



Erie County Community Foundation 2018 Summer Internship Program

The “Summer Internship Program” has completed the sixth successful year in Erie County with five interns being employed by Erie County non-profit organizations. The program was started with the idea to introduce Erie County students to working in the non-profit corporate world and to attempt to have these same students remain in Erie County.

This 2018 summer internship program was made possible as the result of grants from the Sam S. and Rose Stein Foundation, the Wightman-Wieber Foundation, the Murray and Murray Charitable Foundation, the Randolph and Estelle Dorn Foundation, the Sidney Frohman Foundation, the Mylander Foundation, the Kenneth and Rhonda Watt Donor Advised Fund, and The Erie County Community Foundation. Grants received totaled \$19,500.00 plus the 2017 carryover of \$1,612.53 leaving the fund balance of \$289.22 for 2019.

The internship committee selected five Erie County organizations as host sites. They were Erie County Economic Development Corporation, Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center, Sandusky Library and Follett House Museum, Serving Our Seniors, and United Way of Erie County. These host sites were each given two applicants which they then interviewed and made their final selection. The five interns were from three Erie County high schools. They are currently students at Xavier University, Ohio State University, Miami of Ohio University, and Cleveland State University.

Erie County Economic Development Corporation (ECDEC) selected Kelleigh Beatty from Perkins Township as their intern. Kelleigh assisted Erie County companies in the “Start, Stay, and Grow” program as she assisted them in site selection, community connections, financial resources, workforce development, and served as a liaison to public officials and services. Kelleigh also worked with the Huron County Economic Development Corporation with the RISE program.

Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center selected Stacey Sinwald of Berlin Heights as their intern. Stacey worked with the Youth Initiative planning their summer community events and visited the Ottawa County Jail on Fridays to counsel inmates on their “Health Action Management program. She was involved in Mindful Mondays which is an evening get together that entails counseling, light exercise, and meditation.





Sandusky Library and Follett House Museum selected Danielle Schwerer of Perkins Township as their intern. Danielle worked mainly in the archives department of the library as she collected and processed pending archival and entered the information in the Library's software system. She also spent time at the Follett House Museum as a tour guide, curator, and researching records on early school days in Sandusky and the history of Johnson Island.

Serving Our Seniors selected Elizabeth Grant of Sandusky as their intern. Elizabeth developed and implemented a senior social networking program called "Flock Together". This program was developed for anyone over the age of sixty and Elizabeth scheduled and planned various social activities such as lunches, dinners, trips to Brick Art Gallery and McBride Arboretum, and other educational events throughout the summer. The purpose of this program was to encourage friendships and social interactions among Erie County seniors.

United Way of Erie County selected Morgan Skaff of Perkins Township as their intern. Morgan worked directly with the Erie County Collaborative Assistance Network on developing Charity Tracker software. Charity Tracker is an online database that allows the collaboration of numerous agencies with client database management she developed a Charity Tracker training manual for the registered agencies. Morgan was heavily involved in the "Duck Derby" a United Way fundraiser, wrote grants, and was involved in day to day operations of the agency.

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