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Skills Scholarships for Trades, Tech and Healthcare

Here's a *Shelby County reality:* Local students want a fulfilling career and local companies want skilled workers. To match the two, the Community Foundation of Shelby County is launching an effort to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults pursuing a trade school certification or Associate's degree.

The new effort will complement the current scholarship program at the Community Foundation of Shelby County.

"Last Spring, we were pleased that nearly 200 scholarships were awarded from Community Foundation funds. Many of our existing scholarships are open to students in skilled trades, but often those students don't apply or are not selected to receive a scholarship," said Marian Spicer, executive director.

Juli Smith, the Community Foundation's Scholarships & Grants Administrator, has experience in working with teens and employers. She has gathered skilled trade scholarship information from around the state and shared our plans with the Upper Valley Career Center, Shelby County Workforce Partnership

and the Sidney-Shelby Economic Partnership.

"While skilled trade programs are shorter than a 4-year degree, tuition may still be out of reach for many students," said Smith. "We are talking with individuals and companies about scholarship funds that target students pursuing skilled trades and developing a specialized, straightforward application to entice students to apply. We hope to give kids one more reason to consider a trade."

"Our goal is to quickly raise \$20,000 to award next spring as ten \$2,000 scholarships. From then on, we want individuals, organizations and companies to look to us to establish scholarship funds to support this kind of scholarship," added Spicer.

If you want to give to the Community Foundation's Skills Scholarship Fund, please send a check payable to 'Community Foundation of Shelby County' and add Skilled Trades to the memo line. If you want to discuss the possibility of creating a scholarship fund, contact Donor Relations Director Jessica Fortkamp at jfortkamp@commfoun.com or call (937) 497-7800.

Credit Card Gift Fee Change

As of Sept. 1, 2019, the Community Foundation will no longer absorb fees associated with credit card gifts. Gifts are processed by PayPal, with a charity discounted fee of 2% of the amount plus \$0.30. The fee will be added to a gift amount and shown to you during the processing of your credit card gift.

Community Grants

\$45,000 in Community Grants were awarded this Spring from gifts given to the 2018 Partners program. Thank you for gifts that turn into Community Grants!

Projects benefitting youth, mental and physical health, homelessness and our county's bicentennial celebration garnered grants.

Bridges Community Action Partnership

\$2,500 for the homeless shelter

Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley

\$10,000 for school-based mental health counseling at rural Shelby County districts

Raise the Roof for the Arts

\$2,500 for the NonProfit Organization and Kid Zones at the Backstage Block Party

SafeHaven

\$750 for field trips and overnight retreats for adults served

Shelby County Historical Society

\$2,000 for Pioneer Day and Civil War Day

Shelby County Workforce Partnership

\$4,000 for hands-on STEM and robotics kits

Shelby-Sidney Bicentennial

\$10,000 for the mobile museum

Wilma Valentine Childcare

\$3,250 for tuition assistance for Sidney children

Wilson Health Foundation

\$10,000 for the Future is Clear Campaign for 3D mammography units



Mike Lochard Joins Board

Sidney native Mike Lochard has joined the Community Foundation board of trustees. Mike is President of Lochard, Inc., a 75 year old, third generation family owned business that consists of manufacturing, HVAC and plumbing and retail hardware store divisions.

Mike has served as a past campaign chair and board president for the Shelby County United Way. He's been an officer in many organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Sidney/Shelby Economic Partnership, Shelby County Home Builders Assn., Sidney Athletic Boosters and Vespa Club, as well as many other organizations.

Mike and his wife Annette have three adult children. **Welcome Mike!**

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Using Unique Gifts to Your Advantage

Year-end will be here sooner than we can imagine. Let's review some different charitable gifts that might work well for you.

Stock – Give shares of appreciated public securities and you avoid capital gains taxes. We sell the shares and place the proceeds in any Fund you designate. You deduct the share's average price on the date of donation.

Grain – By giving grain directly to the Community Foundation, you avoid including sales proceeds in your farm income. You may be able to deduct the cost of growing the crop resulting in savings of self-employment, federal and state income tax from your farm business expense. Crop share landlords cannot give gifts of grain.

We urge you to talk with your tax advisor to ensure you are selecting the best type of asset to give for your situation.

Need more on any of these gift types? Our website's Giving section has a Give Now area that provides details and illustrations of these and other types of gifts. We would also be happy to mail information to you. Please contact Jessica Fortkamp, Donor Relations Director, at jfortkamp@commfoun.com or call (937) 497-7800.

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA

– You direct your IRA administrator to send all or a portion of your RMD, up to a maximum of \$100,000, to a qualified charity. You avoid income tax on the distribution. The Community Foundation can receive the qualified charitable distribution into most types of charitable funds. Unfortunately, current law prohibits Donor Advised Funds and Gift Accounts from receiving these gifts, but you can create a Designated Use Fund that gives to charities you name in the fund agreement...like those charities you support year in and year out.



Ralph Keister



Craig Albers

Co-sponsored by Community Foundation of Shelby County, Ohio Living Dorothy Love, Lehman High School Foundation, Sidney-Shelby County YMCA Foundation, Wilson Health Foundation

Join Us! Basic Estate Planning Seminar:

Presenters: Attorneys Ralph Keister and Craig Albers
Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk, LPA

October 8th at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dorothy Love Retirement Community

Amos Community Center

Located behind the apartments near the corner of Kuther and Cisco Rds., Sidney

RSVP to info@commfoun.com or call (937) 497-7800

THIS EVENT IS FREE



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To cultivate, administer and distribute legacy gifts for the benefit of our Community.



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New Funds

Thank you to all who established charitable funds to benefit the community.
 Recently created funds include:

- Hugo & Thelma Meyer Memorial Scholarship Fund***
- Ruble Family Keep Art in Your HeART Fund**
- Sidney Alive Fund**
- Samaritan Works Fund**

The people and organizations that established these funds welcome any gifts. Please make checks payable to 'Community Foundation of Shelby County' and add the fund's name to the memo line. Credit card gifts are possible on our website at www.commfoun.com by clicking Donate at the top right corner and following the prompts.

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