The Foundation recently awarded over $33,800 in grants to 22 local non-profit organizations for a variety of community projects and activities. Funding for these grants comes from the earnings from unrestricted funds including the Armbruster Fund, Akins Fund, OCCF Fund, Peterson-Blackburn Fund, Rhiel Fund, Rofkar Fund, Schiller Dyslexia Fund, Stensen Memorial Fund, and Thierwechter Fund. Our congratulations to the recipients for their efforts to identify and meet community needs!

Oak House
Stein Hospice
Friends of P.C. Parks
Salvation Army
Oak Harbor Chamber Foundation
Ottawa Co. Transitional Housing
Oak Harbor Public Library
Dental Center of NW Ohio
The First Tee of Lake Erie
Ottawa County Ag. Society
Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy
Riders Unlimited
Ottawa County Museum
Musical Art Series in Port Clinton
Lighthouse Sober Living
Truth Ministries
Genoa Academic Committee
Auxiliary at Riverview Healthcare
Bistro 163
Genoa Area Schools
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
The Ability Center

Trip to Ohio History Center for Oak House participants
Support for children attending "Camp Good Grief"
Purchase benches, trash cans, grilles, & concrete pads
"Tools for Schools" to provide book bags & school supplies
Funds to offset the costs of Independence Day celebration
Build a playground at Ruth Ann's House
Digitization of 58 years of Ottawa County Exponent
Conduct oral cancer screenings
Provide ten scholarships for the First Tee program
Build a concrete base for handicap grandstand seating at the fair
Install lighting and electrical work for newly erected lighthouse
Purchase equipment to expand current therapy programs
Prepare, print & deliver booklet to Port Clinton students
Provide concerts for six senior residence facilities in Ottawa County
Implement the Sober Activities and Healthy Living (SAHL) Project
Purchase food to support community meals
Technologies to enhance learning opportunities
Restoration of oak pews in chapel at Riverview Healthcare Campus
Meals for food insecure persons & families
Provide beginning reading books at Genoa Library & School library
Provide an additional park bench in Danbury Twp.
Support “A Day at the Range” event for people with disabilities
The restored Port Clinton Lighthouse is now in place on the Lake Erie waterfront near the mouth of the Portage River. The Port Clinton Lighthouse Conservancy has worked over the last several years to preserve the historic structure, built in 1896 and taken out of commission in 1952. It is the only lighthouse of its kind still intact, according to Rich Norgard, president of the Conservancy. The group will also be responsible for the maintenance of the structure.

The Conservancy received funds from the Foundation through a grant request for landscaping and installation of a wireless alarm system and smoke detector to keep the lighthouse secure. The addition of this lovely and historic lighthouse to the lake shore will provide a point of interest to local residents and visitors alike.
Remembering David B. Martin

The Ottawa County Community Foundation was saddened by the death of Board Member Emeritus, David B. Martin on January 19, 2016. David was a long time board member beginning his service on the board in 2000 when the Foundation was in its infancy. His career in education as a teacher, coach, superintendent, Executive Director and also President of the Ohio School Boards Association brought much knowledge and skills to the numerous positions which he held on the OCCF Board. His contributions on the board were instrumental in moving the Foundation ahead in its early years. In addition to OCCF, Dave served on numerous local boards and organizations, was active in his church, and was well respected in the community. Dave will be missed for his genuine interest, engaging humor, and kind respect for others.

It is fitting that Dave’s family is working to establish a memorial scholarship fund for David and his wife Virginia through the Ottawa County Community Foundation.

Promote Philanthropy Through the Foundation

The Ottawa County Community Foundation is a public charity, 501(c)(3) non-profit, run by a volunteer board of directors. We strive to be a conduit for charitable giving that supports local needs in the Ottawa County area. We ask you to consider a donation to our operating fund to support the day-to-day needs of the Foundation. Your gift is important to continuing the mission of the Ottawa County Community Foundation.

Thank you for your kind support of our community through OCCF!

The IRA Charitable Rollover, now a permanent law, provides an attractive giving option. If you are 70.5 years of age or older, please consider making a direct distribution from your IRA to the Foundation. Doing so will:

- Provide immediate support for the work of the Foundation
- Satisfy the required minimum distribution
- Escape income tax on the distribution

Note: A IRA Charitable Rollover may not be designated for a donor advised fund.

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Enclosed is my/our gift:  ____$50       ____$100       ____$500       ____$1000       ____Other $______

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Contact us for assistance in your philanthropic efforts or for more information on creating a legacy through your estate planning.

FOUNDATION FINDS A NEW HOME

For the first time since the Foundation’s inception in 1999, the Board has established an office where we can meet with clients and donors and host small meetings. Feel free to stop in and say hello at:

306 Madison Street
Port Clinton

Office hours
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or by appointment

The little blue office is located across from the Ottawa County Court House and next to the Ida Rupp Library.

This publication shares news about the Ottawa County Community Foundation as we fulfill our mission of creating philanthropy and making our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. The Ottawa County Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation affiliated with the Toledo Community Foundation.