“The quality of a city consists not so much of what it is than what it is becoming.”

—HARRISON M. SAYRE
Creating a trusted institution to help residents join together to build a brighter, stronger, healthier city was the vision of The Columbus Foundation’s founders in 1943.

Seventy years later, thanks to the continued commitment of generous donors from all walks of life, we celebrate a community where strategic civic investments and thoughtful, personalized giving go hand in hand. We honor our donor family, whose unique funds are fueled by a passion to catalyze meaningful change.

Together, we are 70 Years Strong.
Over the past 70 years, thousands have become generous members of The Columbus Foundation family. Among the first to embrace the idea of a foundation for the community, the following individuals helped lay an effective and inspiring path for future generations of giving.

**1944**
First Governing Committee

The Columbus Foundation’s first Governing Committee consisted of five volunteer members who helped provide stewardship to the Foundation in its early days.

George W. Eckelberry  
Albert M. Miller  
Harrison M. Sayre  
Hugh S. Neesbitt  
Erdis G. Robinson

**1944**
First Unsolicited Gift

The first unsolicited gift is a $25 contribution from Olga Anna Jones, a former reporter and Columbus’ first City Councilwoman. Although she had moved away from Columbus, she heard about the new foundation and wanted to contribute to the cause.

**1945**
First Planned Gift

The first planned gift is established by H. Russell Cup. When he dies in 1960, his $500 bequest is realized as a gift to the Columbus Public Library.

**1948**
First Donor Advised Fund

Frederick B. Hill establishes the first Donor Advised Fund, allowing donors to suggest grants to nonprofit organizations. This plays a major role in the growth of the Foundation.

**1976**
First Supporting Foundation

The Columbus Youth Foundation (CYF) becomes the first Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation. CYF was formed in 1955 to contribute funds to local youth programs. Its mission continues today.
Dear Friends,

Thanks to your generosity and commitment to our community, The Columbus Foundation is proudly 70 years strong this year!

WHAT A POINT OF COMMUNITY PRIDE
it is that our enduring mission to lift
up concern for others and thoughtful,
efficient, and effective philanthropy
as a core value of our communities
and our donor families has stood this
test of time.

Our story began in 1943, when
our founder Harrison M. Sayre and a
group of visionary citizens committed
themselves to investing in a strong
future for our region through the
creation of a community foundation,
which they named The Columbus
Foundation. The fact that The
Columbus Foundation was founded
during such an extraordinarily
challenging time for our nation and
for our community—following the
Great Depression and during the
final years of World War II—is an
inspiration to us even today.

Our founders would be amazed
at what has been accomplished
since their brave and visionary action
to create The Columbus Foundation.
Grants to help our communities and
the diverse causes you care about
reached an historic all-time high in
2013, driven by record contributions
received by the Foundation in 2011
and 2012. In total, $160,610,681 was
awarded to nearly 3,000 nonprofit
organizations—which was 66 percent
higher than last year’s $96.2 million.

Last year, we realized a 100
percent increase in grants made
from Donor Advised Funds—which
accounted for more than $90.3 million
in grants to support various causes,
from education and healthcare to
conservation and the arts.

In 2013, your generous gifts
and bequests totaling $107,316,295
created 152 new funds and added
to existing funds and foundations
held in The Columbus Foundation,
Supporting Foundations, and our
affiliate, Community Foundations,
Inc. The assets of the Foundation
now stand at $1.7 billion, comprised
of 2,116 unique charitable funds and
28 Supporting Foundations.

We strive to add value to your
giving with innovative services,
resources, and opportunities to
help your community. Whether your
focus is on giving today or leaving a
permanent legacy investment that
sustains and can grow your civic
contributions over the next 70 years
and more, we are ready and eager to
provide our 70-year track record and
experience to help you as you help
others through the most effective
philanthropy possible.

We thank you for your gifts and
bequests creating permanent legacies
that enable important investments
in the future of central Ohio. More
than 730 of you have let us know of
your plans to leave a planned gift to
the Foundation in your estate, and
you make up the valued members
of our Legacy Society. Last year, 39
new planned gifts were committed
to the future of giving through the
Foundation, one of our best years ever.

Such legacy gifts help us support
a range of community needs and
enable initiatives such as the 2013
Big Give, which leveraged a record
$10.6 million for 569 nonprofits in just
24 hours. They also make possible
our Critical Need Alerts, which
provide timely, strategic opportunities
to respond to the changing needs in
our diverse community—which often
benefit residents struggling to meet
basic needs.

We are indebted to our founders,
and to all who are part of our
storied history—individuals, families,
businesses, nonprofits, volunteers,
and professional advisors. We have
worked hard and unselfishly together
and are giving our all to help each
other strengthen and improve our
community. We are extraordinarily
grateful for your trust in us and for
your generosity.

Our exceptional Governing
Committee provides guidance,
expertise, and valuable leadership
to the Foundation. We offer our
gratitude to Committee members
Barbara Trueman and William G.
“Jerry” Jurgensen, who completed
their terms of service in 2013.

On behalf of our entire Governing
Committee and staff, thank you! It is
your commitment to this collective
vessel of thoughtful and strategic
philanthropy that defines us as a
caring, forward-looking, smart and
open community with a promising
future, just as it did seventy years
ago when we were created during
such tough and uncertain times.

To quote Jerrie Mock, “Long live
The Spirit of Columbus!”

Thanks to your generosity and commitment
to our community, The Columbus Foundation
is proudly 70 years strong this year!

A Message from our Chairman and President and CEO

DOUGLAS F. KRIDLER
President and CEO

MICHAEL J. FIORILE
Chairman

The Columbus Foundation Annual Report 2013
2013 PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

2013 Harrison M. Sayre Award Winners
Robert Jr. and Mary Lazarus

Robert Jr. (Bob) and Mary Lazarus were honored with the 2013 Harrison M. Sayre Award for their efforts to make a lasting difference through their extraordinary generosity and commitment to our community. The award, first presented in 1990, is given in honor of the Foundation’s founder and 25-year volunteer director, and recognizes leadership in philanthropy in central Ohio. The Lazarus’ relationship with The Columbus Foundation began in 1970, when Bob’s parents, Robert Sr. and Hattie Lazarus, transferred their private foundation to establish the Hattie and Robert Lazarus Fund. In 1985, Bob and Mary established a Donor Advised Fund, the Mary and Robert Lazarus, Jr. Fund, which for nearly three decades has supported a wide range of interests, from education and the arts to healthcare and basic needs.

In 2002, friends and family established the Friends of The Community Shelter Board Fund Created to Honor Bob and Mary Lazarus at the Foundation as a tribute to the tireless efforts of the couple to support services for the homeless in central Ohio. In addition to his leadership role at the F&R Lazarus & Company, a Columbus landmark and family business founded in 1851, Bob served on a number of local nonprofit boards. These included the Ohio Arts Foundation, Ohio Arts Council, COSI, Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and Community Shelter Board.

Mary is past president of Action for Children, a founder of the Columbus Metropolitan Club, and a co-founding chair of The Women’s Fund of Central Ohio. She’s also been active in Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio, an organization that Bob’s mother, Hattie, co-founded in 1932 as The Mother’s Health Association.

“You feel like you can make a difference in Columbus. It’s such an open, welcoming place, but also innovative. There really is a spirit of cooperation,” Mary said. ¶

2013 Columbus Foundation Award Winner
Furniture Bank of Central Ohio

As the 2013 recipient of the Columbus Foundation Award, the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio received a $25,000 grant. Created in 1986, the award is given to an organization that has made a difference in the betterment of our community.

Founded in 1998 as Material Assistance Providers, Inc., or MAP, the Furniture Bank is the largest provider of free furniture services to families in poverty in central Ohio. In 2013, the organization served more than 4,100 families, filling bedrooms, kitchens, and family rooms by distributing thousands of pieces—including more than 6,000 mattresses, nearly 5,400 dressers, and 8,500 kitchen chairs. In addition to the donated goods from generous individuals, businesses, hotels, and universities, 13 percent of all furniture given to families was handmade by volunteers.

The organization credits its strong volunteer base for much of its success. The volunteer program has gone from 3,200 hours in 2009 to more than 30,000 hours in 2013. Individuals and families are referred to the Furniture Bank by dozens of social services agencies, churches, schools, and special interest groups. Every week, approximately 90 families each receive 14–16 essential items to help furnish their homes.

“We let the clients select their own furniture. They decide what’s most important and what works for them,” said Jim Stein, president of the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. “When we do delivery, it’s the same day. While the client is picking out furniture, we’re loading it on the truck. The furniture practically follows them home. That really helps the family.” ¶
THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION AND its statewide affiliate, Community Foundations, Inc., were proud to honor the philanthropic spirit of John D. (Jack) and Jane Kidd of Jackson County with the 2013 Leadership in Philanthropy Award, and a grant for $10,000 to support a nonprofit of their choice.

The award, created in 2011, recognizes outstanding philanthropic contributions to communities beyond central Ohio.

In 1998, the couple established the John D. and Jane E. Kidd Family Fund, a Donor Advised Fund through Community Foundations, Inc. A year later, they created the Kidd Family Foundation, a Supporting Foundation, to continue their family’s charitable giving in perpetuity.

“We thought to ourselves, ‘How do we better this area?’ We think it’s through education. The level of education in southeast Ohio is below the state average, and many who graduate from college leave,” Jack said.

The Kidd Family Foundation has provided critical support to the University of Rio Grande and Jackson and Oak Hill school districts. The university named Jack a University Fellow in 2008, in recognition of his commitment to the school and the community. In appreciation for their continued support, the university also recognized the Kidds by naming the University of Rio Grande Kidd Math and Science Center in their honor.

Through their foundation, the family has supported a variety of causes to help benefit the community that means so much to them.

“We felt very strongly that we were successful in southeast Ohio and that’s where we need to give back to,” Jack said. “There’s not a lot of money put back into Jackson County, so we thought what we could give back to that area would make a big difference—and it really has.”

IN 2013, THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION introduced The Spirit of Columbus Award, a new honor recognizing individuals who have exhibited exemplary community spirit through their accomplishments.

In March 2013, Jerrie Mock received the first award in honor of her historic flight. In 1964, Jerrie, a 38-year old Bexley housewife and mother of three, climbed into her single-engine Cessna with “Spirit of Columbus” emblazoned on its side. Taking off from Port Columbus, she became the first woman to fly solo around the world.

In April 2013, David Brown, founder and creative director of the Harmony Project, received the first Spirit of Columbus Award in the Community category, and Jeni Britton Bauer, founder and president of Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, received the first Spirit of Columbus Award in the Entrepreneurial category.

Each winner was given the opportunity to select one nonprofit from PowerPhilanthropy,® the Foundation’s online marketplace, to receive $5,000. David selected Greater Columbus Community Helping Hands, and Jeni, moved by David’s selflessness and community spirit, selected the Harmony Project.

“Clearly, over the years, there are many examples of people who have taken a leap of faith and courage that have led to accomplishment and who have, and still do, add to The Spirit of Columbus,” said Douglas F. Kridler, president and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. “This honor recognizes those who are in the earlier stages of their adventure, who still have many miles to go, and from whom we so look forward to more inspiration and success.”
The couple met at Mid-Ohio Foodbank’s “Single’s Night” in 2001—and became the first couple to marry and have children as a result of the volunteer experience. Even before then, both were blessed with positive role models in their parents, and each has made giving back a part of their lives.

“My father’s motto is, ‘every minute of the day should be spent improving your mind, body, or your community,’” Cary said.

In 2007, the couple established the Hanosek Family Fund to support a number of organizations and institutions important to them.

“The concept of a Donor Advised Fund really makes sense to us, in terms of having a charitable root to be able to fund future gifts, and have the money that we deposit grow with the market,” said Cary.

No stranger to the market, Cary is a financial advisor and co-founder of The Simonton-Hanosek-Mangum Wealth Management Team of Merrill Lynch, and Joe is a senior investment professional at Nationwide. During his free time, Joe, a professional magician, enjoys entertaining crowds and often gets a hand from the couple’s daughters, Meredith, 10, and Madison, 7.

While the Upper Arlington family has provided support to numerous central Ohio nonprofits over the years, today their passion lies in supporting organizations that help provide resources and research for epilepsy, a condition Madison was diagnosed with in 2010.

“Madison’s health is day-by-day. It’s a severe and rare form of epilepsy she has,” Joe said. While the family makes frequent trips to see a specialist and receive treatment at the Cleveland Clinic, the girls are also busy with church activities, dance, soccer, and Girl Scouts.

After Madison asked “why can’t I wear a shirt?” during her frequent infusions, Cary and Joe worked with a local design firm to create a kid’s shirt with zipper access for PIC (peripherally inserted catheter) lines, ports, insulin pumps, and more. The patent-pending adaptive clothing for kids is in beta testing at the Cleveland Clinic, and the couple hopes a successful rollout will create a revenue stream to fund epilepsy research.

My father’s motto is, ‘every minute of the day should be spent improving your mind, body, or your community.’” —CARY HANOSEK

Pictured (l-r): Joe, Madison, Cary, and Meredith Hanosek at their home in Upper Arlington.
“This is purely a people’s scholarship—just word of mouth, and people making small donations to help others achieve their dreams.” —JACK MARCHBANKS

MANY DON’T KNOW THAT THE FIRST instrument Columbus native and world-renowned musician Rahsaan Roland Kirk played was a water hose.

His sister, Candice Kirk-Howell, recalled their mother taking Rahsaan to rummage sales and him finding an instrument that made a similar sound to blowing into a hose.

Rahsaan lost his sight at a young age, but he didn’t let that hold him back. Famous for combining sounds by playing instruments simultaneously, Rahsaan was a lively and well-respected jazz musician who played around the world. A stroke in 1975 forced him to play with one hand, and a second claimed his life in 1977, at age 42.

Local businessman and radio personality Jack Marchbanks was intrigued by Rahsaan’s story while doing research for a public radio station in 2006. He connected with Rahsaan’s family, still living in central Ohio, and helped spur the idea for creating a scholarship fund to help other musicians.

“One of the things Rahsaan wanted to do was teach people, especially young people, about jazz,” said Jack.

In 2008, with money raised from friends and family, they established the Rahsaan Roland Kirk Scholarship Fund to support Columbus City Schools’ high school seniors who plan to attain an undergraduate degree in music or fine arts.

“This is purely a people’s scholarship—just word of mouth, and people making small donations to help others achieve their dreams,” Jack explained.

Tatum Flemister, a percussionist and graduate of Fort Hayes Career Academy, was the 2013 scholarship recipient. A student at Berklee College of Music in Boston, he is pursuing a career doing what he loves.

“I’ve been playing as long as I can remember,” Tatum explained. “When I got my first drum set at three or four years old, that’s when it went from me banging to make noise to starting to make music.”

Tatum, who also plays piano and trumpet, recognizes he has something in common with the late jazz great—an independent spirit.

“I don’t consider myself to be a conventional drummer,” he said. “Me going against the grain and not doing everything everyone else does musically is similar to Rahsaan.”
The Foundation is deeply committed to identifying and providing timely, strategic opportunities for donors and the public to respond to the changing needs in our diverse community. We also proudly award grants to organizations that are making a difference—and utilizing unique and innovative ways to increase their long-term sustainability.

Thanks to your generosity, and the generosity of those before you, this support strengthens our city today, and tomorrow.
A Record Day of Giving
Bonus pool amplifies gifts to hundreds of central Ohio nonprofits

Within 15 minutes of The Big Give kickoff on September 17, 2013, 300 central Ohio nonprofits had already received donations. The 24-hour online giving effort reached $1 million and 1,000 donations in less than 40 minutes! Thanks to an incredible response from people in our community, across the country, and around the world, the Foundation’s second Big Give leveraged more than $10.6 million for 569 central Ohio nonprofit organizations.

Donations received during The Big Give were eligible for bonus pool funds on a pro rata basis, giving everyone who participated the opportunity to have their donation(s) amplified. In total, a record $1.1 million in bonus pool funds was raised during an outpouring of generosity from the Foundation, its family of donors, and community partners. In addition, all credit card fees were covered by The Columbus Foundation, so 100 percent of donations went directly to the nonprofits. In 2011, the first Big Give raised $8.5 million for 501 nonprofits.

Four leading Columbus-based businesses partnered with the Foundation to offer rewards to Big Give donors. Gateway Film Center, Homage, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams, and Piada Italian Street Food all offered discounts or free items to Big Give participants. 

The Salvation Army received 121 donations and a total of $117,782.

The Columbus Museum of Art received 150 donations and a total of $335,688.

Cristo Rey Columbus received 29 donations and a total of $121,839.

Thanks to The Big Give…
On September 18, 2013, Columbus Foundation staff announced the total leveraged from The Big Give. Central Ohio businesses and nonprofit organizations helped spread the word about The Big Give through a unique social media campaign.

— MAJOR FRANK KIRK, DIVISIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE SALVATION ARMY IN CENTRAL OHIO

“The Salvation Army in Central Ohio was able to increase services to those in this community struggling with the consequences of poverty. Monies raised put food on our pantry shelves, paid GED testing fees, and helped to make a new house a home.”

The Salvation Army received 121 donations and a total of $117,782.

— NANNETTE MACIEJUNES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART

“The Columbus Museum of Art reached a new and broader audience with our story about how meaningful art experiences transform lives. The Big Give made possible first-ever preschool art experiences, transformative teen immersions, unique tours for people with Alzheimer’s and special needs, and exhibitions that bring works by celebrated artists like Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec to Columbus’ doorstep.”

The Columbus Museum of Art received 150 donations and a total of $335,688.

— JAMES C. RAGLAND, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, CRISTO REY COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

“Cristo Rey Columbus leveraged support to secure seed financing for the acquisition and renovation of the former Ohio School for the Deaf, located in the Discovery District. This building, the new, permanent home of Cristo Rey Columbus, features state-of-the-art educational technology, as well as serves as the centerpiece for our partnerships with the community at large in our innovative Professional Work Study Program.”

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IN 2002, IN RESPONSE TO BARBARA and Al Siemer’s concern about how to best address the literacy issues of young children, a grant of $44,100 was awarded through the Siemer Family Foundation, a Supporting Foundation, to Project GRAD. The grant funded a staff position whose sole responsibility was to reduce student mobility in a specific school over the course of one year, addressing any issues related to the reason for the move, and connecting the family with services needed.

A year later, the Siemers put that pilot into action and developed the Family Stability Initiative, a program targeting families at risk of becoming homeless in Sarasota, where they have a second home. In 2008, the effort was launched in Columbus and, over the next two years, expanded to include cities across both Florida and Ohio.

“We found if you want to help the child, you have to stabilize the family,” Al said. “If you want the child to stay in school, you have to keep him in his house. This means helping the whole family.”

Working under the umbrella of the United Way to facilitate the program, Barbara had dreams of it becoming much bigger.

“The success we saw in Sarasota, and the fact that the need never ended, made us realize that we needed to do more and more,” Barbara explained. “When we got to 2008 and could see what was coming with the economy, we saw that things were going to get really...
Siemer Institute for Family Stability Facts:
1. The program’s success is based on intervention, prevention, and education.
2. Case managers work intensively with families for up to 18 months to create a plan for the family to become successful and to provide stability.
3. The intensity, frequency, and duration of assistance are based on the specific needs of each family.

SIFS sponsors a national network of local United Way-based community collaborations that provide targeted families the following:
- Case management and coaching
- Financial assistance and material assistance
- A two-generation approach to service delivery
- Strategic partnerships with school districts and other local service providers
- Data-driven assessments of family need and progress

Data has shown that the program has been highly successful in preventing homelessness in participating communities. Families have reported:
- Increased housing stability
- Increased life-skills capabilities such as household budgeting
- Increased school stability for children
- Greater capacity to avoid another housing crisis
A Powerful Cause
Funding provides diverse opportunities for Weinland Park youth

MARK LOMAX KNOWS THE KIDS
he works with face a myriad of challenges.
As director of the R.I.S.E. (Resilience, Integrity, Strength, Excellence) Boys & Girls Club in Weinland Park, he recognizes that many members of his afterschool and summer programs, typically ages 12–18, face ongoing issues with family and school.

“Most of our members are reading below grade level and are not strong in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects,” Mark explained. “I think this has much to do with the high suspension rates we see and the subsequent disinterest that grows in pre-teens. The more they are away from school, the more unsuccessful they feel.”

Mark shared that this feeling of unsuccessfulness often leads to another prominent issue Weinland Park youth face—low self-esteem. “Many define their worth by who has the newest, most expensive shoes and clothing items. They don’t value education or think much of future possibilities because they haven’t had much success in school or opportunities outside of school to build their confidence.”

As one part of its ongoing commitment to the revitalization of the Weinland Park neighborhood, located just southeast of The Ohio State University, The Columbus Foundation has identified a number of youth programs to support.

“R.I.S.E. offers neighborhood kids the chance to be in a safe, positive environment that promotes growth and opportunity.”
— MICHAEL WILKOS

State University, The Columbus Foundation has identified a number of youth programs to support,
The Columbus Foundation. “This was a unique partnership of two high-performing organizations joining together to better serve Weinland Park youth and deliver life-changing programs.” Since 2008, The Columbus Foundation and its donors have been supporting a multi-year investment in the revitalization of Weinland Park—working to provide opportunities that catalyze change for the residents of the neighborhood. In 2010, the Weinland Park Collaborative, a public-private partnership that includes the Foundation, was formed to focus on improving and sustaining the neighborhood’s quality of life.

It targets initiatives and programs involving education, employment, health, housing, resident engagement, safety, and youth development. “We believe that by engaging youth in Weinland Park with fun activities and programs that build their self-esteem, foster a love of learning, educate them about college and career options, and celebrate any and every success they can have, we can help to change the neighborhood for the better as the more highly a person thinks and feels of him/herself, the more likely they are to be a caring and productive citizen,” Mark said.

The Weinland Park grants mentioned in this story were made possible thanks to the following Columbus Foundation funds:

- Howard Royston Anderson and Hazel F. Anderson Fund
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- Lois S. Chope Memorial Fund
- Lois S. and H. Roy Chope Fund
- Doris Irene Clark Fund
- William C. and Naoma W. Denison Fund
- Fawn Ramsey Druggan Fund
- Florence E. K. Hurd Fund
- Robert B. Hurst Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Darrol R. Johnson Fund
- Bernhart J. Mertz Fund
- James W. Overstreet Fund
- Fred R. Place Fund
- Richard H. and Ann Shafer Fund

R.I.S.E. offers neighborhood youth a safe place to gather with friends.

Additional Columbus Foundation Grants for Weinland Park Programs Serving Children & Youth—2013

Neighborhood Options for Youth (NOY)
$169,000 to help Directions for Youth & Families launch the NOY program to reduce crime and increase public safety in Weinland Park.

Weinland Park Lacrosse and Football Programs
$25,000 to Godman Guild to support recreational programs operating under the R.I.S.E. Youth Club.

University District Freedom Schools
$45,000 to Summit on 16th United Methodist Church to fund a summer reading comprehension program at the University District Freedom Schools.

Summer Youth Empowerment Program (STEP) at Camp Mary Orton
$30,000 to Godman Guild to support the SYEP program, which provides outdoor recreational and group leadership development skills programming at Camp Mary Orton, 967 acres of woods, prairies, and ravines that offer hiking trails, a ropes course, swimming, climbing walls, and more.

Summer Teen Employment Program (STEP)
$24,250 to Godman Guild to support the STEP program, which provides youth with paid summer jobs that build skills to facilitate positive growth in areas of leadership and personal and social skill development.
Voices of Hope
Merger strengthens services for domestic violence victims

IN 2009, AFTER YEARS OF ABUSE culminated in her husband trying to take her life, Laura pulled out the phone book and found the CHOICES hotline—a number that would connect her with the people, tools, and resources needed to move forward and begin the healing process. For four years, she saw a counselor who helped her pick up the pieces and put her life back on track.

“Working with CHOICES helped restore my self-confidence and made me realize that I was worth more,” Laura said.

What advice does she have for others in a similar situation? “It’s really, really scary to leave. But you can make it. It’s definitely better being free.”

For more than 35 years, CHOICES has been providing a temporary safe haven for victims of domestic violence. The only provider in Franklin County, CHOICES sheltered 273 families in 2013. It receives about 3,000 calls to its 24/7 hotline annually, and provides counseling and education to thousands.

In early 2013, public and private funders were concerned about the organization’s funding model and its ability to sustain the resources to operate, as well as issues regarding CHOICES’ programs and services. “CHOICES had always been very dependent on public money,” explained Kelley Griesmer, who was on the board of CHOICES and now serves on the Lutheran Social Services’ CHOICES advisory board. “The board was starting to rebuild a relationship with the community, and it was in those discussions that it became obvious the community wanted the service and they clearly believed in the mission. They just didn’t support the infrastructure as it was.”

The Columbus Foundation convened stakeholders to address the issues, and the group identified Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSS) as the strongest candidate to manage the safe haven, programs, and services. LSS is one of the largest nonprofits serving Ohio, with programming that includes affordable housing, food pantries, disaster response, shelters, and social enterprise.

“As the leading homeless shelter provider in our community, and with a track record of successful mergers, LSS was the perfect partner to step up in this case,” said Lisa S. Courtice, Ph.D., executive vice president for Community Research and Grants Management for The Columbus Foundation. “They didn’t hesitate to jump in and take charge, quickly shoring up finances, staffing, and program performance.”

In September 2013, two grants totaling $39,000 were awarded to help with the costs of the transition and merger, thanks to the James W. Overstreet Fund and Robert B. Hurst Fund.

“What I think we brought was a mission and a passion for these types of services, but also the capabilities that we could do it efficiently and effectively,” said Rev. Larry Crowell, president and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio.

LSS initially took over CHOICES’ management at no cost, and a transition team was created with representatives from both organizations. LSS appointed Sue Villio, executive director of Faith Mission, to serve as CHOICES’ executive director as well.

“It was able to come in with fresh eyes,” said Kelley. “She brought objectivity and knowledge and made a lot of changes without a lot of money, which was great.”

In February 2014, CHOICES formally merged with LSS. Thanks to the collaborative nature and willingness of all involved to offer solutions, the future for CHOICES looks bright.

“We are rallying together as a community and things are looking very encouraging for the immediate future,” said Larry.
SCHOOLS GENERALLY RELY ON DATA to drive improvements and results, but how and when it gets into teachers’ and administrators’ hands prompted the development of a tool that has revolutionized the view Columbus City Schools (CCS) educators have of their students and schools as a whole.

“What we found out when we first started was there’s a lot of data on children in a district, but not a single view of that child—and that was the dilemma,” said Barbara Boyd, president of Learning Circle Education Services (LCES). “Over here is their reading assessment and over there is their math assessment. Educators couldn’t see a longitudinal view because there wasn’t a single view of the child.”

Initially launched by Nationwide Insurance in 2005, LCES is a nonprofit that provides data-driven decision-making products and services to the education community. The organization spent two years creating a software application, Learning Circle, which transforms real-time data into a visual, comprehensive dashboard that helps teachers and administrators identify individual student needs and create a roadmap for success.

“Learning Circle has helped us really shape the way we form our instruction in regards to making sure we are identifying specific student groups to provide the necessary interventions that will help every student in the building,” said Rhonda Peeples, principal of Weinland Park Elementary School. “It’s taken the guessing out of the teaching and learning process and allowed us to use data as a driving force to all of our student-centered decisions.”

LCES works with more than 100 schools and 50,000 students. In addition to Columbus schools, it is collaborating with Learn4Life, I Know I Can (IKIC), and numerous charter and private schools to provide services. In 2013, a $50,000 grant was awarded to support LCES thanks to the Barbara J. Headlin Fund, Joey and William Henderson Fund, and the Robert B. Hurst Fund.

“Learning Circle data has expedited the process, made it more structured, ensuring that we have the necessary tools to plan an effective instructional design,” Rhonda said. One of the largest and most successful college access programs in the country, IKIC has been helping CCS students achieve the dream of higher education since 1988. A $100,000 grant from the Roy V. and Eloise F. Thomas Fund, James W. Overstreet Fund, and the Robert Bartels Fund was awarded in 2013 to IKIC to implement Learning Circle technology to create a custom dashboard.

“While it’s meaningful to know anecdotally that we support the college aspirations of students, we need both qualitative and quantitative data to ensure we are fulfilling our mission of helping students pursue and complete college,” said Katina Fullen, executive director of IKIC. “With the enhanced data capabilities of Learning Circle, I Know I Can is better positioned to understand its own best practices as well as identify its greatest areas for organizational and programmatic improvement.”

Having the dashboard updated daily has been instrumental in its value. “We’ve always been data driven, but before there was a lag in the reporting system. The Learning Circle data has expedited the process, made it more structured, ensuring that we have the necessary tools to plan an effective instructional design,” Rhonda said. "We’ve always been data driven, but before there was a lag in the reporting system. The Learning Circle data has expedited the process, made it more structured, ensuring that we have the necessary tools to plan an effective instructional design," Rhonda said.

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A Snapshot of Success
Revolutionary online dashboard offers timely view of Columbus students

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LEARNING CIRCLE EDUCATION SERVICES

IN CENTRAL OHIO, A NUMBER OF nonprofit organizations are capitalizing on the fresh food movement to create earned-income opportunities that not only increase their value to the community, but provide long-term financial sustainability to their organizations.

In 2013, Local Matters created Wellness Matters, a workplace-based, fee-for-service program that allowed the organization to expand the reach of its work and mission, while generating revenue to support its core community programs. A $50,000 grant from The Columbus Foundation’s Fund for Financial Innovation supported the start of the social enterprise program. The grant was made possible thanks to the David L. Rinker Fund and the Edith V. Reasoner Fund.

“We’ve always had diverse revenue streams. It’s been core to our organization,” said Michelle Moskowitz Brown, executive director of Local Matters. “Traditionally, earned income had been about 20 percent of our revenue, and that’s very good. But we knew we weren’t going to be able to increase that in the lower-income communities we typically serve. We wanted to develop a program that would generate additional income.”

Local Matters’ vision is to “transform the food system through education and increased access to healthful, affordable, and sustainable food.”

Wellness Matters is customizable and utilizes a mobile kitchen, allowing businesses of any size to take part in the fun.

“We’ve created a program that while well-defined, is also incredibly flexible to meet the diverse needs of clients,” said Lauren Edwards, senior program manager for Local Matters.

In 2013, in addition to Local Matters, The Columbus Foundation invested in the following social enterprises relating to food:

- Godman Guild Association—a $45,000 grant to acquire equipment, train staff, and implement and operate the Food Service Project, which provides healthy food to help expand its kosher catering kitchen and café, thanks to the Mary Louise Boettann Fund.
- Mid-Ohio Foodbank—a $65,000 grant to purchase and install high tunnels for year-round gardening that will benefit the Urban Farms of Central Ohio, thanks to the Anne and Charles W. Fulkerton Fund and the Lois S. and H. Roy Chope Fund.
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- Lunch and Learns 45–60 minute workshops include hands-on activities and a full lunch
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LOCAL MATTERS

Food for Thought Social enterprises generate revenue for nonprofits

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Like our SMART + OPEN city these unique funds represent a diverse snapshot of giving to all areas, from education and healthcare to conservation and the arts, and provide critical support for nonprofits and future generations.
Adalene Flechtner
Adalene Flechtner was a graduate of The Ohio State University, and a longtime employee of Battelle Memorial Institute. In retirement, she traveled the world and enjoyed viewing art and ancient artifacts. Adalene was a devoted patron of the arts and music. She passed away in 2012 at the age of 87.

Virginia D. Granat
Virginia Granat grew up in New York and graduated from Vassar College. Her husband, Robert M. Granat, preceded her in death. They had a daughter, a son, and one grandson. Virginia was fluent in five languages, enjoyed travel and cruises, and was an avid gardener well into her senior years. Virginia passed away in 2011 at the age of 100.

Wayne E. and Mildred K. Smith
Wayne and Mildred Smith were longtime residents of Columbus. Mildred was originally from Reynoldsburg and Wayne from Fairfield County. Wayne retired as an engineer from Ross Labs. They enjoyed many years of travel in their specially designed motor home and summers at their country home. Wayne passed away in 2009 and Mildred in 2013.

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THE FUND FOR COLUMBUS

Created by civic-minded individuals as the primary source for grants to address the emerging needs in the community, The Fund for Columbus is comprised of unrestricted funds and supports organizations and initiatives identified by the Community Research and Grants Management team of The Columbus Foundation.

5 NEW FUNDS IN 2013
173 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

$181,230,146
MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS
(As of December 31, 2013)

$10,000–$41,415,038
MARKET VALUE RANGE

Anonymous (1)
Adalene Flechtner
Wayne E. and Mildred K. Smith
Virginia D. Granat

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

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

Joseph and Marlene Berwanger
Fund in Support of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation

Joseph Berwanger retired from Berwanger Overmyer Associates Insurance Company in 2004. He has served on boards of many local organizations, including the Riverside Foundation, Central Ohio Heart Association Chapter, Upper Arlington School Board Levy Committee, and The Columbus Foundation’s Donor Services and Development Committee. Marlene is also an active community volunteer. They are dedicated to helping enhance the landscape of the Midway on Arlington Avenue by collaborating with the City of Upper Arlington and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation. Marlene and Joe have two grown daughters and live in Upper Arlington and Sarasota, Florida.

Jane M. and Joseph Cooper
Family Centered Community Change

Joseph Cooper was a professor of sociology at Denison University, and an avid organic vegetable and herb gardener. His wife, Jane, was a psychologist in Columbus City Schools. Joseph passed away in 2010 and Jane two years later. Their fund will support education in Columbus.

Margaret A. Holfinger

Margaret Holfinger grew up in North Canton and graduated from Kent State University. She married Robert R. Holfinger in 1951, and they raised four children. Robert passed away in 1992. Margaret met Kenneth L. Hollenbeck, DDS, in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and they married in 1994. Kenneth passed away in March 2013. Margaret was active in many social and humanitarian organizations, and traveled with former President Jimmy Carter to the Philippines for Habitat for Humanity. In 2010, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbus Chapter of the United Nations Association. Margaret passed away in July 2013. She provided for this fund through her estate plan.

John W. Kessler

Jack Kessler is the owner of the John W. Kessler Company and the chairman of The New Albany Company. He has served on several nonprofit and corporate boards, including The Ohio State University (past chairman), The Columbus Partnership, JPMorgan, John Glenn
School of Public Affairs, United Way of Central Ohio, and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Charlotte, are former members of The Columbus Foundation Governing Committee. Jack’s family and friends established this fund to honor him by supporting initiatives for the betterment of the community.

Lynn and Bob Ness Fund in Support of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation

Bob Ness is the chairman of ODW Logistics, Inc. He is past chairman and emeritus trustee of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation (UACF) and a member of the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington. Bob and his wife, Lynn, are graduates of Wittenberg University. This fund has been established in support of the UACF mission to enrich the tradition of excellence in Upper Arlington.

New Albany Symphony Orchestra, Inc. Fund of The New Albany Community Foundation

The New Albany Symphony Orchestra was founded in 2007 with the mission “to enrich, educate, entertain, and inspire creativity through the arts to people of all ages and backgrounds.” It is a unique community orchestra that combines professional and student musicians. The fund will support the symphony’s mission in perpetuity.

Fund for Ohio State Parks

The Fund for Ohio State Parks was established to provide funding to volunteer and friend groups to help maintain and support the programs at Ohio’s 74 state parks.

South Side Fund for Reeb

This fund was established to support the renovation of the historic Reeb Avenue School, a public-private partnership that is the flagship project of the City of Columbus’ Southern Gateway. The vision of the Reeb Avenue Center is to create pathways to prosperity by offering South Side residents access to educational and job training programs and services provided by multiple nonprofit tenants, including Boys & Girls Clubs, South Side Learning & Development Center, Community Development for All People, Godman Guild, and ConnectOhio, among others.

Bette Wallach

Bette Wallach was a graduate of Columbus’ East High School and Lake Erie College, and retired from Ohio Telecommunications Network (Ohio Broadcasting Network) in 1997. Bette was an active volunteer with the Women’s Board of the Columbus Museum of Art and the Childhood Museum of Art and the Childhood Learning and Development Center, Community Development for All People, Godman Guild, and ConnectOhio, among others. This fund was established through her estate.

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Donors support specific charitable organizations that they identify to receive grants.

8 NEW FUNDS IN 2013

279 TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS

$219,760,139 MARKET VALUE OF FUNDS

(As of December 31, 2013)

$10,000–$31,988,700 MARKET VALUE RANGE

John M. Cochran Foundation

This fund was established by Tom and Nancy Luie, longtime residents of Columbus. It will focus on providing support to Columbus School for Girls, Columbus Museum of Art, and Columbus Jewish Federation. This is the couple’s third fund established at the Foundation.

Robert V. and Margaret E. Madsen

This fund is in memory of Robert and Margaret Madsen and was established by their four children: David Madsen of Pickerington; DeAnne Coy of Maumelle, Arkansas; Virginia M. Morehead of Mervin, and Margaret Madsen and was established by their four children: David Madsen of Pickerington; James Madsen of Beaver Creek; and Karen Sayre of Euclid. Virginia Morehead was an employee of the Army Service Forces Depot, the corresponding secretary of the Central Ohio Lehigh Church, and a member of First Congregational Church. A graduate of South High School and Capital University, Virginia was married to John R. Morehead, who predeceased her. Virginia passed away in March 2013 at age 96.

Ruth Tallman Pifer Endowment

Ruth Pifer, a graduate of Canal Winchester High School and Miami University, retired as an insurance company executive and was a lifetime member of David’s United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester. Ruth’s husband, Mervin, predeceased her. She passed away in November 2012 at age 95. Ruth included the Foundation in her estate plan, and those assets will now support David’s United Church of Christ, Miami University, Columbus Association for the Performing Arts, Little Theatre Off Broadway, Otterbein University, and The Fund for Columbus.

Jerry Newsom

Jerry Newsom retired as a professor in the Department of Astronomy at The Ohio State University in 2004. His wife, Ann, is also retired from OSU. They live in Clintonville and have two daughters. Jerry and Ann established planned gifts with The Columbus Foundation in 2008. Their philanthropic interests include Cat Welfare, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, and many others.

Lurie Ross Jones

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Barbara K. Brandt

Barbara Brandt is currently president of a philanthropic consulting firm. Previously, she was director of development for the College of Humanities at The Ohio State University, as well as the director of the central Ohio regional campaign. She is a community volunteer serving on numerous boards. This fund supports six area nonprofit organizations.

Charles A. and Marian G. Calhoun Family

Charles Calhoun, a World War II veteran and Ohio University graduate, retired from the Ohio Public Expenditure Council. His wife, Marian, retired from the Ohio Company. Charles passed away in 2010 and Marian two years later. The fund will support three local organizations in perpetuity.

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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.

ACF Tuition Assistance
Agora’s Little Gems Early Learning & Childcare Center was established by Agora Christian Services, Inc., to help overcome the expanding achievement gap and the increasing high school dropout rate in the area. These challenges begin at young ages, but early childhood education and a consistent caring atmosphere are effective in helping students overcome learning obstacles. This fund is a tuition-assistance fund to help students attend the early learning center.

Chicago Avenue Project
The Chicago Avenue Project is an innovative initiative of community leaders who have banded together to transform the lives of at-risk teens and families in the Franklinton neighborhood. Research and experience show that a holistic educational and vocational approach is the best strategy to break the hopeless cycle of dropout and jobslessness. This collaboration between Central Ohio Youth for Christ and Franklinton Preparatory Academy will positively impact the community for generations to come.

Columbus Metropolitan Club
Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Fund: Recollecting Columbus History
In 1976, 13 civic-minded women leaders created the Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) to provide opportunities for civic engagement, discussion, and debate. Today, CMC has more than 900 members. This fund will support an annual spring lecture to be planned in collaboration with the Columbus Historical Society. The Lazarus Lecture will honor the leadership of Charles and Frances Lazarus and reflect on their lifelong commitment to the development and vitality of Columbus.

Columbus Metropolitan Club
Harrison Smith Legacy in Civic Engagement Fund
The mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) is to connect people and ideas through community conversation. Each year, the club presents 55–75 programs and events. CMC created this fund with a gift from an anonymous donor to support an annual program that will honor Harrison Smith, a prominent Columbus attorney who passed away in 2009.

New Funds
- A Cornerstone Campaign Fund for the Center for Balanced Living
- The Center for Balanced Living was established in 2000 and specializes in the education, research, and treatment of eating disorders. It collaborates with community and national organizations on educational initiatives and new brain research. The Cornerstone Campaign provides funding for a new facility that triples its space to meet the need of expanding specialized programs today and in the years to come.

Franklin County Residential Services, Inc. Extensions Program Endowment
The Extensions Program of Franklin County Residential Services, Inc. offers care and supervision for children and adults with developmental disabilities before and/or after work or school. Participants in the program attend school or work programs operated by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Friends of Ohio Barns
The mission of Friends of Ohio Barns is to promote awareness and understanding of the significance of Ohio’s historic barns within their agricultural and architectural context, and to support their maintenance requirements through educational workshops, newsletters, and conferences. The organization encourages barn stewardship and supports adaptive re-use of these cultural icons.

Clyde Gosnell Conservation
Appalachia Ohio Alliance is a regional nonprofit land conservancy. It is dedicated to the conservation and stewardship of our land and water as sustainable natural resources that are an asset and a legacy for our community. The Alliance established this fund to honor co-founder Clyde Gosnell and his love of the natural world. It will support land and water conservation activities in the Columbus metropolitan area.

Grandview Heights High School Legacy Society
The Legacy Society’s sole purpose is providing financial support for deserving Grandview Heights High School graduates to pursue higher education.

Jeffrey Mansion and Park Fund of the Beasley Community Foundation
This fund was established to support improvements, projects, and programs that will preserve and enhance Jeffrey Mansion and Park—including Commonwealth Park—to further its mission as Beasley’s multi-purpose community and recreational center. It will also be used to support the promotion and administration of the Beasley Community Foundation.

Marburn Academy Endowment
Marburn Academy is the only central Ohio school whose entire academic and extracurricular program is designed to address the full range of unique learning and personal development needs of bright children who learn differently due to dyslexia and ADHD. Marburn not only serves elementary through high school students from 26 local school districts, but it also acts as a resource by providing teacher training, diagnostic services, and outreach programs that benefit the community at large.

Jerrie Mock Pilot Club
This fund was established with support from The Columbus Foundation and Columbus to honor Jerrie Mock, the first woman to fly solo around the world. Jerrie was honored as the first Spirit of Columbus Award winner. The fund will support, among other things, a permanent, life-size bronze statue of Jerrie at Port Columbus International Airport, the takeoff and landing site of Jerrie’s historic flight.

Netcare Foundation Endowment
This fund was established with Netcare Foundation in support of Netcare Access. Netcare is a nonprofit organization that provides 24-hour mental health and substance abuse services, crisis intervention, stabilization, and assessment for Franklin County residents.
NetJets Family Foundation

The NetJets Family Foundation provides disaster relief and emergency economic hardship grants for employees of NetJets Inc., its subsidiary corporations, and their families. Assistance may be used to pay for essential living expenses such as housing, utilities, food, and clothing during life’s difficulties such as illness, house fire, the death of a family member, domestic violence, and natural disaster.

New Hope Church Shelter House

The New Hope Church in Powell has established an endowment fund to support the growth of the church’s outdoor ministries, including the construction of a new shelter house. This is the second fund for the church.

Pizzuti Collection Endowment

Pizzuti Collection is a nonprofit organization founded in 2011 with the passionate belief that art is fundamental to both individual enrichment and the cultural health of a community. This fund supports the organization’s efforts to open Columbus to the world of international contemporary art through public exhibitions of world-class art and conversations with today’s brightest global art stars, and educational programs that provide opportunities for dialogue and cultural exchange.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Building and Equipment

Redeemer Lutheran Church is an urban setting, blessed with a rich diversity of individuals who care about the well-being of the life around them. This fund will be used to support the long-term needs of the church.

Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church Organ Completion

Saint Mark’s Episcopal Church was founded in 1950. Its organ was built in 1987 by Casavant Frères of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. Plans to improve the organ consist of creating a fuller instrument, including the addition of a third manual and upgrades to the organ console. This fund will help enhance music at St. Mark’s for decades to come.

Syntero Investment

Syntero has provided compassionate, expert counseling and community-based services for a collective total of 70 years through a merger of Dublin Counseling Center and Northwest Counseling Services. The Ohio State University College of Social Work’s Field Education Department named Syntero “Agency of the Year” for student field placement. This distinguished award recognizes Syntero as a premier training ground for students.

United Schools Network Opportunity

The groundwork for United Schools Network (USN) began in 2006 with the development of its first school, Columbus Collegiate Academy (CCA). CCA has grown from 57 students to almost 400 students attending two schools, and will expand to 600 students in three schools in the 2014–15 school year. The students, mainly from low-income families, are provided with a strong, structured college preparatory education. USN has been recognized both nationally and locally for the students’ academic growth and achievements.

Women Have Options, Inc.

Founded in 1992, Women Have Options is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to helping women afford their reproductive choices. Some of the women it serves are single parents struggling to support their children, many are students determined to complete their education, while others are facing debilitating conditions such as domestic violence, illness, substance abuse, rape, or incest. Women Have Options helps each of these women make their own reproductive choices.

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.

Anonymous (1)

Abercrombie & Fitch Earthquake Prevention Studies Scholarship Fund in Memory of the Victims of the March 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

This fund will provide scholarships for students studying earthquake prevention at Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley.

Fishburn Family Scholarship

Walter C. “Jack” Fishburn created this fund in memory of his late wife, Karen, who passed away unexpectedly in September 2013. Karen was an active volunteer with many organizations, and was also involved with Jack in their numerous business ventures in Marengo. They have a daughter, Denise Aumend, and a son, Dan “Boone” Fishburn, three grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. All of the family reside in Marengo.

Debbie Cannon Freece Nursing Scholarship

The Mid-Ohio District Nurses Association established this fund to honor the leadership and service of Debbie Cannon Freece, former executive director of this association for 22 years. Debbie graduated from The Ohio State University (OSU) School of Nursing with a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in nursing administration and education. She has worked in long-term care in multiple roles. Debbie received numerous awards for her leadership and service, culminating with being named to the OSU College of Nursing 100 Distinguished Alumni who have been transformers of healthcare during their careers.

Handshake Foundation

The Handshake Foundation was created in 2011 to provide mentorships and scholarships to central Ohio student-athletes. Through the Handshake Scholarship Program, students of good character are selected and paired with area business professionals. The program is centered around the importance of giving a firm handshake while looking the person in the eye, and utilizes John Wooden’s “Pyramid of Success” to frame discussions.

A. Gordon and Betty H. Imhoff Scholarship

Gordon Imhoff, a retired broker and bank examiner, passed away in 2000. His wife, Betty, a member of the First Lutheran Church in Shelby, the Columbus Athletic Club, and Beta Sigma Phi sorority, passed away in 2010. Their private foundation was closed to create this fund. It will continue to provide scholarships to students from Shelby High School in accordance with Gordon and Betty’s wishes.

Carol Jenkins Nursing Scholarship

Carol Jenkins is a resident of Granville. She graduated from The Ohio State University with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing. Carol worked for the Ohio Nurses Association as the director of Nursing Practice for 25 years and later served as executive director. The purpose of this scholarship is to support registered nurses who plan to continue their education in nursing.
United Way of Central Ohio Women's Leadership Council

This fund was established to support the Women's Leadership Council, a diverse group of engaged, energetic women coming together to extend a hand to other women. The council combines the financial power and collective talents of philanthropic women to address unmet needs in the community. This fund was created to provide full-tuition scholarships to full-time students who have completed the 16-week classroom phase of the E3 Program: Educate, Empower, Elevate.

Anonymous (14)

Air Force One Community Foundation

Air Force One was established in Dublin in 1984. The firm specializes in building automation and temperature control with a core focus on HVAC and energy management services. This foundation was established to help give back to the community.

Barbasol Foundation

Barbasol shaving cream was first manufactured in 1919, and is now produced by Perio, Inc. Perio, a Columbus business located in Dublin, has a long history of community support, especially for programs focused on children. This fund will support the firm's philanthropy.

Vincent and Barbara B. Barresi

Dr. Vincent Barresi was a first-generation American, the son of Sicilian immigrants. He served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam in 1967–68. After completing his cardiology training, he joined a private practice in Columbus, Cardiology, Inc., and remained there until his retirement in 2012. He was a dedicated board member of Opera Columbus; a founding member of the Thomas A. Edison Memorial in Milan, Ohio; and a life member of Mott’s Military Museum. He passed away in April 2013. His wife, Barbara, is an RN and has a Ph.D. in philosophy. She is a faculty member at Capital University. The Barresi enjoyed collecting antiques, fruit art, and working in their shade garden.

Jewel and Frank Benson Family Foundation

This fund was established by Maggie Benson, in honor of her parents, Dr. Vincent and Barbara B. Barresi. The Benson family has a long history of giving to primarily local organizations. The fund has been established to support programs focused on children. This fund will support the firm’s philanthropy.

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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 time in selecting the charities to receive grants from the fund.
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R. Jeff & Kathleen M. Chrisman Foundation

Jeff Chrisman retired in 2005 after 30 years in business as a video producer. He currently enjoys writing magazine articles about World War II. His wife, Katie, retired in 2005 from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System after 36 years of service. She is an active volunteer for the James Stitching Sisters, creating lap quilts for patients receiving treatment at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute. They are members of St. Andrew Catholic Church.

Comfort Family Foundation

Greg Comfort retired as president of Evans, Mechwert, Hambleton & Tilton, Inc. He holds a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and master’s degree in business management from The Ohio State University. Greg serves on many organizations’ boards, including Upper Arlington Community Foundation; Columbus Museum of Art; Upper Arlington Rotary Club; Simon Kenton Council; Boy Scouts of America; and the Alzheimer’s Association. His wife, Robin, is a member of the Upper Arlington City School District Board of Education and serves on the Upper Arlington Education Foundation. The Comforts have two adult children and live in Upper Arlington.

Davies Family Foundation for Neurological Research

Lindsey Davis Charitable Fund

Dawson Foundation

Family owned and operated since 1946, Dawson is central Ohio’s leading staffing and recruiting firm specializing in office, accounting and finance, IT, engineering, light industrial, creative, and healthcare. Dawson’s focus on central Ohio includes a passionate commitment to give back by supporting Columbus-based charities to educate, empower, and equip those in need with the tools to positively impact their future.

Bruce A. and Leslie H. Duff Family Foundation

Bruce Duff is the chief executive officer for ARCO LLC, a software company. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from the American Graduate School of International Management (“Thunderbird”). Bruce serves on several boards, including the Community Development for All People. His wife, Leslie, is vice president of human resources at Crane Inc., a distributor of software and hardware solutions. She holds a bachelor’s degree in communications from Ohio University. In addition, she is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Human Resources Association of Central Ohio. Leslie serves on the Staff Parish Committee for the Church for All People. The Duffs’ foundation supports faith-based and cancer research organizations in the greater Columbus area.

Diane Chang Fund II

Diane Chang is executive vice president of sourcing at Abercrombie & Fitch. She is a resident of Bexley.

David and Anne Durell Family Foundation

David and Anne Durell are passionate about expanding biblical generosity and stewardship in the Christian faith community. David is the former president of Beck/ Durell Creative and is a graduate of Williams College and the University of Virginia. Anne currently serves in several boards, including the MissionColumbus board. Anne is a community volunteer and a graduate of Yale University. Their charitable interests include discipleship and Christian missions from Columbus to Cambodia. David and Anne live in Bexley.

FTT Foundation

FTT Foundation is focused on creating an environment where all out-of-home restrooms are created equal, providing women with freely accessible feminine care products, just like toilet paper. FTT Foundation supports a national social media campaign titled “Free the Tampors,” drawing awareness to this issue. Governing Committee member and Foundation donor Nancy Kramer provided the lead gift to establish this fund.

Speros A. and Phyllis C. Gabriel Family

Dr. Speros Gabriel, a surgeon at Grandview and Southview hospitals in Dayton for 42 years, passed away in February 2013. His wife of 59 years, Phyllis, lives in Dayton. They are the parents of two sons and four grandchildren, as well as one daughter who is deceased.

Kate and Pat Giller Family

Pat Giller is a financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors and a member of the Foundation’s Professional Council. His wife, Kate, is a realtor with Vultich & RuffTHER. Kate and Pat currently serve in leadership roles with Columbus School for Girls, Team Bexley/Beaumont, and Local Matters. They reside in Bexley with their three children.

Dean and Diane Fried Foundation

Dean Fried is a third-generation graduate of The Ohio State University with bachelor’s and master’s degrees. He is a real estate developer and investor. He and his wife, Diane, reside in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, a suburb of Sarasota. The couple has had a planned gift with the Foundation since 2007. Their charitable interests are focused on education, pets, and animal welfare.

KELF Family

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Jean taught in the Upper Arlington and Dublin schools and at The Ohio State University. Mike and Jean have both been active in community affairs. Their fund was created in memory of their daughter, Jennifer Bear, and in honor of their daughter, Betsy Grimm.

Matthew and Claire Hamilton Foundation

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Michelle Heritage and Tanisha Robinson established this fund to build parks out of poverty. Michelle is executive director of Community Shelter Board. She has bachelor’s degrees in criminology and social justice and a master’s degree in clinical counseling. Michelle serves on the boards of the United Way of Central Ohio, Equality Ohio, and Community Research Partners. She is a member of the Harmony Project. Tanisha is the co-founder of Print Syndicate, Origin Makers, and Ticket Fire. Tanisha serves on the boards of Columbus College of Art and Design, Greater Columbus Arts Council, and the Harmony Project. The fund was established as their wedding gift to each other.

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Mattie Elizabeth Kellogg Memorial

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Kepner Family

Chip Kepner and Kristina Sung Kepner established this fund to expand their charitable interests in education and social and economic change for women. Kristina is a corporate/M&A attorney, and Chip is a healthcare sales executive. Originally from North Carolina, the Kepners have a son and reside in Upper Arlington.

KIPP Columbus Facilities

This fund was created to support the construction of a new KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) campus on the former site of Bridgeview Golf Course in northeast Columbus. KIPP’s new campus will serve nearly 2,000 children in grades K-12 by the end of the decade. The first phase of construction was completed in August and the second phase of construction will begin in the next few years.

Kuhn Family

This fund was established by Maggie Kuhn and her family to support the work of area nonprofit organizations. Maggie and her husband, Jim, live in Hilliard and own J.Kuhn Enterprises, Inc., dba A.J. Asphalt.

Loy Family

This fund was established by David and Martha Loy. David passed away in January 2014. He and Martha were married for 58 years. David was an avid music lover and a strong supporter of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra. Their daughter, Dr. Nancy Loy, is an advisor to the fund.

Richard and Doreen Luke Charitable Giving

Doreen Luke is assistant vice president of IT Infrastructure Delivery at Nationwide Insurance. She and her husband, Richard, live in Gahanna. This fund was established to provide financial support to organizations and institutions dedicated to the early education and development of young children.

Ruth Wilson Lykins Scholarship

Jon and Kathy McCann Family

Jon and Kathy McCann are residents of Mason. Jon is the director of Wealth Advisory Services for Johnson Investment Counsel in Cincinnati, and serves on the boards of the Cincinnati Opera, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Ohio Valley Goodwill, and the Warren County Foundation. He and Kathy have three children and two grandchildren.

Jane Taylor McCoy

Jane Taylor McCoy spent her childhood in Palo Alto, California, graduated from Smith College in 1966, and received a master’s degree in education from Stanford in 1967. Jane and her husband, John, are community leaders and longtime donors to the Foundation. Jane is an emeritus board member of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, The Center for Family Safety and Healing, and Columbus School for Girls.

Prevent Domestic Violence in Franklin County

Domestic violence has become a national epidemic, as approximately 1.3 million women and 335,000 men are physically assaulted by their partner in the United States each year. This fund was established with the goal of ensuring advanced domestic violence prevention programs and support services in Franklin County.

Murray Family Foundation

Albert R. Neff

Al Neff is the former director of the Center for Learning Excellence at The Ohio State University. He established this fund to support charities he cares about. Al has also included the Foundation in his estate plan.

Colonel George R. Nelson Charitable Trust

This fund was established to provide support to private nonprofit organizations supporting United States Armed Forces service members and their families. Col. Nelson served more than 28 years in the U.S. Army in leadership positions from platoon through Pentagon Army Staff. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions during Operation Desert Storm. He has more than 14 years of successful post-military service in corporate business development and executive leadership positions.

Mary Anne Orcutt and R. Stuart Knecht

Mary Anne Orcutt is a psychologist and the owner of Bethel Ooltenty Psychological Services. Her husband, Stuart Knecht, was an assistant general counsel for Nationwide Insurance Companies prior to his retirement after 30 years with Nationwide. They reside in Worthington and have two grown children.

Parsons Family

Angela Parsons is associate director for Donor Services and Development at The Columbus Foundation. Her husband, Jay, is a managing director of technology at JPMorgan Chase and co-founder of the Granville Brewing Company. Jay and Angela have two sons and reside in Lewis Center.

Perry Foundation

Thad and Susanne Perry are residents of New Albany. This fund was created to support their philanthropic interests, including The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, The Center for Family Safety and Healing, and Columbus School for Girls.

Redgrave Family Foundation

Maryn Redgrave is the retired executive vice president and chief administrative officer at L Brands. He is a graduate of Princeton University and the Stern School of Business at New York University. His wife, Lynne, is a longtime volunteer, educator, and philanthropist. She is a graduate of Vassar College and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Maryn and Lynne both serve on and/or chair numerous corporate and nonprofit boards. The couple lives in New Albany, and they have a son and a daughter.

Rusch’s father, William C. Rusch

Anomatic Corporation was founded in 1967 by William B. (Bill) Rusch. Anomatic Corporation is a global leader in anodized aluminum packaging. Bill is senior advisor to the firm and former chief executive officer. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Westerville.

Grace Sacher Giving

Grace Sacher retired from Bob Evans Farms in 2010 after having worked there for 31 years. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University, and an avid cyclist and runner.

Kathleen and Joseph A. Schindler

Joe Schindler retired as director of student records at Bowling Green State University. His wife, Kathy, retired as assistant director, Division of Special Education of the Ohio Department of Education. Joe is a graduate of the University of Dayton, and Kathy is a graduate of Bowling Green State University. Both are also graduates of The Ohio State University. Joe and Kathy volunteer for the Ohio History Connection and the Dublin Food Pantry, respectively.
Elizabeth Siemer and Andrew Bohutinsky Family

This fund was established by Elizabeth Siemer and Andrew Bohutinsky. Andrew is a managing director and founder of Desco Capital, a private equity firm. Elizabeth is an attorney and psychotherapist, but currently enjoys being a mom to their two children, Clara and Elliott. The couple resides in New Albany.

Sheila and Gene Smith

Gene Smith is vice president and director of Athletics at The Ohio State University. His wife, Sheila, owns a fundraising consulting firm, Smith Consulting, Inc. The couple resides in Blacklick.

Jeffrey and Valette Sopp

Jeff Sopp is chief executive officer of PrivIT, a company focused on secure and web-based health records. He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and holds an MBA from Ohio University. Jeff has more than 30 years of experience in technology companies and serves on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards. His wife, Valette, is also a graduate of The Ohio State University and is the artistic director at Mostly Murals. The couple resides in Columbus.

Speaks Family Foundation

Formerly owner and chief executive officer of National Auto Care Corp., an insurance company, Bill Speaks is now a director of the company. His wife, Jacki, also had a career in the insurance industry. The Speaks have two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, and reside in Blacklick.

Ryan Stevens Fund for Life

Ryan Stevens, a graduate of The Ohio State University, was an entrepreneur and athlete who passed away in 2003. Ryan owned the Elevator Brewery and Draught House restaurant (now operated by his father, Richard Stevens), as well as the Burrito and Za Bagos. This fund was established by family and friends to honor his memory.

Team Brown Jr.

Michael, Daniel, and Kelly Brown are the children of longtime donors and the great grandchildren of Columbus Foundation founder, Harrison Sayre. Michael is employed with PNC Bank and is a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, while both Daniel and Kelly are residents of Bexley.

Thirty-One Gives Home Office Charitable

Thirty-One Gifts has a heart for giving back and strengthening communities by serving and supporting girls, women, and families. This fund will support the company’s home office communities where employees live, work, and raise families. Thirty-One is a direct sales company offering stylish and functional purses and totes, home organization solutions, and much more. Products are sold by independent sales consultants, providing women with a unique business opportunity to earn extra income while working independently.

Sylvia and Larry Totzke

Larry Totzke is retired from the Defense Supply Center of Columbus. His wife, Sylvia, is employed at Short North Alliance. With Eric and Julie Miller, Larry, a licensed pastor, and Sylvia co-founded Capital City Grace Church in 2008 to serve the downtown Columbus neighborhood. The couple is involved in community and missionary work.

Richard B. and Nancy P. Weiss Foundation

Richard Weiss, a certified engineering geologist, is the founder of Weiss Associates, an environmental science, engineering, and management firm in the San Francisco Bay area. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Kentfield, California. This fund continues their lifelong tradition of supporting improvement of the environment, medical research on muscular dystrophy, world humanitarian causes, and elimination of bigotry, anti-Semitism, and intolerance. They intend to continue their efforts to make the world a better place through their personal actions and charitable giving.

Lisa and Kurt Wesolek Family Foundation

Lisa Wesolek, a graduate of Franklin University with a bachelor’s degree in finance, is the chief operating officer for Diamond Hill Capital Management. Her husband, Kurt, a graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor’s degree in economics, is principal and senior vice president of Columbus Resources, Inc. The couple lives in Bexley, and they have a son in high school at St. Charles Preparatory School, and a daughter who graduated from Columbus School for Girls and is currently attending college. Both Kurt and Lisa have been active with volunteer work at their children’s schools, as well as advocacy and volunteer work at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Kurt is actively engaged with cochlear implant research and education.

Wyatt Family

Michael (Mike) and Venita (Nita) Wyatt established this fund. They are residents of Perry, in northern Ohio. Mike’s son, Thomas D. Wyatt, will also serve as an advisor to the fund. Thomas, an attorney and CPA, is a partner at Board & Associates in Worthington and resides in Delaware.

Yeager-Thornton Family Foundation

Michelle Yeager is co-founder and chief operating officer of Champion Real Estate Services. The fund supports basic needs initiatives within the local community. Michelle and her husband, Daniel Thornton, live in Westerville.
Circleville High School Alumni Association Fund of The Pickaway County Community Foundation

This fund will support the charitable activities of the Alumni Association of Circleville High School.

Community Health Fund of the Berger Health Foundation of The Pickaway County Community Foundation

The Berger Health Foundation was established in 2004 to support the Berger Health System and health-related services for residents of Pickaway County. This is the fourth fund created by the Berger Health Foundation.

Lehnhart Fund of the Teays Valley Educational Foundation of The Pickaway County Community Foundation

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LEGACY SOCIETY

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

More than 700 planned gift donors are members of The Columbus Foundation’s Legacy Society, which entitles members to participate in a wide range of Foundation events, activities, and initiatives.

SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

The first Supporting Foundation, the Columbus Youth Foundation, was created in 1976 when The Columbus Foundation was just 33 years old. In 1981, another private foundation, the Ingram-White Castle Foundation, joined as a Supporting Foundation for the same reason: a desire to have the entities continue in perpetuity and for knowledgeable professional assistance.

The Columbus Foundation’s respect for, and commitment to, donor intent is a unique component of our relationship with 28 Supporting Foundations. In our duty to appoint the majority of members to Supporting Foundation boards, we promise that future generations will always be guided by the donor’s philanthropic principles.

We are here to serve current day needs as well. Staff provides all the personalized professional services needed to help each Supporting Foundation accomplish its unique goals. From brainstorming with families about mission statements, facilitating cross-generational philanthropic projects, and identifying critical community needs for grant investments, to development of investment policies and grant management, our staff is here to take care of the details, allowing donors to focus upon the fun and fulfillment of philanthropy.

In 2013, Supporting Foundations collectively paid over $45 million in grants to improve the communities they care about most. Since 1976, Supporting Foundations have received more than $610 million in gifts and distributed nearly $405.5 million in grants.

CURRENT SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

Anonymous (2)  
Battelle Charities  
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  
Dominion Homes—Borrow Family Foundation  
Paul G. Duke Foundation  
The FG Foundation  
John B. and Doreth Geriuch Foundation  
John J. and Pauline Geriuch Foundation  
Greer Foundation  
Hinson Family Trust  
Ingram-White Castle Foundation  
Kidd Family Foundation  
Arthur and Sara Jo Kobacker, Alfred and Ida Kobacker Foundation  
L Brands Foundation  
Marsh Family Foundation  
John H. McConnell Foundation  
Meuse Family Foundation  
Mantz Family Foundation  
Rozuh Family Foundation  
James A. and Kathleen C. Rutherford Foundation  
The Shackelford Family Foundation  
Siemer Family Foundation  
Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation
THE LEGACY FUND

Trailblazing Spirits

Group fuels sustainability through giving

IN THE MID-1990S, A GROUP OF friends and colleagues came together to discuss the idea of forming a “financial support system” for organizations providing programs and services to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) programs in central Ohio.

“It was clear that we needed to find a way to have a local endowment that could sustain the GLBT community during the hard times and help us thrive in the future,” said Lynn Greer, Legacy Fund founding member. “Throughout the late 1980s and all of the 1990s, our entire movement was focused on our response to the AIDS crisis. At the time, it was at the expense of our own community organizations—we needed to have a sustaining source of funding.”

Established in 2000 as a Field of Interest Fund, The Legacy Fund created a 21-member advisory board to oversee the distribution of funds. The board includes a cross-section of the community, and over the years has consisted of men, women, and transgender people of all ages and ethnicities.

“Many people had assets but not readily defined estate plans. We were looking for a way to pool our resources to provide future financial stability to our gay institutions,” said founding member Scot Dewhirst.

The Legacy Fund doesn’t focus on fundraising activities, but primarily relies on planned gifts to build its endowment. The fund has received gifts in excess of $1 million since its inception, and over the years has proudly invested in community organizations including the Columbus AIDS Task Force, Buckeye Ranch, Stonewall Columbus, and Kaleidoscope Youth Center. It has provided key support for special programs like the Trailblazers Program of Stonewall to create programming, education, and assistance to senior members of the GLBT community. In addition, the fund supports students pursuing higher education by offering scholarships to GLBT individuals attending college in central Ohio.

“The grants haven’t just gone to gay organizations,” Scot explained. “We have also provided funding to groups that are doing something responsive to GLBT issues, whether that be education, programs, or networking opportunities. We’ve tried to step up and be responsive to the specific needs in the community.”

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HELPING OTHERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT the heart of Medical Mutual’s core values. The oldest and largest health insurance company headquartered in Ohio has made a business of not just taking care of customers, but all the communities they call home.

As the company began expanding into the central Ohio market, it brought that same commitment and desire to support nonprofit organizations in our city. In 2008, Medical Mutual established a Field of Interest Fund, the Medical Mutual of Ohio Charitable Fund, to focus on health and wellness programs for youth in Franklin County. Through it, the company has supported organizations including Local Matters, Columbus Public Health, and YWCA Columbus, where a grant in 2013 supported expansion of the YWCA’s “Healthy Choices” initiative, a program focusing on the nutritional, physical fitness, and health education needs of families.

“A local attorney in town suggested The Columbus Foundation would be a great partner to help us get to know Columbus better,” said Jared Chaney, executive vice president and chief marketing and communications officer for Medical Mutual. “We established an advisory committee with community leaders to help us determine grants. The purpose was to help us be a good neighbor.”

In 2012, the company chose to establish a second fund, the Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, from which it supports a variety of nonprofits around the state, including its hometown of Cleveland.

In addition to providing grants through its funds, Medical Mutual was a significant contributor to the bonus pool funds for The Big Give in 2013. Thanks to its generous commitment, and those of other individuals and businesses, everyone who participated in The Big Give saw their dollars amplified.

“Most things have to start with good leadership and vision of the leader,” Jared explained. “We are lucky that our current and previous CEO both saw the value and the benefit to the business by putting first the good that supporting the community does.”

Pictured (l-r): Medical Mutual leaders Amber Hulme, Veronica Hawkins, and Jared Chaney at the YWCA Family Center.
Thank you for being part of the Foundation’s remarkable history.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to providing you with innovative services, resources, and opportunities to help your community through the most effective philanthropy possible.

“The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.”

—Harrison M. Sayre
The Columbus Foundation Annual Report 2013

The Foundation’s overall asset allocation does vary by fund type, same standards. While the asset results consistent with these last five years, also generated benchmarks/indices and, for the consistent with standard experienced investment returns. The Columbus Foundation’s overall investment policy, formulated by its Investment Committee and approved by the Foundation’s Governing Committee several years ago, continues to provide guidance for the many financial institutions that hold and manage Foundation assets. The Investment Committee meets on a periodic basis and continues to review investment management performance, as well as to evaluate potential investment vehicles that will enhance portfolio mix, reduce volatility and risk, and maintain the consistent grantmaking ability of the Foundation’s permanent funds, on an inflation-adjusted basis.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

2013 equity markets experienced exceptional investment results, rewarding long-term investors such as The Columbus Foundation with double digit returns. An improving domestic economy coupled with continuing low interest rates on fixed income investments drove equity markets to new highs. The S&P 500 finished the year up 32.4 percent with all of the other major equity indices posting similar strong gains. Investors seemed to cautiously come off the sidelines looking for better returns than could be obtained investing in money market funds or fixed income investments. After the 2008 unprecedented market declines, “staying the course” lasted the resolve of many investors. However, the Foundation continued to accept market fluctuations as the new “normal” and to view investment performance on a long-term basis.

Now, five years later, all of the Foundation’s unrealized loss in the market value of its investments from 2008 has been completely reversed. For 2013, the Foundation experienced investment returns consistent with standard benchmarks/indices and, for the last five years, also generated results consistent with those same standards. While the asset allocation does vary by fund type, the Foundation’s overall asset allocation at the end of 2013 was approximately 72 percent in equities and 28 percent in fixed income, money market, and/or alternative investment vehicles.

The Columbus Foundation and its Supporting Foundations have consistently applied a long-term approach to investing, including maintaining conservative investment practices with diversified portfolios. Utilizing a longstanding balanced investment approach, particularly over the past five years, has resulted in investment returns consistent and in many instances somewhat better than traditional benchmarks such as the S&P 500 Index. In addition to evaluating asset allocation policies, each entity also continues to evaluate its individual spending/grantmaking policies, often reducing spending rates in anticipation of diminished future investment returns.

This conservative approach to investing assets is fundamental to The Columbus Foundation’s overall investment philosophy. Although the many financial institutions that the Foundation utilizes to hold and invest Foundation assets provide prudent and careful stewardship of the assets entrusted to them, it is the Foundation’s Investment and Governing committees that determine investment policies and provide important guidance and oversight.

AUDIT

Observing industry best practices and consistent with prior years, The Columbus Foundation and its Supporting Foundations engaged the services of an independent public accounting firm to perform an audit of the Foundation’s records and 2013 financial statements. As a part of its work, the public accounting firm also conducted a review of the Foundation’s internal controls, and reviewed their findings with an independent Audit Committee comprised of at least one Foundation Governing Committee member and two other accounting/financial experts.

John Gerlach & Company has completed its audit of both the calendar year 2013 combined financial statements for The Columbus Foundation, as well as the underlying supporting records. Copies of the comparative 2013 and 2012 combined audited financial statements for The Columbus Foundation and Community Foundations, Inc., and Supporting Foundations are available on the Foundation’s website, columbusfoundation.org, or may be obtained by calling 614/251-4000.

ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

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

$1.703 BILLION

$160.6 MILLION

GRANTS PAID BY FIELD

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2013 FINANCIAL SUMMARY
Financial Highlights

$2.2B
Total Amount of Gifts Received Since 1944

$160,610,681
Total Grants Paid to 2,954 Nonprofit Organizations in 2013

$1,530,756,140
Total Grants Awarded Since 1944

$107,316,295
Total Gifts Made to New and Existing Funds and Supporting Foundations in 2013

630
Number of Nonprofits that have Joined PowerPhilanthropy® and Completed Portraits

$1,703B
Total Assets Held in 2,116 Funds and 28 Supporting Foundations

$1,677,420
Amount of Scholarship Grants Awarded in 2013

$41,944,398
Planned Gifts Communicated to Us in 2013

$878,846,838
Total of Future Planned Gifts to Date

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To assist donors and others in strengthening and improving our community for the benefit of all its residents.

OUR PROMISE
To help you help others through the most effective philanthropy possible.