

Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Scholarship applications for local students are available. Completed applications are due on March 11, 2011.

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Foundation Appoints New Executive Director

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation welcomed Anna Oertel as the new Executive Director on November 15, 2010.

Anna comes to the Foundation with 13 years of non-profit experience. Seven of those years were with other community foundations including the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Muskingum County Community Foundation and The Dayton Foundation.

Anna was most recently the Executive Director at The Carr Center in Zanesville, Ohio, a non-profit organization serving people

with disabilities.

Anna is excited about working at the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation.

"I'm very impressed with the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation. It's an inspiring organization that has made a wonderful difference in our community" Oertel said. "The Foundation is poised to make sizable positive impact in Erie County. I'm fortunate to be able to be a part of the Foundation and I look forward to many years of good work ahead."

The Sandusky/Erie County

Community Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to develop a permanent endowment, to identify and respond to community needs, and to facilitate charitable giving.



Anna J. Oertel
Executive Director
Sandusky/Erie County
Community Foundation

Scholarship Season In Full Swing

The Sandusky Erie County Community Foundation administers twenty-five funds to assist local students pursuing their education beyond high school. In 2010 the Foundation distributed \$44,000 in scholarship awards.

These scholarship funds are

made possible by the generous support of many donors who understand the life-changing effect a quality education can have on students, their families and their communities.

Scholarship Applications for 2011 are now available and are due to be submitted on

or before March 11, 2011.

Descriptions of each scholarship, guidelines, and applications are available at the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation offices, or online at www.sanduskyfoundation.org

Dave Hermes Memorial Scholarship



Mother and son.
David Hermes, Jr.
and
Lori Hermes

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is proud to announce the creation of the Dave Hermes Memorial

Scholarship Fund.

The Hermes Family found the option of a scholarship fund fitting to help memorialize the life of Dave Hermes.

The Dave Hermes Memorial Scholarship is an annual scholarship available to graduates of any Erie County High School who are residents of Erie County. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA. Recipients will be chosen with preference given to academic performance or SAT and ACT scores, as well as balancing community

service, athletics and work commitments. Students demonstrating financial need and an agricultural background are given special consideration.

When asked about her late husband and why this scholarship is so appropriate, Lori Hermes said, "My husband was always for the underdog. He always wanted someone without a chance to have a chance."

To apply for or make a donation to the Dave Hermes Memorial Scholarship Fund, contact Anna Oertel at info@sanduskyfoundation.org or call 419-621-9690.

2010 High Impact Year

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation continues to have a positive impact on the residents of Erie County in many ways.

Here are some highlights from 2010:

- The Foundation manages 63 endowed funds designated for organizations in Erie County. We distributed \$152,617 in operating grants from endowment funds in 2010.
- The Foundation's scholarship funds helped 56 local students go on to college with \$44,000 in scholarship awards in 2010.
- 42 Community Grants

were awarded for a total of \$191,000 funding a variety of community projects.

As 2011 begins, we reflect on 2010 and realize we have many things to be thankful for and much to look forward to in 2011.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Youth Advisory Council Learns Community and Philanthropy



2010 Youth Advisory Council

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council awarded \$8,500 in grants in 2010 for 13 community projects. The Youth Council is comprised of fourteen Erie County high school students from Sandusky, St. Mary Central Catholic, Perkins, Huron, Edison, Margaretta and Vermilion High Schools.

The Youth Council students visit non-profit organizations in

Erie County each month during the school year to learn about community needs, in preparation for their grant making program in the spring. The Youth Council has awarded a total of \$62,000 since its beginning ten years ago.

Funding for the 2010 Youth Council Grants program was provided by the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation and the Sandusky Rotary Club.

George and Mary Foster Family Fund

George Foster was a "behind the scenes" generous man during his lifetime. According to his son Dave Foster, he took care of people. "Even at his funeral we were finding out about other people we didn't know about in the community that he had helped."

George and Mary Foster believed in giving back to their community and they passed those values on to their sons. As a tribute to the generous spirit and community-minded values their parents taught them, the family encouraged Mr. Foster to establish the George and Mary Foster Family Fund. Using the Community

Foundation to establish a donor advised fund allows their sons to suggest the organizations they would like to support. It also allows for the George and Mary Foster Family Fund to benefit Erie County for generations to come.

Dave added, "As the family business is a part of the community our father believed it is important to support local organizations and people in the local community."

For more information about establishing a fund or making a donation to the George and Mary Foster Family Fund, contact Anna Oertel at 419-621-9690 or info@sanduskyfoundation.org



George and Mary Foster

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How to Get Involved

Donors to the Sandusky/
Erie County Community
Foundation all have
something in common.
They have ideas and dreams
for Erie County and they
are using the Foundation to
help make those dreams a
reality.

Some donors create
scholarships for Erie
County students. Some
donors address changing
needs in our community
with a donor-advised fund

named for their family. Still
other donors choose to
give to an agency's existing
endowment fund, ensuring
their good works continue
for generations to come.

If you have dreams for Erie
County we would love to
help you make them
happen.

For additional information
regarding any of the
information you've read in
this newsletter, please
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**What are your big ideas for Erie
County?**