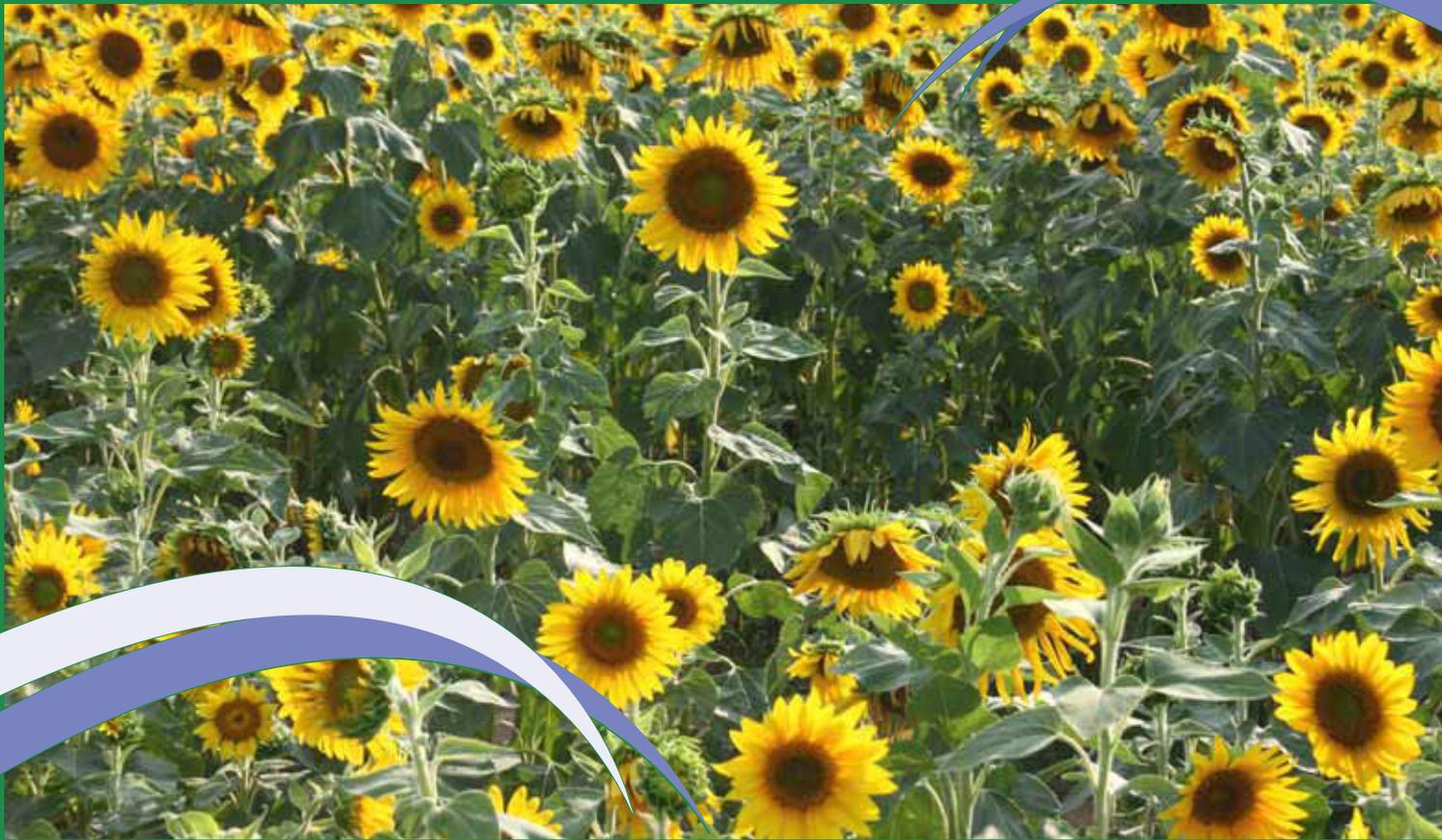


The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation

2012 Annual Report to the Community



Helping to Provide Many Bright Tomorrows

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we are pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report. The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation has seen encouraging growth and change in 2012. We have increased our assets and expanded the variety of funds we use to meet our donors' needs.

We have continued our grant making and initiative work in Erie County and have seen meaningful, positive change. Dilapidated buildings have been razed or restored through the Erie County Land Bank. Local jobs have been created and retained through the RISE Business Incubator. Hungry people have received food through a network of area food banks, and so much more is being done in Erie County.

In an attempt to be good stewards of our resources, this year's annual report is abbreviated. Complete listings of our donors, grants program and funds can be found on our website at www.sanduskyfoundation.org.

Thank you all for your continued interest and work toward improving the quality of life in Erie County.

Sincerely,


Anna J. Oertel, Executive Director


Mary Jane Hill, Chair



2012 Community Grants

Twice each year, the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation distributes grant monies to nonprofit organizations serving the residents of Erie County.

Agape Love Ministries Kitchen equipment upgrade	\$2,000
American Red Cross Disaster clean-up kits and stove-top fire extinguishers	\$11,139
ARC of Erie County Craft supplies	\$600
Back to the Wild Educational wildlife supplies and operating funds	\$7,200
Beulah Beach Camp New kitchen grill	\$2,500
Berlin Heights Community Center Tables and chairs for after school program	\$1,000
Boys and Girls Club of Erie County Teen Center broadcasting and recording studio	\$3,644
Cancer Services of Erie County Transportation program	\$5,000
Care and Share of Erie County Food assistance	\$10,000
CASA Specialized training program and travel	\$2,500
City of Huron Picnic table replacement	\$1,750
City of Sandusky Youth fishing program, treadmill for Police Department, 'Respect Book' printing.	\$5,813
City of Vermillion Handicap accessible lift for community pool	\$4,880
Double S Industries Changing bed	\$5,000
Edison Birthplace Museum Website redesign and UV light control for Edison Birthplace Home.	\$3,200
Edison Local Schools Elementary playground equipment	\$6,000
EHOVE Career Center Job Connections program	\$4,999

ECEDC Regional Incubator for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship (RISE)	\$2,500
Erie County 4-H Camp Nature Center equipment	\$1,063
Erie County Job and Family Services Recordable books for foster children	\$1,000
Erie County Health Department Viewpoint and Harborview community gardens	\$820
Erie County Juvenile Justice Center Detention Center library books	\$1,000
Erie MetroParks Melody maker panel for accessible playground	\$1,448
Family Health Services of Erie County Medical exam room equipment	\$1,058
Firelands Chorus Community spring concert music	\$800
Firelands Habitat for Humanity Home construction, appliances, and safety equipment	\$10,071
Firelands Symphony Orchestra 2012-2013 artistic expenses	\$6,000
First Presbyterian Church Kitchen equipment	\$2,000
Goodwill Industries Replacement windows	\$2,157
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Boy Scout storage shed project	\$3,000
Harlequins Theater Roof replacement project	\$4,000
Heartbeat of Sandusky Educational supplies for moms groups	\$1,830
Humane Society of Erie County Animal medications and security system upgrade	\$4,800
Huron Baseball/Softball Program Batting cage for Faban's Park	\$3,500
Huron City Schools TAPit—barrier free interactive learning device	\$5,000
Huron Playhouse 65th Season sustainability initiative	\$3,000
Kidney Foundation of Ohio Direct assistance to Erie County patients	\$3,300

KinShip Capital improvements	\$1,495
Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc. Laptops for Mobile Attorney Project	\$1,650
Main Street Vermillion Education and revitalization of Historic District in Vermillion	\$2,000
Maritime Museum of Sandusky Underground Railroad Exhibit	\$3,000
Milan Historical Museum Tiffany lamp for Art Glass Wing renovation	\$2,500
Museum of Carousel Art & History Roof repairs	\$4,000
Nehemiah Partners of Sandusky Bathroom sinks and Cinderella's Closet	\$4,500
North Point Educational Services iPads for students with multiple disabilities	\$1,497
Perkins Township Pelton Park fence rehabilitation	\$1,665
Sandusky Area YMCA Boiler repairs	\$4,950
Sandusky City Schools Jr. High football uniforms	\$3,200
Sandusky Central Catholic School Security system for elementary school	\$2,529
Sandusky Lions Club Fund for the Blind vision care program	\$2,025
Sandusky Main Street Downtown beautification project	\$1,500
Sandusky State Theatre Operating support	\$7,500
Second Harvest Food Bank Food assistance	\$5,000
Stein Hospice Charity Care program	\$5,000
T.E.A.M. Warriors Mentoring Retreat	\$2,500
Trinity Lutheran Church Refrigerator and oven exhaust system for Grace's Kitchen	\$2,900
Vermillion Family YMCA Scholarship assistance for preschoolers	\$2,000

Donor Advised Funds

In 2012 the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation announced a new donor advised fund program. Donors to the Community Foundation have always been able to open a donor advised fund, but the new program provides donors additional choices and opportunities.

The new model donor advised fund acts like a charitable checking account. Donors deposit funds into the account, and then, at their convenience, make recommendations for grant distributions to their favorite charities or charitable projects. Grants can be paid to any IRS approved charity, including educational or religious organizations. The Community Foundation does all the work!

Important features of the new model donor advised fund program include:

- ◆ A donor advised fund can be established by committing to contribute as little as \$10,000.
- ◆ Up to the entire balance of the fund can be distributed to charity.
- ◆ A succession of advisors to the fund can be named, which can allow the fund to exist in perpetuity.
- ◆ Gifts from the fund to charity can be made in the name of the fund, or anonymously.
- ◆ Donors whose donor advised fund contains \$100,000 or more may recommend their own investment manager for their fund.

A donor advised fund is a tax-wise tool that provides a simple, flexible, efficient way for donors to manage their charitable giving. Donors and their families can enjoy immediate and maximum tax advantages, make grants on a flexible timetable, build a charitable legacy, and increase their philanthropic funds for future grantmaking.

For additional information or to discuss setting up your own donor advised fund, contact executive director, Anna Oertel at 419-621-9690.

Dorn Foundation \$1 Million Challenge Grant

The Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation became the first donor to take advantage of the Community Foundation's new model donor advised fund program with the establishment of the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation Donor Advised Fund. Along with the establishment of this new fund, the trustees of the Dorn Foundation also issued a challenge to the Community Foundation.

The Dorn Foundation will match, dollar for dollar, all contributions to new model donor advised funds at the Community Foundation until such time as the contributions to the Dorn Foundation Donor Advised Fund have reached \$1 Million! The Community Foundation has until December 31, 2014 to meet this challenge.

This challenge will provide motivation not only to the Community Foundation, but to people everywhere who are interested in leveraging their charitable dollars to strengthen Erie County communities.

The news of this generous challenge has already inspired donors to establish seven new model donor advised funds totaling more than \$223,000 in donations to the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation.

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is very grateful for the Dorn Foundation's generosity and continued commitment to Erie County.

2012 Initiatives

While responding to needs in our communities, the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation will sometimes take on special projects that are larger in scope, duration or impact than our community grants. Working through the Erie County Foundations' Council, the Community Foundation takes an active leadership role in the development and implementation of these Initiatives in Erie County. The Erie County Foundations' Council is an informal group of grant making foundations in Erie County providing opportunities for participants to identify community issues and invest in solutions to move Erie County forward.

Downtown Beautification

Six local foundations donated a total of \$15,000 to the 2012 Downtown Beautification project, which was modeled after a similar project at Westlake's Crocker Park. Donors included Sidney Frohman Foundation, Mylander Foundation, Frost-Parker Foundation, Wightman-Wieber Foundation, Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation and the Dorn Foundation. Sandusky Main Street worked with the City of Sandusky and Barnes Nursery to make the project a reality. Through their efforts, and the Foundations' funding, the initial 74 large planters were installed early summer 2012.

The project was so successful, additional planters were purchased to expand the project in coming years.



Habitat for Humanity

Safety comes first when you are building houses with a group of volunteers. Local Foundations collaborated to provide safety equipment for Firelands Habitat for Humanity.

The HUGS roofing guardrail system and the scaffolding safety equipment allow hundreds of Habitat for Humanity volunteers to work more safely on roofs and scaffolding as they make the dream of home ownership a reality for deserving Erie County residents.

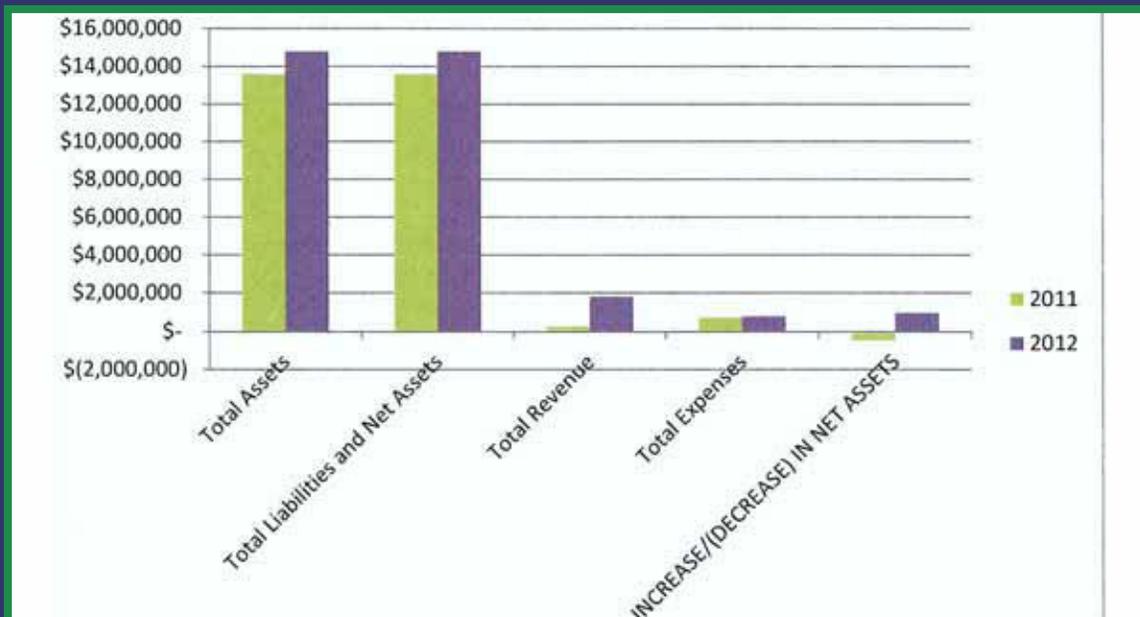
Firelands Habitat for Humanity has been building homes for families in Erie and Huron Counties for more than 23 years. They recently built their 85th house using the new safety systems and equipment. Hundreds of Habitat volunteers have been able to work more safely due to the equipment grant and dozens of homes and thousands of volunteers will benefit for years to come.

Financials

	12/31/2011	12/31/2012
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	157,051	141,069
Investments at Fair Value	12,601,076	13,808,626
Receivables and Other Assets	821,644	830,288
Net Property and Equipment	16,124	12,573
Total Assets	\$ 13,595,895	\$ 14,792,556
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Grants Payable and Other Liabilities	86,050	72,941
Agency Endowments	2,345,019	2,559,910
Total Liabilities	2,431,069	2,632,851
Net Assets	11,164,826	12,159,705
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 13,595,895	\$ 14,792,556
REVENUES		
Contributions and Other Support	407,735	533,271
Investment Revenue and Gains/(Losses)	(140,279)	1,258,092
Other Revenue	19,324	28,012
Total Revenue	\$ 286,780	\$ 1,819,375
EXPENSES		
Grants	431,762	481,053
Program and Other Expenses	328,198	341,406
Total Expenses	\$ 759,960	\$ 822,459
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$ (473,180)	\$ 996,916

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2011-2012 Youth Advisory Council

The Youth Advisory Council is comprised of fourteen Erie County high school students, two from each of the seven Erie County high schools. The Youth Advisory Council students visit non-profit organizations in Erie County each month during the school year to learn about the organization and how the organization serves our community's needs. The Council also distributes grant monies through its own community grants program each Spring.

Edison High School:	Micaela Ostheimer	Kelsey O'Flaherty
Huron High School:	Keily Balduff	Drew Enderle
Perkins High School:	Chelsea SantaLucia	Ben Kinsel
Margaretta High School:	Lindsey Lemons	Derek Kuns
St. Mary's High School:	Victoria Downey	Nathan Shivak
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