

Foundation Matters

**Toledo
Community
Foundation**



Keith Burwell is the Toledo Community Foundation's new President.

Purpose

This newsletter is published twice a year to share ways the Toledo Community Foundation fulfills the mission of creating philanthropy by making our community a better place to live and raise a family.

The Toledo Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation operating in northwestern Ohio and southeastern Michigan. For more information about the Foundation, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at Bridget@toledocf.org.

Specific inquiries regarding our grant making process may be directed to Virginia Keller, Senior Program Officer, at Virginia@toledocf.org. Both can be reached at 419-241-5049.

New President Plans Stronger Relationships

“To fulfill the philanthropic needs of the community, the Toledo Community Foundation must continue and even do a little better job at connecting individuals with causes they care about,” says Keith Burwell, the Foundation’s newly named President.

Since assuming the position in February, Keith has been meeting donors, community leaders and nonprofit organizations’ directors. “I’m so excited to be here. Everyone has been wonderful. It’s been a little surprising that to many the Toledo Community Foundation is an unknown.

“Our challenge is to change that and polish this treasure which is the largest grant making foundation in the area. The Foundation has been doing its work very quietly. We will continue that leadership role as well as educate the community on what we’ve been doing and how many more donors can participate.”

Keith, the former executive vice president of the Triangle Community Foundation in Research Triangle Park (Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill area), N.C., plans to raise the visibility of the Foundation and reach out to a larger group of donors.

“We need to include all segments of our community. Our success has been in reaching people who are retired or ready to retire. We’ll continue to work with this very important group, while engaging a younger generation to become charitable,” he explains.

“By strengthening our relationships with families, individuals and businesses, the entire community will benefit. As a philanthropy broker, the Foundation is in the unique position to support its mission of creating philanthropy that includes the arts, environmental, educational, social and health care issues.

“By working together, the Foundation can become a little more proactive to meet the needs of the community. We’ll be more aggressive in identifying needs and working with agencies collaboratively to address the issues through grants,” he adds.

Keith and his wife, Susan, have been married 24 years. Their son is a college student and their daughter begins college this fall. To relax, Keith enjoys biking, hiking, camping and scuba diving.

Toledo Family Honors Community with Fund

By donating a residential property to the Toledo Community Foundation, the S. Amjad Hussain family of Toledo has begun a tradition of philanthropy and helped guarantee the future of the community.

“We had a piece of property in Michigan that we wanted to sell and we knew it had some value. In fact, we had some offers on it. But we decided to donate it to the Foundation,” explains S. Amjad Hussain, MD.

Once the property was gifted to the Foundation, it was sold. The proceeds established the **S. Amjad and Dorothy G. Hussain Family Fund**, a donor advised fund with the Foundation.

“Our family has been in the community for many years and we felt an obligation to support it. My wife and I have had a positive experience in this community and for my children this is their homestead,” explains Amjad.

The family that includes two sons and a daughter will serve as advisors to the Foundation. This gives them the opportunity to make suggestions and recommendations about specific projects and organizations that might receive grants from their fund.

“My wife and I have a two-fold approach to giving. We need to give back to this country that has given us so much and we have an obligation to build bridges between my home country of Pakistan and the USA,” he says.

Dr. Hussain is a professor emeritus at the Medical College of Ohio where he and his wife fund a program for young Pakistani scholars to study and conduct research at the college.

“This is our first significant contribution to the local community and we felt that the Foundation was the most appropriate vehicle to meet our needs in creating a gift in perpetuity,” he concludes.

Creating Donor Advised Funds

For the S. Amjad Hussain family being involved in the grant making process of their fund is very important.

By creating a donor advised fund, donors receive immediate tax benefits and the privilege to recommend grants to specific nonprofit organizations from their fund. The Foundation staff researches the recommendations for the donor to assist in this grant making process.

In addition to real estate, donor advised funds can be created with gifts of:

- Cash
- Publicly-traded securities
- Life insurance
- Closely-held stock
- Limited partnership interests
- Tangible personal property
- Life estate agreement

Making Gifts of Real Estate

Contributions of real property (land, primary residences, vacation homes, farm land, etc.) are a wonderful way to capitalize and/or add to a fund at the Foundation.

Gifts of real estate receive more favorable treatment when made to a community foundation than to a private foundation. Gifts of real estate to a community foundation can be deducted at full fair market value up to 30 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income (AGI). The same gift to a private foundation is limited to the donor's cost basis up to 20 percent of AGI.

Of course, any real property must be marketable and unencumbered by any liens, environmental issues, etc.

The Foundation's general policy is to sell real estate upon receipt. Net proceeds from the sale of the property are used to capitalize a new fund or add to an existing fund at the Foundation.

If you are interested in more information on the types of funds that can be created at the Foundation and/or types of gifts that can be donated to the Foundation, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419-241-5049 or Bridget@toledocf.org.



Dr. S. Amjad and Dorothy G. Hussain donated residential property to establish their family fund.

Vision Care Outreach Program Provides Free Services

For some Lucas County children and adults, eye care is not a priority due to a lack of money for exams, eyeglasses or surgeries necessary to protect their vision.

With a \$40,028 two-year grant from the Toledo Community Foundation's September Fund, vision care services will be available at no cost to medically indigent families and homeless uninsured adults through the Toledo-Lucas County Vision Care Outreach program, a project of Prevent Blindness Ohio.



Qualified Lucas County residents will receive free vision care.

(Photo provided by Prevent Blindness Ohio)

The grant will cover expenses for a part-time program coordinator who will facilitate matching qualified Lucas County children and adults with donated services from local optometrists and ophthalmologists, as well as eyeglasses from Eye Glass World.

"Half of all vision loss can be prevented with regular eye care. Many times the indigent have chronic diseases that can lead to vision loss and they have no access to vision care. For the first time in Lucas County, there will be a system to give donated eye care to the people who can't afford it," explains Sherry Williams, president and chief executive officer of Prevent Blindness Ohio.

From the chapter's office located at the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio in Toledo, the program coordinator will develop relationships with CareNet (Lucas County's program for residents not eligible for public or private health care), school systems, federally funded health centers, and social service agencies to obtain referrals.

"Our goal is to reduce the incidence of unnecessary vision loss by providing an on-going, donated system of vision care services. The program is a virtually free clinic using existing resources in the community for the betterment of the community," she concludes.

Grants to support organizations that serve the medically uninsured or underinsured are just one way the Foundation and its donors help improve the lives of residents in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Community Benefits From Donors' Gifts

Just as with the Prevent Blindness Ohio, Northwest Ohio Chapter grant (see above article), two other exciting grants from the Foundation include:

Children's Resource Center, Bowling Green: \$15,000 From the Ruth Bennett Everhard Fund, the William & Elsie Knight Community Fund and the September Fund

With the assistance of a consultant group specializing in nonprofit organizational development, the Children's Resource Center (CRC) agency staff and board will develop a transition plan as the organization prepares to hire a new executive director.

The CRC provides mental health services to children and their families in Wood County and surrounding areas.

In the future the Foundation, in concert with the Nonprofit Resource Center (see article on right), anticipates using the transition plan developed by the CRC as a model for other nonprofits as they encounter similar administrative changes.

M.O.D.E.L. Community School, Maumee: \$28,640 From the September Fund

A year-round preschool for three and four year old students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) will provide intervention and intensive treatment with one on one instruction.

M.O.D.E.L. Community School is a year-round charter school for children with ASD. The preschool program will be piloted by M.O.D.E.L. and the School for Autistically Impaired Learners.

Foundation Offers Training Workshops

Local nonprofit organizations are benefiting from the Foundation's newest service – the Nonprofit Resource Center. It offers training opportunities to help both agencies' staffs and boards improve their performance and learn new skills.

Through a series of technology workshops, nonprofit agencies learned how to develop a technology plan for their particular needs and circumstances. Upon completion of all the workshops, agencies are eligible to apply for limited grants to implement their technology plans.

A four-part interactive series on successful grant seeking helps nonprofit agencies with limited resources or experience in fundraising develop new skills. Upon completion of the series, the agencies receive a critique of any fundraising proposal generated within six months after the workshops.

Upcoming training opportunities include a board finance workshop in July and a four-part board governance series this fall.

Do you volunteer for an organization that could use the Center's services? For more information about additional workshops or resource material for nonprofit agencies, contact Mary Sobecki, Project Manager of the Nonprofit Resource Center at the Foundation, at 419-241-9513 or email at Mary@toledocf.org.

Foundation Hosts Aging Eye Lunch

Come learn about hot topics regarding the aging eye on Friday, Sept. 17, at the Toledo Club, Toledo.

Prevent Blindness Ohio and the Foundation are offering a complimentary luncheon and seminar featuring local eye experts discussing various issues inevitable with longevity.

To make sure you receive an invitation to this inaugural event, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419-241-5049 or Bridget@toledocf.org.

Donors Create Nine New Funds

The Foundation is pleased to announce that nine new funds have been created year to date.

The **Douglas W. Bray and Ann Howard Fund** will support research on assessment center methods and the development of managers and leaders, under the auspices of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP), Inc. This is just one of the many funds that SIOP, headquartered in Bowling Green, has established at the Foundation.

Dr. Amjad Hussain and his wife created the **S. Amjad and Dorothy G. Hussain Family Fund**, a donor advised fund, to work in partnership with the Foundation and the couple's children to support causes important to their family. (See article on page 2)

The **Mary Willford Music by Choice Scholarship Fund** of the Ottawa County Community Foundation was established in memory of Mary Willford. It will provide college scholarships for Port Clinton High School graduates focusing on the field of music. Mary Willford, a Port Clinton High School graduate and nurse, spent many years with the Glassman Drum and Bugle Corp as its traveling nurse.

The Perrysburg Schools Foundation created five new funds to enhance the educational experience for students in Perrysburg Schools, as well as to provide scholarships for graduating seniors of the high school. Funds include: the **Perrysburg Schools Foundation Fund**; the **George C. Munger and Elizabeth N. Munger Award Fund**; the **Elizabeth M. Munger Scholarship Fund**; the **Mizer Scholarship Fund**; and the **Schaller Scholarship Fund**.

The **Marjorie and R. Donald Robinson Scholarship Fund** of the Bowling Green Community Foundation was created by the estate of R. Donald Robinson. It supports scholarships for graduating seniors of Bowling Green High School to attend the educational institution of their choice. While the couple had no children of their own, they believed in the importance of education.

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