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THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Home.

We're all familiar with the phrase, "Home is where the heart is." At The Columbus Foundation, we believe that home is also **where the heart gives**. Home is more than a location; it's a deep sense of knowing and caring for the people and places around you.

Philanthropy is how we care for and nurture our home—whether it's the community where you grew up, where you went to school, where you raised your family, or where you currently live, work, and volunteer. Since 1943, when this cornerstone of philanthropy was founded in the midst of WWII, The Columbus Foundation has been honored to serve as your home for philanthropy.

Fueled by your generosity, we're continuing to nurture and grow our community—for this generation and all the future generations that will call it home, too.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome  
home!

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Home to so many personal legacies, so much generosity, so much care, and so much exhibited commitment to leaving the world a better place. For all of the pathways and journeys you have been on to get here, we now have this home in common, and our communities are so much the better for how we have come together to help others now, and to build better futures for all.

**HOWEVER AND FROM WHEREVER**

you have come to The Columbus Foundation, you are part of a very special and important group of folks committed to that which has the best chance to help us through the challenges of our time. We are united by something bigger than ourselves, something that we need now, and that we build to outlast us.

At this home, you have a team you can rely on to personally serve your charitable needs. While we provide the efficiencies of the best that technology has to offer, here you have the continuity of folks who know you and are committed to serve you and the causes you care about with accountable dispatch—a far cry from talking to an AI chatbot or service personnel located thousands of miles away who you are likely to never connect with again.

That's what we mean as we title this Annual Report "Home." It is a sense of comfort we hope you gain from being a part of something so steadfast and dependable in its commitment to your success and fulfillment through your generosity. It is the pride you can gain from knowing you are doing your part to build this vessel of care to help our neighbors navigate the choppy waters they find themselves in. They are family in this home, too.

For more than 80 years, The Columbus Foundation has served as the home for philanthropic giving to thousands of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations, each with their own unique charitable goals. Thanks to donors like you, as well as those who are no longer with us, The Columbus Foundation awarded **nearly \$308 million** in grants to nonprofits in 2024.

Since its founding in 1943, this



PICTURED (l-r):  
Clark Kellogg,  
Governing Committee  
Chairperson, and  
Douglas F. Kridler,  
President and CEO  
of The Columbus  
Foundation.

generosity has culminated in **\$4.2 billion** to organizations that are transforming lives, creating opportunities, and responding to our community's greatest needs.

Because of your trust in this philanthropic institution and the thoughtful stewardship of many throughout our history, The Columbus Foundation remains one of the largest community foundations in the world. By supporting us with your time, talent, and treasure—and, indeed, your commitment to our community—you are helping to strengthen and improve our region for generations to come.

As you'll read in the stories featured in this Annual Report, this place we call home is dynamic, resilient, resourceful, and, above all, generous. This is a reflection of your passion and dedication—

from the donors and professional advisors who partner with The Columbus Foundation to our local nonprofits that are building a vibrant, thriving central Ohio for all. It also includes The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee, whose exceptional leadership helps carry us through these ever-changing times, and our staff, whose talent and optimism help move our work forward.

We hope you enjoy the stories and information throughout this Annual Report, and that through the theme of celebrating home, you are uplifted by what you are helping build through your engagement here. There is so much at stake in what we do, how we do it, and who we do it with, and we are determined to do our part to help you help others through the most effective and

meaningful philanthropy possible.

Welcome home—we are so glad you are here, with us.

DOUGLAS F. KRIDLER  
President and CEO

CLARK KELLOGG  
Governing Committee Chairperson



# CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

**IN 1943**, during the bleak and uncertain times of WWII, a passionate group of citizens—guided by the visionary leadership of Columbus businessman Harrison M. Sayre—came together to establish The Columbus Foundation.

Their vision was to create a trusted institution that would assist, encourage, and promote philanthropic giving for the betterment of the community and all its people.

More than 80 years later, The Columbus Foundation continues to serve as the home of so much generosity and community spirit. To commemorate this legacy and The Columbus Foundation's 80th anniversary, the Governing Committee approved more than \$7.2 million in grants to central Ohio nonprofits that are investing in projects designed to provide lasting improvements in our cultural infrastructure, public spaces, and access to food and shelter.

## CENTRAL COMMUNITY HOUSE – TRANSIT ARTS

*To support youth participation in TRANSIT ARTS' citywide arts, culture, and character-building programming.*

## COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CAPA)

*To convert the former Central Presbyterian Church on S. 3rd Street into a performing arts and event venue.*

## COLUMBUS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

*To support the "Here for Change" campaign, prioritizing the Center for Creative Innovation, a new interdisciplinary makers' space and collaboration hub.*



## COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION & CAPITOL SOUTH

*To support the Capital Line, a downtown cultural trail for cyclists and pedestrians featuring public art, civic sites, and community gathering places.*

## COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART

*To support the Columbus Museum of Art as it continues to offer enriching experiences and serve as a welcoming space for the people of central Ohio and beyond.*

## COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD

*To support the Shelter Providers Network as organizations respond to increased needs among people experiencing homelessness.*

## FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

*To support the North Star Master Plan, including capital infrastructure improvements and campus enhancements.*

## MAROON ARTS GROUP

*To support renovation of the James Pythian Theater, envisioned as a home for the celebration of Black art and culture, studio and collaborative spaces, and venue for artists.*

## MID-OHIO FOOD COLLECTIVE

*To support the Eastland Prosperity Center, which will offer resources and services including a health clinic, pharmacy, and free grocery market.*

## OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION – POINDEXTER VILLAGE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

*To support additional planning and implementation of the Poindexter Village African American Museum.*

## THE RAPID 5 LAND TRUST STEWARDSHIP FUND OF THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

*To support land acquisition for conservation and public use and access.*

## STREETLIGHT GUILD

*To provide unrestricted operating support and facility enhancements.*



# 2024 AWARDS



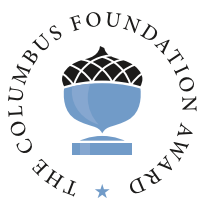
*The Harrison M. Sayre Award*, given in honor of The Columbus Foundation's founder and 25-year volunteer director, recognizes leadership in philanthropy in central Ohio.

PICTURED: Betsy Rueb. Photo courtesy of Betsy Rueb's estate.



2024 HARRISON M. SAYRE AWARD HONOREE

MARY E. "BETSY" RUEB



Created in 1986, *The Columbus Foundation Award* recognizes organizations that have made a difference in the quality of life in our community.

PICTURED: Toshia Safford, President and CEO of The Center for Healthy Families.



2024 COLUMBUS FOUNDATION AWARD HONOREE

THE CENTER FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES





Created in 2013 in honor of Jerrie Mock, the first woman to fly solo around the world, *The Spirit of Columbus® Award* celebrates those in our community who exhibit bravery, determination, and boldness through their actions.

PICTURED (l-r): Dr. Frederic Bertley, President and CEO of COSI and 2023 *Spirit of Columbus Award* honoree; Clark Kellogg, The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee Chairperson; Linda Logan, CEO and President of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission and 2024 *Spirit of Columbus Award* honoree; Doug Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation; and Gene Smith, Former Senior Vice President and Athletic Director for The Ohio State University.



#### 2024 SPIRIT OF COLUMBUS AWARD HONOREE

## LINDA LOGAN

President and CEO of the Greater Columbus Sports Commission



Since 2014, The Columbus Foundation's 5 Nonprofits to Watch program has highlighted an array of nonprofits working to strengthen and improve our community.

#### 5 NONPROFITS TO WATCH IN 2024

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING ALLIANCE OF CENTRAL OHIO

## FRANKLINTON FARMS

## MANSION DAY SCHOOL

## NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF CENTRAL OHIO

## WE AMPLIFY VOICES

YOUR  
*home*  
FOR  
PHILANTHROPY



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT – DONOR SERVICES



**FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS,** The Columbus Foundation has been helping our generous donors support the organizations and causes they care about most—whether that be the arts, education, housing, community development, health, environmental stewardship, or social services. A few of these donors can be found within the pages of this Annual Report, but know that each of you, along with your unique philanthropic goals, make up The Columbus Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the world.

We thank you for your patience as we worked hard in 2024 to improve both our operating system and our physical campus. We have enjoyed welcoming you back to our new, improved event space at The Columbus Foundation. If you haven't been able to join us yet, we hope you are able to soon.

Your partnership with The Columbus Foundation is very important, both to us and to the community. The fees we charge not only allow us to provide great service to you—they also allow us to bring to the community important initiatives that improve well-being in our region like The Big Table®, the Center for HumanKindness, Gifts of Kindness, and The Big Give, just to name a few. These initiatives help make Columbus a place you want to call home.

Here at The Columbus Foundation, we stand ready to assist you in connecting your values to charitable giving. Our team of experts has years of experience in helping individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits meet their charitable goals. We are honored to be your home for philanthropy, where your name and legacy can live on as we assist you, our donors, and others in strengthening and improving your community for the benefit of all its residents—today, tomorrow, and for future generations.

In partnership,

**ANGELA G. PARSONS, JD, CAP®**  
Vice President – Donor Services

# RANSIER FAMILY FUND

EST. 2020

## A FAMILY UNITED BY *Purpose*

### GATHERED IN THEIR FAMILY HOME

on the Near East Side, the Ransiers—Kathy, Fred, and their sons Brad and Rick—radiate warmth, humor, and gracious hospitality. A close-knit group, the family also speaks frequently and fondly of their late son and brother, Charles, who they say serves as their inspiration every day.

The Ransier family's story began more than 50 years ago. Kathy, who grew up in West Virginia, moved to Ohio to attend the Western College for Women, now part of Miami University. After a brief career as a systems engineer, Kathy decided to pursue a law degree at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, where she met Fred, a fellow law student. Prior to law school, Fred, who was raised in New York, had relocated to Ohio to attend Central State University.

The couple, who remained in Columbus after finishing law school, went on to have long and successful careers, including starting their own law practice, Ransier & Ransier, in 1976, which for over 26

years delivered legal services to individuals and businesses. Later, both Kathy and Fred joined the law firm Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, where they would retire in 2012 and 2018, respectively.

Although Kathy and Fred credit their careers for helping them get involved in the community, including through volunteer service on local boards and commissions, it's their children and grandchildren who have had the greatest influence on their philanthropy. Charles, in particular, has had a sizeable impact.

The second of the three Ransier sons, Charles was born on November 13, 1981. Described by his family as a funny guy who didn't know a stranger, Charles was born with developmental disabilities that affected his development and life expectancy. However, Kathy and Fred were determined to provide Charles with opportunities to grow and thrive alongside his brothers. Despite being told by doctors that Charles would likely not live beyond his second birthday, he defied

expectations, living for almost 18 years.

For the Ransiers, life with Charles was filled with joy—and it was an experience that demonstrated the power of teamwork and community.

"This community has given us so much," said Kathy, who previously served as Chair of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "From the quality of education our sons received to the friends and







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—KATHY RANSIER

neighbors who embraced Charles, so many people have given us so much.”

Wanting to pay that generosity forward, the Ransiers established the *Ransier Family Fund*, a Donor Advised Fund at The Columbus Foundation, in 2020 to support organizations that reflect their values and to honor Charles. Through their fund, the family has awarded grants to a variety of organizations, including the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts,

Columbus School for Girls, Cristo Rey Columbus High School, Jazz Arts Group of Columbus, and Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

Today, the Ransier home often serves as a gathering place for friends, neighbors, and family—which, as Fred explains, underscores the family’s desire to care for the people and community around them.

“How proud am I that I’m here with my two sons and their children, and

that we’re a tight-knit group,” said Fred. “Charles has a lot to do with that. We shared a unique experience together, and that’s why we honor him in our lives.”

PICTURED (l-r): Rick, Brad, Kathy, and Fred Ransier.

## INGRAM-WHITE CASTLE FOUNDATION

EST. 1981

# INVESTING IN *Opportunity*

### FOR MANY, THE NAME WHITE CASTLE

is synonymous with hamburger sliders and restaurants that resemble castles. But for central Ohio nonprofits and White Castle team members across the country, the name holds a far deeper meaning. It's a family business that values giving back to the community and invests in educational opportunities to help people achieve their dreams.

That's all thanks to E.W. "Billy" Ingram, founder of White Castle Systems, Inc. As Erin Shannon, Billy's great-granddaughter and Corporate Relations Manager of White Castle, shared, Billy believed it was important to support his community, and he was particularly passionate about helping others pursue their educational goals.

"It was very important from his point of view to give back to the community," said Shannon. "He had a wonderful philosophy of supporting organizations in neighborhoods where our castles are located and where we live, work, and raise our families, which makes giving back to our Columbus communities a

collaborative partnership."

These values are carried on today through the *Ingram-White Castle Foundation*, which Billy started as the Edgar W. Ingram Foundation, a private foundation, in 1949. In 1981, the Ingram-White Castle Foundation became a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, where it continues to operate under the generosity and stewardship of the Ingram family.

The Ingram-White Castle Foundation awards grants to nonprofits primarily in the central Ohio region, typically in the fields of education and human services. In 2024, the foundation supported several local organizations, including the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation, Columbus Speech and Hearing Center, I Am Boundless Inc., LifeCare Alliance, Student Success Stores, and more.

In addition to grantmaking, the Ingram-White Castle Foundation also offers scholarships to team members and their dependents through the Ingram-White Castle Team Member



Scholarships program, which started in 1989 to support part-time and full-time students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. Students can use the scholarship toward tuition and to help defray other educational expenses, such as textbooks and technology.

Omar Cooper, a General Manager for White Castle in Detroit, said that the scholarship he received from the Ingram-White Castle Foundation—which totaled \$40,000 and was awarded in special recognition of





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—ERIN SHANNON

White Castle’s 100th birthday—allowed him to expand his horizons and earn his undergraduate degree debt-free. A recent graduate of Michigan State University, Cooper is now pursuing a master’s in public administration at Wayne State University and hopes to find a career that allows him to explore his interests in criminal justice and public policy.

“The scholarship allowed me to go to school and get an education stress-free,” explained Cooper. “It

also reassured me that the company really cares.”

In 2024, the Ingram-White Castle Foundation approved more than \$4.3 million in grants and scholarships, a single-year record since its inception. To Shannon, who also serves as the Secretary of the Ingram-White Castle Foundation, this milestone represents a caring, giving community in action.

“As a family-owned business, we’re grateful that Billy decided to move to Columbus in 1934,” said Shannon. “Through collaboration,

everybody is working together to move our city forward and support the community as much as we can.”

Since the first Supporting Foundation was established at The Columbus Foundation in 1976, more than \$1 billion has been collectively granted to support programs and causes in central Ohio and beyond.

PICTURED (l-r): Members of the Ingram family and the Ingram-White Castle Foundation board, Erin Shannon, Secretary, Maryann I. Kelley, Assistant Secretary, and Edgar W. “Bill” Ingram, III, President/Treasurer.

## IGS ENERGY EMPLOYEE HARDSHIP FUND

EST. 2023

# PROVIDING HELP IN TIMES *of Need*

### THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

partners with central Ohio businesses to help their employees—both locally and nationally—who are experiencing hardship. Through the creation of a fund to support an Emergency Assistance Program, or EAP, at The Columbus Foundation, businesses are able to provide financial support to employees facing an unexpected crisis, such as a natural disaster, the death of a family member, or a short-term illness.

Today, The Columbus Foundation works with 28 companies to support employees in their time of need, helping businesses create customized programs while handling administrative tasks. One such company is IGS Energy, a private, family-owned energy retail supplier headquartered in Dublin. Founded in 1989, IGS Energy employs roughly 2,200 individuals, including nearly 600 in central Ohio.

Although IGS Energy has managed an EAP since 2015, a few years ago the company began looking for ways to modernize its program

to accommodate the company's growing footprint. As Jen Bowden, Vice President of Social Impact at IGS Energy, explained, after learning more about the flexibility and ease of EAPs at The Columbus Foundation, the *IGS Energy Employee Hardship Fund* was moved to the Foundation in 2023. The fund continues to provide timely, critical support to IGS Energy employees when the unexpected occurs.

"We are a company that thinks long term and, as a result, invests a lot in our employees," said Bowden. "When people face hardships like an illness, a natural disaster, or some sort of crisis, it can become all-consuming. We want to make sure employees get the resources they need to recover and have their needs met."

In 2024, following Hurricanes Helene and Milton, which caused large-scale damage and disruption in states like Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, IGS Energy worked with The Columbus Foundation to deliver quick financial

assistance to employees impacted by the storms. For instance, dozens of IGS Energy employees in South Carolina were without power for several days, leaving them unable to access the funds needed to buy groceries and other basic needs.

Through the IGS Energy Employee Hardship Fund, the company provided support to affected employees, offering much-needed assistance in the aftermath of the







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—JEN BOWDEN

storms. In the weeks and months following the hurricanes, the fund also helped employees and their families recover from the long-term effects of the storm, including home repairs.

In 2024, EAPs at The Columbus Foundation awarded more than \$2.3 million in grants to individuals experiencing a sudden hardship, which was a record-breaking year. Roughly two-thirds of the grants were related to acts of nature—such as

tornadoes, flooding, and hurricanes—in communities in Ohio and beyond.

According to Bowden, creating a shared culture of care and support is deeply important to IGS Energy. Not only do employees personally contribute to the IGS Energy Employee Hardship Fund, but the company also donates leftover personal time off, or PTO, balances into the fund. The company also engages employees through

volunteer service and charitable giving initiatives.

“It’s a point of pride for our employees,” said Bowden. “Giving back is a really big part of our culture. When you have success, there is an obligation to give back and support the community.”

PICTURED: Jen Bowden, Vice President of Social Impact at IGS Energy.

## WAKELIN-CHAUHAN FAMILY FUND

EST. 2022

# DRIVEN BY *Gratitude*

### ANU CHAUHAN AND JOHN WAKELIN

share many interests—among them, helping people through their careers in medicine, traveling the world to visit friends, and spending time with family, especially their two children, ages 13 and 11. The couple resides in Bexley and also shares a passion for giving back to the community, supporting causes like education, healthcare, social justice, and the arts.

Chauhan, who grew up in Worthington, earned her undergraduate degree at Kent State University before completing medical school at the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine. She returned to Columbus for a fellowship training in rheumatology and was soon introduced to Wakelin by a mutual friend.

Wakelin, meanwhile, grew up in Sylvania, Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. After earning his bachelor's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati, he moved to Columbus to attend medical school at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and complete his residency training.

Today, Chauhan works as a rheumatologist for the Columbus Arthritis Center, while Wakelin works as a plastic surgeon for CAPS.

The couple described that their philanthropy is fueled by a deep sense of gratitude and a desire to help others access opportunities that have been afforded to them. For Wakelin, giving back is also an extension of his upbringing. "It was always a big part of what we as a family did," said Wakelin.

Not only was his family involved with causes that provide support to people with disabilities, but Wakelin has also completed several mission trips over the years, including with Operation Smile. Through his volunteer work with the organization, Wakelin has traveled to countries like Egypt, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Morocco to perform life-changing reconstructive surgery on children and adults with cleft lips and palates.

Now with a family of their own, Chauhan and Wakelin have begun involving their children in philanthropy, including having

conversations about the importance of gratitude and service. Their hope is to inspire their son and daughter to discover causes that they're passionate about and to dedicate their time and talent toward helping others. This summer, their son traveled to Costa Rica for an immersion program that included community service projects.

"Hopefully we're making an impression on them," said Wakelin.







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—ANU CHAUHAN

“Now that they’re getting older, we’re looking forward to them participating more in these experiences.”

“We want them to know that they can make an impact in so many different ways,” added Chauhan.

Wanting to be more thoughtful and strategic with their charitable giving, Chauhan and Wakelin established the *Wakelin-Chauhan Family Fund*, a Donor Advised Fund at The Columbus Foundation,

in 2022. Through the fund, the family has generously supported numerous organizations, including those promoting the arts, education, healthcare, and more.

Although Chauhan and Wakelin have visited locations around the globe, Columbus holds a special place in their hearts—not just because of family ties or their careers, but because of the open, supportive, and collaborative spirit of

the community.

“I came back to Columbus and stayed because it’s an amazing place,” said Chauhan. “The community is great. It makes you feel like home.”

PICTURED: Anu Chauhan and John Wakelin.



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COMMUNITY  
IMPACT

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT — COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT



**INDEED, WE ARE HONORED** to be your home for philanthropy.

When thinking of the nonprofit sector, and our community, home really is where the heart is. Central Ohio's nonprofit sector is filled with those doing heart work and hard work.

As our community experiences growth and change—both positive and challenging—nonprofits in our region are rising to the occasion. The Columbus Foundation's Community Research and Grants Management team is right alongside these organizations, investing in the aspirations and necessities of the sector.

Your generosity fuels the essential work nonprofits do to support those seeking services. Most literally, this could be related to housing—from emergency shelter to affordable, stable housing—and ensuring that individuals and families have a safe place to call a home.

Beyond that, nonprofits are the home base for a myriad of services that strengthen and improve our community, building brighter futures for our youngest minds, creating connections and a stronger sense of belonging, stewarding our natural resources, sharing creative and artistic expression, and listening deeply to our neighbors about what they truly need to thrive.

As uncertainty permeates the nonprofit sector, largely through drastic changes to funding streams, The Columbus Foundation, fueled by your generosity, plays an important role in empowering and rooting organizations to their mission delivery. The collective spirit of the work being done in the nonprofit sector is based on the goal of ensuring that everyone can flourish, because we have created, shaped, and built it through thoughtful generosity. And in such a way that we can, collectively, be proud of where we call home.

With gratitude for your partnership and generosity,

**DAN A. SHARPE**  
Vice President – Community Research  
and Grants Management

## LOWER LIGHTS MINISTRIES

# THRIVING FAMILIES, FLOURISHING NEIGHBORHOODS

**LOWER LIGHTS MINISTRIES** has been dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and helping individuals and families thrive for more than three decades. In its early years, the organization focused on supporting families in crisis by helping them meet their basic needs. Over time, Lower Lights Ministries has evolved to provide a range of services, all designed to help people find stability, opportunity, and hope.

“We want to see children, youth, and adults strong, thriving, and flourishing,” said Emmalyn Jerome, CEO of Lower Lights Ministries. “Our mission is to create safe and stable environments for people to discover who they are, build a sense of identity, and grow and develop into strong leaders.”

Serving residents in Franklinton and the Hilltop, Lower Lights Ministries offers:

- Supportive housing programs to formerly incarcerated women and families experiencing housing instability and to women recovering from substance use disorders;
- Enriching personal and educational opportunities to youth through the organization’s Community Learning Center and youth mentoring program; and
- Mentoring and supportive services to adults through the Lower Lights Outreach Services program, helping them overcome barriers and achieve personal goals.

Although the scope of these programs may seem expansive, Jerome explained that each is developed with input from the individuals that the organization serves. According to Jerome, this responsive and relational approach recognizes people as individuals with complex, interconnected lives.

“We invest in the restoration of the whole person,” said Jerome. “People come with a lot of assets and strengths,

but often those have been pushed down because survival mode has taken over. That’s where we come in: to create environments for people to overcome challenges and get to that next step.”

A few years ago, Lower Lights Ministries was approached by a single father in the organization’s supportive housing program. He wanted to know if Lower Lights Ministries had ever considered offering childcare. As Jerome shared, the more Lower Lights Ministries reflected on the opportunity, the more childcare seemed like a perfect fit—especially considering the need for more high-quality, affordable childcare options in neighborhoods like the Hilltop.

In collaboration with early childhood experts, Lower Lights Ministries formulated a plan to build an accessible, affordable, and high-quality childcare center. After purchasing a former pharmacy that had fallen into disrepair, Lower Lights Ministries—with the generous support of the community—transformed the blighted property into a colorful, inviting space for young learners.

In 2024, Lower Lights Ministries officially opened the **Lower Lights Child Enrichment Center**, which now serves infants and children up to age 5. Recognizing the importance of high-quality early learning experiences for local families, The Columbus Foundation, its Supporting Foundations, and its donors awarded more than \$325,000 in grants toward the project. With the Child Enrichment Center now operating, Lower Lights Ministries is helping to develop young minds so that children, too, can grow into healthy, thriving adults.

“Our focus is not just getting kids ready for Kindergarten, but getting them ready for life,” said Jerome. “We’re partnering with families to help children build resiliency and core life skills.”



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—EMMALYN JEROME,  
CEO OF LOWER LIGHTS MINISTRIES



PICTURED: Emmalyn Jerome, CEO of Lower Lights Ministries, at the Lower Lights Child Enrichment Center.

## GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND

# A CHANCE TO DREAM BIG

**FOR TAMMY WHARTON**, President and CEO of Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, it started as a dream. Or, more specifically, a hand-drawn note on a napkin.

Five years ago, Wharton, other Girl Scout leaders, and local partners began to visualize a learning environment where Girl Scouts and community members could explore the world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Wharton saw the project as an opportunity to dream big.

"We had an idea of what we wanted. We knew this could be as big as we dreamed," said Wharton.

After visiting STEM centers throughout the country and gathering feedback from Girl Scouts and the community, a plan emerged. In 2022, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland—which serves 14,000 girls ages 5-17 across central Ohio—launched the Dream Big Transformational Initiative, a \$16 million capital campaign to build a state-of-the-art STEM center in central Ohio.

In October 2024, Wharton's dream became a reality when the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland opened the **AEP Foundation STEM Leadership Center and CK Construction Maker Space**, the largest Girl Scout STEM Center in the United States. The 25,000-square-foot facility—located just a short drive away from downtown Columbus at Camp Ken-Jockety in Galloway—provides a place for Girl Scouts to engage in immersive STEM experiences. Through hands-on programs, girls can learn about robotics, chemistry, astronomy, environmental science, construction, food science, and more.

One of the goals of the center is to introduce young girls to STEM career paths, helping to fuel the future workforce

and close the gender gap in STEM. Currently, women make up roughly half of the workforce in the United States. Yet, they remain drastically underrepresented in STEM fields—from computers and mathematics to architecture and engineering.

As Wharton explained, early exposure to STEM education is crucial, particularly for girls. Research shows that young girls' interest in STEM typically diminishes by age 11 and continues to decline over the course of their education.

"We want girls to be given opportunities to discover STEM careers and to develop skills and interests that they may not have otherwise had, simply because they are girls," said Wharton. "We want them to have the confidence and courage to reach for the stars."

Wharton expressed her deep gratitude for the many generous donors—including businesses, nonprofits, Girl Scout troops, and individuals—who brought the STEM center to life through the Dream Big campaign. The Columbus Foundation, its Supporting Foundations, and its donors have awarded several grants to support the initiative, and the Foundation was among the first organizations to make a large investment in the capital campaign.

Although the STEM center houses programs specifically for Girl Scouts, Wharton said it's also a place for the community, including local schools, companies, and families.

"We have an amazing facility, and we want to share it. There's something here for everybody," said Wharton. "This new center is more than just the programs and activities. It's about making a better future for our girls, for our youth, and for our community."

“We want girls to be given  
*opportunities to discover*  
STEM careers and to develop skills and  
interests that they may not have otherwise  
had, simply because they are girls.”

—TAMMY WHARTON,  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND



PICTURED: Tammy Wharton, President and CEO of Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland,  
at the AEP Foundation STEM Leadership Center and CK Construction Maker Space.



BESA

# A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE

**MORE THAN 15 YEARS AGO**, while working in market research for a local clothing retail brand, Matthew Goldstein found his passion—not in fashion merchandising, but in volunteering.

On Friday and Saturday mornings, Goldstein gave his time to volunteer for a suicide prevention hotline. The work, he says, gave him a deep sense of meaning and purpose, inspiring him to get even more involved in the community through volunteerism. It wasn't long before Goldstein started to organize opportunities for his colleagues to engage in volunteer service as well.

"That's when this light bulb went off," said Goldstein. "I worked with thousands of incredibly smart, talented colleagues who wanted to give back to the community. They just weren't sure how."

In 2012, wanting to help even more individuals discover opportunities to give back to others in meaningful ways, Goldstein founded **Besa**, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting people to community service in Columbus. Today, Besa partners with local nonprofits to help spread awareness of ongoing volunteer opportunities, as well as to help find volunteers to support specific service projects.

Besa partnered with 185 nonprofits in 2024 and, since its founding, the organization has recruited more than 100,000 volunteers to support 13,000 service projects. According to Goldstein, these efforts are equivalent to \$98 million in impact. Beyond the immediate benefits that volunteers provide to nonprofits—including helping organizations further their missions faster and more efficiently—Goldstein said that giving back through service is also critical to building strong, connected communities.

"Volunteerism is essential to the health and well-being of a community," Goldstein explained. "It widens people's understanding and appreciation of the challenges we face

as a region. It builds kindness, empathy, and community."

Many of the volunteers who engage in service projects through Besa are individuals or small groups looking for connection and fulfillment. However, local businesses, both large and small, also work with Besa to help their employees become more active in volunteerism. Through innovative partnerships with the business community, Besa helps mobilize thousands of local employees each year to participate in a variety of volunteer experiences.

The Columbus Foundation, as well as its Supporting Foundations and donors, has awarded numerous grants to Besa to help the organization expand its volunteerism programs, including grants from the *Green Funds* to support programs that promote environmental stewardship. Additionally, the Center for HumanKindness at The Columbus Foundation is a presenting sponsor of Besa's WISH program, an annual holiday gift drive supporting local seniors living on fixed incomes. In 2024, more than 2,000 seniors received holiday gifts that were generously purchased by volunteers throughout the community.

With volunteer rates across the country at all-time lows, Besa has its sight set on reversing this trend locally. Goldstein believes that, now more than ever, volunteerism plays a vital role in bringing people together to address community challenges and improve well-being.

"I don't think there's any higher calling in life than to be of service to other people," said Goldstein. "Volunteerism brings people together to meet needs, create bonds, build bridges, and strengthen communities. And that is what we're focused on each and every day."

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—MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN,  
FOUNDER AND CEO OF BESA



PICTURED: Matthew Goldstein, Founder and CEO of Besa.

# DESIGNING FOR COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

## COLLABORATING FOR LASTING CHANGE

**SINCE 2019**, The Columbus Foundation has led a human-centered design practice that helps nonprofit and social sector leaders gain a deeper understanding of our community's assets, challenges, and needs. Done in collaboration with local nonprofits, city and regional partners, and members of the community, this innovative approach empowers individuals with firsthand experience of a community issue to help co-create solutions that promote positive change.

Heather Tsavaris, who leads The Columbus Foundation's **Designing for Community Well-Being** work, says that providing opportunities for community members to participate in the problem-solving process helps yield deeper truths, shared understanding, and better solutions.

"The most effective way to develop sustainable and meaningful solutions to community challenges is to partner with people who are directly experiencing the challenges," said Tsavaris. "Our efforts are centered on constantly learning from others, identifying barriers, and improving community well-being in partnership with community members."

In 2024, The Columbus Foundation's Designing for Community Well-Being team sought to better understand why some high school students in Columbus are chronically absent from school. In Ohio, chronic absenteeism is defined as a student missing 10 percent or more of the school year for any reason.

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the chronic absenteeism rate at Columbus City Schools was 54.5 percent—the highest rate among large urban schools in Ohio. By comparison, the statewide chronic absenteeism rate was 25.6 percent that same year. Chronic absenteeism is linked to negative outcomes on students' academic performance and overall well-being, including increased risk of dropping out of school, social disengagement, and

challenges securing future employment opportunities.

To gain a deeper understanding of this issue, the Designing for Community Well-Being team recruited four high schoolers, who were or had previously been chronically absent from school, to join the project as co-designers. Additionally, more than two dozen high school students who had experience with chronic absenteeism were invited to participate in interviews to share their perspectives and experiences.

Through these conversations, young people provided valuable insights that challenged assumptions and shed light on the experiences of many students in our community. For instance, participants shared that they felt shame around not showing up to school, but often felt like they had to overcome too many barriers—including transportation, finances, and safety—to attend school full-time. Others felt like they had already missed too much school to get back on track for the academic year, or that the lack of engagement around learning discouraged them from attending school every day.

In collaboration with the young participants, the Designing for Community Well-Being team worked on developing prototypes to test what kind of interventions might make an impact for chronically absent high schoolers, including more flexible learning options and more opportunities to engage with school guidance counselors. Importantly, the team continues to use this work to help inform local and state efforts to address chronic absenteeism.

"The young people who participated in this project are the experts of their own experiences," said Tsavaris. "Their willingness to share their perspectives helped us gain a better understanding of the challenges they face and, together, imagine solutions that can make a lasting difference."



“The most effective way to develop *sustainable and meaningful* solutions to community challenges is to partner with people who are directly experiencing the challenges.”

—HEATHER TSAVARIS,

PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, COMMUNITY WELL-BEING: DESIGN & IMPACT AT THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION



PICTURED: Columbus youth participate in a design project facilitated by The Columbus Foundation's Designing for Community Well-Being team.

# FUNDS ESTABLISHED *in 2024*



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## THE FUNDS FOR COLUMBUS (UNRESTRICTED)

Created by civic-minded individuals to address emerging needs and opportunities in the community, *The Funds for Columbus* are composed of unrestricted funds and contributions. The Columbus Foundation's Community Research and Grants Management team researches and identifies the most effective organizations and initiatives to receive grants from this fund.

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204

TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

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\$290,149,187

MARKET VALUE OF UNRESTRICTED FUNDS  
(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024)

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\$10,000–\$51,207,474

MARKET VALUE RANGE

### MOLLY CAREN FISHER FUND FOR COLUMBUS

This fund was created with a distribution from Molly Caren Fisher's Trust. Molly was born in 1913 on a family farm in Worthington. She received a bachelor's degree in English from The Ohio State University and a master's in sociology from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Molly had a long record of volunteer work with the Junior League

of Columbus, the Columbus Museum of Art, Children's Hospital, Ohio State, and other organizations. She gave her farm in Madison County to Ohio State in 1982 for use by the Farm Science Review. She was married to John M. Caren and then to Fred Fisher. Molly passed away in 2005.



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## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

This fund option allows donors to make contributions to specific fields of interest that have meaning to them. This may include support for multiple areas of interest, such as older adults, healthcare, the arts, or a specific geographic area.

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289

TOTAL FIELD OF  
INTEREST FUNDS

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\$311,615,974

MARKET VALUE OF FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS  
(As of December 31, 2024)

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\$10,000–\$39,956,730

MARKET VALUE RANGE

### ANONYMOUS (1)

#### H.E. FOSNAUGH III AND CAROL J. FOSNAUGH FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

##### SAUL B. HAMOND FUND FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Saul B. Hamond was born and raised in New York City. After a career in the insurance industry, he became passionate about social entrepreneurship and what that could mean for the nonprofit sector. This fund was established by Saul's son, Jeff Hamond, to support social entrepreneurs doing interesting work at small to midsize organizations in central Ohio or other regions.

##### COURTNEY MARX MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT OF THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This fund remembers and honors the life and legacy of Courtney Marx of New Albany, who passed away in 2024.

##### RUHL FAMILY COLLIER COUNTY CHARITABLE FUND

Richard "Dick" Ruhl generously dedicated a portion of his assets to create this fund through his estate plan. During his lifetime, Dick resided in Columbus and spent significant time in Collier County, Florida. This fund continues his long legacy of generosity and philanthropy by benefiting organizations devoted to supporting people's basic needs in Collier County. Dick passed away in 2023 after a wonderful life.

### RICHARD L. SCOTT FUND

This fund was established by an estate gift from Richard Scott. A generous individual committed to helping others, Richard was a coach, counselor, educator, and author. This fund will support an array of organizations serving children experiencing poverty with wholistic caregiving that fosters cognitive, emotional, spiritual, and physical development. Richard passed away in 2023.

#### B.A. SHOEMAKER FUND FOR ANIMALS

Barbara Shoemaker was a lifelong resident of Columbus. She loved horses, as well as her cats, and she had a great affinity for all animals. She created this fund at her death to support organizations that are doing good work in the area of animal welfare. Barbara passed away in 2019.

#### B.A. SHOEMAKER FUND FOR ART

Barbara Shoemaker was a lifelong resident of Columbus. She enjoyed traveling and had a great affinity for all animals. Barbara created this fund at her death to support organizations that are doing good work in the arts sector. Barbara passed away in 2019.

#### B.A. SHOEMAKER FUND FOR EDUCATION

Barbara Shoemaker was a lifelong resident of Columbus. She enjoyed traveling and had a great affinity for all animals. Barbara created this fund at her death to support organizations that are doing good work in the area of education. Barbara passed away in 2019.

### WOLMAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Herb and Janice Wolman established this fund to support the New Albany Lecture Series and Student Lecture Series. The Wolmans are longtime residents of New Albany.

# DESIGNATED FUNDS

Donors support specific charitable organizations that they identify to receive grants during their lifetime and beyond.

405

TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS

\$472,663,866

MARKET VALUE OF DESIGNATED FUNDS  
(As of December 31, 2024)

\$10,000–\$45,706,248

MARKET VALUE RANGE

## ANONYMOUS (2)

### KEN AND CONNIE BECKER FAMILY FUND IV

This fund was established by Ken and Connie Becker to provide ongoing support and stability to organizations they are passionate about. Ken is a retired architect and artist, and Connie recently retired from working as a CPA and was the longtime owner of C.L. Becker & Associates in Upper Arlington. Connie and Ken reside in Dublin and have two adult children.

### ROLLYN CLIFFTON GIBBS DESIGNATED FUND



This fund was established by Cliff Gibbs to support the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation, Overbrook

Presbyterian Church, and scholarships for students at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Cliff is a longtime resident of Clintonville and practiced law in Columbus for more than 50 years, primarily with the firm of Bailey Cavalieri LLC.

### JOE AND JOYCE HAMMOND 2024 FUND

Joe Hammond is former President of J.J. Hammond Co., a construction and industrial equipment sales and services business. Joyce and Joe are the parents of a son and daughter and have three grandchildren. They reside in Commercial Point, where Joe formerly served as mayor.

## DON AND MARCIA HOSIER FUND

### JAMES AND NAOMI LIGGETT FAMILY FUND

This fund was established with a planned gift from James and Naomi Liggett. James was a graduate of Upper Arlington High School and Wittenberg University and a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He was co-founder of Liggett Bro Construction Co. and an owner of the Arlington Court Club and Liggett Apartments. James was a past president of TriVillage Lions Club and the National Society to Prevent Blindness, and a member of Pilot Dogs Inc. and Rivera Golf Club. Naomi attended Newark High School before graduating from The Ohio State University School of Nursing. She worked in the operating room at The Ohio State University Hospital. Naomi was in two garden clubs and was an active member of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society and the American Daffodil Society. James passed away in 2012, and Naomi passed away in 2024.

### DONAL H. MALENICK DESIGNATED FUND



Donal H. Malenick created this fund from a planned gift to support the McConnell Heart Health Center, The Ohio State University Foundation, and the Franklin University Scholarship Fund. Don passed away in 2024.

## C. THOMAS AND JEAN RICE CHARITABLE FUND



This fund was established by Charles Thomas “Tom” Rice through a bequest. Tom graduated from Columbus Academy, from Denison University with a bachelor’s degree in communications, and from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Tom served in the United States Marine Corps and had a 44-year banking career. Tom and Jean Waugh Rice were married for 60 years. They met on a blind date while she was visiting her sisters at Denison University. Jean also attended Denison University. Tom was an amazing athlete, excelling in tennis, platform tennis, and golf, and served on numerous boards and organizations. Tom and Jean had three children, and were longtime residents of Bexley and John’s Island, Vero Beach, Florida. This fund supported Action for Children’s The Art of Positive Parenting course, which Jean taught for over 30 years. The fund also supported Columbus School for Girls and Denison University. Jean passed away in 2020, and Tom passed away in 2024.

### TADD AND NANCY SEITZ FEEDING AMERICA WEST MICHIGAN FUND

This fund was created by longtime donors Tadd and Nancy Seitz to support Feeding America West Michigan as the organization works to gather and distribute food to relieve hunger and increase food security in West Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

#### BARBARA A. SHOEMAKER FUND

Barbara Shoemaker was a lifelong resident of Columbus. She enjoyed traveling and had a great affinity for all animals. Barbara created this fund at her death to continue to support her favorite charities in perpetuity. Barbara passed away in 2019.

#### RICHARD H. SMITH FUND

This fund was established by Richard H. Smith through a bequest. He was a graduate of West High School and received a bachelor's degree in education from The Ohio State University. Richard taught in Southwest Local City Schools for 32 years and was an active member of the West High School Alumni Association. Richard passed away in 2024.

#### G. DONALD WHEELER AND ROBERT S. DEMOREST FUND

This fund was established by Robert S. Demorest through his estate plan. The fund will be used to establish or maintain a garden of perennials at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

## ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Nonprofit organizations and individuals create this type of fund to protect the capital of an organization and help it meet future needs. The fund can provide a relatively constant source of income and can demonstrate security and long-term financial planning.

500

TOTAL ORGANIZATION  
ENDOWMENT FUNDS

\$278,850,926

MARKET VALUE OF ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS  
(As of December 31, 2024)

\$10,000–\$31,062,261

MARKET VALUE RANGE

#### ANONYMOUS (1)

##### JOSEF L. BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE ACHIEVING STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION



This fund was created in memory of Josef L. Banks by his family and friends to provide financial assistance to college-bound

central Ohio high school students. Joe owned a professional photography business, did property renovations and restorations, and was actively involved in his church and local community. He was a high school state champion in track and a four-year member of the track and field team at The Ohio State University. Joe mentored many young local student-athletes. He was named the 2017 Diocese of Columbus Catholic Man of the Year and was a Knight of the Order of Peter Claver. Joe passed away in 2017. This is the third fund established by the Achieving Standards of Excellence Foundation.

##### BOBBA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR CAMPS AND CLASSES



This fund was established by the Bobba family to support Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in

facilitating a need-based scholarship program to help cover the cost of classes and camps, including culinary, gardening, arts, and glass blowing classes, nature school, and summer camps.

##### DEF ELEVATE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

Founded in 1999 as a nonprofit, the Dublin Education Foundation (DEF) supports innovative educators by providing grant funding for enriching opportunities in Dublin City Schools. The goal is to deepen educational experiences and inspire learners and educators. Through the generosity of community partners, including businesses, alumni, educators, and residents, DEF has awarded over 350 grants.

##### EXCELLENCE IN SPORTSMANSHIP FOR CENTRAL OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER FUND



Excellence in Sportsmanship for Central Ohio High School Soccer Co. established this fund to provide long-term financial support for

its mission of awarding scholarships to high school soccer players who, by example solely during matches, portray the ideals of fair play, civility, integrity, leadership, and respect for opponents, teammates, coaches, and officials, win, lose, or draw.

##### FOREVER FLOURISHING SYNDICATE FUND



Families Flourish offers a three-year program that transforms the lives of low-wage working families and their children by

providing a comprehensive path to economic mobility and wellness. This is accomplished through life coaching, rent support, and monthly required programs



that promote housing and economic stability, career advancement, and generational change for their children.

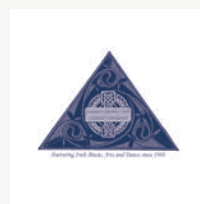
#### FREEDOM A LA CART ENDOWMENT FUND



The board of Freedom a la Cart established this fund to help support the mission of the organization as it empowers survivors

of sex trafficking and exploitation to build lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. Freedom a la Cart's ultimate objective is to create a world where survivors are no longer hindered by trauma and barriers, but achieve lasting stability and economic independence—reshaping their lives, strengthening families, and building resilient communities nationwide for generations to come.

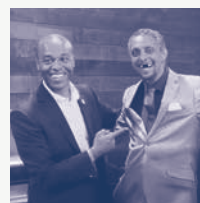
#### GREATER COLUMBUS IRISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION



This fund was established by the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation to assist in raising funds to support

Irish culture, education, and art.

#### JEFFREY FAMILY MARYHAVEN RESERVE FUND



This fund was created by the Jeffrey family to support the ongoing mission of Maryhaven Inc. Maryhaven provides

comprehensive services for individuals at all stages of recovery, including inpatient and outpatient care, medically assisted treatment, cognitive behavioral therapies, and individual and group counseling. Maryhaven's clinicians and counselors have served more than 350,000 adults and adolescents since 1953. The organization operates from four campuses in Columbus, including a Residential and Outpatient Treatment

Center, a Gambling Intervention Program and Engagement Center, a Central Intake Department, Maryhaven's Addiction Stabilization Center on South High Street, and a long-term residential facility that provides wraparound services to meet individuals' unique needs. Maryhaven also serves patients in Union, Delaware, and Morrow counties through three regional clinics.

#### CAROL MCADOW MEMORIAL FUND OF THE DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOUNDATION



The roots of the Dublin Community Church reach back to the earliest settlement of Dublin. The Dublin Community Church

Foundation was established in 1978 and provides grants that directly sustain and/or expand the ministries and missions of Dublin Community Church within its church community and to the wider community. The *Carol McAdow Memorial Fund* was established in memory of Carol McAdow, an active member of the church who passed away in 2023.

#### OHIO DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN FUND



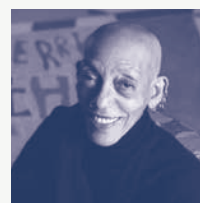
Established in 1963, Ohio Designer Craftsmen engages and enriches the community through high-quality exhibitions and

education programs, and by promoting and supporting the professional development of craft artists. The organization owns and operates the Ohio Craft Museum in the Grandview Heights area and has organized Winterfair in Columbus for over 45 years. This fund will be used to support the mission of Ohio Designer Craftsmen.

#### SIMON PEROTTI FAMILY FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This fund was made possible through a gift from Yvonne Simon Perotti for the purpose of enhancing life in the City of Upper Arlington. Yvonne, along with the Board of Directors of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, may request grants from this fund.

#### AMINAH ROBINSON LEGACY ENDOWMENT AND RESOURCE FUND



This fund was established by the Columbus Museum of Art to honor the legacy of Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson by

preserving and promoting the artist's life and work and providing ongoing support to initiatives and projects inspired by her legacy.

#### SAM'S FANS ENDOWMENT FUND



Sam's Fans established this fund to ensure the long-term growth and sustainability of the organization, which is dedicated to

supporting and enhancing music and art therapy programs for seriously ill children and their families.

#### TRANSIT ARTS ENDOWMENT FUND



Central Community House's TRANSIT ARTS program brings the power of culture, creativity, and artistic expression to youth

in central Ohio. Free workshops include professional community artists and mentors leading group sessions, teaching, and practicing the arts. Creative engagement builds upon gifts of youth, while providing a safe space for self-expression and healing, as well as a connection to networks that offer professional development, internships, and job opportunities.

#### JEFF AND KAREN TROTIER FAMILY FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This fund was established through a gift from Jeff Trotier. Jeff and his wife, Karen, along with the Board of Directors of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation, may request grants from this fund to provide for needs in the City of Upper Arlington. Jeff and Karen are longtime residents of Upper Arlington, where they raised their family.

#### UPPER ARLINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATION FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This fund was established to support activities and initiatives of the Upper Arlington Civic Association as it serves to promote community relations, foster neighborhood pride, and enhance the quality of life in Upper Arlington.

#### UPPER ARLINGTON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This fund was established to support high school and middle school football in Upper Arlington at Upper Arlington High School, Hastings Middle School, and Jones Middle School. This support will include, but will not be limited to, uniforms, equipment, technology, team meals, special events/banquets, coaching development and support through the Upper Arlington School District, extraordinary team travel, need-based scholarships, and other operational needs.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

This fund type is used by donors to help students achieve their educational goals through scholarships or awards. Donors are involved by defining candidate eligibility, selection, and award use.

284

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDS

\$161,079,584

MARKET VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS  
(As of December 31, 2024)

\$10,000–\$58,289,356

MARKET VALUE RANGE

#### DEVIN AUMEND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The scholarship was created by Devin Aumend's mother, Denise Aumend. Despite her physical disability, Devin was always involved in

her community through activities including 4-H, Girl Scouts, and church youth activities. Throughout her life, Devin overcame many challenges and obstacles due to a physical disability. This led her to become an independent and determined young lady, maintaining excellent grades throughout school and earning the title of valedictorian of her Highland High School class of 2003. Devin earned a bachelor's degree with honors from The Ohio State University and a master's degree with honors from Wright State University. Devin passed away in 2021. This scholarship is her mother's way of honoring Devin for many years to come.

#### COLUMBUS FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established by the Columbus Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation to provide assistance to dependent children of members of Columbus Division of Fire and those interested in becoming firefighters or EMTs in the state of Ohio.

#### DR. PATTY'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Family and friends of Dr. Patricia "Patty" Cunningham established this fund to honor her legacy. Dr. Patty, as she was affectionately

known, was the Director of the Social Change program in The Ohio State University's Office of Student Life. She was a three-time graduate of Ohio State, receiving her bachelor's degree in women's studies (with a minor in Black studies), master's degree in higher education and student affairs, and PhD. in cultural foundations. Dr. Patty taught

leadership courses covering a vast array of topics, including poverty, race, gender, and civic engagement, among others. She was much more than an average professor. Dr. Patty was an extreme advocate of social change and justice, and this was manifested in her close involvement with various organizations that made strides toward reform and student development.

#### INSPIRE EDUCATION FUND

This fund was established by donors who have helped high school students get to and through their most attainable, sustainable postsecondary plan. The donors dream of breaking cycles of student loan debt, unemployment, and poverty. This fund will carry on that legacy.

#### INTEL FOUNDRY SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING



Intel is investing more than \$28 billion to construct two new, leading-edge chip factories in Licking County, Ohio. These

factories will produce advanced semiconductors that will generate thousands of new jobs. To develop a pipeline of skilled talent from within the region, Intel is sponsoring a scholarship program directed to students pursuing an associate's degree or one-year certificate, relevant to the semiconductor industry.

#### DONAL H. MALENICK SCHOLARSHIP



Donal H. Malenick created this scholarship fund to benefit graduating seniors from Oak Hill High School in Oak Hill, West

Virginia. Don passed away in 2024.

#### MARY E. RUEB FUND



The fund, made possible by the generosity of the late Mary E. "Betsy" Rueb, will provide scholarship opportunities to

local students in perpetuity and is the largest known endowed gift to a multi-university scholarship fund in Ohio's history. It is also the largest endowed gift to The Columbus Foundation in the organization's 80-year history. Betsy was a graduate of Columbian High School in Tiffin, Ohio. She attended The Ohio

State University and graduated from Marion General Hospital. Betsy was a member of the Hannah Neil Sustainability Board and Buckeye Ranch. Betsy, a longtime Columbus resident who was passionate about youth and helping students pursue their educational dreams, passed away in 2023.

#### SHOEMAKER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Barbara Shoemaker was a lifelong resident of Columbus. She enjoyed traveling and had a great affinity for all animals. Barbara created this fund at her death to support scholarships for students in financial need to attend Bob Jones University. Barbara passed away in 2019.

#### MARY M. YOST JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is to honor former journalist Mary Yost and to provide financial aid to future students of journalism.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Flexible and convenient, this is the top fund choice for many donors. With Donor Advised Funds, the donor receives an immediate tax deduction when they establish the fund, but can take their time in selecting charities to receive grants from the fund.

1,499

TOTAL DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

\$1,232,769,879

MARKET VALUE OF DONOR ADVISED FUNDS  
(As of December 31, 2024)

\$10,000–\$179,455,978

MARKET VALUE RANGE

#### ANONYMOUS (22)

##### ABERCROMBIE & FITCH CO. FUND



Driven by purpose, Abercrombie & Fitch Co. established this fund to support equitable access to mental health resources for youth,

teens, and young adults around the world. A&F Co. and its family of brands are committed to supporting and empowering each generation on their journey to being and becoming who they are. Its long-term and multi-faceted

partnerships connect the company with its global community and fuel its ability to be a collective force for good.

##### GEORGE A. AND GIA BAVELIS IONIAN VILLAGE FOUNDATION

This fund was established by George and Gia Bavelis to provide scholarship opportunities through the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Columbus for trips to Ionian Village, Greece. Gia resides in Columbus and Boca Raton, Florida. George passed away in 2025.

#### BISHOP FAMILY DONOR ADVISED FUND

Vicki and Tom Bishop established this fund to provide support to charitable organizations and causes that are important to their family.

##### BISHOP FAMILY FUND



This fund was established by Curtis and Pam Bishop to engage future generations of their family in philanthropy and to support the greater good of their community.



## BRATTON FAMILY FUND

### DAVID CHRISTOPHER BROOKS FAMILY GIVING FUND



Lisa and Chris Brooks created this fund in honor of their son, David. David has mitochondrial disease and

hereditary spastic paraplegia, which affects every system in his body. He has touched and has been touched by so many people and organizations in this community and around the United States. It is their honor to give back in his name.

## ANN AND DON CASTO FUND

### THE CHAHINE FAMILY FOUNDATION

This fund was established by Bexley residents Phil Chahine and Liz Salamy to ensure they always have funds available to give back to the community in an impactful way. Phil and Liz reside in Bexley with their son and two daughters.

## CARRIE AND STEVE CLAY FAMILY FUND



Carrie and Steve Clay created this fund to increase their charitable giving and to involve their children in

philanthropic decisions.

### CATHARINE AND JOHN CONNER CHARITABLE FUND

Cathy and John Conner created this fund to support their various charitable interests, specifically around organizations working in the areas of food and shelter, healthcare, and education. The Conners have five adult children and reside in Columbus.

## CULLMAN ROSE FAMILY FUND

## DAILEY FAMILY FUND

Carey Dailey, a longtime employee of The Columbus Foundation, and her sister, Michael Ann Shoaf, established this fund in memory of their mother, Jessie Zinn Dailey. Jessie had long expressed her desire to create a fund at the Foundation. During her last hospital stay in December 2023, Jessie, Carey, and Michael Ann discussed the purpose of the fund, highlighting Jessie's passion for animal welfare, including organizations that provide animal companions for veterans. This fund will honor Jessie's wishes and support the causes she cared deeply about.

### WILLIAM, JANE, AND CHRISTINE DAVIS FAMILY FUND

### STEVEN AND ELIZABETH EASTWOOD FAMILY FUND



This fund was established by Steve and Betsey Eastwood to support their family's giving interests. The Eastwoods reside in

Upper Arlington.

## ELLIOTT FAMILY FUND

### FIELD FAMILY FUND

Robin and Dan Field created this fund to support their charitable interests in central Ohio and beyond. The Field family resides in Westerville.

### HAROLD B. FISHER CHARITABLE FUND

Harold Fisher lives on the east side of Columbus and retired in October of 2022. During retirement, Harold has enjoyed home improvement projects. He has a passion for photography and nature, and these interests are reflected in his charitable giving as he supports organizations including Columbus College of Art and Design and the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System. Harold created this fund to continue his charitable giving now and in the future.

### AUTUMN R. GLOVER FUND

With this fund, Autumn Glover will deepen her commitment to the community in central Ohio and beyond. Autumn is the Senior Vice President, Provider + Community Partnerships at AndHealth. She lives in Columbus.

## GRASMERE FAMILY FUND

Named after the street on which they grew up, the *Grasmere Family Fund* was established by six siblings raised on Columbus' north side. The fund is a tribute to their parents who taught them the value of generosity and charity. Currently living throughout the country, the six still contribute to the fund, for the purpose of jointly supporting nonprofits in their hometown and other causes close to their collective hearts.

### GUTTUHAUGEN MACPHAIL FAMILY FUND

Established by Agathe Guttuhaugen and Cameron MacPhail, the *Guttuhaugen MacPhail Family Fund* aims to provide support in the areas of social equality, the environment, maternity care, and the arts. Agathe and Cameron believe in contributing to a better future for our global society, and to the health of our planet.

### JONATHAN GRONER AND CATHY LEVINE FUND

This fund was established by Bexley residents Jonathan Groner and Cathy Levine to support their interests in charity and a just society for all people.

## ROBERT AND SHELLY HOFFMAN FUND

### JOHN D. AND CYNTHIA E. HVIZDOS FUND

This fund was established by John and Cynthia Hvizdos. John holds a bachelor's degree and JD from The Ohio State University. Cynthia holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and JD from Capital University. Prior to retiring, John had a general business practice, and Cynthia specialized in employee benefit and pension plans. Both were active in professional, community, and church organizations, and are especially committed to causes related to hunger, shelter, emergency relief, and educational programs. After retiring, they enjoyed 15 years of volunteer assignments in a Colorado mountain town based out of an RV—staffing visitors' centers, campground hosting, assisting with endangered species and invasive species projects, helping with stream bank restoration projects, collecting and distributing food, building for Habitat for Humanity, tutoring, and fundraising for kids' educational and recreational projects.

#### IGNITE THE CLASSROOM ADVISED FUND



Huntington Bank is partnering with the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) to celebrate educators and provide a continuing education

experience that “Ignites the Classroom.” RCA is a demonstration school where visiting educators engage in a vibrant professional development experience by observing best practices in action before participating in hands-on workshops. In the past 17 years, more than 150,000 superintendents, district level administrators, and teachers have participated in the RCA experience to learn better ways to engage students, promote academic excellence, build relationships, and create a positive climate and culture.

#### IGS ENERGY FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

#### JIM AND D’S GIVING FUND

#### JANET AND WILLIAM KING DONOR ADVISED FUND

Janet and William King established this fund to support their giving interests, including the American Civil Liberties Union, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, among many other organizations. The Kings lived in the New York City area for 50 years and have now returned to their Ohio roots.

#### JEFF KIPNIS FUND

This fund was established by Jeffrey Kipnis to accomplish his charitable goals, including investing in the arts and architecture. Jeffrey is a critic, author, curator, and educator, and recently retired after 35 years as a Professor of Architecture at The Ohio State University.

#### LISA KNOX FUND

#### WAYNE P. LAWSON MEMORIAL FUND FOR CREATIVITY



Established in memory of Dr. Wayne P. Lawson by his family, friends, colleagues, and former students, this fund is dedicated to

commemorating, celebrating, and continuing Dr. Lawson’s lifelong commitment to investing in individual artists, as well as connecting those artists and their creativity with new and appreciative audiences. In the years ahead, this fund will thoughtfully identify and invest in a range of artistic genres and creative endeavors that will enhance the visibility and appreciation of a broad array of visual artists, composers, choreographers, authors, theatre artists, and others, each of whom will share a deep connection to the state of Ohio.

#### SKIP AND MARY ANN LOEB FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

Skip and Mary Ann Loeb created this fund to support their charitable goals. Mary Ann was a nurse, and Skip runs the family business, Loeb Electric.

#### MACPHAIL-VEGA FAMILY FUND

This fund was established so that Gabriela Vega and Alastair MacPhail can address and support the needs of their community and fund humanitarian work around the world.

#### DONAL H. MALENICK DONOR ADVISED FUND



2024.

Donal H. Malenick created this fund through a planned gift to support his family’s charitable interests. Don passed away in

#### CHARLES T. MCCURDY FUND

This fund was set up by Charles McCurdy to further his personal charitable giving. Charles and his family have been very generous to the Columbus community.

#### MILO’S FUND



Milo’s Catering is one of Columbus’ most experienced and respected caterers. With deep roots in the Franklinton

community since 1998, the *Milo’s Fund* is dedicated to supporting philanthropic efforts in the community as well as other impoverished areas.

#### ELIZABETH AND TOMISLAV MITEVSKI FAMILY FOUNDATION

#### KAREN MORRISON FAMILY FUND

#### PEPPER BUILDING COMMUNITY FUND

Pepper Construction believes in the importance of community while transforming tomorrow. The *Pepper Building Community Fund* is a way for the company to give back to the central Ohio community by supporting the impactful nonprofits that call Columbus home.

#### PHILBIN FAMILY FOUNDATION

#### PRESTEL AND HAMMOND FUND



Jeffrey Prestel and Kenneth Hammond created this fund to support their charitable interests.

#### JEFF AND PAM RICE FAMILY LEGACY FUND

This fund was established by Charles Thomas “Tom” Rice. Tom’s family was his pride and joy and before he passed away in 2024, he created this fund to support his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Pam Rice, with their family philanthropy.

#### ROBY FAMILY FUND

#### **PETE AND MICHELLE SCANTLAND FAMILY FUND**



Pete and Michelle Scantland created this fund to expand on their longtime commitment to philanthropy in central Ohio and

beyond. Pete and Michelle live in Upper Arlington with their two children.

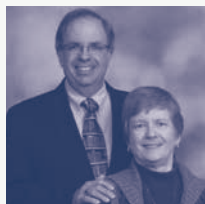
#### **DAVID AND JENNIFER SIEMER FUND**

David and Jennifer Siemer created this fund to deepen their philanthropy. David is originally from Columbus, and the family now lives in California.

#### **SPRIGLER FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Establishing the *Sprigler Family Foundation* reflects Edward and Pamela Sprigler's commitment to supporting the educational institutions and religious organizations, amongst others, that have significantly influenced the family's academic growth and spiritual development. By investing in these institutions, the Sprigler family honors the lasting values the organizations have instilled in them while fostering opportunities for others to achieve academic, personal, and spiritual enrichment. This fund initiative ensures the continuation of support for those institutions that have nurtured their family.

#### **DENNY R. AND KAREN D. STEPHENS FUND**



Denny Stephens established this fund to maximize his charitable impact now, and to lay the groundwork for his and his late-wife

Karen's charitable legacies. The fund will support their causes, including affordable housing, food insecurity, choral music, and folk music—one of Karen's great passions. Denny and Karen met while attending Rice University, before moving to central Ohio. Denny is a retired Engineering

Research Leader from Battelle. He is an avid scuba diver who enjoys traveling and organizing aquatic adventures with friends. Karen was a talented choral and folk musician who enjoyed creating things with her hands. Denny resides in Hilliard. Karen passed away in 2022.

#### **JONATHAN STYPULA CHARITABLE FUND**

Jon Stypula is a business owner, investor, and philanthropist who created this fund to simplify and expand his charitable giving plan and to support the charitable causes he is most passionate about. He helped build a homeless outreach center in Newark and plans to use this fund to continue funding the center's operations, among other charitable endeavors. Jon resides in New Albany.

#### **THOMPSON FAMILY FUND**

This fund was established by David Thompson to support his family's charitable goals. David is a financial advisor at Ascend Advisory Group and a graduate of The Ohio State University.

#### **THE WADEOW FUND**

#### **THOMAS A. WHITE LEGACY FUND**



The family and friends of Tom White established this fund to celebrate his lifetime of service. The fund will honor his legacy by

providing continuing support to the causes he championed, including low-income housing, rehabilitation and re-entry programs, legal aid services, substance use recovery programs, and other poverty relief programs. Tom passed away in 2024.

#### **ALVETA MOORE WHITE MEMORIAL FUND**

#### **KIM AND JIM WILSON FAMILY FUND**



This fund was established by Charles Thomas "Tom" Rice. Tom's family was his pride and joy and before he passed away in

2024, he created this fund to support his daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Jim Wilson, with their family philanthropy.

#### **WORTHINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION**

Through a generous gift from the City of Worthington, the Worthington Parks and Recreation Foundation created this fund to enrich the experience of residents in their enjoyment and participation in the offerings of Worthington Parks and Recreation. The Worthington Parks and Recreation Foundation raises funds, establishes partnerships, and advocates for parks and recreation programs and facilities that enhance the lives of Worthington residents.

#### **WRIGHT FAMILY FUND**

#### **JULIE L. YASSENOFF FOUNDATION**

This fund was established in memory of Julie L. Yassenoff to support her desire to help animals, arts, education, and people experiencing homelessness. Julie is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School, class of 2001. She attended Parsons and the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, and graduated from the Columbus College of Art & Design with a degree in Fashion Design. Julie experienced some wonderful opportunities while living in New York as well as Ohio. She enjoyed selling her creations at many festivals and galleries in central Ohio. Julie passed away in 2023.



# COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC.

Community Foundations, Inc., a statewide affiliate, was established in 1987 to enable donors to support nonprofit organizations primarily in Ohio and beyond the central Ohio region.

119	\$77,578,791	\$10,000–\$10,631,128
COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC. FUNDS	MARKET VALUE OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC. FUNDS (As of December 31, 2024)	MARKET VALUE RANGE

## DONOR ADVISED FUND

### KIDD FAMILY FOUNDATION

The *Kidd Family Foundation* was created to foster a sense of community and philanthropy specifically targeting Jackson County, Ohio and its contiguous counties. The goal for this fund is to support the area in perpetuity by providing resources for the purpose of protecting and enriching the lives of those less fortunate in the community, with particular emphasis on education.

# EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

These funds are established by businesses to provide grants for food, shelter, and other basic needs for associates who are experiencing financial challenges due to an unexpected hardship.

29	\$2,729,658	\$10,000–\$426,503
TOTAL NUMBER OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	MARKET VALUE OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (As of December 31, 2024)	MARKET VALUE RANGE

### NATIONAL CHURCH RESIDENCES WE CARE FUND



This fund was established to support eligible National Church Residences’ employees who experience a financial hardship resulting from an unexpected emergency or qualified disaster.

### WARRIOR ASSISTANCE FUND



The Warrior Assistance Fund is an opportunity for Quantum Health employees to receive support through supplemental assistance in times of extreme hardship.

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## LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society thanks and recognizes those individuals who have let The Columbus Foundation know they plan to leave a gift to the community through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement fund, or Charitable Gift Annuity.

More than 800 Planned Gift donors are part of The Columbus Foundation's Legacy Society, which invites members to participate in a wide range of Foundation events, activities, and initiatives.



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### LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

As of December 31, 2024

837

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### NUMBER OF NEW PLANNED GIFTS IN 2024

31

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### 2024 NEW PLANNED GIFT DONORS

Anonymous (10)  
Dan Albrecht and Neal Brower  
Herbert B. Asher  
Barbara Braham and Rick Braveheart  
Karen S. Casey  
Derrick R. Clay  
Vicki Conaway  
Howard Fradkin and Peter Kengeter  
Harvey M. Friedman  
Laurina M. Harper\*  
Janet and William King  
Kevin A. and Dana A. Lehman  
Renilda Marshall and Patrick Casey  
Ann Heil Matrka  
Frank Paniccia\*  
Anna and Denson Parker  
Ann E. Parlin\*  
Linda V. Ruehrmund\*  
Claude and Connie Slisher  
Denny R. and Karen\* D. Stephens  
Nathaniel and Michelle Stitzlein  
James K. Williams, Jr.

*\*Deceased*

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### TOTAL AMOUNT IN PLANNED GIFTS COMMUNICATED IN 2024

\$85,154,182

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### TOTAL OF FUTURE PLANNED GIFTS DOCUMENTED TO DATE

\$1,135,497,350

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# SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

From a family bringing multiple generations together to make a difference in the community, to a corporation enhancing employees’ engagement with the causes they care about, each Supporting Foundation has an individual and inspiring story—and each has unique philanthropic goals.

While Supporting Foundation donors and boards focus on these goals and on the big picture of their philanthropy, The Columbus Foundation’s expert staff takes care of the details—offering a wide range of professional services, from identifying critical community needs for grant investments, to developing financial policies and strategies, to assisting as founding donors frame their guidance for future foundation boards. The philanthropic family office approach benefits current generations and those yet to come, as Supporting Foundations are designed to continue in perpetuity.

Compounded over time, Supporting Foundation investments in the community present a compelling story of the impact of philanthropy. Since the first Supporting Foundation was created in 1976, Supporting Foundations have collectively paid **more than \$1 billion** to advance the programs and causes most important to them, in central Ohio and across the nation.

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## NUMBER OF SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

25

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## COMBINED MARKET VALUE

As of December 31, 2024

\$1,011,363,566

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## COMBINED 2024 GRANTS PAID

(Before inter-Foundation eliminations)

\$68,556,054

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## 2024 SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

- Battelle Charities
- Borror Family Foundation
- Central Benefits Health Care Foundation
- Columbus Youth Foundation
- Community Gifts Foundation
- Crane Family Foundation
- William H. Davis, Dorothy M. Davis and William C. Davis Foundation
- Paul G. Duke Foundation
- The FG Foundation
- John B. and Dareth Gerlach Foundation
- John J. and Pauline Gerlach Foundation
- Greer Foundation
- Hinson Family Trust
- Ingram-White Castle Foundation
- Marsh Family Foundation
- John H. McConnell Foundation
- Meuse Family Foundation
- Moritz Family Foundation
- Isabelle Ridgway Foundation
- Roush Family Foundation
- The Shackelford Family Foundation
- Siemer Family Foundation
- Siemer Institute
- Walter Foundation
- Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CFO



**THANKS TO NEARLY \$300 MILLION** in donor contributions, along with a healthy stock market performance, The Columbus Foundation ended 2024 with its highest philanthropic assets under management in our history, totaling \$3.9 billion.

The investment performance of The Columbus Foundation's primary endowment portfolio returned 11.5 percent in 2024. The performance of this portfolio continues to compare favorably to other industry comparisons and benchmarks. Our discipline around low investment fees and diversification, coupled with a long-term mindset, continues to benefit those donor fund assets that utilize this portfolio.

Grant distributions in 2024 totaled an impressive \$308 million, the third highest amount in our more than 80-year history. Over the past three years alone, The Columbus Foundation and our Supporting Foundations have contributed more than \$1 billion in grant distributions to the nonprofit community.

Since 1943, The Columbus Foundation has received \$4.8 billion in gifts and has distributed \$4.2 billion in grants, with more than 70 percent of this activity occurring

over the past 15 years. Thanks to your partnership and trust, we continue to rank as one of the largest community foundations in the world.

Achieving these numbers simply would not be possible without the generosity of our donor community and all our partners in central Ohio and beyond. We continue to be honored to be the stewards of these important community-based assets, helping you bring generosity home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott G. Heitkamp". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and "H".

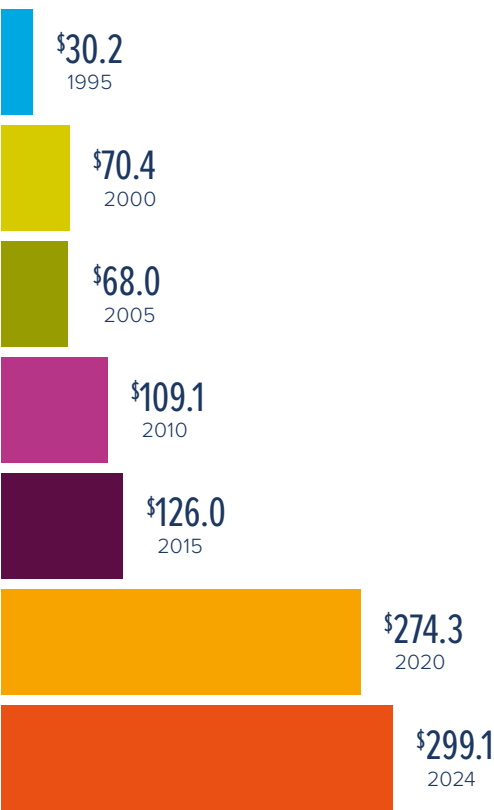
SCOTT G. HEITKAMP, CPA  
Senior Vice President and CFO

# 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

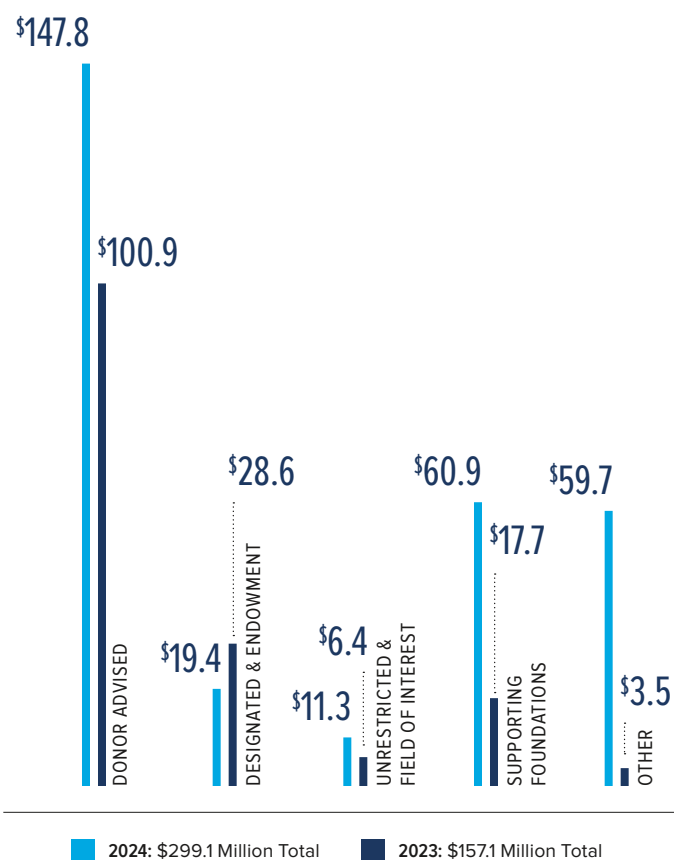
## GIFTS RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY

In 2024, The Columbus Foundation and its related entities received more than **\$299 million** in new donations and bequests. Since its inception, generous donors have made gifts totaling more than **\$4.8 billion**.

**GROWTH OF GIFTS** (in millions)  
for The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations,  
and Community Foundations, Inc.



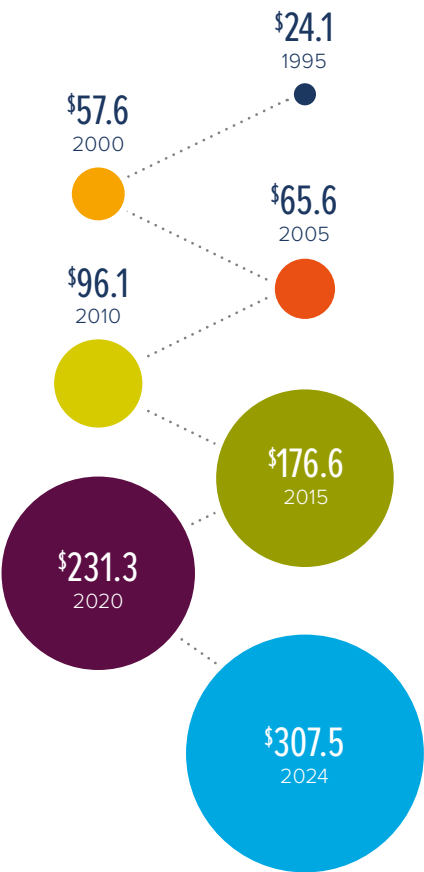
**GIFTS BY FUND TYPE AND SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS** (in millions)



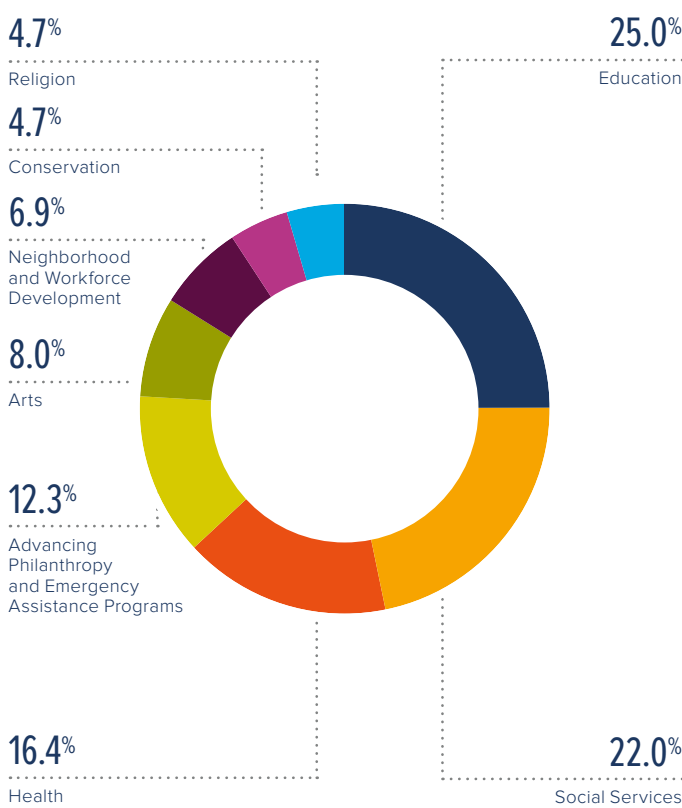
# GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY

Grants awarded in 2024 totaled nearly **\$308 million** and went to **5,050 nonprofit organizations**. Since its inception, The Columbus Foundation has distributed **\$4.2 billion** in grants.

**GROWTH OF GRANTS PAID** (in millions)  
for The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations,  
and Community Foundations, Inc.



**GRANTS PAID BY FIELD**  
for The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations,  
and Community Foundations, Inc.

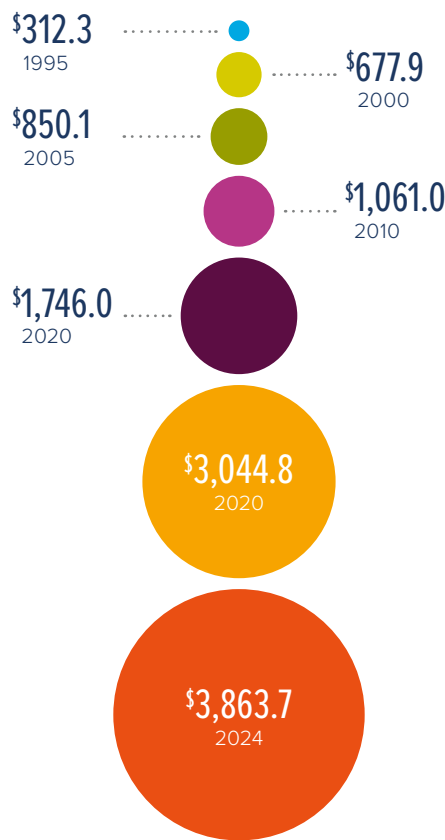




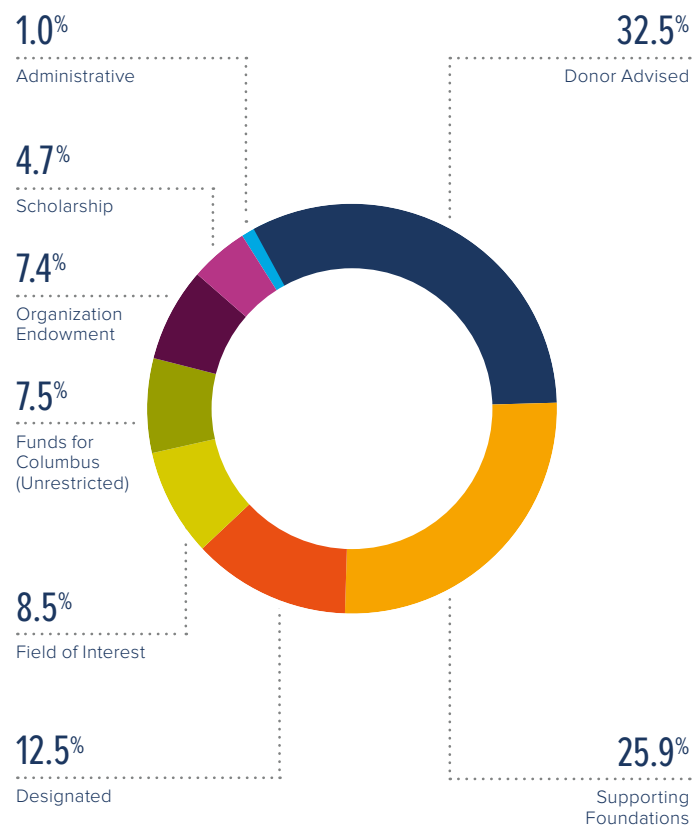
# ASSETS

Combined assets of The Columbus Foundation and its related entities ended 2024 with a total market value of **\$3.9 billion**. The Columbus Foundation continues to be one of the world’s largest community foundations.

**GROWTH OF ASSETS** (in millions)  
for The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations,  
and Community Foundations, Inc.



**ASSETS BY FUND TYPE**  
for The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations,  
and Community Foundations, Inc.



# 2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED SINCE INCEPTION

As of December 31, 2024

\$4.2B

TOTAL ASSETS HELD IN 3,348 FUNDS AND  
25 SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

As of December 31, 2024

\$3.9B

TOTAL NUMBER OF NONPROFITS  
RECEIVING GRANTS IN 2024

5,050

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED IN 2024

\$6,559,025

TOTAL GIFTS MADE TO NEW AND EXISTING FUNDS  
AND SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS IN 2024

\$299,152,338

TOTAL GRANTS PAID IN 2024

\$307,532,662

# CENTER FOR CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY



The Columbus Foundation's Center for Corporate Philanthropy is designed to help both established and new businesses make their charitable investments as cost effective and efficient as possible.

Tailored to each unique business and offering expert community knowledge, the Center helps businesses develop and implement a custom corporate giving program that reflects the company's values. Services include Corporate Donor Advised Funds, Emergency Assistance Programs, Scholarship Programs, matching gift programs, community research, and administrative processing of donations and grants.

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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP



### ALIGNMENT

Create a philanthropic plan that aligns with your company's values, business strategy, and community goals, and then make high-impact community investments wherever you do business.



### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Minimize the administrative tasks associated with corporate philanthropy while maximizing benefits for your business, employees, and the community.



### ENGAGEMENT

Offer an easy and inspiring way for company employees and leadership to give to others, including employees in need.



### SHARED KNOWLEDGE

Enhance your impact through access to community experts with extensive knowledge about nonprofit effectiveness and purpose-aligned giving opportunities.

## CENTER FOR CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY PARTNERS

As of December 31, 2024

1st Choice Family Services	CoverMyMeds	Installed Building Products	Roush Auto Group
889 Global Solutions	Cramer & Associates	Integrated Leadership Systems	Safelite Group Inc.
Abercrombie & Fitch	Crane Group	Irvin Public Relations	Salo, Inc.
Accel, Inc.	Crimson Design Group, LLC	Intel	Sapp Restaurant Enterprises, Inc.
AEP Ohio	The Daimler Group, Inc.	The Jeffrey Company	Schmidt Hospitality Concepts, Inc.
Air Force One	Davey Tree	JPMorgan Chase	Schoedinger Funeral Service
Anderson Concrete	Dawson Companies	Kaufman Development	The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company LLC
Artina Promotional Products	Designer Brands Inc.	KeyBank	Setterlin Building Company
Atlas Butler	DesignGroup	Kimball Midwest & Midwest Motor Supply Co.	Steiner + Associates, Inc.
Bath & Body Works	Diamond Hill Capital Management	The Kroger Company	Suburban Steel Supply Company
Battelle	Donaldson Plastic Surgery	Layla Bagels LLC	The Success Group Ltd.
Benefactor Group	Donatos Pizzeria	LeaderStat	T-Cetra
Big Lots	e-Cycle Inc.	Lower.com	Team Fishel
Big Walnut Grill	Easton Town Center	Medical Mutual of Ohio	Thirty-One Gifts, LLC
Bob Evans Farms	Elford, Inc.	Merion Village Dental	Trinity Financial Advisors LLC
Bopp-Busch Manufacturing Company	Equipt Women	MGF Sourcing	Tri-W Group, Inc.
Bread Financial	Equity Inc.	Middle West Spirits, LLC	TSAM Limited
Buckeye Automotive Family	Fast Switch	Montrose Group	UpWest, LLC
Buckeye Power Sales	Feazel	NetJets	Victoria's Secret & Co.
Cameron Mitchell Restaurants	Fechtor Advertising LLC	Nina West LLC	Waller Financial Planning Group, Inc.
Capital Asset Management, Inc.	Fifth Third Bank	NorthSteppe Realty Inc	WesBanco Bank, Inc.
CAS	FlightSafety International	ODW Logistics, Inc.	Westwater Company
CD102.5 For the Kids	The Ganzhorn Suites	Overmyer Hall Associates	White Castle System, Inc.
Central Ohio Primary Care	Geben Communication	Pepper Construction Company of Ohio, LLC	Windsor Advisory Group, LLC
Central Ohio Urology Group	Geotechnical Consultants, Inc.	PDS Planning, Inc.	Wolfe Associates, Inc.
The Champion Companies	Gideon Development Partners	PNC Foundation	Worthington Enterprises, Inc.
City Barbeque, Inc.	GIVE Yoga	ProMedica Foundation	Yoga on High
CMax Advisors	Grange Insurance	Quantum Health	
Columbus Radio Group	GREENCREST	R+L Carriers Shared Services, LLC	
Columbus REALTORS®	Happy Chicken Farms	RAMA Consulting Group, Inc.	
Commonhouse Ales	Heartland Bank	Rev1 Ventures	
Compass Financial Group	Highlights for Children	Ringside Companies	
Concordance Healthcare Solutions	Homeside Financial	Rise Brands	
Continental Building Company	The Huntington National Bank	Rocky Fork Company	
Corient Private Wealth LLC	IGS Energy	Roto Group LLC	



# 2024 GOVERNING COMMITTEE

A Governing Committee of nine volunteers provides stewardship for The Columbus Foundation and its charitable activities.



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Chairperson



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Vice Chairperson



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**Matthew A. Scantland**

# 2024 VOLUNTEERS

As of December 31, 2024

Each year, dedicated volunteers join The Columbus Foundation to help achieve our mission of assisting donors and others in strengthening and improving our community for the benefit of all its residents. We are deeply grateful for our volunteers' gifts of time and expertise, and thankful for their commitment to our community. Thanks to all who served on our committees in 2024!

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Marsha Moore

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