



Foundation Distributions Top \$1 Million

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2016, the twenty-first year of operations for this organization, has turned into a banner year for Foundation distributions, which will top \$1,000,000 for the first time since 2009! As of publication of this newsletter, distributions total \$1,006,116, and the year is not yet finished.

From Community Grants to Special Initiatives like our Internship Program to Designated Agency Distributions, Scholarships, and Donor-Advised-directed Grants, each corner of Erie County and every possible giving area has been touched by the Community Foundation.

Nearly \$430,000 was distributed through Community Grants including:

\$5,000 to the Erie Huron Ottawa Vocational

Education Center to support adult students and assist them with obtaining licensure and purchasing uniforms.

A \$2,000 grant ensured that audiences enjoyed a production of *James and the Giant Peach* presented by BGSU Firelands at the Caryl Crane Theater.

A \$10,000 grant to Care and Share provided food for distribution through its pantry.

Nehemiah Partners received \$3,000 to start a community garden managed by the children the organization serves.

Foundation Donor Advisors distributed nearly \$200,000 to charities whose work touched their hearts.

Over \$257,000 was distributed to local nonprofits through their Designated Funds, annual grants to support their operations that the nonprofits can use at their discretion.

Foundation scholarships topped \$83,000, providing much-needed support for local students pursuing education beyond high school.

Internships and Special Projects, like the Imagination Library partnership with Sandusky Library and the Kiwanis Club of Sandusky, totaled over \$38,000.

It is only through the foresight of the Foundation's founders and the generosity of its donors that these distributions were possible, and we look forward to making a impact on Erie County in the future.

For a complete list of Foundation Funds and Community Grants, visit eriefoundation.org.

Round 2 Community Grants

Awarded

The Foundation distributed \$107,065 to local nonprofits in its second round of Community Grants.

The Erie County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the distribution of its Round 2, 2016 community grants cycle. Funding for these grants was made possible as the result of another major grant to the Foundation from the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation as well as through the generous support of many donors in the community.

Organizations receiving funding include:

- Human Society of Erie County for new street signage
- Perkins Township for a Fairview Lanes Park Expression Swing
- Firelands Christian Academy for a new stove and refrigerator in the cafeteria
- Sandusky Central Catholic School for a remote sliding security gate.
- Sidney Frohman Planetarium for projector maintenance and upgrade
- Veggie U for classroom garden refills
- Bellevue Society for the Arts for royalties and set expenses for 2017 productions
- Main Street Vermilion for support of its Ice

- Edison Birthplace Association for a computer for the executive director
- Edison Middle School for Lake Erie Environmental Education.
- Firelands Symphony Orchestra for artistic expenses for the 2016-2017 season
- Museum of Carousel Art and History for repairs
- Sandusky Area Maritime Association for a virtual boating trainer
- Sandusky Concert Association for the American Boychoir Concert
- Sandusky State Theater for masonry and exterior repair
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Erie County for a safety door
- Boots to Grasses Therapeutic Horsemanship Program for economy corral panels and supplies
- Care and Share of Erie County for a large heating unit in the client waiting area
- Catholic Charities—Diocese of Toledo for trailer and expenses for a furniture ministry
- Crystal Tower Women’s and Children’s Shelter for a security alarm system
- Erie County Senior Center for dining floor replacement
- Firelands Habitat for Humanity for lumber for 1915 Clay Street residence
- Goodwill Industries for job

- placement services technology
- Grace’s Kitchen for commercial floor mats
- Lorain County Free Clinic for services to Vermilion residents
- Project Share of Margaretta Township for food, clothing and gifts for low-income families
- Salvation Army Vermilion for the Backpack Program
- Sandusky Cultural Center for an interior lighting upgrade
- Salvation Army Sandusky for Christmas food baskets
- Second Harvest Food Bank for Erie County food programs
- Zion Lutheran Church for community Thanksgiving dinner
- Boy Scouts of America for school nigh recruitment
- Kiwanis Club of Sandusky for expansion of the Imagination Library
- Sandusky Churches Adopt a School Partnership for Goals and Action Program for high school students.

The Erie County Community Foundation continues a tradition of mindful, effective grant making, addressing a variety of needs throughout Erie County. The next deadline is Feb. 1, 2017. For additional information, visit eriefoundation.org

New Scholarship with Buckeye Broadband



The Foundation is excited to partner with Buckeye Broadband to offer the Scholar of the Month and Scholar of the Year Programs. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to an area student monthly from November through May. Students will then be eligible for an \$8,000 award (\$2,000 annually, renewable for four years) upon completing a competitive interview and application process.

Applications are available through high school guidance offices, and on the Foundation’s website eriefoundation.org.

“We are grateful for the opportunity to help administer this program for Buckeye Broadband and appreciate their generosity to this community,” said Beth Maiden, Executive Director.

High school seniors attending any high school in the Erie County community served by Buckeye Broadband are eligible.

Visit eriefoundation.org or call 419-621-9690 for more information.

Making a Difference Through Designated Funds

As a community foundation, we are designed to benefit the people of Erie County forever. One of our roles is to manage Designated Funds in perpetuity. Designated Funds benefit a specific school, church, or other nonprofit organization. The Fund can be created by a donor or by the organization itself.

Last year, the Erie County Community Foundation distributed \$257,073 to seventy-three local organizations, churches, schools, and service clubs. Unlike Community Grants which are to be utilized for a specific purpose or project, Designated Fund grants may be utilized by the organization for general operations or for special

projects; they are utilized at the organization’s discretion.

“The Sandusky State Theatre could not survive without the guidance and support of the Erie County Community Foundation,” said Dave Taylor, Executive Director, Sandusky State Theatre. “Their stewardship of the endowment for the theatre allows us to use the distribution for staff salaries, utility costs, repairs and improvements for a federal landmark that exists to provide cultural and artistic experiences to the community and serve as a host for numerous community events.”

Donations to Designated Funds provides sustainable funding for today and for the

future. For example, a Designated Fund with a balance of \$500,000 distributing 4% provides \$20,000 annually.

This year, consider a gift to your favorite nonprofit through the Community Foundation, or leave a legacy through an estate gift. Call Beth Maiden at the Foundation to learn more.





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Foundation Gears Up for 2017 Internships

Looking for an amazing paid summer job opportunity? Current Erie County college students can apply for the Foundation's 2017 Community Links Internship Program.

The program is a 10-week program for undergraduate or graduate students who are committed to public service, community-building, and social change.

Applicants must have completed one year of college, have a declared major, pass a BCI background check and have their own transportation.

The 2017 Internship application is available at:
eriefoundation.org.

For additional information, call or email Randy Wagner in the Foundation's office at 419-621-9690 or randyw@eriefoundation.org.



2016 Intern Abigail Spitler pictured with Supervisor Barb Hanck, Goodwill Industries