



Your LEGACY



Saving Lives Through Your Legacy

Your legacy matters — just like Betty Zorn Bennett and Nancy Adams, who chose to make a lasting difference in the community they loved. Through thoughtful planning and heartfelt generosity, their gifts continue to improve lives in Shelby County today.

Betty Zorn Bennett was a longtime Sidney hairdresser and owner of the Bee Zee Beauty Shop. Known for her warmth and active community involvement, Betty left an estate gift to create the Betty Zorn Bennett Fund, which supports equipment purchases at Wilson Health.

Recently, two years of grants from her fund — totaling \$86,620 — were used to purchase new surgical lights for Wilson Health's operating rooms. "Such a generous donation helps Wilson Health continue down the path of providing exceptional care close to home," said Jennifer Bruns, Executive Director of the Wilson Health Foundation.

Nancy Adams found deep fulfillment in her role as a paramedic. After her passing in 1994, her father, Dick Adams, honored her memory with a \$100,000 gift, creating the Nancy Adams Training Center Fund to support the training of first responders.

Housed within Sidney Fire Station 1, the Nancy Adams Training Center is a flexible, technology-enabled space designed for a wide variety of emergency and public safety trainings. Outfitted with a smartboard for interactive instruction and after-action reporting, the center also includes video conferencing with "death star" microphones and will soon feature an upgraded camera that tracks presenters — allowing broadcasts to departments throughout Shelby County and beyond.

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Scholarship Dates:

Scholarship Applications Open: December 11, 2025

High School Scholarship Applications Close: February 12, 2026

Skills Scholarship Applications Close: March 12, 2026

College & Adult Scholarship Applications Close: May 14, 2026

Hoying Retires from Foundation



The Community Foundation of Shelby County bids a fond farewell to Jeanne Hoying, who retired in May after 9.5 years of dedicated service as our Accounting Manager. Jeanne brought a wealth of experience and professionalism to the Foundation, having previously held accounting roles at Midmark Corporation and Holloway.

Throughout her time here, Jeanne's deep knowledge and steady hand made her an invaluable part of our team. Whether navigating complex financials or offering a kind word to a colleague, Jeanne was someone we could always count on. Her attention to detail, commitment

to excellence, and warm personality made her not just a trusted coworker, but a true friend to many.

Jeanne and her husband Rob will enjoy more time with their daughter and grandsons.

Jeanne, thank you for everything you've contributed to the Foundation. You will be missed, but we're so happy for you and wish you all the best in this exciting next phase!

New Funds

Fort Loramie Music Boosters Band Uniform Fund
Fort Loramie Schools Athletic Complex Fund
Fred and Sherry Sommers Scholarship Fund
John and Margaret Humphris Veterinary Scholarship Fund
Match Day Pool Fund
Shelby County 4-H Foundation Fund
Sidney City Schools Sports Complex Fund
Sidney-Shelby County Workforce Partnership Fund
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Spring Grants

In the spring of 2024, your generosity allowed our Grants Committee to award funding for meaningful projects that address today's needs while planting seeds for future growth in our community. Thanks to your contributions—and support from the Community Foundation Partners program, the Community Impact Fund, and endowed funds including the Roscoe Beanblossom Fund, Kermit and Ella Kuck Fund, and Prime the Pump Fund—we awarded more than \$119,000 to the following organizations:

- Dwell House – \$4,800 for an enclosed cargo trailer
- Habitat for Humanity Miami & Shelby Counties - \$10,000 for home repairs
- LifeWise Jackson Center – \$5,000 for program startup costs
- Mercy Mission House - \$7,020 for transitional resident & car programs
- Midwest Regional ESC - \$7,475 for Opportunity Knocks Camp
- OSU Extension - \$5,000 for an Agriculture Experience Area at the Fair
- Samaritan Works – \$15,000 for Certified Peer Support Services
- Senior Center of Sidney-Shelby County – \$13,644 for computer replacements
- Shelby County EMS - \$25,000 to equip the Joint Rescue Task Force
- Shelby County Pickleball Association - \$6,500 for lighting at Sidney's courts
- Shelby County United Way - \$20,000 for Promotion of Strong Families



In addition, several donor-advised funds awarded nearly \$46,000 in grants to local nonprofits. Grant proposals were submitted by organizations including Anna Rescue, Catholic Social Services, Compassionate Care of Shelby County, Elizabeth's New Life Center, Kettlersville Van Buren Township Fire Department, Mercy Mission House, Sidney Civic Band, Upper Valley Career Center, Wilma Valentine Childcare, and Wilson Health Foundation.

Thank you to the donors who joined in supporting these proposals—your partnership allows Community Foundation funds to go further and make a greater impact throughout Shelby County.



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The center hosts expert speakers and specialty workshops, including live tissue labs, where responders have practiced emergency procedures such as tracheotomies. The Fund also provided a MegaCode Kelly Advanced Manikin, a sophisticated simulation tool used to train EMS personnel. The manikin simulates vital signs, can be intubated, shocked, and even used for IVs — including direct-to-bone access — offering responders real-life practice in a safe, controlled setting.

These tools aren't just equipment — they're preparation. They save lives.

If you're thinking about how to leave your own legacy, we're here to help. Contact Jordan Knepper at 937-497-7800 or jknepper@commfoun.com. Free values-based estate planning is also available through our partnership with Thompson & Associates.

Your legacy could be the reason someone lives to tell their story.



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Community Foundation of Shelby County's Match Day is coming soon!

Last year, your generous Match Day donations provided \$1,165,914 to 30 local charities—proving the incredible power of community giving. This year, the Community Foundation of Shelby County invites you to make an even greater impact on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, as Match Day returns in celebration of Giving Tuesday. With up to \$5,000 in matching funds available for each participating organization, your gift can go twice as far to support the causes you care about most.

This year's event will benefit 32 local nonprofits, the largest number to date. Each organization holds an organization fund within the Community Foundation, making them eligible for the dollar-for-dollar match.

To learn more, visit commfoun.com/match-day.

Over the past 7 years, the Community Foundation's
Match Day event has raised over \$3.6 million for
participating local nonprofits!