



GRATEFUL

THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL.



Eighty years ago, during the bleak and uncertain times of World War II, a community came together to make hope, opportunity, and optimism a reality in the lives of others.

Guided by the visionary leadership of Harrison M. Sayre and powered by the generosity of many individuals, families, and organizations, The Columbus Foundation was established in 1943, putting into motion a spirit of philanthropy that continues to distinguish our community to this day.

A lot has changed in the world over the last 80 years, but one thing remains constant—our community’s enduring faith that our best days are still ahead. Philanthropy is, after all, the ultimate expression of hope for a better tomorrow.

We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity, trust, and partnership throughout this 80-year journey, and we look forward to creating many better tomorrows together with you.

THANK YOU.

DEAR FRIENDS,

We did it again! Grantmaking records set, innumerable lives aided, community strengthened—all through this extraordinary and unique community enterprise we call The Columbus Foundation, now 80 years strong and still evolving to meet the moment in our community and in our lives.

How did this happen? It happened because of you, and the generosity of those who came before us. For it all, especially for you, we are grateful. And that is why we single out the word grateful on which to center the 2023 Annual Report.

Gratitude is a reflection of our care for and connection with others. We think of The Columbus Foundation as a gratitude organization, created to help you show your gratitude for your community, to support those serving others, and to express your gratitude for the opportunities that you may have been given over your lifetime.

With all that is the world today, it is easy to be worried about the future, but The Columbus Foundation exists to help bend the future towards better days. Through you putting your heart in action here, you are opting for engagement and connection, to advance the human condition. Here, you are not on the sidelines, and as the leaders of The Columbus Foundation's staff and Governing Committee, we join our colleagues in standing gratefully in service to you.

We devote ourselves to enhancing the quality of service, information, legacy building, and community building in personally scaled and accountable ways that only The Columbus Foundation, your partner in this complex entity we call community, can deliver for you. The best stewards are those closest to the action—right here, right now—and the stories featured in these pages and reflected in the results of what we accomplished together in 2023 are such vivid testimony of stewardship at its best.

Through the remarkable generosity of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations, The Columbus Foundation granted a record \$366

million to the nonprofit community in 2023, bringing the total grants awarded since our inception in 1943 to more than \$3.93 billion. Your passion, dedication, and engagement also helped The Columbus Foundation award more than \$5.3 million in scholarships last year, a record-setting figure that is providing life-changing opportunities to our next generation of leaders.

Your ongoing support—and that of thousands of individuals throughout our 80-year history—has helped The Columbus Foundation grow into one of the largest community foundations in the country today. And it is your trust in this enterprise that made possible The Columbus Foundation’s largest administrative project to date: the transition of our operating platform to one better equipped to serve our present and future technology needs. This project, which began in earnest in 2023, will help carry our stewardship to you and to the community well into the future.

As the stories in this Annual Report indicate, we at The Columbus Foundation have much to be grateful for—from our donors and professional advisors whose generosity and partnership propel our region forward to the many nonprofits that are on the frontlines responding to pressing community issues and needs. Of course, we are also grateful for the visionary leadership and exceptional service of our Governing Committee members, who each bring unique talents, perspectives, and community insights to The Columbus Foundation’s charitable activities. Finally, we extend our immense gratitude to the dedicated and talented staff of The Columbus Foundation for the many ways in which they carry out our promise to help you help others through the most effective philanthropy possible.



These are accomplishments with multiple benefits and enduring value—things that have been made possible by the ways in which we work together. Onward we must go, throughout all the headwinds and crosswinds, something our staff and Governing Committee dedicate themselves to in order to help you experience the fulfillment that comes from your generosity to us and to others.

So, thank you, for the gratitude you showed this community and the world in 2023 and for continuing with us as we seek to make possible better days, improving lives and community well-being in the process. We couldn’t be the vital anchor for our community that we are today without your connection to us, and we couldn’t be more grateful for that, and for you.

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

DOUGLAS F. KRIDLER
President and CEO

CLARK KELLOGG
Governing Committee Chairperson



2023 AWARDS





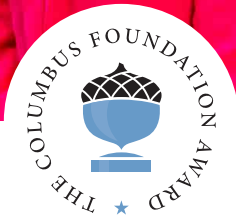
**2023 HARRISON M.
SAYRE AWARD**

DWIGHT AND RENÉE SMITH

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

PICTURED: Dwight and Renée Smith.

2023 AWARDS



**2023 COLUMBUS
FOUNDATION AWARD**

**JEWISH FAMILY
SERVICES**

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

PICTURED: Karen Mozenter, CEO of Jewish Family Services.



**2023 ACORN
AWARD**

**FRONTLINE MEDICAL
UKRAINE FUND**

The *Acorn Award* recognizes a Columbus Foundation fund that displays a generous spirit of giving and inspires others while supporting community.

PICTURED: U.S. Army Brigadier General Mark Arnold (Ret.), who established the *Frontline Medical Ukraine Fund* at The Columbus Foundation.



**5 NONPROFITS TO
WATCH IN 2023**

**BLACK GIRL RISING INC.
ELEVATE NORTHLAND
FORM5 PROSTHETICS
REMEMBER US URBAN LEGENDS
RIVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

Since 2014, The Columbus Foundation's 5 Nonprofits to Watch platform has honored exemplary nonprofit organizations working to strengthen and improve our community.

PICTURED (L-R): Emelia Sheeley, Executive Director of the Riverview International Center; Judith Cockrell, Executive Director of Elevate Northland; Miguel "Geno" Tucker, CEO and Founder of Remember Us Urban Legends; Aaron Westbrook, Founder and CEO of Form5 Prosthetics; and Fran Frazier, Founder of Black Girl Rising Inc.



**2023 SPIRIT OF
COLUMBUS AWARD**

**DR. FREDERIC
BERTLEY**

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

PICTURED: Dr. Frederic Bertley, President and CEO of the Center of Science and Industry (COSI).

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY**



A MESSAGE FROM

ANGELA G. PARSONS, JD, CAP®

VICE PRESIDENT – DONOR SERVICES



There is so much to be grateful for as we celebrate our 80th year of serving the community! We are grateful for all who came before us whose generosity helped to build The Columbus Foundation into the community asset that we are now stewarding.

We are grateful for all of our donors, both current donors and planned gift donors, who are doing so much for their community. It is a joy to work alongside each of you to learn your unique charitable goals and to partner with you to determine how best to reach them. Whether you are an individual, family, business, or nonprofit, each of you show your love of humankind by supporting the many needs and opportunities that help so many in our community not just survive, but thrive.

We are also grateful for the professional advisors in our community who think of The Columbus Foundation

as a trustworthy partner and resource for their clients. Their confidence in us and their recommendation of us are how many of our donors learn about The Columbus Foundation, and why many donors set up their fund or planned gift with us.

Finally, we are grateful for all of our nonprofits and those amazing community members who are helping their neighbors and communities in ways both big and small. The kindness you show and the help you give are so important in the creation of a community we can all be proud of.

Here at The Columbus Foundation, we stand ready to help you help others through the most effective philanthropy

possible. Our team of experts has years of experience in helping individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits achieve their charitable goals. As we move into our ninth decade of service, we remain steadfast in our commitment to assist our donors and others in strengthening and improving our community for the benefit of all of its residents.

In partnership,

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

JUNIOR LEAGUE FUND

ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUND
ESTABLISHED 1957

**A CENTURY OF
SERVICE**

When the Junior League of Columbus was established on February 1, 1923, by a passionate group of women determined to make a difference in the community, women had only recently earned the right to vote.



The Equal Rights Amendment had not yet been introduced in the United States Congress, and opportunities for women to participate in civic affairs were limited. The Junior League of Columbus, however, provided women a place to develop their leadership, participate in acts of service, and engage in issues affecting the community.

Although much has changed over the past century, the Junior League of Columbus remains committed to advancing women's leadership through training, volunteer action, and collaboration. As the local affiliate of the Association of Junior Leagues International—a nonprofit organization whose past members include former First Ladies, a U.S. Supreme Court Justice, engineers, scientists, and many other remarkable women—the Junior League of Columbus has helped thousands of women become civically-minded leaders who create lasting change throughout the region.

"A critical piece of our mission is developing women who do a world of good," explained Rochelle Toth, President of the Junior League of Columbus. "We believe in fostering the transformative power of women's leadership to meaningfully impact the community."

Throughout the organization's history, its members have devoted their time, talent, and resources toward supporting initiatives that benefit the Columbus community. In partnership with local nonprofits and agencies, these projects have included providing school supplies to low-income students, expanding opportunities for youth to engage in the arts, launching initiatives to preserve and teach local history, and more. Currently, the Junior League of Columbus' signature project—Bridging the G.A.P. (Guide. Advocate. Provide.)—focuses on supporting youth who are aging out of the foster care system.

PICTURED: Kristina Ellis, President-Elect of the Junior League of Columbus, and Rochelle Toth, President of the Junior League of Columbus, at the Kelton House Museum & Garden.

ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Columbus Foundation is home to hundreds of Organization Endowment Funds, which help nonprofits set aside funds for specific programming, prepare for planned growth, build an investment strategy, or provide security for unforeseen obstacles. By protecting the capital of an organization, Organization Endowment Funds demonstrate long-term financial planning and provide a relatively steady source of income.

Toth shared that projects are researched and voted on by the organization's members. "It's really important for our membership to have buy-in and be passionate about the projects that we're doing. That's how we can make the biggest impact."

With deep roots in the community, the Junior League of Columbus has worked alongside The Columbus Foundation for many years. The organization was among the first nonprofits to create an Organization Endowment Fund at The Columbus Foundation, establishing the *Junior League Fund* in 1957.

As Kristina Ellis, President-Elect of the Junior League of Columbus, explained, the endowment helps further the organization's mission by providing funds for special projects, training opportunities for members, and operational support. Through the fund, the Junior League of Columbus also offers mini-grants to local nonprofits. "We provide funds for local organizations to execute projects that support the Junior League's mission and the community," Ellis said.

Nearly two decades after the Junior League of Columbus established the *Junior League Fund*, the organization once again worked closely with The Columbus Foundation on a unique project—the restoration of the Kelton House on East Town Street. Once home to Grace Kelton, a prominent interior decorator, the Kelton House was built by Grace's grandfather, Fernando Cortez Kelton, in 1852 and served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. Upon her death in 1975, Grace left the Kelton House to The Columbus Foundation in the hope that it would be maintained as an educational museum.

The Junior League of Columbus agreed to lease the Victorian Era house and surrounding grounds from The Columbus Foundation, and continues to maintain the Kelton House Museum & Garden today. True to Grace's wishes, the Kelton House Museum & Garden offers tours and educational opportunities to the public. In 2000, the Junior League of Columbus established the *Junior League Kelton House Fund*, another Organization Endowment Fund at The Columbus Foundation, to support the preservation and operation of the Kelton family's former home. Several Columbus Foundation donors have also established Designated Funds to benefit the Kelton House Museum & Garden.

In 2023, the Junior League of Columbus celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special Centennial Campaign designed to honor the organization's history and secure its future. With a focus on supporting membership development, sustaining community initiatives, preserving the Kelton House, and growing the organization's endowment, the Centennial Campaign raised more than \$600,000 through the generosity of many donors.

Now that the centennial celebrations have concluded, Toth said the Junior League of Columbus is focused on enhancing its partnerships with local nonprofits and welcoming more women into the organization to maximize its impact.

"The Junior League is a great place for women to develop personally and professionally, as well as to give back to the community," said Toth. "We're setting women up to be successful leaders who can go on to have an even larger and greater impact in the community."

**ROBERTA JONES BOOTH
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
ESTABLISHED 2004

**HONORING AN
EXTRAORDINARY
LEGACY**

Roberta Jones-Booth was a woman of many talents. As her sons Martin C. Jones and Talbert S. Jones, Jr. lovingly describe her, Roberta was a devoted mother, talented seamstress, fashion icon, thought leader, community organizer, and trusted neighborhood voice.



Born in a small town in South Carolina, Roberta grew up on a farm surrounded by her family. Like many Black southerners of her generation, Roberta moved north to Philadelphia during the Great Migration hoping to find more economic opportunity. She would later meet her husband, Talbert S. Jones, Sr., at a party while he was stationed at nearby Fort Dix in New Jersey. The couple eventually relocated their family to Columbus' South Side, where Roberta became well known in the community for her activism, commitment to justice, and service to others. She even convened a "Kitchen Cabinet" of local women who regularly met to discuss issues impacting the community.

"My mother would always say, 'You win with people.' That was her favorite phrase," her son Talbert said. "She had a lot of people who loved her and believed in her, because they knew how reliable she was."

Roberta's grit, determination, and ability to connect with people would prove essential after her neighborhood experienced a dangerous environmental disaster. On the morning of September 10, 1997, the South Side was suddenly rocked by an explosion at the nearby Georgia-Pacific chemical plant, forcing local residents and businesses to evacuate. The blast, which could be felt from two miles away, leaked the harmful toxin phenol-formaldehyde into the air, exposing community members to a substance known to cause nausea, dizziness, difficulty breathing, and burning of the eyes, throat, and skin. Tragically, one employee of the plant was killed in the explosion.

Notably, the 1997 tragedy was not the first alarming incident involving Georgia-Pacific's Columbus plant.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The Columbus Foundation's generous donors have created hundreds of scholarship opportunities for students to pursue their educational dreams. In 2023, The Columbus Foundation distributed a record-setting **\$5.3 million** in scholarships to students who represent our next generation of civic leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, doctors, artists, engineers, and more.



Thirteen years earlier, on May 7, 1984, a failure of the plant's reactor caused a cloud of chemicals to escape the facility and travel half a mile northeast of the plant.

Soon after, neighbors began reporting that they were experiencing respiratory issues and that local vegetation was dying. Less than a year and a half later, the Georgia-Pacific plant was the site of another disaster when 20,000 gallons of chemicals leaked from a ruptured storage tank.

Watching her family and neighbors be repeatedly exposed to harmful chemicals and frustrated by the lack of accountability, Roberta went into action. Joining forces with other South Side residents, Roberta helped file a class action lawsuit against Georgia-Pacific, charging negligence and seeking to recover for damages caused by the 1997 explosion.

Despite nearly two decades of delays, obstacles, and setbacks, Roberta and her neighbors persevered. The lawsuit eventually resulted in a \$22 million settlement and the creation of a public health program to monitor residents' health—a monumental achievement for a community long concerned about the dangers of the chemical plant and high rates of cancer in the neighborhood.

As Martin explained, Roberta's determination throughout the legal proceedings was fueled by her resolve to do the right thing. "Doing well by others was an important part of her

fiber, especially when it was in service of doing the right thing," Martin said.

Although Roberta passed away in 2003, her legacy carries on. Inspired by her love and unwavering support of her community, family and friends—including Roberta's son, the late Michael S. Jones, her daughter, the late Tina Jones Ellis, and her second husband, the late Carl L. Booth—established the *Roberta Jones Booth Scholarship Fund* in 2004. The scholarship supports students who are graduating seniors from Marion Franklin High School or who reside within the Marion Franklin Civic Association boundaries.

Martin—who serves on the *Roberta Jones Booth Scholarship Fund* selection committee alongside two of Roberta's friends, Shirleen Anderson and Constance Oliver—says the scholarship fund is a way to continue giving back to the neighborhood Roberta was so deeply devoted to.

"She always had a passion for education and making a way for a future generation, one that she wouldn't be able to see," Martin said. "She was always that person who, if a door opened, she would bring several people with her."

"Because of my mother and my father, I knew that you could be ordinary and do extraordinary things," Talbert added. "That's how I would describe my mother. She was an ordinary woman who I witnessed over and over again do extraordinary things."

PICTURED LEFT (L-R): Talbert S. Jones, Jr. and Martin C. Jones.

PICTURED ABOVE: Roberta Jones-Booth. Photo courtesy of Martin C. Jones.

**JOHN W. WOLFE PERMANENT
ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**

ADMINISTRATIVE FUND
ESTABLISHED 1993

**A REMARKABLE
STEWARD OF THE
COMMUNITY**

John Walton “J.W.” Wolfe was known to many as a prominent civic leader and successful businessman who spent his life passionately supporting and promoting Columbus.



Widely regarded as one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, J.W. played a notable role in championing many of Columbus' most recognized institutions. Although J.W. passed away in 1994, his remarkable philanthropy continues to shape central Ohio today.

Born in Columbus in 1928 to Alice and Edgar T. Wolfe, J.W. began his career at Ohio National Bank in 1948. Like his father, J.W.'s professional life centered around the banking and publishing industries. In 1957, he became Vice President and Director of BancOhio Corporate. That same year, he was named Chairman of the Dispatch Printing Company, the parent organization of *The Columbus Dispatch*, then owned by the Wolfe family. Together with his cousin, the late John F. Wolfe, J.W. helped continue the Wolfe family's legacy not just in business, but also in philanthropy.

Ann I. Wolfe, John F.'s wife and former Columbus Foundation Governing Committee Chairperson, described J.W. as an extremely generous man with a sharp wit and strong commitment to his

community. "John appreciated the fact that he had been blessed his whole life," Ann explained. "He wanted to raise up organizations—not for the recognition, but in service to the community."

One cause J.W. was passionate about was healthcare, including pediatric and cancer research. Over the years, he provided leadership and substantial financial support to The James, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and the OhioHealth McConnell Heart Health Center. J.W. was also active in the community through his service on nonprofit boards. From 1984 to 1992, J.W. served on The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee, including two years as Vice Chairperson, where he provided stewardship for the Foundation and its charitable activities.

"J.W. valued The Columbus Foundation because it encouraged people to be philanthropic and support the city he loved," said Ann. "He recognized that The Columbus Foundation is a great resource to the community and a great partner in philanthropy."

In 1993, J.W. established the *John W. Wolfe Permanent Administrative Fund* at The Columbus Foundation to provide ongoing support for the operation of the Foundation. Over the past three decades, the fund has helped The Columbus Foundation remain a welcoming place for donors, nonprofit leaders, and community members, including supporting the development and maintenance of the Foundation's beautiful grounds.

Today, J.W.'s legacy remains a visible presence at The Columbus Foundation, where a statue honoring his memory is displayed. The statue, created by sculptor George Danhires, features a young boy surrounded by oak leaves holding acorns in his hands. It is a fitting tribute to J.W.'s generosity, which, like an oak tree, remains deep-rooted in the community.

After J.W.'s passing, several individuals and organizations—among them, friends and associates—made gifts to the *John W. Wolfe Permanent Administrative Fund* in honor of his contributions to the community. Katie

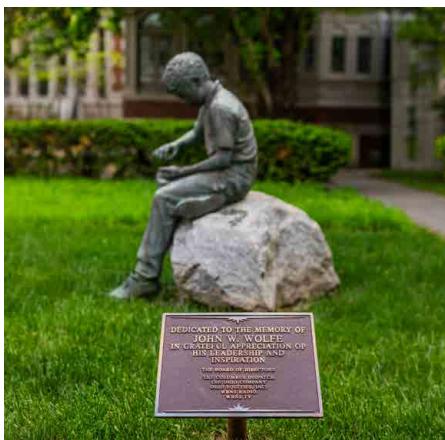


Wolfe Lloyd, the daughter of Ann and John F. and a current member of The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee, said that she is grateful to witness and be part of her family's ongoing philanthropic legacy.

"Although J.W. is no longer here to see how much impact he's had in our community, I continue to see the ways he's helped so many people," said Katie. "There's so much need in this community and we feel very fortunate to be in a position to support so many incredible organizations because of those who came before us."

In addition to the *John W. Wolfe Permanent Administrative Fund*, J.W. also established the *Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation*, a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, in 1989 to honor his grandfather and father. Since its creation, the Wolfe Foundation has awarded more than \$159.8 million in grants to local organizations, including the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), Charity Newsies, Columbus Museum of Art, YMCA of Central Ohio, and many others. It also provides regular support to The James, Nationwide Children's Hospital, and OhioHealth.

"J.W. led and served this community in extraordinary ways," said Doug Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. "We are proud to be an anchor institution he saw as vital to our community's well-being, and we are honored to help carry on his legacy."



PICTURED OPPOSITE (L–R): Ann I. Wolfe and Katie Wolfe Lloyd at The Columbus Foundation.

PICTURED ABOVE: A statue located on the grounds of The Columbus Foundation honoring John W. Wolfe.

PICTURED TOP RIGHT: John W. Wolfe.

**BRANDT FAMILY NEXT
GENERATION FUND**

DONOR ADVISED FUND
ESTABLISHED 2005

**GIVING
THROUGH THE
GENERATIONS**

For Barbara Brandt, philanthropy is a family affair. Growing up, her parents and grandparents instilled in her values of service, gratitude, and generosity, encouraging Barbara to devote her time and resources to helping others. So, when Barbara became a mother and grandmother herself, she wanted to pass down these values to future generations.



“I hope that my children and grandchildren live the way I was raised, which was that you always give back, you’re always inclusive, and you’re always grateful for what you have,” explained Barbara.

Barbara, who is a longtime Columbus resident, has dedicated her life and career to philanthropy. As founder and president of a philanthropic consulting firm, Barbara has coached families, nonprofits, foundations, and corporations in their charitable planning and giving strategies. She also formerly served as the Director of Development for the College of Humanities at The Ohio State University, as well as for The Columbus Foundation. A dedicated community volunteer who has served on numerous nonprofit boards, Barbara, now retired, continues to devote herself to charitable giving, volunteer projects, and her family.

Nearly two decades ago, Barbara approached The Columbus Foundation wanting to find ways to engage her seven grandchildren—Alex, Hannah, Henry, Joshua, Libby, Sari, and Stanford—in philanthropy. It was important to Barbara that her grandchildren be given the opportunity to explore their own charitable interests, as well as educate themselves on issues impacting the world around them. Although her grandchildren live throughout the country and vary in age, Barbara wanted them to feel connected to each other and to philanthropy, and to know they had the power to make a difference.

That’s when Lisa Jolley, JD, CAP®, AEP®, Senior Director for Donor Services at The Columbus Foundation, suggested that Barbara create a Donor Advised Fund for her grandchildren, putting them in charge of deciding which organizations to support. In 2005, Barbara established the *Brandt Family Next Generation Fund*, initially allocating \$250 a year to each grandchild to grant to a nonprofit of their choice. However, before they could donate to their selected nonprofits, Barbara stipulated

FAMILY PHILANTHROPY

Generosity, philanthropy, and service are values that are often passed down from generation to generation. The Columbus Foundation works with many passionate individuals and families, each with unique charitable interests, to design funds that help them achieve their philanthropic goals. Whether you’re interested in engaging your family in charitable giving today or want to encourage philanthropy in future generations, The Columbus Foundation is ready to assist you and your family on your giving journey.

that the grandchildren first conduct research on the organizations.

The goal, Barbara explained, was to encourage her grandchildren to be thoughtful about their giving and find causes that resonated with them—and it worked. Barbara’s oldest grandson, Joshua Abolt, said, “Not only has this fund exposed me to how many great charities are out there doing incredible work, but it has also taught me how to research the health and stability of an organization.” Through the fund, Joshua, who works as a behavior specialist at an animal shelter in New York, has supported organizations that promote animal welfare, service animals for veterans and first responders, and more.

Today, Barbara’s grandchildren—who now range from age 19 to 31—can each grant up to \$1,000 a year through the fund. To date, they’ve awarded more than \$150,000 in grants to nonprofits in their respective communities and beyond.

As Hannah Royer Hennessy, Barbara’s oldest granddaughter, shared, “It has been an amazing opportunity. Being part of this fund instilled the value of giving at an early age and made us all start to think about what is important to us.” Hannah, who lives in Atlanta and works as a healthcare consultant, has supported numerous nonprofits through the fund, including organizations dedicated to women’s reproductive health, Alzheimer’s research, gun violence prevention, and other causes.

Hannah’s sister, Sari Royer, a first-grade teacher in Tampa, agreed. “Instilling values of giving at a young age

is so important. It teaches empathy and kindness, and can help young people find their passion.” For Sari, that passion includes supporting organizations that combat food insecurity, aid Holocaust survivors, and support children and families within her school community.

Beyond donating money, Joshua, Hannah, and Sari all agreed on another lesson they’ve learned from their grandmother: the importance of giving back through volunteering. “When you are able to physically volunteer, connect with people in your community, and show up to support causes that matter to you, nothing is more valuable,” said Sari.

In 2023, Barbara celebrated the birth of her great-grandchild, Hannah’s daughter. As Barbara shared, this family milestone reinforced the importance of demonstrating to future generations the power of generosity—whether donating to a cause, volunteering with a nonprofit, or simply helping a neighbor in need.

“I’m confident that they will pass on the sense of being responsible for their community, for the well-being of everyone,” said Barbara. “They’re terrific. I’m a big fan of my grandchildren.”

PICTURED: Barbara Brandt at her home in Columbus.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP**



A MESSAGE FROM

DAN A. SHARPE

VICE PRESIDENT – COMMUNITY RESEARCH
AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT



At a time of many competing priorities, amid a sense of urgency as societal needs increase, and as our community grows in so many metrics, we are not able to do this work without passionate and generous individuals like you. I am most grateful for all the ways that we work together to strengthen and improve the community.

The professionals on The Columbus Foundation’s Community Research and Grants Management team engage with many audiences to ensure effective philanthropy.

Through partnership and collaboration with our Foundation colleagues, donors, and nonprofit leaders, we work hard to wisely deploy charitable capital today to help make tomorrow better for all our neighbors.

I’m grateful for the longstanding work of the nonprofit ecosystem to address acute and immediate needs in our community—such as emergency shelter and access

to mental healthcare—while also planting the seeds of bright futures through investments in things like early education and digital equity. We’re all enriched by the work of cultural and arts organizations that, again, bring moments of enjoyment while continuing to curate culture and tradition across the ages. Our environmental organizations, meanwhile, are hard at work to preserve a future with flourishing natural resources, including neighborhood-level attention to our urban tree canopy, waterways, and creative vacant land use.

Supporting the duality of this

work—addressing current challenges while preparing for the future—takes us all, no matter our age, station in life, or formal title. The generosity and investment of donors who have supported The Columbus Foundation throughout its 80-year history are still hard at work in our community today, just as current giving is helping the community and nonprofits respond to our region’s in-the-moment needs.

I’m most grateful for the trust that donors have placed in The Columbus Foundation to guide and steward their philanthropy, and for the opportunities that we have to educate and advocate for organizations and projects in need of generous charitable investment.

In community,

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

NEIGHBORS SERVING NEIGHBORS

For nearly 80 years, Catholic Social Services has been a beacon of hope, dignity, and compassion in the community. Formed by the Catholic Diocese of Columbus in 1945 to serve women and children in Columbus, Catholic Social Services now provides programs in 23 counties throughout central and southern Ohio. Through its faith-based mission, the organization focuses on helping older adults age in place, providing working families the tools to build a better future, and supporting low-income students on their journey toward earning a college degree.

In 2023, Catholic Social Services welcomed Kelley Henderson as its new President and CEO. Henderson, who previously served as the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, believes that Catholic Social Services' long history and established presence in the region help foster a community of trust, collaboration, solidarity, and service.



“Being a faith-based community organization founded in the Catholic Tradition, we have this rich history that we call Catholic Social Teaching. It is a guide that asks us: How do we be better human beings? How do we work together in community? How do we honor the dignity of the person?” explained Henderson. “We’re connecting at a core level of what it means to be human and to be in society together.”

One of the ways that Catholic Social Services demonstrates care and compassion is through its programs for seniors, which help aging adults live healthy, fulfilled, and independent lives. With the support of the organization’s dedicated staff and volunteers, Catholic Social Services offers seniors transportation to non-emergency medical appointments, companionship through weekly home visits, money management assistance, legal resources, and more. One program that connects aging adults with the next generation is the **Foster Grandparent Program**, which trains local seniors to serve as tutors for youth in area schools,

offering students mentorship and support while keeping older adults engaged in the community.

Catholic Social Services also provides a range of programs for working families, helping them overcome barriers to economic self-sufficiency and improve family well-being. Many of its family programs operate out of the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Center** located on the west side of Columbus, where members of the Hispanic immigrant community can access a food pantry, nutrition classes, preventative health screenings, counseling services, legal and immigration consultations, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Catholic Social Services will also soon launch a new initiative—**Pequeñas Bendiciones**, or Little Blessings—at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center and in Newark, which aims to reduce infant mortality in the region.

In an ever-evolving and growing community, Henderson envisions the need for a larger and expanded Center. “As our clients increase and we continue to build networks of partnerships that place the power of the community at clients’ fingertips, we know the need for a larger center is necessary,” said Henderson.

Additionally, in partnership with Columbus State Community College, Catholic Social Services helps Pell Grant-eligible students through **Stay the Course®**, an evidence-based program designed to improve community college completion rates by addressing non-academic barriers that can disrupt a student’s ability to earn a degree. Such barriers can include housing instability, food insecurity, and costly financial setbacks, such as unplanned car repairs, sudden job loss, or emergency medical care.

Beyond seniors, families with children, and college students, Catholic Social Services also serves veterans and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in central and eastern Ohio to help manage their finances and remain stably housed. With the caring support of professionals working alongside them, these individuals can avoid crisis and stay focused on their hopes and dreams.

In addition to its many programs and services, Catholic Social Services is also a nonprofit partner of The Columbus Foundation’s Gifts of Kindness program, which provides grants to help lift up individuals and families experiencing an unexpected hardship. As Henderson explained, the *Gifts of Kindness Fund* is a vital resource to nonprofits assisting clients who are experiencing a crisis that is outside the scope of an

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organization’s existing services or resources.

“Crisis doesn’t happen in clean lines or tidy boxes. Crisis just happens and everything falls apart,” said Henderson. “Gifts of Kindness is for those unique situations that don’t necessarily fit cleanly into the safety nets that our organization has. It builds a bridge that helps people get back on their feet.”

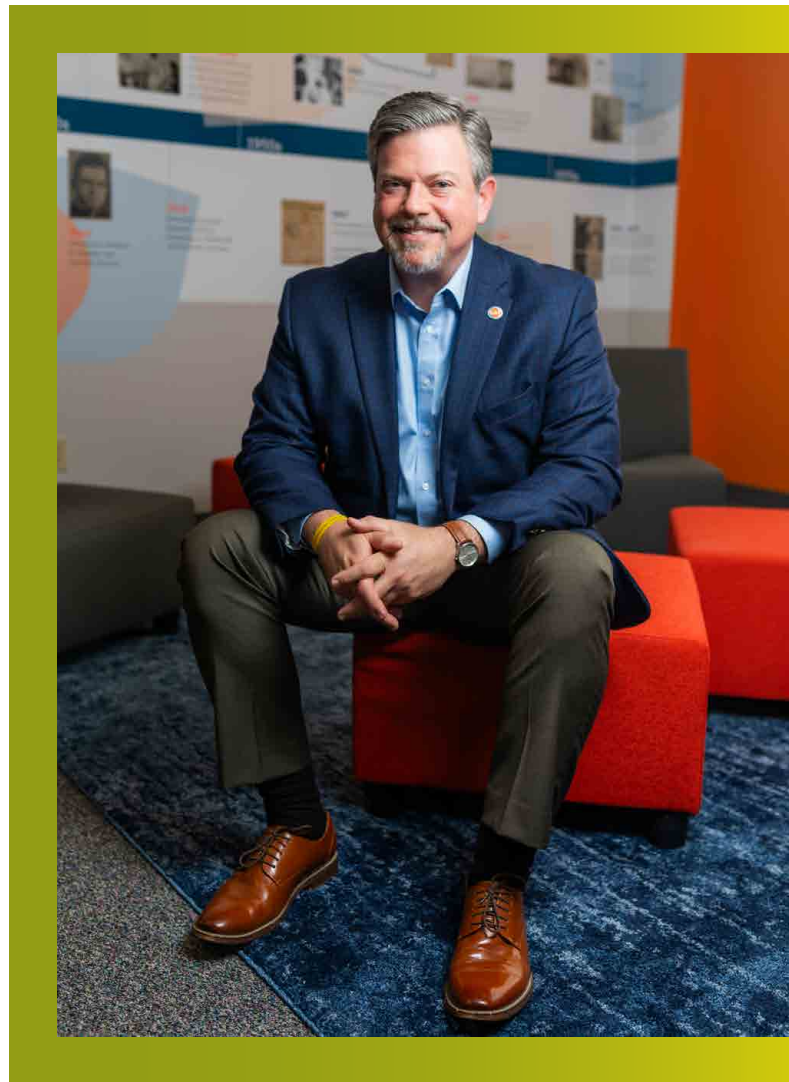
Looking toward the future, Henderson said that Catholic Social Services is prioritizing community engagement to better serve its clients, increase volunteerism—or, as Henderson described it, “neighbors serving neighbors”—and respond to the community’s evolving needs. Catholic Social Services recently launched a new community engagement division, with the intent of bringing clients and volunteers to the table to build connection, convene important community conversations, and make them collaborative partners in the organization’s work.

“One of the goals of Catholic Social Services is to remain nimble and adapt to the needs of changing communities,” said Henderson. “We are here to be a resource to the community. It’s very important for us to make sure that we’re listening and moving in the direction that our communities need us to move in.”

The Columbus Foundation, its Supporting Foundations, and its donors have long supported Catholic Social Services through a variety of grants—including targeted investments to support the operation and renovation of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, increase recruitment for the Foster Grandparent Program, and help launch the pilot of Stay the Course®, among numerous other investments. In recognition of the organization’s contributions to strengthening and improving the community, The Columbus Foundation also named Catholic Social Services one of the 5 Nonprofits to Watch in 2017.

“Since its founding, Catholic Social Services has provided essential, transformative services to our neighbors in central Ohio and beyond,” said Dan Sharpe, Vice President for Community Research and Grants Management at The Columbus Foundation. “With great commitment, compassion, and care, Catholic Social Services has remained responsive to the community’s needs, helping to build trust, foster connection, and expand opportunity.”

Henderson, who expressed his gratitude of the community’s ongoing generosity, said that the support of



PICTURED: Kelley Henderson, President and CEO of Catholic Social Services.

The Columbus Foundation, its donors, and other community partners is a catalyst for Catholic Social Services’ work.

“We’re in the hope business. Our work is about helping people to design and navigate a future of their own,” Henderson explained. “Philanthropy is the energy that makes that happen.”

FRANKLIN COUNTY CRISIS CARE CENTER

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO CRISIS CARE

Transformative change begins in all sorts of ways—sometimes, it’s inspired by a phone call. That’s what happened in 2008 when the late Nancy Jeffrey, a longtime friend of The Columbus Foundation and its former Governing Committee Vice Chairperson, called Columbus Foundation President and CEO Doug Kridler. Jeffrey, a dedicated advocate for community-based mental health services, expressed her concern over the community’s growing need for inpatient psychiatric care and urged The Columbus Foundation to get involved.

At the time, hospital emergency departments throughout Franklin County struggled to find open beds for people in need of psychiatric crisis care, leading to overcrowded emergency departments and long wait times for patients. Soon after Jeffrey’s phone call, The Columbus Foundation convened a group to examine the issue and develop ideas to improve the delivery of care for patients experiencing a mental health crisis.

Together, the group of stakeholders—which included representatives from Franklin County’s adult hospital systems, mental health specialists, and other regional partners—came up with an innovative electronic bed board system to track open beds for psychiatric care in the area, as well as patients waiting for inpatient mental health care. With this system, hospitals could easily access real-time availability, helping patients connect with the appropriate inpatient care far more quickly.

With a plan in place, The Columbus Foundation awarded a grant to the **Central Ohio Hospital Council** to support the construction of the electronic bed board system. The Council, which played a key role in the conversations that inspired the bed board initiative, brings local hospitals together to improve the quality, value, equity, and accessibility of healthcare in the region.

In 2009, the electronic bed board system went live. According to Jeff Klingler, President and CEO of the Central Ohio Hospital Council, the impact was practically immediate. Within the first month, more than 400 patients were on the bed board, helping hospitals to more efficiently assist these individuals. By 2018, the bed board listed roughly 1,500 patients a month.

As Klingler explained, the electronic bed board system has provided value to the community. Moreover, it exposed a critical need for a continuum of mental health care and



PICTURED: A rendering of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center. Image courtesy of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County.

addiction services in Franklin County. “Through the electronic bed board, we now had the data to show an escalating mental health crisis,” said Klingler. “We realized we needed to go more upstream and identify ways to assist these patients before they’re in crisis.”

Informed by the data, The Columbus Foundation once again brought together key stakeholders to strategize ways to improve psychiatric emergency services in Franklin County, which led to the formation of the **Psychiatric Crisis and Emergency System (PCES) Task Force**. Similar to the community partners that worked together on the electronic bed board initiative, the PCES Task Force included representatives from local hospital systems, mental health organizations, first responders, individuals affected by mental health and addiction, and others. Funded by The Columbus Foundation and the **Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH)**, the PCES Task Force convened for regular meetings at the Foundation. Additionally, The Columbus Foundation partnered with ADAMH and the Central Ohio Hospital Council to invest in a professional facilitator to help keep the conversations progressing.

“This was a revolutionary approach to addressing a community-wide challenge, started by a phone call I received from the extraordinary civic steward Nancy Jeffrey,” explained Doug Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. “Although the challenges were many and complex, community partners came to the table and worked together to create a better way forward. The Columbus Foundation is proud to

have played a convening role in these discussions and to invest in the development of an improved system of care.”

Over the course of several months, the PCES Task Force studied best practices from other areas of the country, examined the existing psychiatric emergency services system in Franklin County, and developed potential solutions to improve the system. After careful consideration and collaboration, the PCES Task Force put forth a series of recommendations. The number one recommendation: create a comprehensive, collaborative system of crisis care for individuals experiencing mental health and/or addiction emergencies.

This recommendation will soon become a reality with the **Franklin County Crisis Care Center**—a new, state-of-the-art facility currently under construction on Harmon Avenue in Columbus’ Franklinton neighborhood. Supported by public and private investment, the Crisis Care Center will offer an impactful approach to crisis care, integrating recovery, clinical, and medical services to provide comprehensive person-centered care in a welcoming, home-like environment.

As Erika Clark Jones, CEO of ADAMH, shared, the Crisis Care Center is committed to a “no-wrong-door” approach, ensuring that all adults who arrive at the center receive services.

“Our role is very clear. We want to be able to meet everyone’s needs in the moment, connect them to ongoing care, and support them through recovery,” explained Clark Jones. “Regardless of one’s background, income, or race, any adult in Franklin County will be able to access these services and get on a path to wellness and recovery.”

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ERIKA CLARK JONES

CEO of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County

When the Crisis Care Center opens in 2025, the 72,000 square foot facility will serve adults ages 18 and older and offer 24/7 walk-in care, family support services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, pharmacy and medical services, extended stabilization and inpatient care, and more. Additionally, in partnership with community-based organizations, the Crisis Care Center will link patients to other crucial resources on-site, such as connection to available housing, to support individuals in their recovery after they are discharged.

“One in five people in central Ohio struggles with a mental illness or addiction. This is an issue that touches everyone,” said Clark Jones. “The Crisis Care Center will be a space where folks can access services that not only address an acute need, but also help them connect to better long-term care and health in the future.”

In 2022, to support its efforts to raise capital for the new \$60 million center, ADAMH established the *Crisis Care Campaign Fund*, an Organization Endowment Fund at The Columbus Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of community members, Columbus Foundation donors, and others, the fund has raised more than \$7 million, including a remarkable \$2 million gift from the *Tad and Nancy Jeffrey Fund* of The Columbus Foundation. The Jeffreys’ incredible gift is a fitting tribute to Mrs. Jeffrey’s enduring legacy and tireless advocacy for mental health services in the region.

Reflecting on the journey that led to the development of the Crisis Care Center, Clark Jones and Klingler credit the spirit of collaboration among stakeholders for achieving this milestone. Importantly, the support of public and private funders—among them, the adult-serving hospital systems in Franklin County, which contributed \$8 million to the effort—also played an essential role.

“This is probably the highlight of my professional career,” said Klingler. “I think that this should be a model for solving all of our community problems. I can’t wait to see other communities come here and say, ‘You really want to see how it’s done? Go to Franklin County.’”

“This was a collaborative, community-wide effort to develop a community-wide solution that is available to everyone,” said Clark Jones. “I could not be more grateful for the generosity of our community.”

PICTURED: Erika Clark Jones, CEO of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH), outside the new Crisis Care Center.



BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Reliable access to technology and the internet is a necessity in our modern society—from participating in education, workforce, and civic opportunities to connecting with essential services like healthcare, housing, and transportation. However, not everyone has the same level of access to fast, reliable internet service or the devices and skills needed to fully participate in today’s technology-driven world.

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic forced schools to abruptly halt in-person instruction and many businesses moved employees to remote work, the digital divide in communities throughout the United States came into focus. Recognizing the urgency of central Ohio’s broadband and digital equity challenges, several Franklin County organizations quickly mobilized to examine and respond to local disparities exacerbated by the pandemic. Soon after, The Columbus Foundation, in partnership with **Columbus Metropolitan Library** and the **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission**, helped launch the **Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition**.

Comprised of more than 30 Franklin County and regional organizations representing social services, government, education, business, healthcare, and other sectors, the Digital Equity Coalition is dedicated to increasing access to affordable high-speed internet, quality digital devices, and digital skills training. Through collaboration between public and private partners, the Digital Equity Coalition also prioritizes community outreach to provide residents with information that promotes engagement and adoption of services to bridge the digital divide.

“By convening cross-industry partners with a shared vision, the Digital Equity Coalition has provided a space for leaders in the Columbus region to collaborate on big ideas and use the collective expertise to move this work forward,” said Benjamin Reid, Public Services Director for Columbus Metropolitan Library and member of the Digital Equity Coalition Steering Committee.

In 2020, to better understand central Ohio’s digital landscape, including the many factors that contribute to digital disparities, The Columbus Foundation commissioned an analysis of the region’s broadband infrastructure. The study, conducted by AECOM, an international civil infrastructure research and planning company, found that gaps in access were largely due to a variety of barriers across different

demographics, including economic challenges, technological literacy, and computers and other technological hardware.

These findings were reinforced and expanded upon during a series of human-centered design sprints in which local residents were invited to share their experiences, concerns, and ideas related to the digital divide. Community design work has been a pivotal practice at The Columbus Foundation since 2019, enabling a better understanding of community challenges in deep partnership with community members. The digital equity design sprints were primarily facilitated by The Columbus Foundation and **Smart Columbus**, a collaborative innovation lab dedicated to advancing technology-enabled solutions, and provided important insights on issues ranging from the cost and reliability of internet services to challenges accessing and using technological devices.

According to Jordan Davis, Executive Director of Smart Columbus and a member of the Digital Equity Coalition Steering Committee, the design sprints played a pivotal role in shaping the vision and key objectives of the Coalition. “The design sprints helped us to really understand the lived experience of those who are digitally excluded and the true barriers to why people aren’t able to connect or get online,” explained Davis. In 2022, using learnings from the design sprints, the Coalition published the Digital Equity Action Agenda, which outlines four priorities: connectivity, device access, digital life skills, and outreach and adoption.

Today, Smart Columbus serves as the lead facilitator of the Digital Equity Coalition, helping to recruit and convene community partners, promote continued collaboration, and encourage further investment in the Coalition. One such investment was announced in November 2023, when the City of Columbus and Franklin County committed more than \$20 million to the Digital Equity Coalition. In the announcement, officials outlined plans to use the investment to increase access to affordable high-speed internet to underserved households; distribute internet-enabled devices to households in need; and launch a digital skills training program, among other initiatives.

Speaking about the future of the Digital Equity Coalition, Reid said he believes the Coalition is well positioned to make a lasting impact on the region.

“Columbus Metropolitan Library, along with its partners

on the Franklin County Digital Equity Coalition, has increased focus on digital inclusion services with the goal of reaching digital equity in the region,” said Reid. “Following years of detailed planning and building, the Coalition is primed to achieve its targeted implementation goals.”

Although the Digital Equity Coalition was born out of the COVID-19 emergency, digital equity remains a priority at The Columbus Foundation. The Foundation continues to be an active partner in the Digital Equity Coalition, serving as a member of the Steering Committee. Additionally, in July 2020, The Columbus Foundation established the *Digital Equity Fund* to help address the region’s digital divide. Several central Ohio organizations have been awarded grants totaling more than \$1.3 million through the *Digital Equity Fund* to support programs that promote digital literacy, expand access to affordable internet and technological devices, and offer digital skills training and education.

“The digital divide inhibits students from learning, workers from accessing gainful employment, small businesses from engaging in e-commerce, and individuals from connecting to critical services,” said Matt Martin, Director of Community Research at The Columbus Foundation. “Through community engagement, collaboration, and grantmaking, The Columbus Foundation is committed to supporting efforts that promote digital equity and inclusion of all residents.”

THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION'S DIGITAL EQUITY FUND

The *Digital Equity Fund* at The Columbus Foundation has awarded **more than \$1.3 million in grants** to organizations working to identify and address digital equity challenges.

DIGITAL EQUITY FUND GRANTEES

As of December 31, 2023

AECOM	I Know I Can
Central Community House	Jewish Family Services
Columbus Metropolitan Library	The National Center for Urban Solutions
Economic & Community Development Institute (ECDI)	National Digital Inclusion Alliance
Families Flourish	Partners Achieving Community Transformation (PACT), in partnership with Columbus Rising Project
Goodwill Columbus	PCs for People
Health Impact Ohio, in partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority	Per Scholas
Home for Families	
Huckleberry House	

FRANKLIN COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY COALITION PRIORITIES



CONNECTIVITY

Expand reliable, highspeed residential internet options in low-income neighborhoods in Franklin County at an affordable cost for under-resourced households.



DEVICE ACCESS

Create a sustainable stream of different types of high-quality digital devices that are available at low to no cost to benefit Franklin County residents who need them.



DIGITAL LIFE SKILLS

Expand and increase access to digital skills training with the addition of learning opportunities across provider organizations that support residents’ individualized needs on a continuum.



OUTREACH & ADOPTION

Establish and support a coordinated, multi-channel outreach approach that is activated by a distributed network of partners, effectively providing residents with information to do what they want and need to do online.

NEAR EAST SIDE

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT

INVESTING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Columbus' Near East Side is a dynamic community with a unique collection of neighborhoods, including King-Lincoln Bronzeville, Mt. Vernon, and Woodland Park. This historic area features some of the city's oldest homes and an array of small businesses, schools, parks, and community gardens. Home to several notable landmarks, including the Lincoln Theatre, Pythian Theater, King Arts Complex, and Poindexter Village, the Near East Side is also a hub for creativity and ingenuity with deep ties to Columbus' Black history.

A century ago, the Near East Side was among the more diverse neighborhoods in Columbus in terms of race and wealth. For many years, Black-owned businesses in the neighborhood thrived, and many affluent Black residents called the Near East Side home. The area also emerged as a bustling entertainment district, welcoming and raising prominent musicians, artists, and other creatives. In fact, Mt. Vernon Avenue in King-Lincoln Bronzeville was once known as the "Million Dollar Mile" because of the neighborhood's role as the center for Black wealth, culture, and society.

However, due to racially discriminatory policies and practices—such as redlining by banks and the construction of freeways that cut through the neighborhood, severing its connection to Downtown Columbus—the Near East Side experienced decades of population loss and disinvestment. Over time, residents faced more and more challenges.

In recent years, public and private entities have committed to revitalization efforts on the Near East Side while intentionally striving to preserve the neighborhood's rich history and character. The Columbus Foundation—which has been located on East Broad Street within the Near East Side for more than three decades—has invested in the neighborhood through numerous grants that support the arts, youth services, workforce development, housing, social connection, and more. This whole-neighborhood approach is designed to expand opportunity and improve the quality of life among individuals and families living on the Near East Side.

"The Columbus Foundation, through the generosity of donors, proudly supports many organizations that have been serving the Near East Side for generations, including the cultural institutions that are carrying on its creative legacy," said Doug Kridler, President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. "Through these investments and collaborative partnerships, we celebrate the neighborhood's rich and dynamic history while helping to build a vibrant future where all Near East Side residents can flourish."

The **Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA** is among the many organizations on the Near East Side to receive grants from The Columbus Foundation. Named after Eldon Ward—who served on The Columbus Foundation's Governing Committee for nearly a decade, including one year as Chairperson—and his wife, Elsie, the Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA provides a variety of programs and services to the Near East Side community. From group fitness classes and water safety courses to food giveaways and health screenings, the Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA strives to promote health, well-being, and connection among its neighbors.

In 2023, The Columbus Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA to support the construction of an expanded outdoor park and pavilion. Once completed, the park and pavilion will feature public green spaces, community gardens, picnic tables, and a playground. The space will also be used to support YMCA programs, including day camps, financial literacy courses, and food distribution.



PICTURED: "Protect, Love and Embrace Our Village," a mural located at North Champion Avenue and East Long Street on the Near East Side. The mural was painted by artists April Sunami and David Butler, along with 12 youth participants of ARTsway's mural mentorship program, facilitated by Maroon Arts Group.

“Whether a Y member or not, this resource will be available to individuals and families in the Near East Side community,” said Tony Collins, President & CEO of YMCA of Central Ohio. “The Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA Park & Pavilion exemplifies how strategic investments in public spaces can foster a vibrant and interconnected community for years to come.”

The Columbus Foundation has also made numerous investments in the arts on the Near East Side, providing catalytic capital to organizations such as the **King Arts Complex**, **Lincoln Theatre Association**, and **Maroon Arts Group**. In 2023, The Columbus Foundation awarded two grants totaling \$60,000 to the **Lincoln Theatre Association**—an organization dedicated to stewardship of the Lincoln Theatre, located on East Long Street—to support an apprenticeship program to help young people prepare for careers in theatrical design and production. Designed for people ages 16 to 26, the three-year apprenticeship program provides training and hands-on experience to the next generation of technical theatre professionals, creating a pathway to opportunity for local students and young adults.

Additionally, after **Maroon Arts Group** purchased the building that housed the historic Pythian Theater on Mt. Vernon Avenue, The Columbus Foundation awarded two grants totaling \$80,000 to help the organization plan the restoration of the theatre. Committed to cultivating, celebrating, and promoting Black cultural production and art, Maroon Arts Group will host events for artists, creatives, and community members at the theatre. Once vacant and at risk of being torn down for redevelopment, the Pythian Theater—today known as the Maroon—will remain as an important center of entertainment, collaboration, and creativity on the Near East Side.

The restoration of the Pythian Theater is just one example of how The Columbus Foundation is supporting historic preservation on the Near East Side through grantmaking. In 2023, The Columbus Foundation awarded a \$150,000 grant to the **Central Ohio Community Land Trust** (COCLT), a subsidiary of the **Central Ohio Community Improvement Corporation** (COCIC), to restore the Edna Building located on East Long Street in the King-Lincoln Bronzeville neighborhood. Built in 1905, the building was once a cornerstone of Columbus’ Black community, serving as the home of several Black-owned businesses, social clubs, and the *Ohio Sentinel*, a weekly African American newspaper.

However, the Edna Building has been unoccupied for the past four decades and has fallen into disrepair. Once the restoration is complete, the three-story building will include office and event spaces, providing the community with a place to gather and connect.

Finally, through its grantmaking, The Columbus Foundation supports organizations that directly serve families and children on the Near East Side, such as



PICTURED: The Eldon & Elsie Ward Family YMCA, located on Woodland Avenue.

Columbus Early Learning Centers. Dedicated to providing high-quality early learning experiences to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, Columbus Early Learning Centers helps provide young children with a strong foundation for future success in school and in life. The organization’s Champion Avenue Center, located in the heart of the Near East Side, offers a range of services to children and their families, including literacy programs, kindergarten readiness programs, and family engagement and support.

As Gina Ginn, PhD, CEO of Columbus Early Learning Centers, explained, this multi-generational approach to early learning helps create strong families and communities by providing children and their caregivers opportunities to thrive.

“The ZIP code where children are born should not determine their best chance to prepare for success in school and in life,” explained Dr. Ginn. “This is why we go far beyond offering early education and affordable childcare. We are a team that surrounds each child to give them the best possible start in life and to foster success for the whole family.”

As the Near East Side continues its period of revitalization, The Columbus Foundation is committed to being a collaborative partner by investing in organizations and initiatives that uplift families, inspire creativity, create community, and expand opportunity. Together with local nonprofits and community members, and with the generous support of donors, The Columbus Foundation supports a comprehensive approach to building a healthy and vibrant Near East Side—all while honoring the neighborhood’s celebrated history.



**FUNDS
ESTABLISHED
IN 2023**



THE FUNDS FOR COLUMBUS (Unrestricted)

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

202

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$266,652,397

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$47,912,280

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Thomas E. Burris Fund for Columbus

This fund was created with a bequest from Tom Burris, who passed away in 2023. Tom was a graduate of Cambridge High School and also graduated from Ohio University with a degree in radio and television. Tom had a successful broadcast career on WTVN Radio and in television, where he was an on-air news anchor and host of a popular mid-day news show. He had a strong, deep voice and a talent for storytelling. After leaving broadcasting, Tom worked on writing and video production for local and national companies, including voiceover work.

Eddie K. and Anton C. Chin Fund

This fund was established with a bequest from Anton C. Chin. Anton attended Taiwan University and came to the United States in 1955 to study at Rosary Hill College, which is now Daemen University, in Amherst, New York. She obtained her Master of Science in mathematics from The Ohio State University. Anton taught mathematics at Ohio University and worked as a Chinese language interpreter for Community Refugee & Immigration Services (CRIS). Anton named this fund for herself, as well as in memory of her husband of 47 years, Eddie Kai Fuen Chin, who preceded her in death. Anton passed away in 2023.

Marilyn E. Riehl Fund for Columbus

This fund was created with a bequest from Marilyn E. Riehl, who passed away in 2022. Marilyn attended high school in North Canton, Ohio, and received her master's degree in historical clothing and textiles from the University of Akron. She was a member of the Church of the Master in Westerville. Marilyn loved to quilt, bake, and sing. She had three children and two grandchildren.

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

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

282

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$288,558,968

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$36,998,570

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Steinour Family New Albany Symphony Orchestra Endowed Chair Fund of the New Albany Community Foundation

Patti and Steve Steinour created this fund to support the Principal Bass of the New Albany Symphony Orchestra. Patti and Steve have long supported the central Ohio community and the arts. The Steinours live in New Albany.

Women in Music Columbus Legacy Fund

Women in Music Columbus was established in 1882 to offer music performance opportunities to women. The club expanded from performances by members, including the club's orchestra, choir, and small ensembles, to presenting concerts of internationally renowned classical musicians. Scholarship programs

for school children, and performances of new music by women composers were included in the club's programming. The club concluded all programming in 2023 and donated archives to the Ohio History Connection. Remaining funds were used to establish this fund with the intent to continue the club's mission of supporting women in music performance, competition, and student education.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

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

395

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$435,112,593

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$42,887,699

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Anonymous (1)

Ken and Connie Becker Family Fund III

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

Dominica School and Orphanage Designated Fund

John and Cheryl Zeiger, along with the Hawley family, established this fund to support the mission and programs of the Dominica School and Orphanage. For 28 years, the school has operated as a safe haven for thousands of children, many of them abused and neglected. The school provides daily care and education for children ranging from 18 months old to 12th grade in an impoverished neighborhood in the Dominican Republic.

Paul Dusseau Fund

This fund was established by Lucy Chu to honor Paul Dusseau and to provide ongoing support and stability to Riverview International Center, an organization he is passionate about.

Edwin B. and Nancy S. Hamilton Fund

The *Edwin B. and Nancy S. Hamilton Fund* was established by an estate gift from Dr. Edwin and Nancy Hamilton. The fund will support the ongoing maintenance of the Lois B. Small and Gladys B. Hamilton Labyrinth Garden in the Chadwick Arboretum at The Ohio State University.

Sandra S. Nicholson Fund

Tadd and Nancy Seitz United Way of Delaware County Fund

This fund was created by longtime Columbus Foundation donors Tadd and Nancy Seitz to support the United Way of Delaware County as the organization works to create meaningful and tangible impact in the Delaware County community.

Tadd and Nancy Seitz BalletMet Fund

This fund was created by longtime Columbus Foundation donors Tadd and Nancy Seitz to benefit BalletMet as the organization advances the central Ohio community by entertaining, engaging, and educating through dance.

Tadd and Nancy Seitz Columbus College of Art & Design Scholarship Fund

This fund was created by longtime Columbus Foundation donors Tadd and Nancy Seitz to benefit students at Columbus College of Art & Design, as the college fosters a diverse community that educates students so they can unleash their creative power to shape culture and commerce.

Shackelford Endowment for Denison University

This fund was created by Don and Teckie Shackelford, who are longtime supporters of Denison University. It will be a permanent fund to support scholarships at Denison.

Richard B. and Nancy E. Stahl Family Fund

Richard and Nancy Stahl established this fund through a planned gift to support their favorite charities on an ongoing basis, including The Ohio State University, Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. James Lutheran Church, Fore Hope, and the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. The Stahls were longtime residents of Hilliard. Dick passed away in 2009, and Nancy passed away in 2023.

Mary Ann Winfield Fund

This fund was created with a bequest from Mary Ann Winfield, who passed away in 2023. Mary Ann moved to Grove City in 1947 and lived in the same house until her death. She worked as a teacher and a principal in the South-Western City School District for more than 35 years. Mary Ann was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church since its inception. She enjoyed painting, sketching, and drawing, and would make pieces of art with buckeyes.

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.

495

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$238,102,842

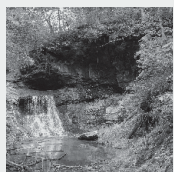
MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$14,918,114

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Arc of Appalachia — Quiverheart-Tremper Regional Stewardship Fund



This fund was created by the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, also known as Arc of Appalachia, to support the stewardship and visitor services of

nature preserves that are owned and managed by the Arc, with special priority for preserves within Adams and Scioto counties.

Arc of Appalachia — Hocking Hills Forever Regional Stewardship Fund



This fund was created by the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, also known as Arc of Appalachia, to support its nature preserves within the

geographic region of Hocking County and its neighboring counties, Perry and Vinton.

Arc of Appalachia — Conservation Easement Stewardship Fund



This fund was created by the Highlands Nature Sanctuary, also known as Arc of Appalachia, to support the costs of creating, monitoring,

and defending conservation easements that are held by the Arc.

Clínica Latina Endowment Fund



La Clínica Latina is a community health resource that offers a student-run and faculty-overseen free clinic

sponsored by The Ohio State University College of Medicine. The clinic is dedicated to serving the needs of the uninsured and underinsured members

of the central Ohio Spanish-speaking community. This fund was established by the Clínica Latina Board to help support its programs in the community and to ensure the sustainability of the organization. The clinic is located on North High Street in Columbus.

Columbus Metropolitan Club Jane Scott Legacy in Civic Engagement Fund



This fund was established to recognize Jane Scott's contributions to the Columbus Metropolitan Club during her long

tenure as President and CEO. The fund will honor Jane by supporting an annual discussion to celebrate community leaders.

Community Shelter Board Jeffrey Reserve Fund



Community Shelter Board established this fund thanks to a generous gift from the Tad and Nancy Jeffrey family. It will provide

sustainable support for Community Shelter Board's mission for future decades and ensure the impactful legacy of Tad and Nancy. The Jeffreys had a long history of championing on behalf of people experiencing homelessness. Nancy was instrumental in founding Community Shelter Board in 1986. Tad passed away in 2016, and Nancy passed away in 2018.

The Dawes Arboretum Operating Fund

This fund was established by The Dawes Arboretum for the purpose of supporting its ongoing operations as the organization works to enrich lives through the conservation of trees, nature, and history.

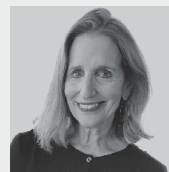
Tad and Nancy Jeffrey United Way Endowment Fund



The purpose of this fund is to sustain the mission and long-term impact of United Way of Central Ohio through growing endowment funds. The

fund is in honor of longtime United Way donors and champions, Tad and Nancy Jeffrey.

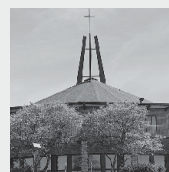
Lisa R. Kraemer CASA Endowment



This fund was established to honor the legacy of Lisa R. Kraemer. Throughout her life, Lisa sought to be a voice for abused or

neglected children. After graduating from Harvard University and the University of Cincinnati College of Law, she worked as an attorney specializing in family law. Lisa had a unique skill set: curiosity about others, intellect, and empathy, such that she never met a stranger. As she crisscrossed the state of Ohio, she shared her expertise with children and families in need. This fund will honor Lisa's legacy by supporting Ohio CASA as the organization works to ensure that children who have been abused or neglected have a voice in the juvenile court system through volunteer advocates. Lisa passed away in 2022.

NWUMC Music, Drama, and Performance Ministry Fund



Northwest United Methodist Church created this fund to expand and enhance the church's music, drama, and performance ministry. Located in Upper Arlington, Northwest United Methodist Church commits to welcoming all people.

NWUMC Unrestricted Short-Term Fund



Through the generosity of late members and current members of the church, Northwest United Methodist Church created this fund to provide unrestricted support to the church. Located in Upper Arlington, Northwest United Methodist Church commits to welcoming all people.

The RAPID 5 Land Trust Stewardship Fund



RAPID 5 is a land trust established to help connect the open spaces along central Ohio's five major waterways by preserving land and water for public outdoor recreation, education, and scenic enjoyment, resulting in improved quality of life, vitality, and prosperity in our region. The fund will provide for land acquisition and stewardship activities to ensure long-term preservation and conservation of land.

Joan Schmutzler and Sandra Shaw Malone Fund of the Ohioana Library Association

Joan Schmutzler of Berea, Ohio was a generous donor to the Ohioana Library and served as a member of its Board of Trustees from 2001-2017. She left an unrestricted bequest to support the mission of the organization. It was Joan's request to establish the fund in her name and that of her late closest friend, Sandra Shaw Malone. Joan passed away in 2021.

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.

279

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$121,532,535

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$29,405,281

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Bath & Body Works Scholarship



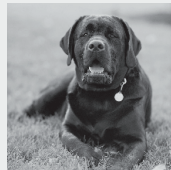
Bath & Body Works believes the world is a better place when everyone has access to the things that make them feel

safe, healthy, and secure. Part of the company's purpose is to enrich the lives of associates and their families through affordable education, workforce development, and health and wellness resources. The *Bath & Body Works Scholarship* provides scholarships to current associates in the United States, as well as their dependents and spouses, to attend a post-secondary educational opportunity of their choosing.

M.D. Burt & Elfriede Burt Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is established in memory of M.D. and Elfriede Burt by their children, Charlotte, Carmen, Susan, and Stephen Burt. M.D. and Elfriede believed in hard work, education, and the opportunities those things can offer. The scholarship is intended to honor M.D. and Elfriede, while making their vision a reality.

Carter's Legacy Vet-Tech Scholarship



This scholarship is made possible because of Carter, a black Labrador Retriever, who was 22 months old when he was diagnosed with and

died from a rare type of leukemia. Before this short illness, Carter provided love and joy to his family. Although it was a shock to lose him at such a young age, Carter's family could not have navigated through his illness and death without the support of the compassionate and well-trained Veterinary Technicians at VCA Sawmill Animal Hospital. With this scholarship, the family wishes to provide financial assistance to individuals who have the passion for animals and compassion for people that will help propel their success as veterinary technicians.

Diamond Hill Intern Diversity in Finance and Women in Business Scholarship



Diamond Hill is fiercely committed to generating excellent, long-term investment outcomes and building

enduring partnerships. The organization is committed to increasing representation of historically underrepresented groups in the investment management industry's talent pipeline while combatting the disproportionate student debt loan gap. Each year, Diamond Hill will provide two \$5,000 scholarships focused on attracting women and historically underrepresented individuals to consider careers in investment management who demonstrate Diamond Hill's core values of curiosity, ownership, trust, and respect. The goal is to help reverse the disproportionate student loan debt gap and support the long-term financial wellness and equity for underrepresented groups.

Driven to Grow Scholarship of the Buckeye Automotive Family Foundation

Empower Growth Scholarship

During the Great Depression, an attorney in Missouri had a client who couldn't pay him in money for services, and instead paid him in land. Many years later, this farmland was passed down to a central Ohio resident, who, in turn, subsequently

sold the farm. In homage to her ancestors, many of whom were educated women in a time when that wasn't the "norm," this scholarship was established with the proceeds from the sale of the farm to help provide higher education funding and other support to local survivors of sex trafficking.

Glade H. Grable and Yvonne Brammer Grable Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established from a bequest from Glade and Yvonne Grable. They were longtime residents of Columbus and were married for more than 70 years. The fund will support scholarships for students attending Green High School in Green, Ohio. Glade passed away in 2022, and Yvonne passed away in 2023.

HumanKIND Scholarship

The HumanKIND Scholarship was created to recognize students whose strength of character and personal values result in the consistent demonstration of kind acts toward others, which, in turn, will inspire others to act with kindness.

Jones Family Scholarship

Barri Jones established this scholarship in honor of her parents, Donald and Patsy Jones, who supported education as a way to improve and enrich lives.

West Jefferson Scholarship Fund

This fund will offer scholarships to students at West Jefferson High School.

Sara Wilcox Memorial Caddy Scholarship Fund

Sara Wilcox was an avid golfer, and this fund was created by her family to give scholarships to caddies and their families at Scioto Country Club and Old Collier Golf Club. Sara, who passed away in 2023, is survived by her husband Randy and their two sons, Jamie and Jonathan. Sara had a special relationship with the caddies and her family felt this would be a perfect way to honor her.

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.

1,465

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$1,100,769,411

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$144,319,527

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Anonymous (31)

AEI Charitable Fund

AmberStrong Memorial Fund



The mission of the fund is to support organizations focused on helping young people, especially girls, develop self-confidence, self-esteem, and life skills that may preempt the development of mental health challenges and addiction. In honor of Amber Marie (Acheson) Anderson, the *AmberStrong Memorial Fund* is dedicated to promoting the power of love, hope, inspiration, and tenacity.

Braunstein Family Fund

Bush Family Freedom Fund

CANARY Ice Core and Education Fund



Dr. Lonnie G. Thompson, a glaciologist, and Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson, an atmospheric scientist, are also paleoclimatologists,

spouses, and research partners who founded and oversee the Ice Core Paleoclimatology Research Group at the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center at The Ohio State University. Lonnie and Ellen have made it their life's work to collect and analyze ice cores from the polar ice sheets and Earth's highest mountain glaciers in tropical and sub-tropical regions, and to ensure that future scientists are prepared for the vital work of using the unique histories preserved in the ice cores to address issues associated with global climate and environmental change. Their research is featured in a 2023 documentary film, "Canary," which captures their extraordinary lives and contributions to climate research.

Sargent V. Chamberlain Foundation



This fund was established in loving memory of Sargent V. Chamberlain to carry on his legacy and selfless passion for giving back

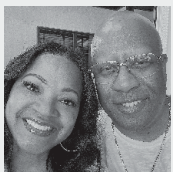
to his community. Sarge was active in his community throughout his life and always did what he could to help others in need. Sarge served as a leader and involved member of the Kiwanis Club of Marysville and the Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a member of many clubs and organizations to better the community, including the Union County Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the Veterans Remembrance Fundraising committee. In 2001, Sarge was inducted into the Central Ohio Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his acts of service in his community. He was also awarded the Community and Seasoned Citizens Chamber Salute to Leaders Award in 2007. Sarge believed in sharing

God's grace and love by helping those in need, and taught many valuable lessons to his kids and grandkids—especially the importance of giving back. This fund will carry on his legacy and commitment to leaving our community better today than it was yesterday.

Christion X. Files Legacy Fund

Christion Files, a remarkable individual and Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing at Morehouse College, embodied distinction both academically and in extracurricular pursuits: co-captain of the Morehouse Track and Field Team, media chair for the Junior Class Council, and dedicated member of the Morehouse Business Association. With a deep sense of purpose, Christion envisioned breaking new records and making a lasting impact on the world. Tragically, Christion's journey concluded unexpectedly on September 4, 2023, at the young age of 20. Though his time with us was brief, his indomitable spirit left an enduring mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. The "Christion Files Promise & Purpose" Scholarship is more than a tribute; it is a celebration of his unwavering commitment and a means to ensure his legacy lives on. This scholarship fund, established by his family, serves as a guiding light for generations of students who follow in Christion's footsteps. It is a testament to his boundless dreams, carrying the promise of a future that can transform the world.

Clay Foundation



Derrick and Sydnee Clay established the Clay Foundation to support organizations that are making impactful contributions to the community. The Clays are passionate about partnering with organizations that promote spiritual growth, social equality, and economic empowerment. Through their philanthropic efforts, the Clay Foundation strives to inspire hope, ignite change, and build a brighter future for generations to come.

Crimson Foundation

This fund was created to empower Crimson Design's initiatives in community engagement and global impact.

Designer Brands Foundation



Designer Brands Inc. established this fund to advance the empowerment of individuals, removing barriers and helping them put their best foot forward in the diverse communities in which the organization's employees live, serve, and work.

Durrence Endurance Fund

The Governing Committee of The Columbus Foundation established this fund in celebration of Tami Durrence's retirement and her 36 years of dedicated service to The Columbus Foundation and its Supporting Foundations. Tami, with much appreciation for the Governing Committee and Supporting Foundation donors to this fund, plans to support nonprofits that help our community members who are struggling with hardships.

Endowment Fund for Stonewall Columbus, Established by the Greer Foundation, in Honor of Lynn Greer

This fund was established by the *Greer Foundation*, a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, in honor of Lynn Greer. The fund will support capital improvements and other needed items for Stonewall Columbus as the organization works to increase visibility, inclusion, and connection for the LGBTQ+ community.

Foxlair Infinity Fund

Frontline Medical Ukraine Fund



Established by U.S. Army Brigadier General Mark Arnold (Ret.), Frontline Medical Ukraine supports the training and education of medics in Ukraine by providing teaching aids, used vehicles, and medical equipment through partner nonprofits. Partners include the Cleveland Maidan Association and Ukraine Military Medical Academy.

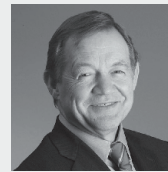
Fund for Human-Centered Design



Since 2019, The Columbus Foundation has used human-centered design to help tackle issues facing our residents. This approach bakes equity into the process by designing solutions to social system problems with residents, not for them. Being asked to help solve problems enables people to contribute, thereby strengthening the community and increasing belonging. This fund supports The Columbus Foundation's human-centered design efforts, as well as those of partner nonprofits.

Everett and Rebecca Gallagher Fund

William T. Grové "Only in America" Fund



In honor of Willie Grové's retirement from UBS Financial Services, his colleagues, family, and friends have created a fund to recognize his successful career. For more than 40 years, Willie worked as an entrepreneur in the financial services industry. He is passionate about giving back to his community, which, in his words, "has given me so much." Willie immigrated from South Africa to the United States in 1978 and created multiple businesses before realizing success as a financial advisor. He has always been appreciative of the opportunities available to him in America, which have driven him to be a leader giving back to his community with his time, talent, and treasure. This fund is intended to encourage the "next" Willie Grové with their American dreams.

Keep Columbus Beautiful Foundation

The City of Columbus' Department of Public Service established this fund to support public education and volunteer service related to quality of life and environmental issues, including litter, recycling, and beautification.

Donald W. and Nancy E. Kelley Fund for Serenity Fair Way Foundation

Kennedy Family Foundation

Lewis – Shpancer Fund

Love the Band Fund



For decades, the East High School Marching Band has served as a unifying force for its neighborhood. It has long been a point of

pride for the community as the band marches before every home football game from the school to Harley Field, several blocks away. Its mission has always been to make the community a better place. About 70 musicians, drill team members, and majorette dancers make up the full marching band, which performs in at least 20 events per year. Yet, despite the happiness and excitement it brings to the community, the East High School Band has long struggled with a lack of funding, reflected in old uniforms and depleted instruments. While the Columbus City Schools District has provided the school with new uniforms and refurbished instruments in the past, this fund was established to provide additional support for the band to purchase new instruments and enable more students to join.

Mark and Kim Mace Fund

This fund was established by Mark and Kim Mace to provide a focus on philanthropy and support their charitable interests. The Maces reside in Dublin.

Adam and Caitlin Miller Foundation

Mindy and Scott Miller Family Fund

Mindy and Scott Miller are longtime residents of Columbus. They established this fund to facilitate their philanthropic goals.

Performed Culture Fund

Galal Walker and Mari Noda are retired faculty from The Ohio State University. They have spent their careers focused on East Asian language pedagogy and the development of the Performed Culture Approach to learning to communicate in a foreign language and culture. This fund will support scholarly and productive activities that are directly related to the idea of Performed Culture Approach for learning, and teaching of the Chinese and Japanese languages.

Quinn Sophia Quigley Foundation for Joy

This fund honors the unlimited joyful and loving spirit of Quinn Sophia Quigley. Quinny brought so much sunshine to the people who knew and loved her. Her joy, her enormous heart, her empathy, her silliness, her smile. The list is endless. One of the things that stands out most is her love of animals. Quinn put quite a bit of effort into convincing her parents to adopt a kitten from Columbus Humane. Despite her dad's allergies, she prevailed, and Magnolia joined the family. In Quinn's too-short life, she loved animals, and she loved Columbus Humane. This fund will allow her passion to live on by supporting Columbus Humane and strengthening and supporting the bond between humans and their animal companions, especially cats. Quinn's family is proud she is a part of the story of Columbus Humane and hopes she will be a source of inspiration for all of those who share in her joy.

Sandra Werth Ratchford Memorial Fund



This fund honors the life and memory of Sandy Werth Harbrecht Ratchford who passed away in 2023. Sandy left a successful

teaching career to become one of the most respected strategic communications executives in the country; however, Sandy's passion for children and education remained steadfast. As such, the fund is dedicated to inspiring and educating the young minds of tomorrow.

Rawlins Family Foundation

Roto Group Philanthropic Fund



The Roto Group is a global design firm committed to building genuine human connections through its exhibition and

immersive media partnerships with top museums, aquariums, science centers, and other nonprofit destinations. The firm established this fund to expand its capacity to support these and other local nonprofits pursuing similar goals in the arts, culture, science, and education.

Kevin and Karen Rudolph Charitable Fund

Kevin and Karen Rudolph established this fund to advance their charitable goals. Kevin attended Ohio University, and Karen attended the University of Pittsburgh. They reside in Westerville.

Schmidt's Sausage Haus Foundation/ Geo. F. Schmidt



The Schmidt's Sausage Haus Foundation was established to provide a family legacy for charity. The fifth-generation organization

was established in 1886 in the heart of German Village as a meat packing company. Today, Schmidt's has become one of central Ohio's most well-known names in hospitality through their food and beverage ventures and community involvement.

Ben Simon Memorial Fund



Ben Clark Simon, a beloved 38-year-old Bexley resident, passed away unexpectedly on September 10, 2022. Ben was a mensch.

Always quick to help others, Ben lit up the world for the lives he touched. His welcoming and constant smile drew in all who met him. This fund was established to continue his passion for engaging others in nature: removing barriers; facilitating access; and increasing curiosity, engagement, and exploration.

Mark and Suzanne Smilack Charitable Trust



This fund was established by Mark Smilack, DDS, and Suzanne Smilack to support their charitable interests. They reside in Bexley and have three adult daughters.

Stevenson Family Fund

Carol Zelizer Stoff Memorial Fund for Human Kindness

Ron and Dotty Garvin Tonjes Fund



Ron and Dotty Garvin established this fund to help people in need, primarily in the central Ohio area, with a focus on supporting women who have been abused, people experiencing homelessness, and programs that help young people become productive members of society. Ron and Dotty reside in Blacklick.

Trautner Family Foundation

Sheila and Adam Trautner are involved in real estate development and hospitality in central Ohio. In 2023 they opened the REP Fieldhouse, a new training facility for athletes on North Hamilton Road. With the opening of REP, they noticed the financial need of some Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) players who frequent their facility. Sheila and Adam created this fund to support AAU players, as well as the couple's various other charitable interests. The Trautners have also established a nonprofit with the AAU of the United States called REP Elite.

Valponi Family Fund

Vasudeva Nemade Family Fund



This fund was established by Guru Vasudeva and Rashmi Nemade to advance the community by eliminating poverty through education and self-reliance.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, INC.

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

120

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$72,428,915

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$10,296,496

MARKET VALUE RANGE

FIELD OF INTEREST

Advancing Our Community Fund of Pickaway County Community Foundation

DONOR ADVISED

The StormCruzer Foundation



The StormCruzer Foundation was created to honor the memory of Travis Christopher Cruz. Travis loved mathematics and the science of extreme weather, which led him to attend college at Thomas Nelson Community College, Coastal Carolina University, and finally Virginia Tech, where he graduated in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in meteorology. His fondest memories of his academic career centered around the annual "Tornado Chase" with Virginia Tech meteorology students. After college, Travis applied his skills with computers and math as an Information Technologist and Financial

Strategist at Vector27 Financial Group. He also founded StormCruzer LLC, which primarily focused on taking clients on tornado-chasing trips across the country and on educational events in local schools and communities to pique the interests of school children who might have a passion for the study of extreme weather events. This fund will carry on that work that Travis would have loved to see done—particularly, funding educational opportunities in the areas of meteorology, mathematics, and science for students of all ages. It will also contribute to research into the prevention, treatment, and cure for Adhesive Arachnoiditis. Travis passed away on March 7, 2023, which just so happened to be National Tornado Day.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Launched in 2017, these funds are established by businesses to provide grants for food, shelter, and other basic needs for associates who are experiencing financial challenges due to an unexpected hardship.

26

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

\$1,945,248

MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

As of December 31, 2023

\$10K-\$416,710

MARKET VALUE RANGE

Cameron Mitchell Restaurants Milkshake Foundation

Donatos Promise Family Fund

IGS Energy Employee Hardship Fund



IGS Energy, one of America's largest energy retailers, is a privately-held and family-owned company working to build a

sustainable energy future for a healthier planet. The company established the

IGS Energy Employee Hardship Fund to provide financial support to employees in times of critical need and disaster.

Rise Relief Fund



to an unexpected event.

The *Rise Relief Fund* provides grants for essential needs to employees of Rise Brands experiencing financial hardship due to an unexpected event.

Safelite Caring Heart Fund



This fund was established to provide financial support to Safelite associates who have experienced financial hardship resulting from an unexpected emergency or a qualified disaster due to reasons beyond their control.

LEGACY SOCIETY



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

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

839

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS
As of December 31, 2023

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NUMBER OF NEW PLANNED GIFTS IN 2023

\$99,424,164

TOTAL AMOUNT IN PLANNED GIFTS COMMUNICATED IN 2023

\$1,138,940,331

TOTAL OF FUTURE PLANNED GIFTS DOCUMENTED TO DATE

2023 NEW PLANNED GIFT DONORS

Anonymous (14)
Thomas and Hope Ashby
Lynn Boston
Brian Buerkle and Christine Sapp
Brenda L. Doner
Ron Guisinger and Bob Salmen
John G. and Zoe Johnstone
David Kornacker and Janet Harris
Russell C. Mathias
P. Kelly Mooney and R. Scott Henningsen
Dennis O'Neil
Lynn Raduege
Beth and Jeff Randall
Marilyn E. Riehl*
Amalee Soteriades*
Kevin A. and Constance Walsh

**Deceased*

SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

FROM A FAMILY BRINGING multiple generations together to make a difference in the community, to a corporation enhancing employees' engagement with the causes they care about, each Supporting Foundation has an individual and inspiring story—and each has unique philanthropic goals.

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

Compounded over time, Supporting Foundation investments in the community present a compelling story of the impact of philanthropy. Since the first Supporting Foundation was created in 1976, Supporting Foundations have collectively paid more than \$991 million to advance the programs and causes most important to them, in central Ohio and across the nation.

27

NUMBER OF SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

\$891,834,996

COMBINED MARKET VALUE

As of December 31, 2023

\$52,743,436

COMBINED 2023 GRANTS PAID *(Before inter-Foundation eliminations)*

2023 SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

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

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TRUST**



A MESSAGE FROM

SCOTT G. HEITKAMP, CPA

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CFO



2023 was a year of much achievement at The Columbus Foundation. Most importantly, 2023 was another record-breaking year as it relates to the generosity of our donors. More than \$366 million in grants was distributed from funds held at The Columbus Foundation to the nonprofit community, surpassing the previous high of \$328 million in 2022.

On the investment performance front, and after a difficult 2022, when both equity and fixed-income markets experienced double-digit declines, markets experienced a rebound in 2023. This allowed the primary endowment portfolio of The Columbus Foundation to return 17.7 percent. These investment returns, combined with new donor gift inflows of \$157 million, brought total donor assets under management to \$3.44 billion, solidifying The Columbus Foundation as one of the largest community foundations in the country. Our

investment philosophy of low-cost investment management continues to benefit those donor funds that are permanently endowed here.

Also, as mentioned earlier in this report, in 2023 The Columbus Foundation underwent a process to evaluate and select a new financial operating system platform, one of the most impactful operational projects in our organization's history. After more than 25 years on the previous system, organizationally it was time to engage a more current and evolutionary platform. After a lengthy evaluation, vendor selection, and planning phase,

we are happy to report the new platform successfully launched in early 2024.

We continue to work diligently to honor donor legacy and place the utmost importance on the stewardship of your gifts. We appreciate your partnership and your trust. Over the past 80 years, our donors have entrusted us with more than \$4.5 billion in gifts, helping The Columbus Foundation to grant more than \$3.93 billion to nonprofits during that same timeframe.

Every day, we are reminded of the generosity of our donors, and for that, we are truly grateful!

Respectfully,

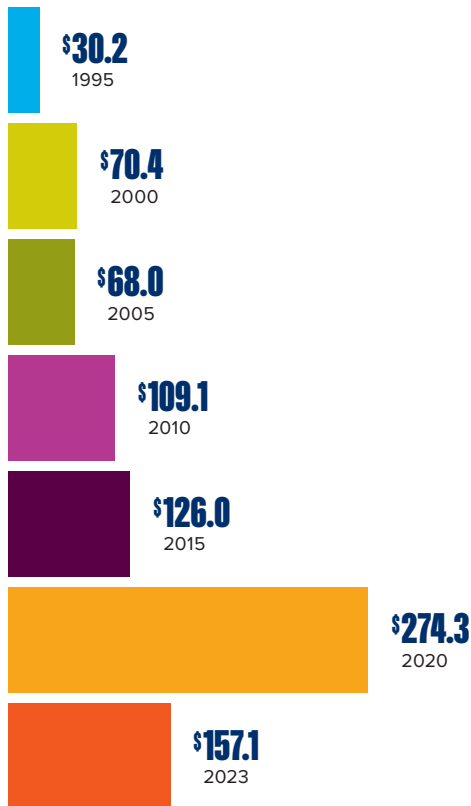
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Senior Vice President and CFO

2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

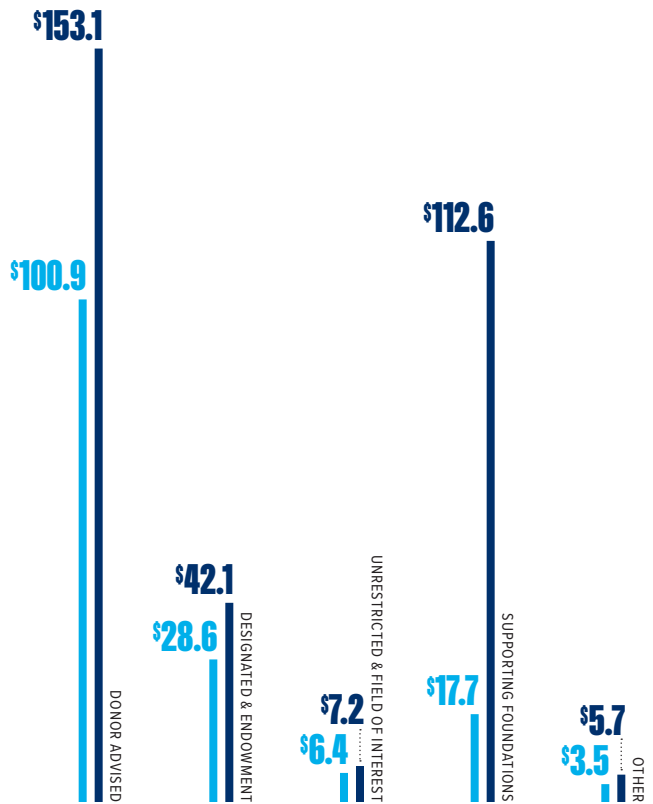
GIFTS RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY

In 2023, The Columbus Foundation and its related entities received more than **\$157 million** in new donations and bequests. Since its inception, generous donors have made gifts totaling more than **\$4.5 billion**.

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



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



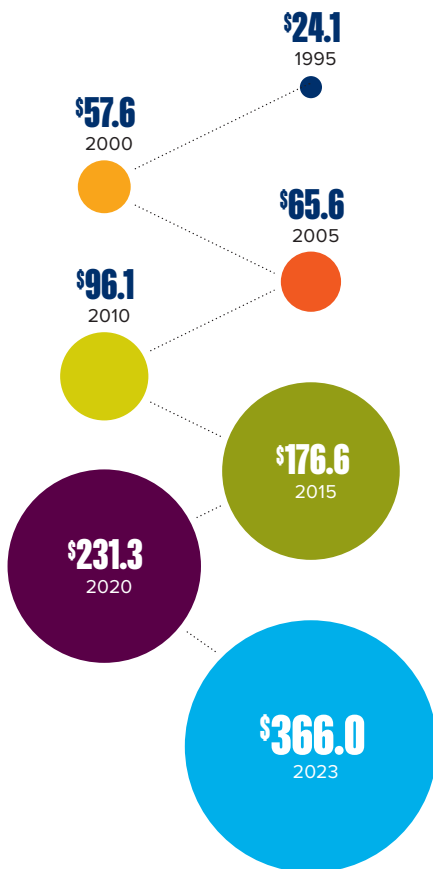
2023: \$157.1 Million Total

2022: \$320.7 Million Total

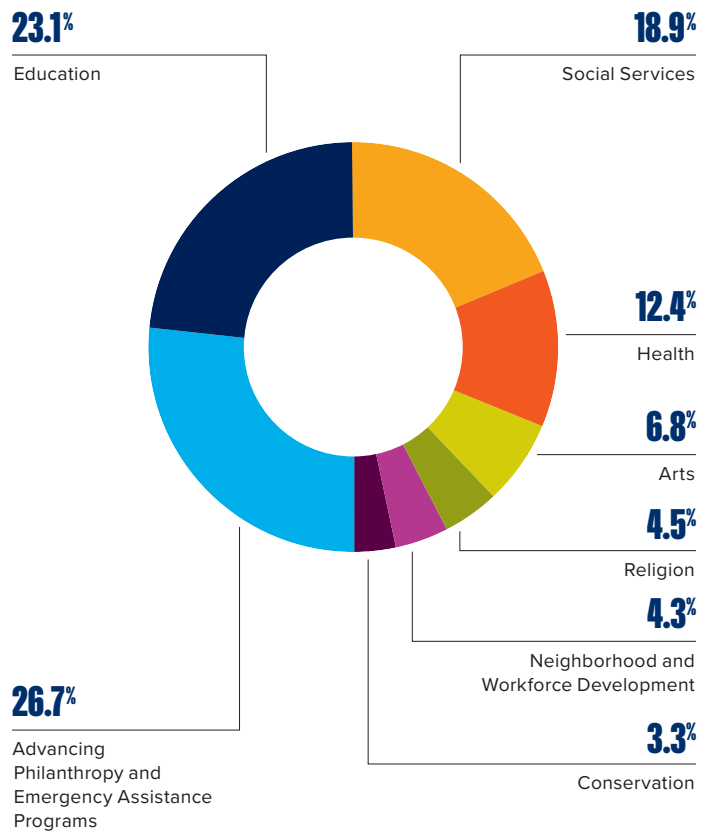
GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY

Grants awarded in 2023 totaled more than **\$366 million** and went to **4,760 nonprofit organizations**. Since its inception, The Columbus Foundation has distributed more than **\$3.93 billion** in grants.

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



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

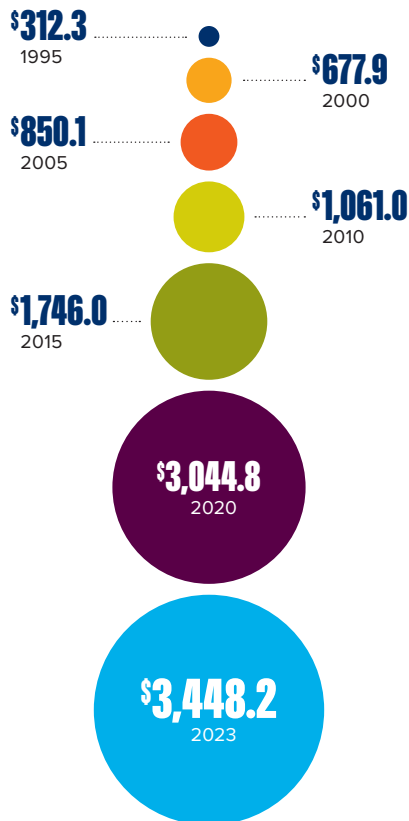


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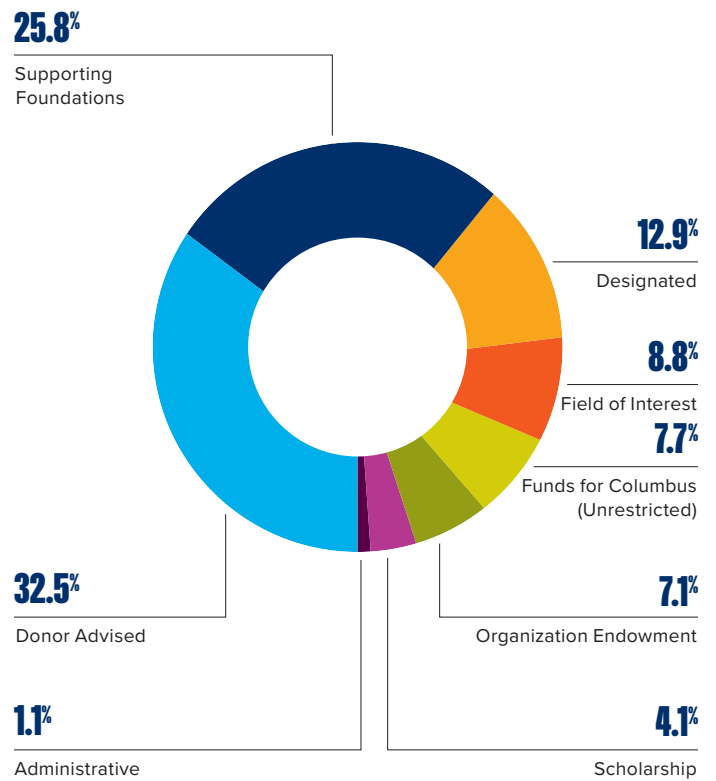
ASSETS

Combined assets of The Columbus Foundation and its related entities ended 2023 with a total market value of **\$3.44 billion**. The Columbus Foundation continues to be one of the world's largest community foundations.

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



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



2023 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

\$3.93B

**TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED
SINCE INCEPTION**

As of December 31, 2023

\$3.44B

**TOTAL ASSETS HELD IN 3,288 FUNDS
AND 27 SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS**

As of December 31, 2023

4,760

**TOTAL NUMBER OF NONPROFITS
RECEIVING GRANTS IN 2023**

\$5,341,565

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF
SCHOLARSHIPS PAID IN 2023**

\$157,057,240

**TOTAL GIFTS MADE TO NEW AND
EXISTING FUNDS AND SUPPORTING
FOUNDATIONS IN 2023**

\$366,012,914

TOTAL GRANTS PAID IN 2023

CENTER FOR CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY



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

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

WE'RE HERE TO HELP



ALIGNMENT

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



RETURN ON INVESTMENT

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



ENGAGEMENT

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



SHARED KNOWLEDGE

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

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In 2023, The Columbus Foundation began a transformational project designed to further strengthen our provision of service, community information, and financial reporting to you. With your patience and support, we are transitioning to a new technology platform that will help carry the Foundation’s stewardship—to you and to the community—into the future.

We thank you for your continued partnership as we celebrate this important milestone, together!



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