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Community Focused Funds

Your gifts improving your corner of the world

The place you call home is pretty special to you. Have you thought about giving to a fund that forever returns grant money to your town?

Some have chosen to create or add to charitable funds that focus granting to the communities of Botkins and Russia. The two charitable funds ensure that grants will benefit organizations based in or serving those communities.

The Louise Sheets Fund, created by a bequest in Mrs. Sheets' Will, asks the Community Foundation of Shelby County to use earnings from her gift to benefit the Botkins area. Since 2003, the fund has infused more than \$700,000 into the Botkins community to support major items such as capital improvements to public parks and less costly, but unbudgeted, equipment for groups like the Fire Department. The grant money doesn't completely erase the need for you to support Botkins fundraising events, but instead supplements individual giving.

In Russia, a different approach is being taken. A group of volunteers established the Russia Wellness Foundation and conducts an annual campaign to build the fund over time. The 2016 fundraising campaign is currently underway. In the past, the Wellness Foundation has supported village



Botkins Veterans Park

entrance signs and assisted with other community enhancements.

The Russia Wellness Foundation held a special campaign in 2008 to build the community's all-weather track, enabling track athletes a place to practice near the school building. The track is also open to community residents who like to walk for fitness.

You could establish a charitable fund for your specific community. Imagine the ability to provide support for your town's evolving needs.

While the grant money would be available each year, organizations in or serving your town would have to put their best foot forward in a grant application that defines how grant money would be used. The process keeps organization leaders thinking about the best and most efficient ways to use grant money.

Contact Jessica Vaglianti to discuss your ideas about creating a fund to benefit your town. She can be reached at (937) 497-7800 or jvaglianti@commfoun.com



Board Transitions



Martin "Mick" Given

We welcome Martin "Mick" Given, Cindy Helman and Doug Stewart as new board members.

Mick is a Sidney native, has a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Dayton and is president of Ferguson Construction. He has vast experience with community organizations ranges from past leadership roles with the Shelby County United Way, YMCA and S&H Products to current involvement with Wilson Health, and both the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership and Workforce Partnership. He was the 2014 Zenith Award recipient.



Cindy Helman

Cindy, a St. Paris native and long-time Sidney area resident, earned her Business degree from Wright State University. She is a registered financial consultant with Money Concepts and began her Community Foundation involvement on the Development committee. She has led many local boards, including the Edison State Community College Foundation and the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber



Doug Stewart

of Commerce. She is also serves as Vice Chair of the Shelby County Libraries Board.

Doug, a Sidney native, received a degree from Huntington College and is the president and CEO of Peoples Federal Savings and Loan. Highly involved in the community, he has led groups such as the Sidney Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce board and the steering committee to build Sidney Memorial Stadium. In 2008, he received the Zenith Award and was inducted into the Sidney City Schools Hall of Honor.

The board service ended in December for Carol Bennett and Ken Monnier, both of Sidney. They were recognized at the December board meeting. Thank you Carol and Ken!

SCHOLARSHIPS!

Our online application is available to students to apply for scholarships with a June 1 deadline.

Jeanne Hoying Joins Staff

Jeanne Hoying, CPA, joined the CFSC staff in late 2015 in the newly created position of Accounting Manager. A Ft. Loramie native and resident, Jeanne achieved a Bachelor of Science with a dual major of Accounting and Finance from Wright State University. She has spent most of her career in corporate settings, but is quickly learning the ropes of not-for-profit accounting.

"We are thrilled to add someone with Jeanne's credentials to bolster our accounting staff," notes Marian Spicer, Executive Director. "Barbara Stueve continues to do a great job as Accounting Administrator and our growth necessitates that we ensure our capabilities for our current donors and funds, as well as those looking to us in the future."



Jeanne Hoying

Jeanne is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact her at (937) 497-7800 or jhoying@commfoun.com

Welcome New Funds

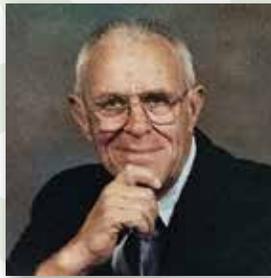


Don and Helen Ambos Memorial Scholarship Fund

Part of the Botkins Local School Foundation, the scholarship fund was established by the family of Don and Helen, who were highly involved in the Botkins community. Awards will likely be available to Botkins seniors beginning in 2017.

Larry Hawkins Family Scholarship Fund

A member of the SHS class of 1949, Larry went on to a satisfying career with National Cash Register (NCR). Never forgetting the positive influence of his hometown, he created a scholarship to benefit Sidney High School seniors and alumni.



James F. and Marcia L. Schulze Scholarship Fund

Created by Wil Schulze to honor his parents, the fund will benefit Ft. Loramie High School alumni pursuing a degree in engineering in an ABET accredited program. Scholarship awards may be renewed for an additional two years.



Shelby County Fairgrounds Construction Fund

The fund receives and administers gifts for the construction of grandstands and other facilities at the Shelby County Fairgrounds in Sidney.



Woody Sturm and Family Scholarship Fund

In memory of Woody Sturm of Sidney, his family and friends have established a scholarship to benefit students who participated in football during their final years at Sidney High School.

Preference will be given to students enrolling in a trade, technical or Associate's degree program.



Stephen W. Weadock Scholarship Fund

The estate of this long-time Sidney High School teacher will provide scholarships to benefit SHS grads likely beginning in 2017.



And four Gift Accounts

Four area couples and individuals established short-term donor advised funds to facilitate gifts to charities they favor. The Accounts provide a tax-advantageous way to turn appreciated stock into cash for charitable gifts and to keep track of charities you have supported.

To make a gift to any of these funds or to learn about establishing a new fund, visit our website at www.commfoun.com or contact us at (937) 497-7800.



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Is a Charitable Fund Right for Me?

Answers to your questions about creating a fund

What motivates people to create charitable funds?

A family project, when you sell your business, as a tribute to a loved one, because you have few heirs, to continue your belief about giving back... People are compelled by many reasons and often the root is a very personal desire to help others.

What is the minimum amount?

Most funds require a \$25,000 minimum, but the real question is: 'What do you want the fund to do?'...award a \$1,000 scholarship each year...provide \$10,000 annually to a favorite charity...offer grants to a wide range of organizations. Once we uncover the goal of the charitable fund, the amount needed to make it a reality comes into focus.

I'm not sure what I want a charitable fund to do. Can you help me figure it out?

Yes, we would gladly talk with you about options, your preferences, and needs in the community.

What are the steps to creating a charitable fund?

A signed fund agreement or a bequest in your will and a gift are the key items. The agreement or bequest defines the fund's name and the kind of granting it will do.

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