustee, Ricky Miracle—Eagles President, Jarid Kohlrieser—Village of Cridersville, Casey Jones—Village of Buckland.



Grand Lake Area Literature Festival—Annual Event
2026 Community Fund Grant Recipient



Tiny Strings of Wapakoneta
2026 Community Fund Grant Recipient



Childrens Hometown Holiday
2026 Community Fund Grant Recipient

2026 GRANT AWARDS
FROM INDIVIDUAL DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Wapakoneta Eagles Aerie #691 Community Parks Fund Grants

Uniopolis Browns Youth Football Association
Improvements to Football Field in Veteran's Park—$3,000

Village of Cridersville
Resealing Basketball Court in Legacy Park—$2,000

Village of Buckland
New Aluminum Bleachers in Village Park—$4,000

Wapakoneta City Schools
Shade structures at Tennis Courts—$7,500

Keith Froning Bike Safety Fund
Wapak Police Department—Helmets for Bicycle Safety Day—$3,464

Richard & Mary Lowry Endowment Funds
Uniopolis Historical Society—Quarterly Grants—$7,545
Uniopolis Fire Department Park—Quarterly Grants—$5,228
Union Township Cemetery—Quarterly Grants—$5,229
Fairmont Cemetery—Annual Grant—$2,843

Nutrien Advised Fund
Community Easter Egg Hunt Grant—$5,000
Cridersville 250th Celebration Picnic Sponsor—$1,000

Wapakoneta Eagles YMCA Fund
Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—$2,925

YMCA Endowment Fund
Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—$3,669

YMCA Investment in Youth Fund
Wapak Family YMCA—Annual Grant—$5,086

Arthur Rudd Fund
Wapak First Church—Annual Grant—$1,869

Marion Yocum Rudd Fund
Allen County Historical Society—Annual Grant—$963

Rudd-Yocum Fund
Wapakoneta Family YMCA—Annual Grant—$965

Larry & Karen Sheipline Advised Fund
Auglaize County Public Libraries—$3,000
St. Paul UCC Church/Awning Project—$700

Jenny Roettger Memorial Fund
Program at Wapakoneta Middle School—$2,097

Wapak Kids Wrestling Fund
Wrestling Mat Light & Sign Grants—$18,600

William Camper Fund
St. Paul UCC Church Grants—$20,858

Berg Family Advised Fund
St. Paul UCC Church/Awning Project—$700

Big Deb Classic Memorial Fund
Cancer Association of Auglaize County Annual Grant—$11,300

Wapakoneta Performing Arts Fund
Performing Arts Wapakoneta Grant—$11,000

Grants listed are those of $500 or more.

TOTAL OF THESE GRANTS: $130,541

TOTAL OF FOUNDATION GRANTS AWARDED IN 2026: $345,561

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 communites. Since 2016 the fund has awarded 254 grants totaling $842,089.

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 2026 the Community Fund was able to grant $215,020 to local organizations to make our communities better. As the fund grows, we can do much more. We encourage you to join in the 2026 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 PLAN 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.

For more information, contact the Foundation at 419-739-9223 or gmyers@wapakacf.org.



INVESTING IN OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FUTURES

The Foundation is pleased to award a record $397,250 in scholarships this year to 127 students. The scholarships are listed in the order in which they were established—the first in 1990 and the most recent in 2025.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Ida Brown Scholarships (Established in 1990)
- Neveah Dancer — $1,250
- Karlin Lee — $1,000
- Elijah Hall — $750
- TOTAL — $3,000

Scott Lhamon Scholarship (Established in 1990)
- Cohl Springer — $1,000

Niki Schaub 4-H Scholarships (Established in 1991)
- Addison Alberts — $2,500
- Hannah Brackman — $2,500
- Ollie Chisholm — $2,500
- Logan Henschen — $2,500
- Kyra Sutherland — $2,500
- Cole Wellman — $2,500
- Hunter Wellman — $2,500
- Kate Eley — $2,000
- Danika Hulsmeyer — $2,000
- Delani Wilker — $2,000
- Norval Butcher — $1,000
- Liberty Glaser — $1,000
- TOTAL — $25,500

Minster Bank Scholarship (Established in 1993)
- Cohl Springer — $1,000

Al & Gladys Heinrich Scholarships (Established in 1995)
- Landon Brandt — $1,000

Naylor Scholarships (Established in 1995)
- Makayla Rader — $1,500
- Ian Snoebeck — $1,500
- TOTAL — $3,000

Paul E. (Bud) Fisher Scholarship (Established in 1999)
- Abigail Sheipline — $1,500

Hardacre Family Scholarships (Established in 1999)
- Payton Bailey — $1,000
- Grant Bauer — $1,000
- TOTAL — $2,000

VFW Post #8445 Scholarships (Established in 2000)
- Gavin Edwards — $1,000
- Aubryn Schnarre — $1,000
- Carlie Schroeder — $1,000
- Riley Steinke — $1,000
- Mary Bauer — $1,000 Renewal
- Addisyn Cooper — $1,000 Renewal
- Lydia Manger — $1,000 Renewal
- Sydney Schlenker — $1,000 Renewal
- Lyla Wilder — $1,000 Renewal
- TOTAL— $9,000

Wapakoneta Women's Club Scholarship (Established in 1994)
- Chloe Bauer — $500

Wapakoneta Service Club Scholarship
- Teagan Lawrence — $1,000



Leah Brackman
Wilmington College



Ava Stueve
Ball State University



Hunter Wellman
Ohio State University



Karlin Lee
Ohio Northern University



Delani Wilker
Ohio State University



Logan Henchen
Ohio State University

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kyle Schneider
University of Cincinnati



Kortney Fullenkamp
Ohio Northern University



Rachel Partington
Ohio State University

Wapakoneta Eagles Scholarships (Established in 2006)
- Sebastian Duncan — $2,000
- Kortney Fullenkamp — $2,000
- Lydia Manger — $2,000
- TOTAL — $6,000

Arlene Metz Teaching Scholarship (Established in 2006)
- Sebastian Duncan — $1,000

Diane Inbody Pepple Scholarship (Established in 2006)
- Makenzie Hopkins — $500

Jesse Doseck Scholarship (Established in 2009)
- Alexis McClarren — $1,000

Freymuth-Sutton Scholarship (Established in 2009)
- Kaylee Dickey — $500
- Graham Shively — $500
- Total—$1,000

Sons of the American Legion Post #330

Jerry Mason Memorial Scholarship (Established in 2010)
- Drew Bailey — $1,500

Jason Kline Scholarship (Established in 2010)
- Kate Eley — $2,000

Jason Strauser Memorial Scholarships (Established in 2011)
- Addison Hibbard — $1,000
- Ella Ridenour — $1,000
- Kyle Schneider — $1,000
- Audrey Welsch — $1,000
- Emma Wollf — $1,000
- Lydia Young — $1,000
- TOTAL — $6,000

Steven & Marie Bilyj Scholarships (Established in 2012)
- Natalie Folk — $1,500
- Addison Hibbard — $1,500
- Karrisa Russell — $1,500
- TOTAL—$4,500

WHS Scholarship Fund (Established in 2013)
- Landen Bacon — $1,000
- Payton Bailey — $500
- Drew Bailey — $500
- Emma Brooks — $500
- Kaylee Dickey — $1,000
- Gavin Edwards — $500
- Kate Eley — $500
- Elijah Hall — $750
- Asher Hollinger — $1,000
- Carson Huber — $1,000
- Emily Klopfenstein — $1,000
- Teagan Lawrence — $500
- Karlin Lee — $500
- Brianna Malloy — $500
- Caleb Moyer — $500
- Jarrett Mullen — $500
- Ryan Richardson — $500
- Brady Schaub — $1,000
- Kyle Schneider — $1,500
- Bailey Shaffer — $500
- Graham Shively — $1,000
- Cohl Springer — $500
- Braxton Srisongkham — $500
- Riley Vorhees — $500
- Audrey Welsch — $500
- Emma Wollf — $500
- Lydia Young — $500
- TOTAL — $18,550



Lyla Wilder
Rhodes State College



Makenna Bailey
Ohio State University



Ruth Ann Carity
Ohio State University

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Hannah Brackman
Wilmington College



Ashlynn Grewe
Ohio State University



Harper Bunke
Bowling Green
State University

Scholarships within the WHS Scholarship Fund

Wapakoneta Lions Club Scholarships
- Sebastian Duncan — $1,000
- Ryan Richardson — $1,000
- TOTAL—$2,000

Barbara Norton Scholarships
- Kyle Schneider — $1,500
- Braxton Srisongkham — $500
- TOTAL — $2,000

Roots & Shoots Garden Club Scholarship
- Hayden Sell — $500

Riverside Art Center Scholarship
- Riley Steinke — $500

Ben Stoll Heartbeat Scholarships
- Landon Bacon — $1,000
- Ella Ridenour — $1,000
- TOTAL — $2,000

Neil A. Armstrong Scholarship
- Mason Ludwig — $1,000

Kiwanis Club Scholarship
- Drew Bailey — $1,000

Walter Menges Police Training Scholarship
- Abigail Bennett — $1,000

Alvin Egbert Scholarship (Established in 2014)
- Danika Hulsmeyer — $500

Merle & Opal Miller Scholarships (Established in 2014)
- Phoebe Allen — $1,000
- Hannah Brackman — $2,500
- Ruth Ann Carity — $7,000
- Natalee Folk — $1,000
- Ellie Grieshop — $2,000
- Addison Hibbard — $3,000
- Teagan Kirian — $5,000
- Anna Kohne — $2,000
- Karrisa Russell — $2,000
- Hayden Sell — $1,000
- Hunter Wellman — $3,000
- Delanni Wilker — $3,000
- Kelsie Ball — $7,500 Renewal
- Cadence Bergman — $2,000 Renewal
- Addisyn Cooper — $5,000 Renewal
- Keri Heckman — $2,000 Renewal
- Caden Homan — $7,000 Renewal
- Avery Hutt — $8,000 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
- Houston Sutton — $2,000 Renewal
- McKenna Tinnerman — $2,000 Renewal
- Leanne Wendeln — $10,000 Renewal
- Lyla Wilder — $2,000 Renewal
- TOTAL — $116,000

Berg Family Scholarship (Established in 2014)
- Hayden Sell — $1,000

Mary Place Baker Scholarship (Established in 2015)
- Nevaeh Dancer — $5,000

Carl & Imogene Atkins Scholarship (Established in 2018)
- Addison Smith — $500



Kyra Sutherland
University of Findlay



Cadance Bergman
Miami University



Caden Homan
Wilmington College

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kaiden Douglas
Hocking College



Isabella Fry
Ohio State University



Ethan Eisert
Wright State University

First National Bank Academic Team Scholarships
(Established in 2018)

Landon Bacon — $500
Carson Huber — $500
Alexander Hueer — $500
Graham Shively — $500
TOTAL — $2,000

AmVets Post #333 Scholarships (Established in 2019)

Amelia Bailey — $2,000
Mary Bauer — $2,000
Grant Bauer — $2,000
Grace Bensmen — $2,000
Addisyn Cooper — $2,000
Sebastian Duncan — $2,000
Lydia Manger — $2,000
Gabrielle Muller — $2,000
Ava Welsch — $2,000
Audrey Welsch — $2,000
Lyla Wilder — $2,000
Peyton Young — $2,000
Lydia Young — $2,000
TOTAL — $26,000

Larry Sanders Memorial Scholarships (Established in 2019)

Danika Hulsmeyer — $500
Jocee Tenwalde — $1,000
TOTAL— $1,500

Deborah Kleinhenz Scholarships (Established in 2019)

Phoebe Allen — $1,000
Landen Bacon — $1,000
Makenna Bailey — $1,000
Madison Bailey — $1,000
Kelsie Ball — $1,000
Mary Bauer — $1,000
Landon Brandt — $1,000
Addisyn Cooper — $1,000
MacKenzie Davis — $1,000
Peyton Debell — $1,000
Kate Eley — $1,000
Natalee Folk — $1,000
Nathaniel Garber — $1,000
Addison Hibbard — $1,000
Avery Hutt — $1,000
Kortney Ley — $1,000
Kearstyn Ley — $1,000
Gabrielle Muller — $1,000
Avery Place — $1,000
Aleah Ruppert — $1,000
Karrisa Russell — $1,000
Sydney Schlenker — $1,000
Aubryn Schnarre — $1,000
Carlie Schroeder — $1,000
Lyla Wilder — $1,000
Lydia Young — $1,000
TOTAL — $26,000

Sheriff James & Carol Knoch Scholarship (Established in 2020)

Sophia Behrens — $1,000

Beckie Bell Bledsoe Scholarship (Established in 2021)

Braxton Srisongkham — $500

Tom Kohlrieser Agriculture Scholarship (Established in 2021)

Leah Brackman — $1,000

Layla Yoakam Scholarships (Established in 2021)

Harper Bunke — $1,000
Addison Hibbard — $1,000
Avery Hutt — $1,000
Caleb Moyer — $1,000

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Grace Bensman
Wright State University



Landon Brandt
University of Cincinnati

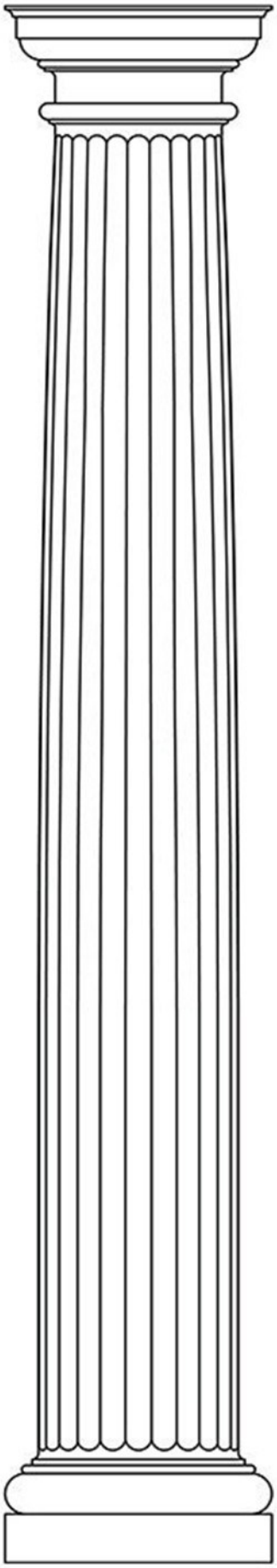


Avery Place
Kent State University



Sidney Schlenker
Ohio State University

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Layla Yoakam Scholarships Continued
Ella Ridenour — $1,000
Brody Roberts — $1,000
Ava Welsch — $1,000
Audrey Welsch — $1,000
Jaylen Williams — $1,000
TOTAL — $11,000

Michelle Schulte Ewald Scholarship (Established in 2022)
Riley Vorhees — $1,500

Auglaize DD Legacy Scholarships (Established in 2022)
Kera Dorsten — $1,500
Isabella Fry — $1,500
Logan Henschen — $1,500
Emily Klopfenstein — $1,500
Ava Stueve — $1,500
TOTAL — $7,500

James & Janet Stroh Scholarship (Established in 2024)
Kyle Schneider — $1,000

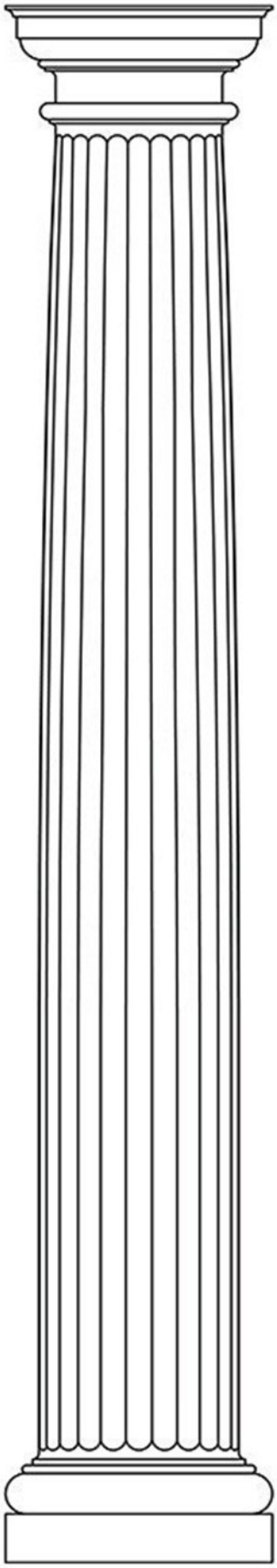
Graduate Student Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Makenna Bailey — $5,000
Peyton Debell — $7,500
Rachel Partington — $5,000
TOTAL — $17,500

Non-Traditional Student Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Emmaline Anderson — $1,000
Elizabeth Goodes — $500
TOTAL — $1,500

Jonathan Sweger Scholarships (Established in 2024)
Reese Beair — $500
Zoey Briggs — $5,000
Emma Brooks — $500
Madison Brown — $500
Ruth Ann Carity — $500
Addisyn Cooper — $2,000
Aythen Johns — $2,000
Neveah Dancer — $3,000
Kaiden Douglas — $500
Sebastian Duncan — $1,000
Gavin Edwards — $500
Kortney Fullenkamp — $2,500
Emri Harpster — $7,500
Maggie Hullinger— $1,000
Kortney Ley — $1,000
Erika Lisi — $7,000
Alexi McClarren — $3,000
Allyson Pape — $2,000
Ariyah Pfenning — $1,000
Addison Smith — $1,000
Madalyn Steger — $7,000
William Tebbe — $1,000
Riley Vorhees — $500
Kiersten Williams — $2,500
Lacey Yoakam — $1,000
TOTAL — $51,000

Sean Bailey Memorial Scholarships (Established in 2025)
Amelia Bailey — $1,000
Hannah Brackman — $1,000
Graham Shively — $1,000
TOTAL — $3,000

Richard & Mary Lowry Scholarships (Established in 2007)
Drew Bailey — $2,500
Zoey Briggs — $2,500
Ethan Eisert — $2,500
Ashlynn Grewe — $10,000
Emma Roberts — $2,500
TOTAL — $20,000



Neil Armstrong Boyhood Home Fund

When Karen Mikesell came to Wapakoneta in 1988 as a new teacher, she purchased a home on West Benton Street. She did not know that the house had been the boyhood home of Neil Armstrong. Over the years, she has taken great care of the property. She resisted the temptations for vinyl siding and new windows. Her goal was to keep the house like it was when the Armstrong's lived in it. Karen has always been willing to share the home. She hosted many events when NASA astronauts were in town visiting the Armstrong Museum. At age 82, she now believes it is time to find a new owner.



Neil Armstrong Boyhood Home
601 W. Benton Street
Wapakoneta, Ohio

She retained Beverly Rex Cook, a regional realtor, to begin the process of selling the house. Beverly took all the normal steps to list the house and attract potential buyers. She realized the historic significance of the home. She prepared a media release and sent it to several national media outlets. Alena Cerro, a reporter at *The New York Times* followed up on her release. Amazingly, the *Times* ran a story about the home being for sale on August 6. Beverly began receiving calls from people in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia.

The New York Times

An article about the sale of the Armstrong Boyhood Home appeared in the August 6th edition of The New York Times.

Ken Schreiber, who was born and raised in Dayton, served as a U.S. Air Force Pilot, and later became an investment banker, was interested in providing funds to purchase the home and donate it for a local museum. Mr. Schreiber, who resides in Florida, came to Wapakoneta to meet at the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, tour the home, discuss the project details, and determine next steps.

At that point, the Foundation was invited to join in the conversation. Hearing the details, our Executive Committee felt we could help. We proposed creating a new Designated Fund within the Foundation for the project. Mr. Schreiber could then make his charitable donation of the purchase price. The fund would be established in the name of the Auglaize County Historical Society. The Society could then request a distribution from the fund to enable it to purchase the house.

Alena Cerro at the *Times* plans to write a follow up article about the purchase and plans for a local museum in the home that will tell the stories of Neil Armstrong's early life in Auglaize County. The article will also report on the new fund within the Foundation and details about how to make a contribution. Plus, Beverly will be able to follow up with all the other people who contacted her after the first *Times* article about the home being for sale. The project is moving forward!

This is another excellent example of how our local Foundation can help make great things happen in our community!

Few people in world history will be honored and remembered forever. Neil Armstrong is likely to be one of them.





Additional views of the Neil Armstrong Boyhood Home

Right: East side of the home
Left: Rear of the home

NEW AT THE FOUNDATION



Performing Arts Wapakoneta

When the Foundation held its 35th Anniversary Concert at the Performing Arts Center in April 2025, one of its goals was to encourage more concerts. The new Performing Arts Wapakoneta (PAW) has been established to make that happen.

PAW, Inc. is a 509(a)(2) charitable organization with a local Board of Directors. The Board has partnered with Wapakoneta City Schools to fund a new supplemental position at the high school for PAC/PAW manager. Nikki Barger, who works at the high school, has been hired to fill that part-time position.

In support of this initiative, the Foundation has established a new fund with the goal to connect community members with programs that create memorable shared experiences and enhance the quality of life in the Wapakoneta area. PAW received an $11,000 grant from this fund to help move forward with its planning for more concerts.

PAW is now partnering with St. Marys Theater to present *SO GOOD! The Neil Diamond Experience* on Sunday, November 8 at the Performing Arts Center in Wapakoneta. PAW has also received a $12,000 Community Fund grant in support of this concert. We thank the PAW Team for their great work!

Camp Boggy Creek Fund

Rick and Judy Strauser lost their son Jason to cancer in May of 2011. They established a scholarship within the Foundation in his memory. Jason had attended Camp Boggy Creek in Eustis, Florida several times as he was battling his cancer.



The camp was founded in 1986 by actor Paul Newman and General Norman Schwartzkopf. The camp was built to provide every child, no matter their illness, to experience the magic of camp—having fun and making friends—all while receiving top-tier medical care.



For 40 years, Camp Boggy Creek has provided joy and belonging to 95,000 campers and their families. For every child diagnosed with a serious illness, the camp provides a life-changing place where they belong.

Judy and Rick have now established a fund within the Foundation to support Camp Boggy Creek and its good work. Their first fundraising event raised more than $10,000 for the fund. If you, your business or organization would like to support this new initiative, please contact the Foundation for more information.



Auglaize County Animal Assistance Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide grants to projects and initiatives that improve the lives of animals in Auglaize County, including direct support of animal care agencies, educational programs, and other initiatives that encourage kindness and compassion for all animals. The fund has been established by Denise Wintzer.

Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation

LIFETIME MEMBERS

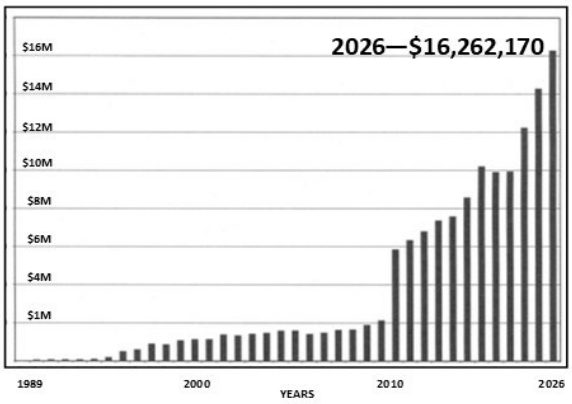
We appreciate your commitment to making great things happen in the Wapakoneta area. You can become a lifetime member with a one-time donation of $500 or more to the Foundation's Community Fund.

Barry Aab, DDS
Jack Acheson
Steve Archer
Cheryl Archer
Bob & Pat Askins
Trent Askins
Cheryl Bailey
Ellen Baker
John Bayliff
Ron Becker
Ken Block
James Borgert
Phillip Bowsher
Sandy Brading
Jim & Ellen Brautigam
Michael & Courtney Burton
Sharon Campbell
Charlotte Coomer
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Alan Davis
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Jon Derryberry
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Judy Dubois
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Kristopher Ewald
John P. Fisher
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Douglas Graham
Joe M. Green
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Robert Hager
James Hearn
James Heinrich
Robert Henderson
George Herman
Keith Horner
David Howe
Ron Huffman
Thomas Hunter
Larry James
Mark & Jill Jarvis
John D. Johnson
Douglas Kantner
C. Clay Kantner
Chuck & Joy Kantner
Rex Katterheinrich
Robert Keller
Jim Kent
Mary Klock
Stacey Koch
Craig Koenig
Kenny Kohlrieser
Carlene Lhamon
Betty Lietz
Mike Lotz
John T. McCormick
Charles Metz
Chad Metzger
Karen Mikesell
Glen G. Miller
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Scott Moell
Richard Nagel
Donnie L. Nichols
Lonnie Pedersen
J. Ronald Pepple
Frederick D. Pepple
Elaine Poppe
Ernest D. Risner
Don Ritchey
Rodney Roettger
Gary Runkle
Ms. Jill Sanders
Earl R. Schaub
Mike Schaub
Russell W. Schaub
Jane Scheblo
Philip Schlenker
David P. Schlenker
Steve & Janet Schuler
Larry Sheipline
Ken Siebert
James Smeltzly
James L. Smithey
Nancy J. Stienecker
Tom A. Stinebaugh
Rick & Judy Strauser
James H. Stroh
Henry Stroh
John E. Swartz
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Taracuk
Amy Tester
Rex & Jean Thomas
Phillip Valentine
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Rollie Wellington
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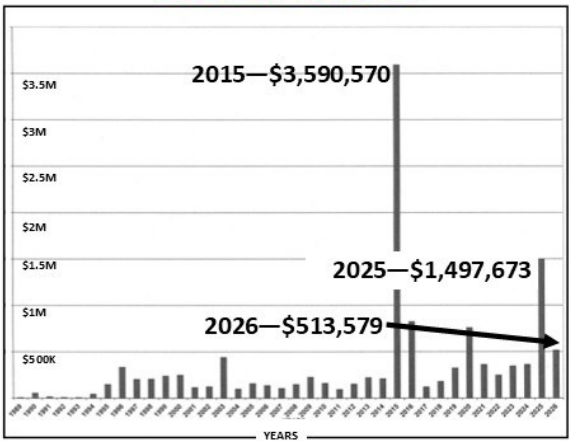
We invite you to become a Life Member of the Foundation with a single gift of $500 or more. It is a great investment in our community!

TIMELINE GROWTH CHARTS 1989-2026

FOUNDATION ASSETS

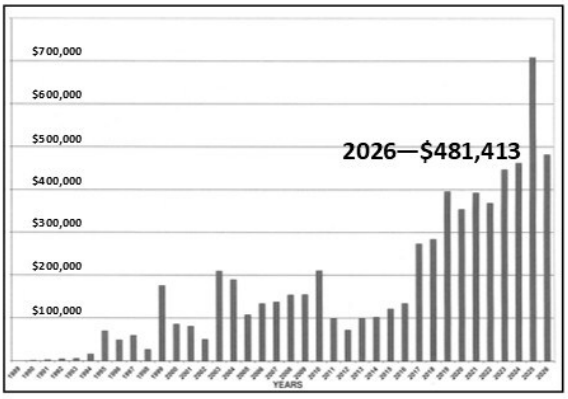


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FOUNDATION GRANTS

INCLUDES GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS



Information based on Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2026

1989 2026

Wapakoneta Area Community Foundation

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fiscal Years Ended May 31, 2026 and 2025

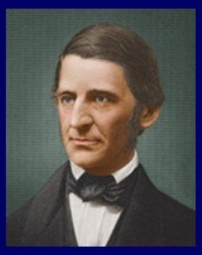
Fiscal Year	2026	2025
Fund Assets (Market Value)	$16,262,170	$14,268,938
Contributions Received	$513,579	$1,497,673
Investment Earnings	$727,680	$1,223,302
Total Income	**$1,240,185**	**$2,704,442**
Scholarship Grants	$146,801	$510,692
Program Grants	$334,612	$197,369
Total Grants (Grants & Scholarships)	$481,413	$708,061
Total Operating Expenses	$122,796	$110,758
Total Expenditures	**$604,209**	**$818,819**
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	**$635,976**	**$1,885,623**

A more detailed financial report, prepared by Shultz Huber & Associates, Inc. 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 and Johnson 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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The office is open on Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by special appointment.

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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 Foundaton'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!