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THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

THE POWER TO DO MORE.

Columbus is a vibrant hub of moving parts. It's a mixture of people, neighborhoods, businesses, nonprofits, schools, and universities woven together to create the unique fabric of our city.

These parts cannot thrive in isolation.

When we collaborate as a community, we have the power to share more, learn more, and do more. The same is true for The Columbus Foundation. For more than 70 years, our goal has been to connect generous donors with nonprofit organizations that support their passions and interests.

Our expertise, and the relationships we have with nonprofit, business, and community leaders allows us the opportunity to help you catalyze change. Together we identify and tackle the city's evolving needs—and help provide strategic, focused responses to them.

We are forging a path of growth, opportunity, and innovation.

We are Better Together.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Acting on the courage of their convictions in 1943, Harrison M. Sayre and a group of forward-thinking leaders embraced an innovative idea—creating a foundation for the community.

The foundation would collectively work to improve opportunities for residents—helping Columbus thrive.

They knew then what defines us now: *together we are better, and together we have the power to do so much more.*

In 2015, the Foundation and its donors made more grants than ever to support nonprofits improving our community. Grants reached a remarkable all-time high of \$176.6 million to benefit more than 3,200 nonprofits and the

hundreds of thousands they serve. Since our founding, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.86 billion in grants in a wide range of fields, from education to basic needs, environmental causes to the arts, and beyond.

Your generous gifts and the bequests received in 2015 totaled \$126 million—the fourth highest annual amount of gifts received in our history. These gifts created new funds and added to existing funds and foundations held in The Columbus Foundation, Supporting Foundations, and our affiliate, Community Foundations, Inc. A total of 156 new charitable funds were created by generous individuals, families, and businesses—and each fund, uniquely named by the donor, represents their diverse interests, goals, and hopes. As of December

31, 2105, the assets of the Foundation stood at \$1.75 billion held in 2,345 named charitable funds and 28 Supporting Foundations.

More than 700 donors are members of our Legacy Society, those who have let us know of plans to leave a legacy through the Foundation. Last year, 36 new planned gifts were committed to the future of giving through the Foundation, bringing total future planned gifts to \$901.3 million.

The Fund for Columbus, comprised of many unrestricted gifts created by donors, is an ongoing source of support to address pressing needs and opportunities in Columbus. We are grateful to donors who looked ahead to create such funds. Last year, these funds supported many strategic investments from the



revitalization of the Weinland Park neighborhood to The Big Give, an online community giving rally that leveraged \$15 million for 587 local nonprofits in 24 hours.

We thank our exceptional Governing Committee for their extraordinary leadership. The accomplishments of the past year also reflect the efforts of our committee volunteers, professional advisors, and our dedicated staff.

Speaking of our expert staff, during 2015, Angela G. Parsons, J.D., CAP® was promoted to the role of Vice President for Donor Services. And, earlier this year, our esteemed colleague, Chief Financial Officer Raymond J. Biddiscombe, CPA, retired after serving with distinction for 26 years. We salute and thank him for his exemplary service.

The Columbus Foundation embraces philanthropy as a


collaborative practice. It's about information, insight, learning, and acting together. We are committed to adding value to your philanthropic passions to help you create lasting change.

Together, we are better.
Thank you!

C. ROBERT KIDDER
Chairman

DOUGLAS F. KRIDLER
President and CEO

From left: Douglas F. Kridler, President and CEO, and C. Robert Kidder, Chairman



2015 HARRISON M. SAYRE AWARD WINNERS

DON AND NANCY KELLEY AND FAMILY


Photo courtesy of Don and Nancy Kelley




2015 COLUMBUS FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER

GOODWILL COLUMBUS

Photo by: Eclipse Studios



2015 SPIRIT OF COLUMBUS AWARD WINNER

MAYOR MICHAEL B. COLEMAN

Photo by: Nick George



The Columbus Foundation's **5 Nonprofits to Watch** were recognized in 2015 as innovative nonprofits poised for an exceptional year of growth and progress.

The organizations selected for 2015 were: **Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Columbus Museum of Art, Reeb Avenue Center, and St. Vincent Family Center.**



These organizations, recommended by the Foundation's Community Research and Grants

Management staff, illustrate the vast and diverse needs of the community and the increasing sophistication of organizations trying to meet those needs. Each was awarded a \$5,000 grant.



The Foundation began identifying 5 Nonprofits to Watch in 2014 as a way to highlight effective organizations and educate donors and the community at large. Staff narrowed the list to the most innovative, collaborative nonprofits with strong leadership working to address a critical community need.

Pictured in 2015 at the Columbus Museum of Art, from left: Allan Zaenger R.Ph., MS, Pharmacist and Executive Director of Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio; Jane Grote Abell, Founder and Board Member of Reeb Avenue Center; Nannette Maciejunes, Executive Director of Columbus Museum of Art; Shawn Holt, President and CEO of St. Vincent Family Center; and Rebecca Asmo, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus.

Photo by: Nick George



Pictured: Columbus Performing Arts Prize Recipients (l-r): Peggy Kriha Dye, Edwaard Liang, Byron Stripling, David Brown, Janet Chen (on behalf of David Danzmayr), and George Barrett. Photo by: Nick George

THE INAUGURAL WINNERS of the **Columbus Performing Arts Prize** were announced at The Columbus Foundation in 2015. This new award was created to celebrate and support the exceptional artistic directors of our community's leading performing arts organizations and their aspirations for creative growth. Recipients and projects are selected by an anonymous panel made up of a subset of the arts supporters and funders of The Columbus Foundation fund from which these prizes are awarded—the *Performing Arts Innovation Fund*. The Donor Advised Fund was established in 2015 by George Barrett, the Cardinal Health Foundation, The Columbus Foundation, and other anonymous donors.



In 2015, the following individuals received Columbus Performing Arts Prizes:

- David Brown**
Founder and Creative Director
Harmony Project
- David Danzmayr**
Music Director
ProMusica Chamber Orchestra
- Peggy Kriha Dye**
Artistic Director
Opera Columbus
- Edwaard Liang**
Artistic Director
BalletMet
- Byron Stripling**
Artistic Director
Columbus Jazz Orchestra

NEW MUSIC MAGIC

RESIDENTS OF THE SHORT NORTH SINCE 1986, Jack and Zoe Johnstone have seen the revitalization of the neighborhood firsthand—and have proudly been involved in many of the efforts to capitalize on its charm.

“We’ve traveled all over the world and lived overseas—this neighborhood just has so many fantastic qualities,” Jack said. “No neighborhood in the world is better than this.”

Both originally from the West Coast, the couple, married 41 years, met at San Jose State University. While Jack’s undergraduate degree was in mathematics, his love for medieval musicology brought the couple to Columbus in 1979 so Jack could get his Ph.D. at The Ohio State University.

Music is a passion for both Jack and Zoe. Zoe is an accomplished pianist, and Jack grew up playing violin and classical guitar. Over the years, through two funds at The Columbus Foundation, the *John G. and Zoe Johnstone Fund* and the *Johnstone Fund for New Music*, the couple has supported local nonprofits and created opportunities to introduce the public to new music at venues like Short North Stage.

“We both believe that giving close to home is the best thing. You can’t fix all the world’s problems, but you can start in your neighborhood,” Zoe said.

Recognizing there was a gap in central Ohio for promoting new music, the couple set out to offer fellow musicians the chance to showcase works that might not otherwise come to Columbus.

“New music is not accessible to most people, but once they experience it, it comes to life,” Zoe said. “That’s what we do—we are empowering people to listen to this music and fall in love with it.”

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Pictured: Jack and Zoe Johnstone in front of their Short North home.

A photograph of Jack and Zoe Johnstone standing in front of their home in the Short North neighborhood. Jack is on the left, wearing a blue button-down shirt and khaki pants. Zoe is on the right, wearing a grey cardigan over a dark top and black pants. They are both smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows a brick building with a green door and a sidewalk with other people walking in the distance.

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—ZOE JOHNSTONE

A NEW “LEASH” ON LIFE

AS PLAYFUL DOGS ROMP AND WRESTLE in the field behind the Delaware County Dog Shelter, it’s hard to imagine a time when they were emaciated, sick, and in some cases, clinging to life. Thanks to a generous Columbus Foundation donor, today they are healthy and thriving in their forever homes.

The *John E. Peyton Family Foundation* provides critical funding to support animal care organizations serving Delaware County. When dogs are found abandoned, neglected, or removed from unsafe situations, the fund helps cover the cost for veterinary care, treating heartworm and other conditions, and spaying and neutering—an important service the shelter wasn’t able to provide before.

Mr. Peyton, a mail clerk for the United States Postal Service for more than 30 years, had a deep love for Ohio State University football and enjoyed stamp collecting. His planned gift, established before his death in 2009, created the Field of Interest Fund that today provides for animals in Delaware County and also supports programs that advance agriculture and natural resources education at The Ohio State University.

For some four-legged friends, like Tug, a lab mix, and Tess, a Yorkie, this support has made all the difference.

“Without this critical funding from the Peyton Family Foundation, the future of these dogs would be much different,” said John King, Assistant Dog Warden for Delaware County. “We are able to get them the care they need so they can be adopted into loving homes. This is truly lifesaving support.”

Pictured: Delaware County Assistant Dog Warden John King (left) with Tug, and Assistant Dog Warden Daniel James with Tess at the Delaware County Dog Shelter.

Inset Photo: John E. Peyton

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—JOHN KING



BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

COMMUNITY NEEDS AND STRATEGY are at the heart of the *Central Benefits Health Care Foundation (CBHCF)*. But at the end of the day, it's all about providing the opportunity for healthy kids to become healthy adults.

The foundation, established by Central Benefits Mutual Insurance Company in 1997 as a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, focuses its grantmaking on the preventative healthcare needs of children, prenatal through age six.

"We are putting our money at the front end and hopefully preventing disease and disability," said Antoinette Parisi Eaton, M.D., founding member of CBHCF, and current president of the board.

"When we started as a board, one of the first things we did was hold a symposium at Nationwide Children's Hospital with community leaders and others to really focus our attention on what the major community needs might be," Dr. Eaton said. This community involvement has continued with additional forums seeking input and expertise from others as community needs have evolved.

From inception through December 31, 2015, CBHCF invested more than \$4.5 million in programs, including those focused on developing safe play areas, health and nutrition education, reducing dental caries in high-risk youth, and more. In response to the astounding statistics on the high incidence of infant mortality in our community, CBHCF awarded grants to Columbus Public Health to support the Franklin County Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program and a Safe Sleep Campaign.

"I think the future is bright for the Central Benefits Health Care Foundation," Dr. Eaton said. "We continue to have a strong, committed board that really wants to look, in an organized fashion, at what the community needs are and make the best judgement about what priorities ought to be funded."

The Central Benefits Health Care Foundation Board pictured at Nationwide Children's Hospital (l-r): Teresa C. Long, M.D., M.P.H.; Craig W. Anderson, M.D.; Antoinette Parisi Eaton, M.D., President; and William C. Mechling, Esq., Chairman. Not pictured: Ann O'Donnell, Vice Chairman.

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—ANTOINETTE PARISI EATON, M.D.



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2015 Featured Initiatives ▶

A RECORD-BREAKING BIG GIVE!

The Big Give 2015 leveraged \$15,015,821 to support 587 central Ohio nonprofits

Generous donors set the pace early for **The Big Give 2015**—with more than \$1.6 million raised during the first hour alone. The Big Give, a 24-hour online community giving rally to support local nonprofits, was held on May 12–13.

The Columbus Foundation saw a 43 percent increase over the last Big Give, held in 2013. A record number of transactions were received this year, and donations came from all 50 states.


All donations received during The Big Give were eligible for bonus pool funds on a pro rata basis, giving everyone who participated the opportunity to have their donation(s) amplified. In addition, all credit card fees were covered by The Columbus Foundation, so 100 percent of donations went directly to the nonprofits.

Thanks to three homegrown businesses that joined the Foundation as promotional partners—Homage, Piada Italian Street Food, and Donatos Pizza—everyone who gave during The Big Give received rewards for supporting their favorite nonprofits when they showed their tax receipt.




INSTA-FAMOUS INSTAGRAM CONTEST!

The Foundation introduced a Big Give Instagram contest as a way for nonprofits and individuals to spread the message and encourage everyone in the community to give big. More than 825 entries were received using the hashtag #BigGiveTCF. A total of four winners were chosen by Homage, Piada Italian Street Food, Donatos, and Medical Mutual of Ohio. Each winner received a \$2,500 grant to award to the nonprofit of their choice.

During the 24-hour event, \$30,000 in surprise grants were awarded to nonprofits. These prizes, grants starting at \$500, were announced via social media. They included an additional 15 winners chosen from the Instagram contest.



WE WERE TRENDING!

 Facebook 348,875 people reached 64,093 engagements <i>(likes, shares, comments)</i>	 Twitter 2,064,063 people reached 1,500 tweets
 Instagram 1,176 posts 348,200 people reached	25,053 engagements <i>(likes and comments)</i> 827 unique Photo Contest entries

BY THE NUMBERS:

\$15,015,821 Leveraged	\$13,613,090 Amount Raised (Gross)
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The Big Give's geographic reach included 5 countries (Canada,

“Giving to a worthy cause near to one’s heart is a reward in itself; it makes people feel good and empowered.”

—THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH EDITORIAL, APRIL 26, 2015

Pictured: Columbus Foundation staff and others celebrating at Broad & High Streets. Photo by: Nick George



\$1,402,731 Bonus Pool Funds	587 Recipient Nonprofit Organizations	10.3% Bonus Pool Ratio	19,901 Transactions	1,151 Foundation Donor Grants
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Germany, Lebanon, United Kingdom, United States), 50 states and the District of Columbia, and 790 cities across the United States!

PUTTING HOPE FIRST

Foundation supports efforts to tackle grief

Their paths are different, but Mark Tripodi and Denise Meine-Graham share a bond over something no one should—the sudden, tragic loss of a child.

Mark lost his three-year-old son Bobby to meningitis in May 2000, and Denise's son Drey was 19 when he took his life in August 2012, a week before he was to start college classes. Their deaths catapulted both parents into a deep despair that eventually turned into a longing to make similar situations better for others.

Mark founded Cornerstone of Hope in 2003. "Cornerstone was created out of personal need. We were struggling ourselves, we needed help, and we wanted to meet other parents who had lost children." However, Mark and his wife were somewhat disappointed with the services available in their community in Northeast Ohio.

The initial goals for Cornerstone were to reach out to professionals in the community to provide education around death, dying, and grief—and to offer a connection for others who were struggling.

"We wanted to bring those who have lost loved ones together to let them know they are not alone, and they are not crazy because they cannot function," he said.

The community response was very positive, and in 2011 the nonprofit expanded to include a location in Columbus. Today, it offers counseling, art therapy, youth camps, education for the community, and a variety of professionally led support groups for children, teens, and adults after the death of a loved one. Cornerstone of Hope offers specific groups in local schools to serve grieving students, as well as families affected by suicide, drug overdose, and military loss.

Denise could relate to that inability to function. In the days following Drey's death, she felt lost.

"I honestly thought I was going to die. I didn't think somebody could carry that level of pain and live for any

The Columbus Foundation was proud to join with other partners to support *Silent Suffering*, a community forum at The Ohio State University in December 2015 that was part of a public service project launched by *The Columbus Dispatch* about the suicide epidemic. An \$8,500 grant from the *Richard C. and Nanciann Kaufman Ninde Fund* supported this event.

Those on the front lines of mental healthcare call suicide a public health crisis. Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death for people between the ages of 18 and 64, the second leading cause of death for people under age 24, and the tenth leading cause of death for Americans overall.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

sustained period of time," she said.

An acquaintance who also lost a son to suicide reached out to Denise and a critical connection was made.

"Having somebody that I could engage with who had walked this same walk meant so much to me. She played a role in my grief journey and still does. Someone else couldn't play that role if they aren't a survivor of a suicide loss," she said.

Today, Denise serves as the Executive Director of Franklin County Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS), a postvention model where trained team members go to the scene of a suicide to provide support, resources, and hope.

LOSS officially launched in Columbus in November 2014. Teams of two or three respond after the coroner's office calls and informs them of a suicide. More than half of the team members have experienced a loved one's

Pictured: Denise Meine-Graham and Mark Tripodi at Franklin Park Conservatory.

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—DENISE MEINE-GRAHAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRANKLIN COUNTY LOCAL OUTREACH TO SUICIDE SURVIVORS (LOSS)



suicide, and at least one team member on site has lost a loved one to suicide.

"It's such a blessing to be able to serve people in this way. The most we can do is try to come along beside them and serve them in any way our team can. It's humbling when we are able to sit with someone in this very intimate, painful space and listen to them yell, cry, whatever it may be," Denise said.

The Columbus Foundation has been supporting organizations like Cornerstone and LOSS, as well as

others on the front lines of mental health issues. Between 2010–2015, the Foundation awarded grants totaling more than \$1.2 million to support organizations serving a wide variety of mental health needs in our community.

"Whether we started Cornerstone of Hope or not, Bobby's death changed everything," Mark said. "We invite others who have experienced what my wife and I have gone through to create a shared legacy. Their loved one is just as important as our Bobby. We know we are not alone in this. Together we can make an impact."

A SYMPHONY OF VOICES

Nonprofit provides opportunities to sing, serve, and share

The idea for Harmony Project didn't happen overnight. Founder David Brown had been carrying it around for a while, but didn't know if it was even possible—to bring people together and provide them with the opportunity to sing, serve, and share. But his resolve was strong, and his experiences leading up to its launch helped shape the program. What started as a single concert has blossomed into a suite of programs grounded in music and service.

"Harmony Project is one of those organizations that draws you in, and then keeps you there," said Douglas F. Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. "The balance of music and service, and the fact that Harmony successfully unites individuals from all walks of life, underscores that what they have is truly unique—it's changing lives."

Harmony Project was launched as a way to bring people together around a common goal. In addition to

concerts and service projects throughout the community, Harmony has grown to include innovative signature programs that cast a wide net—allowing hundreds to participate. Partnerships with the Ohio Reformatory for Women, South High School, and the Commons at Buckingham and the Commons at Grant, have brought the voices and hearts of central Ohioans together—strengthening both individuals and our community.

In December 2014, The Columbus Foundation named Harmony Project as a Continuous Improvement Grantee. In early 2015, a grant for \$180,000 was awarded to the organization. From 2010–2015, a total of more than \$530,000 in grants was awarded to Harmony Project from the Foundation, Supporting Foundations, and individual donors.

The Continuous Improvement program is designed to provide multi-year support for operating expenses, focus on strengthening institutional infrastructure, and inspire organizations that have the potential for innovative service delivery. In addition to providing financial support, the Foundation offers technical assistance and hands-on support from Foundation staff. United Schools Network is also a current Continuous Improvement Grantee. Previous Continuous Improvement Grantees are the Ohio

Association of Foodbanks and easyColumbus.

"Being a Continuous Improvement Grantee has helped Harmony Project in both measureable and still immeasurable ways. It has focused our board, helped us with board development, and helped us revise our budget and look at where our priority spending should be. It has also helped in planning for our home office that will move us from the little engine that could to a city-wide movement," David said.

A native of Louisiana, David has considered Columbus home for decades. After working in New

"I love the fact that we are a group of people from different racial, religious, political, and economic backgrounds who can come together and work for our community through the thread of music. The biggest thing I've learned about myself and others is simple... we all want the same thing, which is a better quality of life. That is easily done when we concentrate on that fact and not the things that separate us."

—REGGIE JACKSON, DRUMMER FOR HARMONY PROJECT



"Harmony builds connection. Though the music from season to season reflects a larger community theme, its meaning usually parallels aspects of my own life. In part, rehearsals become a place where I can understand more of myself. Singing on stage feels like a two-way street. I share the emotion and lessons of my life from that season, and the audience shares the emotion of their lives in the moment. We're there for each other in a most profound way, empathically sharing and listening to each other through the music."

—KATE O'HARA, ORIGINAL AND CURRENT MEMBER OF HARMONY PROJECT

Pictured: (below) Harmony Project founder David Brown leads the chorus; (inset) David Brown.



York, Los Angeles, and a short time in New Orleans, he returned to Columbus with a dream to bring together a choir filled with people who love music. This choir isn't about where you live or what you do. There are no barriers—geographic, racial, or socio-economic. The heart and soul of Harmony revolves around one thing—being you, whoever you are.

More than 200 people showed up for the initial meeting on the project in October 2009. At the end of 2015, between the choir and other initiatives throughout the

community, Harmony Project was more than 700 voices strong.

"The idea of Harmony Project is based in music, because that is my background. Because of my skillset, I'm going to turn you into something you didn't think you could be," David said. "Harmony can be used to introduce people not only to each other, but to their city."

WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Support from national foundation boosts efforts in Weinland Park

A bold, visionary plan to strengthen the Weinland Park neighborhood—led by the Weinland Park Collaborative, a public-private partnership formed in 2010—was the groundwork for an opportunity to apply for a national funding opportunity from the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF).

“In 2012, we submitted a proposal to the Annie E. Casey Foundation after they had spent over a year looking at about 100 neighborhood revitalization initiatives across the country,” said Michael Wilkos, Director of Community Research for The Columbus Foundation. “They ultimately invited seven neighborhood revitalization projects to submit to be part of AECF Family-Centered Community Change work and selected only three neighborhoods. Weinland Park was one of them.”

In 2008, The Columbus Foundation’s Governing Committee approved a multi-year investment to help strengthen many facets of the neighborhood located southeast of The Ohio State University, including housing, employment, health, education, and others. These investments are beginning to pay off as the landscape of the neighborhood changes, and positive improvements are made in ways that can be seen—and many that can’t.

Following a planning and pilot period, AECF committed \$750,000—\$1 million a year to implement a “two-generation” approach in Weinland Park that involves working with low-income children, parents, and families to improve educational outcomes for the children and economic self-sufficiency for their parents or caregivers.

AECF is a national foundation based in Baltimore. For more than 60 years, the foundation has worked to improve the lives of America’s children and their families. It has been involved in place-based work for decades.

It considers itself a “strategic co-investor” in the Weinland Park project, joining the existing community

change effort already in place as an additional funding partner.

“We sought out communities that already had momentum—that already had community change and transformation efforts underway. It was people who were already coming together with a commitment to neighborhoods and a commitment to improving outcomes for kids in those neighborhoods,” said Amoretta Morris, Senior Associate, Family-Centered Community Change at AECF.

In addition to Weinland Park, neighborhoods in Buffalo and San Antonio are participating in Family-Centered Community Change.

“One of the things I really value about the Columbus community is that people are really clear about what it means to be doing this work and to be part of this community change effort,” Amoretta said.

Over several years, the neighborhood has seen significant change. Crime rates are down, key investments in programs serving at-risk youth have been made, and the physical environment has seen considerable improvement. More than 500 housing units have been repaired, renovated, or newly built by the Weinland Park Collaborative since 2008, the majority of which have been affordable housing units serving existing and new residents. In addition, the neighborhood and funders are focused on creating a mixed-income community that encourages people to move in, builds upon the fabric of the existing community, and encourages those already in the neighborhood to take advantage of new mid-range housing options.

“If there’s going to be an example about how communities are having authentic conversations about race, power, and how to have new residents and older residents work together to see themselves as part of this renaissance, it’s going to happen here,” Amoretta said.

As of December 31, 2015, The Columbus Foundation

“The way in which the partners are working together is really exciting to me because from the very beginning they have been committed to doing business differently.”

—AMORETTA MORRIS, ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION



has invested more than \$8 million in Weinland Park, including a \$2 million loan and more than \$6 million through 104 grants focused on seven primary areas to generate positive change—education, employment, health, housing, public safety, resident engagement, and youth development. The AECF has invested \$1.23 million in grants since joining the Weinland Park Collaborative in 2013.

Pictured from left: Michael Wilkos; Weinland Park residents Brittany Baumgardner and her daughter, Amil'Leah; and Amoretta Morris at a neighborhood playground.

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Funds established during 2015 ►

FUNDS ESTABLISHED DURING 2015

The Fund for Columbus

Created by civic-minded individuals to address the emerging needs and opportunities in the community, The Fund for Columbus is comprised of unrestricted funds and contributions. The Foundation’s Community Research and Grants Management team researches and identifies the most effective organizations and initiatives to receive grants.

2 NEW FUNDS IN 2015	177 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	\$177,950,223 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	\$10K–\$40,040,693 MARKET VALUE RANGE
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Margaret A. Hukill Fund for Columbus



Margaret “Meg” Hukill worked for many years as a licensed physical therapist in Ohio. She attended the Miami Avenue Welsh Church until 1962. Megg was a longtime member of Broad Street Presbyterian Church and the Welsh Society of Central Ohio. She enjoyed visiting Elder Hostels and the Chautauqua area regularly. Megg passed away in 2014.

Richard G. and Mary Jo Seyler

Richard Seyler was a longtime physics professor at The Ohio State University. He received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees and Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. Mary Jo was a professor at Ohio Wesleyan University for many years. The Seylers were married for almost 47 years. Mary Jo passed away in 2011 and Richard in 2014.

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 the elderly, healthcare, the arts, or a specific geographic area.

10 NEW EXTERNAL FUNDS IN 2015	220 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	\$122,475,325 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	\$10K–\$10,725,233 MARKET VALUE RANGE
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Paul-Henri Bourguignon and Erika Bourguignon Fund for Visual Arts

Paul-Henri Bourguignon was a knowledgeable collector of folk and ethnographic art, and a talented photographer, journalist, author, and visual artist. He was born in Brussels and Erika was born in Vienna. Erika and Paul-Henri met in Haiti, then moved to Columbus in 1950 when Erika, an anthropologist, joined The Ohio State University faculty. Erika taught for more than 40 years at her retirement. Paul-Henri passed away in 1988 and Erika in 2015. This fund will support visual arts organizations in Columbus.

Nancy I. Ferguson Fund of The New Albany Community Foundation

This fund was established by The New Albany Company and others to honor Nancy Ferguson’s public service and to enhance the quality of life in New Albany. Nancy served as Mayor of New Albany from 2004–2015, and on the Village Council from 1998-2003. The fund primarily supports historic preservation, a cause championed by Nancy.

Portia N. Flewellen

Portia Flewellen was a resident of Worthington. She passed away in December 2015 at age 95 and provided for this fund through her estate. Her husband, Eugene, predeceased her. Portia and Eugene have one daughter, who also lives in Worthington. The fund will support organizations engaged in protecting the environment, domestically and internationally.

The Columbus Foundation Disaster Relief



This permanent fund will accept contributions for various disasters and tragedies to be distributed based on donors’ wishes or through the Foundation’s recommendation. This fund will assist donors in supporting current disaster relief efforts worldwide.

Ann F. Fobes Memorial



Ann Fobes had a long history of active community participation, focusing on adult literacy and homelessness in Franklin County. Ann passed away in October 2015.

Nepal Earthquake Relief



In response to the devastation in Nepal in April 2015, The Columbus Foundation established this fund to support five health and disaster-related nonprofits who worked to curb the loss of life, alleviate suffering, and put the region on the path to recovery. Contributions to this fund supported the American Red Cross, CARE, Doctors Without Borders (Med Sans Frontieres), Give2Asia, and The Salvation Army.

New Albany Author Residency Program Fund of the New Albany Community Foundation

Established by New Albany families, organizations, and New Albany Community Foundation donors, this fund supports an Author Residency program at New Albany-Plain Local School District.

The Christine and Jeffrey Rodek Fund of the New Albany Community Foundation

Christine and Jeffrey Rodek established this fund to support lifelong learning opportunities through the New Albany Community Foundation’s Jefferson Series lectures.

Victor Sponagel

Victor Sponagel passed away in 2013 and was predeceased by his wife, Bertha, and daughter, Victoria. The bequest he left for this fund will be focused on advancing research, care, management, and treatment of mental illness.

United Schools Network Expansion

United Schools Network Inc. (USN) was founded as a middle school for “disadvantaged students to achieve academic distinction and become citizens of integrity,” and for several years has been one of the highest performing public middle schools in Franklin County. USN is raising money for capital improvements for the middle school facilities and to purchase and make necessary improvements to two buildings for elementary schools.

Designated Funds

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

9	298	\$231,705,242	\$10K–\$30,914,178
NEW FUNDS IN 2015	TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	MARKET VALUE RANGE

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L. Jean Barnhard and John L. Barnhard, Jr.

John Barnhard provided for this fund through his estate plan to support the Fancher Cemetery located in Harlem Township. He had a 43-year career with Huntington Bank. John and his wife, Jean, were passionate about genealogy and the study of the Civil War. Jean predeceased John, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 80.

Rowland C.W. and Heather S. Brown

Rowland Brown was the CEO of Buckeye Steel. From 1980 to 1989, he served as President and Chief Executive Officer of OCLC (Online Computer Library Center). Rowland was a graduate of Harvard University and a World War II and Korean War veteran. Among many civic engagements, Rowland led successful efforts to save the Ohio Theatre and the Southern Theatre. Heather was an active volunteer

with many community organizations, including Columbus Urban League and Columbus Museum of Art. Married for 67 years, the Browns had three children, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Their son, Geoffrey, passed away in 1995. Rowland and Heather both passed away in 2013. This fund will support the Pro Musica Chamber Orchestra and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra.

Eric Carmichael Scholarship



Eric Carmichael was Senior Vice President of Quoin Capital, LLC with more than 25 years of investment banking experience. Eric co-founded several companies, including Gideon Development Partners, LLC, and was a trustee of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Eric passed away in 2012. This fund was established with gifts from family and friends and will support the James Brister Society Endowed Scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania, where Eric attended.

Ann F. Fobes



Ann Fobes was a graduate of The Ohio State University, where she earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees. She retired from a 45-year career teaching 3rd and 4th graders in Worthington and Marion, Ohio, and Mannheim, Germany. Ann passed away in October 2015.

Friends of Nkhoma Hospital USA



Nkhoma Hospital, founded by South African missionary doctors in 1915, is now a 250-bed rural hospital in central Malawi. The hospital has diverse international partners for financial and project support and health education, including The Ohio State University, University of Cork in Ireland, Dundee University in Scotland, and the Malawi College of Medicine. Dr. David Morton and his wife, Rebecca, have been serving at Nkhoma Hospital since 2009. They established this fund together with their families, the Mortons and VanWechels, to support the hospital.

Jane Farrar Seymour

This fund was established by Philadelphia resident Antoinette Farrar Seymour Lofgren to honor her mother, Jane, and her family who first arrived in London, Ohio, at the beginning of the nineteenth century and have maintained ties with the small town ever since. The fund will support the care and upkeep of archival Farrar family journals, which are being cared for and kept on the library shelves of the Madison County Historical Society in London.

Charles B. and Elaine Mayson Reiner

Charles Reiner, M.D., served in the U.S. Army in World War II, and then obtained his medical degree from Temple University in Philadelphia. He was one of the first pediatric pathologists in the United States, and had a career of more than 40 years at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, where he rose to the position of Chief of Pediatric Anatomical Pathology. Among his volunteer work, he served on the Olentangy School Board and the Delaware General Health District Board of Health. Elaine, his wife, was also an active volunteer, including service as a founder of Delaware’s Meals on Wheels and the Delaware County Dollars for Scholars program. Charles and Elaine had three children. Charles passed away in 2014 and Elaine in 2015.

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.

24 NEW FUNDS IN 2015	350 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	\$112,840,683 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	\$10K–\$7,219,716 MARKET VALUE RANGE
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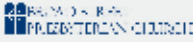
Louise A. Anderson Endowment Fund of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation

Irvin Anderson and Julie Anderson created this fund for the library in tribute to their sister and aunt, Louise A. Anderson. This fund will support hardware, software, and “way finding” tools to assist customers in conducting research at the main library.


Scott Broome Endowed Scholarship of the Achieving Standards of Excellence Foundation

Sisters Josephine Scott and Ethel Broome established this fund to support the work of the Achieving Standards of Excellence Foundation. The foundation was created by members of the Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., for the purpose of encouraging and assisting individuals in achieving educational excellence. Josephine is former Chairwoman of the organization and an ongoing supporter of the chapter’s foundation.

BSPC Legacy

 Broad Street Presbyterian Church was founded in 1887. In response to God’s love for the world, the congregation is committed to its mission in its neighborhood and globally. The church is known for the quality of its music and worship and its commitment to serving those in need. This fund’s purpose is to support the ministry of the church.

Melvin Busch Jr. Fund for Fayette County Girl Scouts

 Fayette County native Melvin Busch, Jr. created an enduring legacy through his generous estate gift that will support Girl Scout programs in Fayette County, including the areas of Washington Court House, Jeffersonville, and Bloomingburg. Girl scouting helps girls build courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place.


Championing the Dream

In 2017, The King Arts Complex will celebrate 30 years of existence. This fund was created by the board to diversify income streams, enhance sustainability, and increase financial stability.

Columbus Chamber Singers

The Columbus Chamber Singers was founded in 1988 as a small, all volunteer, mixed chorus, performing a varied repertoire of classical, sacred, secular, and popular music. The concert season usually consists of formal concerts that are free to the public, along with community service engagements at public libraries, retirement homes, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio. This fund will support the vision for a long-term future.

Columbus Free Clinic Endowment


 The Columbus Free Clinic is a free, walk-in clinic where everyone is seen. Located in the Rardin Family Practice building near The Ohio State University campus, it utilizes medical school students and physician volunteers. Medical students have the opportunity to practice their interview and medical exam skills; pharmacy students have

the opportunity to practice counseling and preparing prescriptions; and physicians supervise and teach students in a supportive, low pressure environment. This fund will support their ongoing work.


Columbus Metropolitan Club Founders and Board Leadership Legacy in Civic Engagement

 This fund was established by the Columbus Metropolitan Club to honor club founders and past board members.

Columbus Metropolitan Club Joseph Alutto and Carol Newcomb-Alutto Legacy in Civic Engagement

 This fund was established to honor Joseph Alutto and Carol Newcomb-Alutto and their commitment to higher education.

General Endowment of the Worthington Christian Schools Foundation

 This fund supports the general needs of Worthington Christian Schools (WCS), a K–12 college preparatory school founded in 1973. Today, WCS has evolved into a three-campus school recognized nationally for academics, athletics, and the arts.

Franklinton Arts District

The Franklinton Arts District is a group of creative and diverse people committed to fostering a vibrant arts community in historic Franklinton by providing bold and innovative opportunities to artists and art enthusiasts. Proceeds from

Urban Scrawl and the Art for Franklinton events will be used to support this endowment, created by the district’s board.

The Franklin University

This fund was established by the Franklin University Board of Trustees, and honors university family belief in the power of education to transform lives. Designed to provide scholarships for students who strive to advance their professional and personal lives and enrich the communities they serve, this fund also supports Franklin faculty and staff in their commitment to enhance the learning environment for the broadest possible community of learners—with innovative teaching methodologies, technologies, and collaborations.

Jean Gorsuch Fund of the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation

Jean Gorsuch Fund II of the Gahanna Education Foundation
Norma Jean Gorsuch, a lifelong resident of Columbus, taught at East Linden Elementary School during most of her 37-year career. Jean had two sisters and many beloved students and friends. She passed away in January 2015. The fund will provide scholarships for graduates of Gahanna Lincoln High School who otherwise would not be able to pursue higher education.

Homeless Families Foundation Endowment

 The Homeless Families Foundation (HFF), established in 1986, battles family homelessness in our community. HFF educates and

nurtures children while empowering families to achieve stable housing and self-sufficiency. This fund will insure HFF’s ability to provide services for children and families in the future.

Logos Endowment

 This fund was established by the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, and is the church’s second fund at the Foundation. This fund will be the primary vehicle for the church to attract planned and legacy gifts.

Montaña de Luz

 Montaña de Luz began as a hospice in Honduras for children with HIV/AIDS whose parents had died or had become too ill to care for them. Located east of Tegucigalpa, on a mountain top overlooking a valley of small towns and sugar cane fields, the Mountain of Light is a refuge for children who desperately need specialized care. In 2003, the organization transitioned from a hospice to a home thanks to the availability of anti-retroviral medications. The organization’s administrative offices are located in Columbus.

Pedal-with-Pete Foundation
Pedal-with-Pete raises funds for research to improve the quality of life for individuals with cerebral palsy. This fund sponsors annual bike rides in Kent and Columbus, and, in more than 20 years of operation, has provided more than \$1 million in cerebral palsy research funding.

Susie and Charlie Rath Creative Arts Fund of the Bexley Community Foundation



Susie and Charlie Rath are longtime residents of Bexley. They have three children and nine grandchildren. Charlie has had a career in sales, marketing, and advertising, culminating in the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Wendy’s International, Inc. This fund was established in memory of Susie’s father, Leland S. McClelland, a highly regarded local artist and longtime Bexley resident.

Nick Rozanski Memorial Foundation of the Dublin Foundation



The Dublin Foundation established this fund in honor of Capt. Nicholas J. Rozanski, who passed away in April 2012 supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in northern Afghanistan. Nick was a graduate of Dublin High School and The Ohio State University, and was employed by the Defense Supply Center of Columbus. After joining the Ohio National Guard in 2003, he served three tours of duty—Kosovo, Kuwait/Iraq, and Afghanistan. Nick and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters. The Nick Rozanski Memorial Foundation was established to benefit students and families within the local Dublin community through scholarships and other charitable foundations.

Jay and Jeanie Schottenstein Family Fund of the Bexley Community Foundation



Jay Schottenstein is the Chairman of Schottenstein Stores Corp; American Signature Inc./ Value City Furniture; Schottenstein Property Group; DSW, Inc; and American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. Jeanie is an active volunteer in the central Ohio community and beyond. This fund will facilitate Jay and Jeanie’s tradition of giving to support the Bexley Community Foundation and other nonprofit organizations in the Bexley community.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Endowment Investment

This fund was created by the Trustees of the Endowment Fund of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. The church is more than 50 years old and is located in Upper Arlington, though it serves many communities. It supports vibrant music and children’s formation programs, and has a strong commitment to outreach and pastoral care.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Major Projects

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church of Upper Arlington established this fund for assets dedicated to major projects as defined by the Vestry of the Church. St. Mark’s has two other funds with The Columbus Foundation opened in 2011 and 2013.

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.

5 NEW FUNDS IN 2015	209 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	\$63,401,226 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	\$10K–\$26,670,071 MARKET VALUE RANGE
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Bopp-Busch Manufacturing

Bopp-Busch Manufacturing Company established this scholarship in honor of its



founding families—August and Eva Bopp and Chester and Betty Busch. Scholarships will be awarded to students residing in Arenac or Iosco Counties in Michigan, areas that have supported the business over the years. The scholarships will encourage post-secondary education, with a preference for skilled trades education.

Bud and Billie Eubanks Memorial

Bud and Billie Eubanks, of Leesville, South Carolina, had one major goal in their lives—that their three children would be able to go to college and have the opportunity to better themselves through education. Due to their perseverance and hard work, all three of their children went to college and have been very successful in business. This scholarship was set up by Bill and Sue in honor of Bill’s parents to support a student from Batesburg-Leesville High School in South Carolina who would not otherwise have the means to attend college.

Hopkins Family Scholarship

Jim and Arnie Hopkins founded Hopkins Printing in 1974. Jim is Chair of the company and Arnie is a sales associate. The couple lives in Blacklick.

Medical Mutual Scholarship Fund for Columbus City Schools

Medical Mutual is the oldest and largest health insurance company headquartered in Ohio. This scholarship fund, Medical Mutual’s third fund at The Columbus Foundation, will provide scholarship assistance to graduates of Columbus City Schools who have financial need and a commitment to education.



Matthew G. Miner Scholarship Fund for Thomas Worthington High School

Donor Advised Funds

Flexible and convenient, this is the number one 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.

105 NEW FUNDS IN 2015	938 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	\$524,882,318 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	\$10K–\$153,281,543 MARKET VALUE RANGE
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Ahern Family Foundation

Tony Ahern established this fund in honor of his late wife, who passed away after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Sue graduated from State University of New York at Potsdam and Kent State University, and was an active member of Meadow Park Church of God. She “lived life graciously.” Tony retired as President and CEO of Buckeye Power. He lives in Delaware.

Jerry Alcott

American Home Foundation

Donald Shackelford established this fund to enhance the work of the American Home Foundation. He is retired Chairman from Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio following a banking career, and is a graduate of Denison University and Harvard Business School. Don is a former member of the Governing Committee of The Columbus Foundation. He has also served on the boards of many other corporations and charitable organizations.

Arts Innovation



This fund supports the leading artistic directors of our region’s top performing arts groups in their pursuit of excellence by inspiring innovation and creativity that will help elevate the performing arts in central Ohio through the Columbus Performing Arts Prize. Initial funding is from George Barrett and The Columbus Foundation, with support from other leading donors.

Atlas Butler Heating & Cooling

Atlas Butler traces its roots back to The Ramey Mfg. Co. of Chillicothe in the 1800s. McGee Swepston went to work for Ramey in the early 1910s as a bookkeeper, and later became owner. In 1921, Ramey purchased the manufacturing rights of Butler Furnace, creating the Butler Furnace Company, and in 1934, the name Atlas Butler was adopted. Atlas Butler has supported the central Ohio community and established this fund to continue its support of people in need.

Baich Family



Kim Baich is a Program Coordinator for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) and Jim Baich is COO at IGS Energy and Chairman of WW Williams. This fund was established by a very close friend to their family as a means for the Baiches to support the charities they care about most. Kim and Jim, and their children Anna, Mason, and Dawson, reside in Dublin.

Lori Barreras and Alex Fischer



Alex Fischer is President and CEO of the Columbus Partnership, a nonprofit, membership-based organization of 52 CEOs from Columbus’ leading businesses and institutions, with the primary goal of improving the economic vitality of the Columbus region. Lori Barreras is a Commissioner of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and earlier held positions in human resources at The Ohio State University and Battelle Memorial Institute. Alex and Lori have been active on numerous boards. Alex currently serves as Chairman of Nationwide Children’s

Hospital and on The Ohio State Board of Trustees. Lori is the Vice Chair of the Greater Columbus Arts Commission and serves on the Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. Alex and Lori have three children.

Big Walnut Grill Foundation

BK Lake Foundation

Carol M. Burgett Family Foundation

Celebrate One Community

This fund was created by the City of Columbus to support CelebrateOne, a collaboration focused on addressing the high rate of infant mortality in Franklin County. Through its partners, CelebrateOne is carrying out recommendations of the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force to reduce the infant mortality rate—working to provide each baby the opportunity for a healthy and safe first year of life.

CEO for Cities Conference

Columbus is serving as the host for the 2016 CEOs for Cities National Meeting. CEOs for Cities is a national network of cross-generation, cross-section urban leaders dedicated to building and sustaining great cities. The purpose of this fund is to assist the local fundraising efforts to support the conference in September, which will welcome 400 guests from 75 cities across the country.

Coe Family

Nick Coe has been CEO of Bath & Body Works since 2011. He has extensive experience in a variety of leadership roles, including Levi Strauss, Banana Republic, and Land’s End. Nick lives in Columbus with his family.

Commonhouse Shares



Lenny Kolada is a craft beer pioneer in central Ohio. He and his wife, Joan, are the current owners of Smokehouse Brewing Company. This fund will support the local charitable activities of their new business venture, Commonhouse Ales, which is Ohio’s first Certified B Corporation pending brewery. For every six-pack of its flagship Six. One For Good Ale sold, one dollar will be contributed to the fund.

Pam Conley Trust

This fund will support the growth of the arts in Columbus and the humane treatment and adoption of animals.

David and Stephanie Connor Family Foundation

Theodore W. and Lynn E. Coons



Ted and Lynn Coons own and operate Spillman Company, a small steel fabricating company that began producing steel forms for the concrete industry in 1948. Ted is CEO and Chairman of the Board, and Lynn is Human Resources Manager. Both are active members of Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Most of Ted’s volunteer time is devoted to the Kiwanis Club of Columbus, and Lynn is immediate Past President of the Columbus Children’s Choir. Their three children and two grandchildren are very central to their lives, but do not live in Columbus, so the couple is often traveling to see them. When they’re not traveling for work or family, Lynn and Ted are wandering the world to see its wonders.

Frank Courtney

Frank Courtney sees himself as a fortunate person and believes it is his turn to help those less fortunate, specifically in the areas of education and healthcare. He is a cancer survivor of 24 years, and has learned during those years how important it is to help others, which will be the focus of this fund.

Dang-Crane

Daughters



The Daughters Fund was created by Casey Brown in honor of her daughters, Kira and Lia, and in honor of the world’s daughters. Casey, president of Precision Pricing, volunteers more than 600 hours annually in the United States and around the world, focused primarily on meeting children’s basic needs. She donates a portion of Precision Pricing’s profits to this fund, which was established to address the basic needs of children around the world: food, water, medical care, and education. Casey has supported Drop in The Bucket, a nonprofit that builds wells at schools in Africa; and Free to Smile, a Columbus-based nonprofit that performs cleft lip and palate repair surgeries around the world.

The Carol Strip Whitney Scholarship



Dr. Carol Whitney is founder and instructor for Gifted Education Services of Dublin, working as an educational therapist with gifted students. She holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, focused on curriculum addressing the social-emotional needs of gifted adolescents. She founded and built

the first gifted programs for Dublin City Schools and Olentangy Local Schools. She has written three award-winning books in the field of gifted education and is currently working on her fourth book.

Jean R. Droste Family



Jean Droste is a longtime public servant, who worked on education issues in Ohio state government, and has served as Safety Director and Mayor of Circleville. She has an associate’s degree from Monmouth College and bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Wisconsin—Madison. Jean has served on a number of boards, including the board of the Women’s Fund of Central Ohio and the Pickaway Progress Partnership Board. She lives in Circleville and has a son and a daughter.

Ruth H. Engelberg

Ruth Engelberg worked in the Franklin County Court system for many years before retiring. She is a lifelong resident of Columbus and a graduate of The Ohio State University. Ruth has a daughter, son-in-law, and a granddaughter.

Eulberg Family Trust



Joe Eulberg is the former Executive Vice President of Human Resources for Bob Evans Farms and has held the top human resource role at several major corporations. He currently serves as a trustee for the University of Rio Grande. Joe earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Texas A&M University and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas. Judy has held retail management positions with several corporations,

including Pier 1 Imports and Function Junction. Judy graduated from Kansas State University. Judy and Joe are active in their church and various charities. The couple resides in Westerville and has two adult children.

Stephen and Nancy Falk Family



Steve and Nancy Falk are both graduates of the University of Michigan Law School. Steve retired as General Counsel for Cardinal Health, and is a current member of Columbus School for Girls Board of Trustees. Nancy is Associate General Counsel for Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians. The couple resides in Upper Arlington with their three children—Alex, Charlotte, and Abigail. The family’s philanthropic support has focused on the arts, health, and education.

Clyde R. Fobes



Clyde Fobes was a graduate of Ohio University and a U.S. Army officer during the Korean War. He had a long career as Chief Financial Officer at Desco Corporation until his retirement. Clyde and his first wife, Alice, had a son, Gary, and a daughter, Amy, and three grandchildren, Adam, Reed, and Julie. He enjoyed living in Florida, and the company of friends and pets. He passed away in November 2014.

FutureReady Columbus

This fund was established to support the work of FutureReady Columbus, our community’s new education initiative designed to ensure student success for the workplaces and families of tomorrow.

Gobey Music Trust



David and Nanci Gobey plan to support music education within Columbus City Schools (CCS) and to provide musical instruments to students who cannot otherwise afford them. They hope to positively impact Columbus students’ academic success rate, increase self-esteem, and remove financial barriers to making music education part of the core curriculum in CCS. David built a career as an international marketing executive. Nanci has held multiple senior management roles within the information technology field. David earned degrees from The Ohio State University, as did Nanci. Nanci also graduated from Capital University Law School, where she was awarded the Order of the Curia, the American Jurisprudence Award, and was published in Law Review.

Andrew Graf and Amanda Sexton Charitable

Mark and Jane Grindley

Mark Grindley is the Chief Operating Officer at Plaskolite. He and his wife, Jane, live in Upper Arlington.

Mitchell & Christine Grindley

Mitchell Grindley is President of Plaskolite. He and his wife, Christine, established this fund to support higher education, family charities, and churches. The couple lives in Westerville.

Jack and Kelly Grote Family

Diane Harry

Diane Harry is a graduate of Miami University and The Ohio State University, where she earned a Ph.D. in statistics. She works at Novella Clinical’s office in Columbus as a statistician, and is a longtime

resident of Clintonville. Her interests include the environment and conservation.

Lawrence E. and Kay Massman Helman

Lawrence Helman is a retired partner with NBBJ, an international architectural design firm, and Kay served as Vice President of Development at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and as an Associate Director of Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation. They have two children and five grandchildren. This fund will support Christ Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, the Bexley Community Foundation, the Bexley Education Foundation, and numerous charitable organizations supporting children.

Hopkins Family Foundation

Jim and Arnie Hopkins founded Hopkins Printing in 1974. Jim is Chair of the company and Arnie is a sales associate. The couple lives in Blacklick.

Margaret A. Hukill Fund for Women’s Support



Margaret “Meg” Hukill was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Virginia Commonwealth University, and the College of William and Mary. She worked for many years as a licensed physical therapist in Ohio. Megg was professionally affiliated with the Medical College of Virginia, The Ohio Tuberculosis and Health Association, The Ohio State University College of Education, Ohio Program in the Humanities of Capital University, and Mt. Carmel East Hospital. She passed away in 2014.

IGS Foundation



Founded in 1989, IGS is a leader in the energy industry advocating for an engaged society seeking positive change in the way customers manage and consume energy resources. Today, the company serves more than one million customers. Through the IGS Foundation, the company is working to create positive social change in the areas of energy sustainability, social enterprise and entrepreneurship, and causes that matter most to IGS employees.

IGS Employee Hardship



IGS, a privately-held and family-owned company, is one of America’s largest independent suppliers of natural gas and electricity. In partnership with The Salvation Army, the company established this fund to provide financial support to employees in times of critical need and disaster.

Sue F. Jablonski



Sue Jablonski is Senior Vice President and Communications Officer at OhioHealth. She serves on the boards of Capital University and Lifeline of Ohio. A graduate of the University of Toledo, Sue lives in Westerville.

Tim and Lena Jochim Foundation



Tim Jochim is a partner at the law firm of Schatz Brown Glassman LLP and is a nationally recognized authority on business



succession and employee stock ownership plans. He has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of North Dakota, as well as a law degree from the University of Akron. Lena is a Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration. She has bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Delta State University. The Jochims live in Columbus and Atlanta.

Josenhans Family

Keidan Cares



Bob Keidan is a Certified Financial Planner who has been in the investment advisory business since 1980. He is the Founder and President of Keidan Financial Consultants, LLC, and is a graduate of The Ohio State University. His wife, Clemy, is a retired elementary school teacher. The Keidans live in Blacklick and are the parents of two grown children. Bob is contributing to this fund to match his clients’ philanthropic desires.

Nicholas and Jennifer King Family

Nick and Jennifer King are co-owners of Preferred Living, developing and managing rental communities with stylish, relaxing environments and many amenities. They are avid supporters of local schools—especially their alma mater, Bishop Watterson High School (class of 1993). The couple resides in Upper Arlington.

The Kistner Family

Edward Kistner is a graduate of Miami University and Xavier University, and former Chair of the Children’s Hunger Alliance Board

of Directors. Sarah is a graduate of Indiana University. She and Ed are actively involved with Habitat for Humanity and Project HERO Ride 2 Recovery which is focused on work with injured veterans. The couple resides in New Albany.

Susan Lazarus

Susan Lazarus, the daughter of Robert and Mary Lazarus, established this fund to support her favorite charitable organizations and causes. She lives in Dublin, Ireland, with her husband, Aongus, and their children, Ciara and Dara.

William D. Lenkey



Bill Lenkey, a lifelong resident of Columbus, is a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory

School. Having worked for many years for the auditor of the State of Ohio, Bill is now retired. He has been active with a number of charitable organizations, including St. Mary Catholic Church and the German Village Society. Bill lives in Columbus.

Cathy and Jeff Lyttle Family



Cathy Lyttle leads Communications and Investor Relations at Worthington Industries. Jeff is a Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase & Co. Both are active community volunteers. Cathy currently chairs the Columbus Youth Foundation and the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation, and serves on the boards of Experience Columbus and Columbus State Community College. Jeff is President of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation and Chair of the Community Shelter Board. This fund focuses on education and

quality of life issues in our community. They are parents of an adult son and reside in Worthington.

Mallott Family Foundation



Philip and Becky Mallott are active longtime members of Westerville Community United Church of Christ.

Philip is a Director and Audit Committee Chair at Big Lots, Inc. and GNC, Inc. He is a member of several nonprofit boards, including the board of Defiance College, of which he is an alumnus. Becky provides contract administration services and volunteers as a Master Gardener. The couple lives in Westerville and has two adult children, Mandy and Aaron.

A Matter of Conscience

This fund was established by Sharon DeAscentis as a means to facilitate her philanthropic giving to numerous charities throughout the central Ohio community—with a special emphasis on helping ease the financial burdens of those with the greatest need.

Patrick and Susie McAllister

Patrick McAllister is President/ Owner of CP Management Company, a commercial development and management company in Ross County, and a graduate of The Ohio State University. He and his wife, Susie, have seven children and 12 grandchildren. They are residents of both Chillicothe and Fort Myers.

John W. and Arlene P. McKitrick Family Foundation



John McKitrick is President and CEO of McKitrick Properties, Inc. and Bethel Road Investment Co, Inc.

His wife, Arlene, is an amateur

competition golfer, having won more than 222 tournament titles. John and Arlene are formerly from Dublin and now live in Longboat Key.

Michael Family



This fund was created to aid individuals and organizations to further their missions of

helping others less blessed. To date, the emphasis has been in the areas of education and on environmental and species preservation issues. Timothy Michael's career has been in the field of investment banking and entrepreneurship, and Melinda retired as an educator at the college and high school levels.

Marcia Miller and Kevin Eigel Fun

Marcia Miller is the President of Yoga on High and a graduate of Tufts University. Her husband, Kevin Eigel, is the President of Echohouse Solar and a graduate of Vanderbilt University. Marcia is a second-generation donor of The Columbus Foundation. Marcia and Kevin live in Galloway.

Muth Foundation



Melissa Muth started this fund in honor of her parents and to support various animal and

environmental concerns, as well as human health issues. Melissa is a graduate of The Ohio State University and is a Certified Personal Trainer and life coach. She retired from the Mars Company after more than 30 years, and now enjoys adventure travel and volunteering. Melissa, originally from Dayton, lives in Hilliard.

Ann and Robert Oakley Family

Robert Oakley, Ph.D, retired in 2003 as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Nationwide. He is the former Board Chair of Junior Achievement of Central Ohio, former Vice Chair of the Columbus Symphony, and currently serves on the boards of the Community Housing Network and The Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Ann has served on the boards of the Hannah Neil Center and the Central Ohio Diabetes Association, and actively supports the Childhood League Center. This fund supports a variety of educational, artistic, and religious organizations in central Ohio.

Ohio Wesleyan University

Ohio Wesleyan University is partnering with The Columbus Foundation to offer Donor Advised Funds to their donors that will support the university and the community.

OSU Men's Varsity O Alumni Association

This fund was created by The Varsity O Alumni Society. The alumni society advances the interests of former varsity athletic letterwinners of The Ohio State University by promoting fellowship, good will, athletic excellence, and professional relationships among the alumni, current student athletes, athletic department staff, and friends of the society. The society supports athletic capital projects, funds athletic scholarships, and recognizes outstanding athletes and coaches by nominating and inducting the very best into the University Athletics Hall of Fame.

Our Hope Foundation

Panzer-Heitmeyer



Jennifer Heitmeyer and Jay Panzer were introduced by their dogs in Schiller Park.

Jennifer had come

to Columbus to work in corporate retail, and Jay arrived a few years earlier to plan performing arts facilities. They fell in love, got married, and predictably, share their home in German Village with dogs. They established their fund to give back to the community that has given them so much. Their philanthropic goals are as eclectic as their backgrounds and include the arts, animal welfare, medical research, and community development.

Susan J. Peck Foundation



Susan Peck is a native of central Ohio and a graduate of Columbus Academy. She is

currently studying at The Ohio State University, and working towards a degree involving environmental sustainability. She lives in Hilliard.

Power Giving Foundation



This fund was established to support nonprofit organizations by pooling funds collected through

the Power Giving platform by its members. Owner Bill Myers offers ways to reduce costs for individuals, companies, and nonprofits by providing various services that simultaneously fundraise and pool contributions to give back to the community. Bill is married to Susan, and they have two children.

Gail Walter and Allen Proctor Family

Deborah Pryce Family



Deborah Pryce was a member of the United States House of Representatives for Ohio's 15th

Congressional District. She is an attorney at Ice Miller LLP and is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School. Deborah is co-founder of Hope Street Kids, with the mission of eliminating childhood cancer through research, advocacy, and education. Deborah has a daughter, Mia, and resides in Upper Arlington.

Radigan Family

Dianne Radigan is Vice President of Community Relations at Cardinal Health. She has two daughters, a son-in-law, and grandchildren, Milo and Parker. This fund will help the family continue to support the community for many years to come. Dianne lives in Old Beechwood.

Red Tail Society

Bob and Mary Frances Restrepo

Bob Restrepo is retired as Chairman, CEO, and President of State Auto Insurance Companies, culminating a long career in the insurance industry. He is a graduate of Yale University. His wife, Mary Frances, is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and also worked in the insurance industry. She has served numerous nonprofit organizations, including Columbus Academy, Nationwide Children's Hospital Twig 3, and the United Way Tocqueville Committee.

Riat Family

Bill Riat is a graduate of Bishop Hartley High School and The Ohio State University School of Architecture. He is a partner with CASTO, a leading company in residential and mixed use developments. Sheila, his wife, is a graduate of Eastmoor High School, and attended Capital University and OSU. She is an accomplished artist. Bill and Sheila reside in Bexley and have one son, John, who works with his father at CASTO.

Abby and Don Robinson Family Charitable Foundation



Don and Abby Robinson are both graduates of Marshall University. Don has worked in public accounting for more than 45 years. In 1972, he started his own firm, which is now known as Bodine Perry Robinson. Abby has been an educator and volunteer for many organizations, including the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, the Irish Living History Society, and Glass Axis. The Robinsons live in Worthington and have two adult sons.

Laurie Rumbaugh Family Foundation

Susan Scharenberg
Susan Scharenberg retired as Project Manager from JP Morgan Chase after a career in IT. She manages The Ohio State University Marching Band Alumni music library, serves on the board of The Focus Group—Columbus, and resides in Upper Arlington.

Lori Seaman

Lori Ann Seaman, originally from Canton, received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from The Ohio State University. She was a licensed social worker at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Riverside Methodist Hospital, and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Lori passed away in 2014.

Brent and Hillary Sheffer
Brent Sheffer is an attorney. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and Capital University Law School. Hillary is a training specialist at American Electric Power (AEP), and is a graduate of the University of West Florida. The Sheffers live in Westerville.

The Sonnanstine Family

Creston and Sarah Stewart Charitable
Creston Stewart founded the Stewart-MacDonald Manufacturing Company in Athens in 1968. The company specializes in manufacturing and distributing component parts for the music instrument industry worldwide. Sarah retired after 30 years of teaching health and physical education in Colorado and Montana. The couple resides in Bozeman, Montana, where they enjoy skiing, hiking, and flying.

Thatcher Family Helping Hand
Harvey J. Thatcher was a Director of Diamond Hill Capital Management, Inc. and President of Thatcher Insurance Agency, Inc. and Thatcher Lands, Inc., in Van Wert. This family desires to give back to the community and world at large to assist people in need of a hand up, and help those who support civil rights.

Thirty-One Gifts Family

Thirty-One Gifts is the largest woman-owned and family-owned company in central Ohio, and one of

the top direct selling organizations in the world. Thirty-One established this fund to support its employees who are suffering in the wake of a disaster, through the work the company does with The Salvation Army. This is the company’s third fund with The Columbus Foundation.

Scott and Heather Thomas Family
Scott Thomas is the Owner and President of Thomas Door Controls, a full-service commercial and residential door company. He and his wife, Heather, reside in Powell.

Gordon and Laura Troup Family
Gordon Troup retired as President of Nuclear Pharmacy Services and Pharmaceutical Distribution at Cardinal Health. He was also a partner at Scioto Properties LLC. Gordon currently serves as a youth mentor and is involved with prison ministries. Laura is Board President at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, and serves on the boards of Dublin Faith Community Partners, Welcome Warehouse, and ECDCI’s Women’s Business Center. The Troupes live in Dublin and San Diego and enjoy visiting their twin daughters, Kelsey and Kaitlin, in San Francisco. With this fund, the Troups aspire to support organizations with transformative initiatives that help improve the lives of individuals and families.

Twombly Family



Jean Twombly Snook retired as a professor of human nutrition after a long and successful career in teaching and research at The Ohio State University and Cornell University, where she earned her degrees. Her interests include world travel and international charitable causes. Jean is a member of The Columbus Foundation’s Legacy Society.

Van Echo Family
Tim Van Echo is a Principal Engineer at S&ME, Inc. He has both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in civil engineering from The Ohio State University. Jan is a Clinic Nurse Manager in the OB/GYN Clinic at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The Van Echos live in Hilliard and have two adult children.

Watkins-Woods Family Foundation
Carole Watkins recently retired as Chief Resources Officer at Cardinal Health. Carole is Board Chair at Flying Horse Farms, currently serves on the board of Franklin University, and has served on many other nonprofit boards, including The Childhood League Center and Action for Children. She has also volunteered extensively for the American Heart Association, primarily in leadership roles for Go Red for Women. Carole has a bachelor’s degree from Franklin University. She and her husband, Craig Woods, live in Powell and have five daughters.

Floyd D. Weatherspoon Educational



Floyd Weatherspoon is an attorney, author, and Professor Emeritus at Capital University Law School. Professor Weatherspoon has taught at Capital for more than 20 years. He has written extensively on the plight of African-American males in America, including two books on the devastating impact of the justice system on African-American males. The goal of this fund is to support programs that are designed to inspire African-American male students to reach their educational goals and acquaint them with careers where they are disproportionately underrepresented. Professor Weatherspoon has volunteered as a big brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio for more than 10 years.

Welch Family



Thomas H. Welch retired as CEO of Grange Insurance and is a graduate of Brown University. He has served as Board Chair for LifeCare Alliance and Jazz Arts Group. Joan, his wife, is a graduate of Western Washington University at Bellingham. Tom and Joan have two children and three grandchildren and reside in Dublin.

Nina West



Andrew Levitt is a Columbus comedian and performer. He created the Nina West persona and received national acclaim as a drag performer. A portion of proceeds from his shows are directed for charitable purposes. This fund will more effectively support the causes Andrew cares about most.

The Westman Family



David Westman, a retired systems integration engineer, is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and Purdue University. Judy is a retired physician from The Ohio State University and graduated from Ohio Northern University and OSU, where she earned her medical degree. They are active in Meadow Park Church of God and live in Upper Arlington. Dave and Judy have four children and four grandchildren.

White Family Foundation
Bob and Jane White established this fund with their two adult sons, Bob Jr. and Tom. Bob is Co-founder and Chairman of The Daimler Group, a highly successful and creative building, management, and real-estate development company of more than 25 years. The Whites have a long history of active community participation, and this fund will involve and support multiple generations of their family in giving and philanthropy.

Wightman Family Foundation

Alec Wightman is a longtime attorney and partner at the law firm of BakerHostetler. He has a bachelor’s degree from Duke University and a law degree from The Ohio State University. He has served on numerous boards, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, and Otterbein University, and is a member and past Chair of the National Council of the Moritz College of Law. Kathy has a bachelor’s degree from OSU and a certificate in library media science from Ohio Dominican University. She worked as a social worker for OSU hospitals and the American Red Cross, and as a librarian for Columbus City Schools and the Columbus Metropolitan Library. Kathy is currently a volunteer with Columbus City Schools and in the

education department of Grange Audubon Insurance Center. The Wightmans have two adult children and live in German Village.

John L. Wirchanski

John Wirchanski is a longtime resident of both Dublin and Miami, Florida. His family has owned the Hall’s Corner Homestead in Plain City since the early 1800s. John has worked in antiques, decorating, and special events, and has been involved with numerous arts organizations.

Wisne Mariea Family

Joseph Wisne and Bridgette Mariea created this fund, along with their children Max, Dee, and Lydia, to connect the family’s passion for learning and personal growth to a wide spectrum of charitable causes in education, social justice, and the arts. Longtime residents of Dublin and Concord Township, and

both graduates of The Ohio State University, Joseph and Bridgette are active entrepreneurs in the design and creative services field.

Karen Killian Yassenoff

Karen Killian Yassenoff is originally from Cincinnati and has been in Columbus since she graduated from The Ohio State University. She is a jewelry designer and sells under the “Daily Grind” name, which was formerly a coffee shop she owned. Karen serves on the boards of many organizations, including Buckeye Ranch and The Childhood League Center. She and her husband, Skip, and two children, Julie and Erik, live in Upper Arlington.

Zest Juice

Legacy Society

The Legacy Society thanks and recognizes those individuals who have let the 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 700 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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Community Foundations, Inc.

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

1	145	\$56,651,458	\$10K–\$12,784,419
NEW FUNDS IN 2015	TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS	MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS (As of December 31, 2015)	MARKET VALUE RANGE

Anonymous (1)



Supporting Foundations

28	\$437,857,404	\$51,554,799
NUMBER OF SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS	COMBINED MARKET VALUE (As of December 31, 2015)	COMBINED 2015 GRANTS PAID (Before inter-Foundation eliminations)

Each Supporting Foundation tells an inspiring, personal story—families working together across generations to make a difference in their communities, and corporations engaging their associates to be active community volunteers while providing significant grants to support causes they care about.

Often the numbers tell their own story—of the power of investments in the community, compounded over time. In 2015, Supporting Foundations’ combined grants paid into the community reached an historic record of more than \$51 million, exceeding the prior single year record by \$6 million.

Supporting Foundations are designed to continue in perpetuity. The Columbus Foundation’s expert staff helps each one accomplish its unique goals by providing professional philanthropic services to assist current and future generations, ensuring adherence to original donor intent.

From brainstorming with families about mission statements, facilitating cross-generational philanthropic projects, and identifying critical community needs for grant investments, to the development of investment policies and grant management, our staff is here to take care of the details, allowing donors to focus on the fun and fulfillment of philanthropy.

CURRENT SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

Anonymous (2)	John B. and Dareth Gerlach Foundation	John H. McConnell Foundation
Battelle Charities	John J. and Pauline Gerlach Foundation	Meuse Family Foundation
Borror Family Foundation	Greer Foundation	Moritz Family Foundation
Central Benefits Health Care Foundation	Hinson Family Trust	Roush Family Foundation
Columbus Youth Foundation	Ingram-White Castle Foundation	James A. and Kathleen C. Rutherford Foundation
Community Gifts Foundation	Kidd Family Foundation	The Shackelford Family Foundation
Crane Family Foundation	Arthur and Sara Jo Kobacker, Alfred and Ida Kobacker Foundation	Siemer Family Foundation
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Paul G. Duke Foundation	Marsh Family Foundation	
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“Philanthropy
starts with
people.”

—DAVID CAMPISI

BIG PHILANTHROPY, BIGGER HEARTS

ALL ROADS LEAD BACK TO PEOPLE. This mantra is one that Big Lots President and CEO David Campisi passionately reiterates. It’s also at the heart of the company’s vision to move its corporate philanthropy program from transactional to transformative.

2015 was an “epic” year for the company. It launched the Big Lots Foundation; hosted the Big Lots Foundation Golf Classic, a tournament that raised \$2.7 million to benefit the foundation; held a nationwide point-of-sale campaign that leveraged \$2.3 million for Nationwide Children’s Hospital; and committed \$1.3 million dollars to The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

“Philanthropy starts with people,” David said. “Somebody has to drive that, but you have to be passionate about it. After that, I think it’s pretty simple.”

The company established a fund at The Columbus Foundation in 2014 to help facilitate its giving. While Big Lots, founded in 1967 as Consolidated International, Inc., has long been philanthropic, it was Campisi’s arrival in 2013 that shifted the culture and put giving at the forefront.

Today, the foundation focuses on four main pillars of support—hunger, housing, healthcare, and education. Locally, it has provided tremendous support for Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, YWCA Columbus, and Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, to name a few. With approximately 1,450 stores, 5 distribution centers, and more than 35,000 associates across the country at the end of 2015, a future goal is to localize some philanthropic dollars to support organizations outside of central Ohio.

“The legacy of the foundation is really about the company, our associates, and our business partners coming together as one and saying, ‘it is really, really important to give back,’” David said. “My hope and wish for the foundation is to watch it do bigger and better things, and scaling it on a national level.”

Big Lots Leadership Team (seated l–r): David Campisi, President and CEO; Tim Johnson, EVP, Chief Administrative Officer & Chief Financial Officer (standing l–r): Rocky Robins, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary; Mike Schlonsky, EVP, Human Resources & Store Operations; Lisa Bachmann, EVP, Chief Merchandising Officer & Chief Operating Officer; and Andy Stein, Senior Vice President, Chief Customer Officer.

THE GIFT OF OPPORTUNITY

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY of Columbus Foundation donors Tom and Ann DiMarco, elementary school children in southeastern Ohio are benefiting from valuable programs that fall outside of the school district's budget. From a library program to multiple anti-bullying campaigns, the couple's goal is to offer hope and support to kids in one of Ohio's poorest areas.

Schools come up with projects that will benefit students in the community. While initial grants funded technology-based projects, the couple now supports programs, like anti-bullying, that directly impact students.

"I went to one school and they all wore t-shirts associated with the anti-bullying campaign. They were just so proud of themselves," Ann said. "I'm sure it made a huge difference in that small community."

The DiMarcos have called Columbus home since Tom's job with Interim HealthCare brought the couple from Philadelphia 23 years ago. Since then, they've become very active in the community—and passionate about giving back. Ann is involved as a longtime volunteer and current board member of Kobacker House and WOSU, and Tom is on the board of A Kid Again.

Through the *DiMarco Family Fund*, established in 2005, the couple has provided support to a variety of local organizations, including Nationwide Children's Hospital, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Catholic Social Services, A Kid Again, and OhioHealth Hospice.

As an extended family, they have come up with innovative ways to support causes they care about. For the last two Christmases, Tom and Ann challenged their adult children to do something charitable instead of buying the couple gifts.

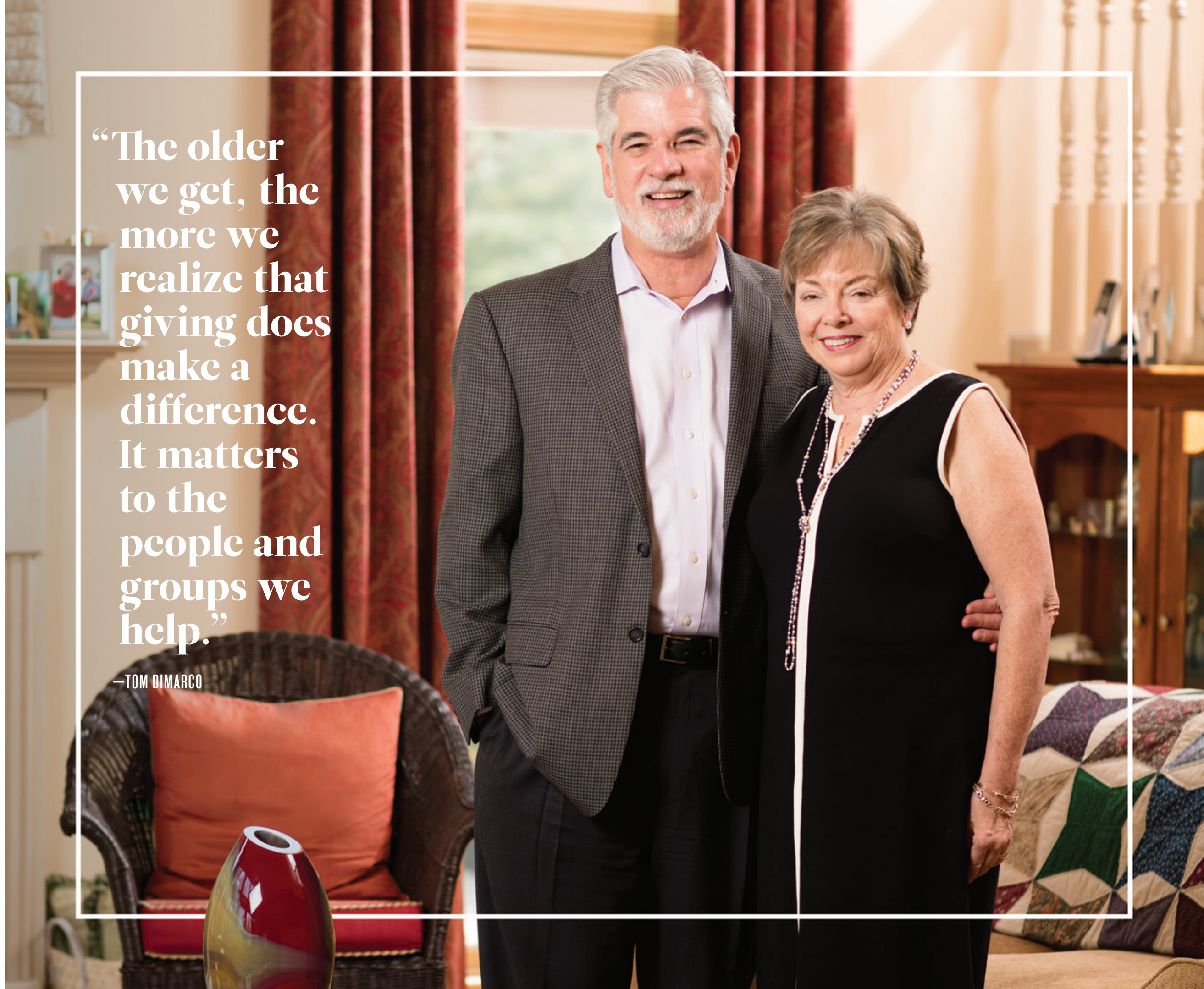
Their quest for making a difference isn't limited to their lifetimes. Through a Planned Gift, the legacy they created will live on.

"The older we get, the more we realize that giving does make a difference. It matters to the people and groups we help," Tom said.

Pictured: Tom and Ann DiMarco at their home in Worthington.

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—TOM DIMARCO



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As our community evolves, we face new challenges and opportunities. We understand the importance of listening to our donors, nonprofit partners, and business and civic leaders as we all move forward together.

As your community foundation, we find ways to increase the power of your giving, and provide effective and efficient opportunities to help you support the causes closest to your heart.

Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference in the lives of so many!

2015 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

Domestic equity markets struggled during 2015, but managed to produce another, albeit very modest, positive return. International equities, on the other hand, generally posted negative results. Consequently, a balanced portfolio consisting of both domestic and international stocks generated returns for the year that were either flat or slightly negative. Uncertainties over potential interest rate increases, concerns over a slowing world economy, and various international tensions all had varying impact on the investing community throughout the year. The Columbus Foundation was not immune to these factors and experienced slightly negative 2015 investment results.

After the 2008 unprecedented market declines, “staying the course” tested the resolve of many investors. However, the Foundation continued to accept market fluctuations as the new “normal” and to view investment performance on a long-term basis. During this period, investors continued to cautiously come off the sidelines looking for better returns than they could obtain by investing in money market funds or fixed income investments.

Now, seven years later, all of the Foundation’s unrealized loss in the market value of its investments from 2008 has not only been completely reversed, but has pushed the Foundation’s combined asset value to more than \$1.7 billion. Record 2015 Foundation grantmaking, coupled

with the previously mentioned flat investment results, resulted in a reduction from 2014’s record \$1.8 billion in the Foundation’s combined asset value.

For 2015, the Foundation experienced investment returns that were generally consistent with standard benchmarks/indices and, for the last six years, also generated results consistent with these same standards. While the asset allocation does vary by fund type, the Foundation’s overall asset allocation at the end of 2015 was approximately 71 percent in equities and 29 percent in fixed income, money market, and/or alternative investment vehicles.

The Columbus Foundation and its Supporting Foundations have consistently applied a long-term approach to investing, including maintaining conservative investment practices with diversified portfolios.

Utilizing a longstanding balanced investment approach, particularly over the past six years, has resulted in investment returns consistent with traditional benchmarks such as the S&P 500 Index. In addition to evaluating asset allocation policies, each entity also continues to evaluate its individual spending/grantmaking policies, carefully considering possible reductions in spending rates in anticipation of diminished future investment returns.

This conservative approach to investing assets is fundamental to the Foundation’s overall investment philosophy. Although the many financial institutions the Foundation

utilizes to hold and invest Foundation assets provide prudent and careful stewardship of the assets entrusted to them, it is the Foundation’s Investment and Governing committees that determine investment policies and provide important guidance and oversight.

During the first quarter of 2015, the Foundation completed the substantial process of transferring the investment oversight of all assets that were previously managed by the trust banks to the Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services Group. With the approval of the Foundation’s Governing Committee and help of the Investment Committee, the orderly transfer of approximately \$330 million in Foundation assets that began in the fourth quarter of 2014 was made to this new investment manager. The combination of lower investment management fees and a singular approach to the Foundation’s investment policy is expected to result in higher long-term investment results with this investment manager.

The Foundation’s investment policy, formulated by its Investment Committee and approved by its Governing Committee several years ago, continues to provide guidance for the many financial institutions that hold and manage Foundation assets. The Investment Committee meets on a periodic basis and continues to review investment management performance and evaluate potential investment vehicles that will enhance portfolio mix, reduce

volatility and risk, and maintain the consistent grantmaking ability of the Foundation’s permanent funds, on an inflation-adjusted basis.

AUDIT

In observance of both national standards and best practices, The Columbus Foundation and its Supporting Foundations engaged the services of an independent public accounting firm to perform an audit of the Foundation’s records and 2015 financial statements.

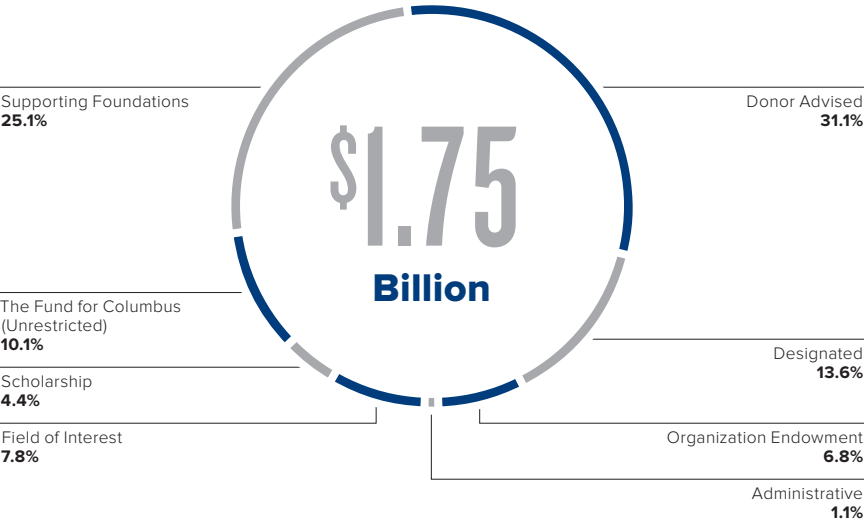
As a part of its audit work, the public accounting firm also conducted a review of the Foundation’s internal controls, and reviewed its findings with an independent Audit Committee comprised of at least one Foundation Governing Committee member and two other accounting/financial experts.

John Gerlach & Company has completed its audit of both the calendar year 2015 combined financial statements for The Columbus Foundation, as well as the underlying supporting records.

Copies of the comparative 2015 and 2014 combined audited financial statements, including the independent public accounting firm’s opinion, are posted on the Foundation’s website, columbusfoundation.org, or may be obtained by calling 614/251-4000.

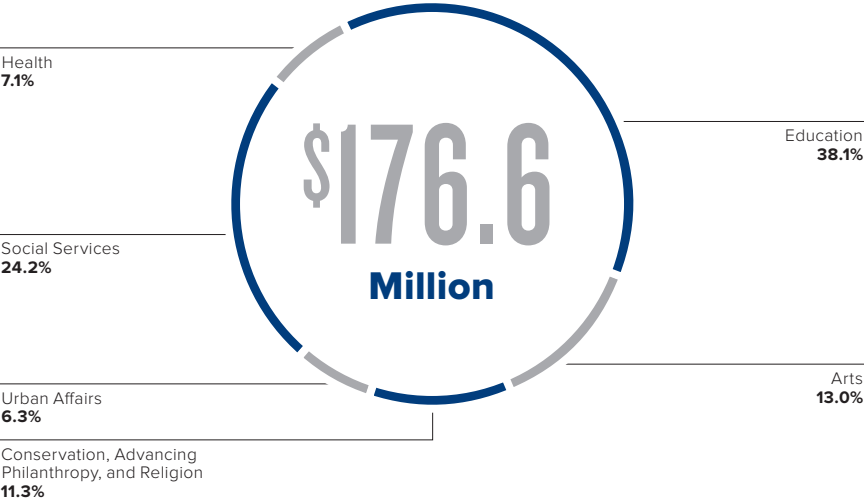
ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

for The Columbus Foundation and Community Foundations, Inc., and Supporting Foundations



GRANTS PAID BY FIELD

for The Columbus Foundation and Community Foundations, Inc., and Supporting Foundations



FINANCIAL
HIGHLIGHTS

Total Amount of Gifts Received Since 1944

\$2.5B

\$1.86B

Total Grants Awarded since 1944

\$176,603,574

Total Grants Paid to 3,237
Nonprofit Organizations in 2015

\$125,971,087

Total Gifts Made to New and
Existing Funds and Supporting
Foundations in 2015

156

New Funds Established in 2015

\$2,124,534

Amount of
Scholarship Grants
Awarded in 2015

\$61,710,548

Planned Gifts
Communicated to the
Foundation in 2015

\$910,283,279

Total of Future
Planned Gifts
to Date

Columbus Foundation Donors Reside in 47 Ohio Counties and 35 States

SEVENTH

Asset Ranking Among More Than
750 Community Foundations
in the United States

.51%

Operating Budget as a
Percentage of Asset
Market Value

\$1.75B

Total Assets Held in 2,345 Funds
and 28 Supporting Foundations

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We recognize and thank our family of professional advisors who have supported the Foundation by working with clients on charitable gift and estate planning strategies. We partner with professional advisors to further effective philanthropy in our community.

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