Earl J. Johnson Fund Established

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Rich Norgard and Patrick O’Keeffe (on left), Ottawa County Historical Society members accept a check from OCCF vice president, Dr. Derrill Hablitzel and president, Joy Roth (on right)

The Ottawa County Community Foundation recently established a fund to honor the memory of Earl Johnson, an early Community Foundation board member, prominent Ottawa County school superintendent, and farmer from Williston, who died in 2012 at the age of 101. Mr. Johnson’s life was one of giving to his community, and his decision to leave a portion of his estate to the Community Foundation provided a perfect way to continue his legacy. The Earl J. Johnson Fund, established by the Ottawa County Community Foundation in September, will support the Foundation’s grant-making program in Ottawa County.

In addition to establishing a fund in Mr. Johnson’s name, the Foundation helped to underwrite the new Ottawa County 175th Anniversary book, with a $10,000 gift from the Johnson legacy. The book is a special project of the Ottawa County Historical Society, and will be the first comprehensive telling of the story of Ottawa County, founded on March 6, 1840, in over a century. It will be rich in narrative and photographs as it celebrates the diversity of its people and industry. The volume is expected to be available by the summer of 2016.

Mr. Johnson knew and respected the work of the Community Foundation and recognized how donations to the Foundation will continue “Doing Good. Forever.” We are grateful to him for his generosity and his foresight to recognize that a strong community comes from the good works of everyone.
Planners recommend reviewing your estate plan every five years. If you have not done so, why not do it now? The Ottawa County Community Foundation is dedicated to helping you with your philanthropy whether through memorial donations or as part of your estate plan or will. Please consider naming us as one of your beneficiaries.

To learn more, visit our website www.ottawaccf.org or call 419-797-4293

Special Thanks

Sincere appreciation is extended to two local groups of volunteers who have provided assistance this year with the preparation of our newsletters for mailing.

Thank you to:

♦ Port Clinton High School students in Ms. Kristin Middleton’s classroom
♦ U.S. Bank staff, Oak Harbor branch

The Ottawa County Community Foundation is a public charitable organization created by the citizens of our community to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Ottawa County area. The Foundation established a permanent endowment to support a variety of charitable programs designed to address the current and emerging needs of local residents in the fields of education, social services, physical and mental health, safe and positive living environment, natural resources and the arts.

College scholarships are awarded to deserving students to support their post-secondary educational endeavors.
The Ottawa County Community Foundation relies on donations to support its day-to-day operating needs. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Enclosed is my/our gift:  ____ $1000  ____ $500  ____ $100  ____ $50  ____ Other $_______

Return this form with your check payable to: Ottawa Co. Community Foundation, P.O. Box 36, Port Clinton, OH 43452

Name ______________________________________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _______ Zip __________ Phone__________________________

Thank you. Your gift does make a difference!

☐ I would like to know more about how I can include the Community Foundation in my estate plans.
Our Giving . . . by the Numbers
2015 marks the fifteenth anniversary of the Ottawa County Community Foundation. A combination of donor generosity and wise stewardship have made these years a time of remarkable growth for the Foundation. From our humble beginnings has arisen a vibrant organization that now has over $6.3 million invested for causes dear to the hearts of our donors. Below is a summary of giving to date.

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<th>Category</th>
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<td>Total Community Grant dollars awarded</td>
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<td>Total Scholarship dollars awarded</td>
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<td>Grand Total dollars distributed*</td>
<td>$1,262,182</td>
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*includes donor advised, designated, and organization endowment funds

Nonprofit organizations are encouraged to attend an upcoming Grant Writing Workshop sponsored by the Foundation. Nancy Heller, grants specialist and educator from Columbus, will conduct the training.

Participants will learn more about OCCF grant opportunities and get detailed instructions on how to submit a request for funds from the Foundation.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016**
**8:30 A.M.**
**OTTAWA COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**
**8043 W. STATE ROUTE 163**
**OAK HARBOR**

Reply to: info@ottawaccf.org

Applications for grants for 2016 are due **March 15, 2016.**