



KNOX COUNTY
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Even though grantmaking is an ongoing activity for Knox County Foundation, it is helpful to look in the rearview mirror now and then as a reminder of the long-term impact of our investments. Many of these projects have become part of the very fabric of Knox County. On the occasion of our 80th anniversary, we've captured conversations with a few local leaders about Knox County Foundation's impact on their ventures.

Whether you are a donor, a fund holder, or a community partner, you have made a difference in the quality of life for the residents of Knox County through your philanthropic investment with Knox County Foundation. These stories reflect your passions, your support, and your dedication—**in short, it's All You!**



Financial Summary

SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Summary for the year ended December 31, 2024.

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Foundation Directed Support	\$437,989
Donor Directed Support	\$1,609,613
Scholarship Support	\$1,028,105
Non-Profit Directed Support	\$2,201,698
Subtotal	\$5,277,405
Investment income	\$15,869,981
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,147,386

EXPENSES	
Direct non-profit organization support	\$5,545,645
Student scholarship assistance	\$1,167,157
Economic Development Initiative	\$133,433
Other Foundation initiatives & programs	\$187,159
Subtotal	\$7,033,394
Administrative & investment expenses	\$841,529
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,874,923

HISTORICAL FOUNDATION TRENDS

	TOTAL ASSETS	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL GRANTS*
2024	\$116,237,000	\$3,100,000	\$5,717,000
2020	\$87,693,000	\$6,086,000	\$4,283,000
2010	\$33,749,000	\$1,080,000	\$1,922,000
2000	\$19,100,000	\$2,954,000	\$803,000

*Historical trends exclude activity associated with agency endowment funds held on behalf of other non-profit entities.

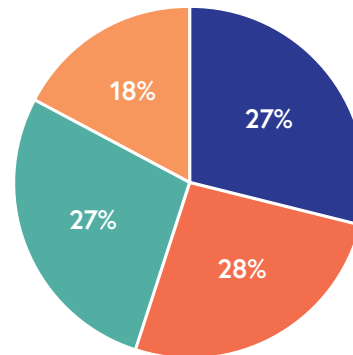
Financial information is unaudited and excludes all supporting organization activity. The most recent audit report and form 990 are available on the Foundation website.

S&P 500 ANNUAL RETURN AND FOUNDATION INVESTMENT INCOME

	S&P 500	INVESTMENT INCOME
2020	16%	\$10,048,054
2021	27%	\$15,242,723
2022	-19%	(\$14,239,829)
2023	24%	\$13,119,122
2024	23%	\$15,869,981

The Foundation has adopted an investment policy focused on a diversified portfolio designed to achieve an appropriate balance between investment return and market risk. The target asset allocation is weighted 70% equity securities and 30% debt securities and other interest-bearing assets.

TOTAL FOUNDATION ASSETS - BY FUND TYPE



Community Impact & Field of Interest	\$30,992,000
Designated & Donor Advised	\$32,093,000
Scholarship	\$31,755,000
Non-Profit Agency Endowment	\$21,397,000
TOTAL	\$116,237,000

Community Impact & Field of Interest
Funds created by individuals to support our competitive grants program and Foundation Initiatives.

Designated & Donor Advised
Funds created by individuals to directly support non-profit organizations as determined by the donors or their families.

Scholarships
Funds created by individuals to support the Foundation scholarship program benefiting Knox County students.

Non-Profit Agency Endowment
Funds created by other non-profit organizations to either accumulate contributions or invest accumulated assets on their behalf.

Community Investment & Impact

Knox County Foundation is especially indebted to those donors who have established funds which provide the resources necessary to support our nonprofit partners through our annual grantmaking program. This year, these funds generated more than \$1.3 million in unrestricted funding to meet new and emerging needs in our community. In most cases, these funds generate resources which are pooled together each year into an annual Competitive Grants Fund. Where appropriate, we have also identified specific named funds which were instrumental in supporting certain grants.

The following 2024 grants were made possible with the direct support of the Community Impact and Field of Interest funds named below.

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	FUNDS
Knox County Head Start, Inc.	Outdoor Classroom and Outdoor Classroom Specialist Pilot Project	\$30,000	Sue Webster Fund
Knox County Area Development Foundation	Downtown Village Coordinator	\$60,000	Competitive Grants Fund Harold C. and Roberta Johnson Fund
Knox County Foundation Scholarships	Career and Technical Education Scholarships	\$12,500	Competitive Grants Fund
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio	Knox County Behavioral Health Crisis Center	\$300,000	Competitive Grants Fund Ted and Ann Schnormeier Unrestricted Fund Beaty B. Williams Memorial Fund Donald W. Clutter Fund
The Salvation Army - Light the Day	Light the Day Childcare Project	\$200,000	Harold C. and Roberta Johnson Fund Sue Webster Fund Gordy and Fran Yance Knox County Fund Belle Shrontz Fund J.R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund
United Way of Knox County - Housing Strategy	Countywide Housing Strategy Initiative	\$30,000	Competitive Grants Fund
Knox County	Knox Area Transit Bus Security Cameras	\$22,000	Zenno E. and Mae S. Taylor Fund
Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio	Summer Learning Academy	\$8,000	MVDC Parents & Friends Volunteer Association Fund J.R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund
4-H Camp Ohio	New Camp Ohio Office Building	\$10,000	William and Peggy Stroud Fund
United Way - All Kids Bike	All Kids Bike Program for Elementary Schools	\$18,000	Competitive Grants Fund
Foundation for Knox Community Hospital	Emergency Room Expansion Project	\$260,000	Competitive Grants Fund Richard I. and Arline J. Landers Foundation Fund
Knox County Career Center	Security Cameras for the Children's Garden	\$7,500	Competitive Grants Fund Robert and Elisabeth Meier Fund

RECIPIENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT	FUNDS
Ackerman Nature Preserve	Walkway around the Nature Preserve & Signage	\$130,000	Ralph Y. and Helen W. Struble Endowment Fund William and Peggy Stroud Fund
Interchurch Social Services	Interchurch Centerburg Branch Renovation	\$100,000	Competitive Grants Fund Katherine A. Sheedy Memorial Fund
Central Ohio Technical College	Knox Promise Program	\$15,000	Competitive Grants Fund Zenno E. and Mae S. Taylor Fund
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	IGNITE Living Lab and Lounge Renovation	\$10,000	Richard I. and Arline J. Landers Foundation Fund
Bladensburg Community Heritage Foundation	Community Center Gym Floor Replacement	\$30,000	Richard I. and Arline J. Landers Foundation Fund
Food for the Hungry	2024 Annual Campaign Support	\$5,000	Competitive Grants Fund
Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio	Junior Achievement Programs in Knox County Schools	\$10,000	Ariel Corporation Fund
Girls on the Run of Central Ohio	Knox County Team for Grades 3-8	\$3,000	Donald W. Clutter Fund
Knox Public Health	New Dental Operatory for the Federally Qualified Health Center	\$10,000	Zenno E. and Mae S. Taylor Fund
HopeNow Inc	Beds for Kids	\$4,000	Katherine A. Sheedy Memorial Fund
Mount Vernon City School District	New Stage Curtain for East Elementary	\$2,190	The Barone Family Arts in Education Fund
City of Mount Vernon	Hope Rising Book Purchase for the Domestic Violence Special Prosecution Unit	\$424	Competitive Grants Fund
Adaptive Sports Ohio	Everyone Plays Activity Kits for Children with Disabilities	\$5,000	Competitive Grants Fund MVDC Parents & Friends Volunteer Association Fund
Village of Brinkhaven	Village Town Hall Deck Replacement	\$3,500	Competitive Grants Fund
Fredericktown Forest Cemetery	Cemetery Entrance Sign	\$2,500	Competitive Grants Fund
Foster Ministry Center	Walk-in Cooler for Food Pantry and Hot Meals Program	\$10,000	Competitive Grants Fund Ariel Corporation Fund
Knox Educational Service Center	Youth Enrichment Series	\$10,000	Competitive Grants Fund The Barone Family Arts in Education Fund
Knox County Special Olympics	Equipment and Supplies for Special Olympics Sports	\$9,850	Competitive Grants Fund
Fredericktown Local Schools	Culture Blueprint Creation and R-Factor Training	\$10,000	Competitive Grants Fund
Leadership Knox Applications	Leadership Knox scholarships for non-profits	\$1,390	Competitive Grants Fund
TOTAL		\$1,329,854	

Community Impact Funds

Albright/Nagy Family Fund (2021)
Ariel Corporation Fund (2009)
Arthur C. and Ada B. Wolfe Memorial Fund (1969)
Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund (1986)
Belle Shrontz Fund (1983)
Berta H. Schnebly Fund (1992)
Blanche Stevenson Fund (1993)
Charles F. Colville Fund (1959)
Community Foundation Memorial Fund (2009)
Community Impact Fund (2009)
Don & Sigrid Harnsberger Fund (2004)
Donald W. Clutter Fund (2008)
Dorothea M. George Fund (2007)
Douglas & Dianne Mack Community Fund (2020)
Edgar and Joan Clipse Family Fund (2007)
Edith Hindley Williams Fund (1973)
Eileen Brenner Community Impact Fund (2020)
Ellen Grant Crawford Fund (2008)
Frank L. and Anna Beam Fund (1979)
Frederick and Carol Surlas Fund (1974)
Gary G. & Carolyn S. Gray Community Endowment Fund (2020)
George Culbertson Fund (1967)
Harry M. and Lovella R. Foster Memorial Fund (1992)
Havilah Phelps Fund (1995)
Henry L. Beecher Fund (1944)
Herbert Rock - Cutler Family Memorial Fund (2006)
J. R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund (2001)
J.W. Rudin Jr. Fund (1947)
J.W. Rudin Family Fund (1977)
James A. McElroy Fund (2009)
James H. Debes Fund (1969)
Jean Ann Wagner Fund (1998)
Jennie J. Debes Fund (1969)

John and Genevieve Minor Foundation Fund (2009)
Kathryn A. Sheedy Memorial Fund (2003)
Knox County Savings Bank Fund (1962)
Lamb Glass Company Fund (1946)
Lawrence and Josephine Lewis Fund (1991)
Lawrence E. & Nancy R. Vail Family Fund (2016)
Lawrence F. and Ruby Williams Fund (2009)
Luke B. Biggs Fund (1991)
M. Elizabeth Cummings Fund (2009)
Margaret Polahar Memorial Fund (1995)
Mark & Elaine Hauberg Community Impact Fund (2023)
Mary Blanche Stuckey Fund (1994)
Morton M. Hanson Fund (2003)
Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Fairchild Memorial Fund (1959)
Mrs. Walter J. Sperry and Family Fund (1966)
Nancy J. Page Fund (1987)
Ohio Magazine Fund (1994)
Ora & Sue Smith Community Impact Fund (2020)
Perry and Louise Trinkner Fund (1989)
Pond Motors Sales Fund (1953)
Ralph L. and Doris Boyer Fund (1987)
Residential Homes of Knox County Fund (1999)
Rich and Suzanne Cochran Family Fund (2013)
Richard B. & Susan B. Murray Community Impact Fund (2024)
Richard F. Ritter Memorial Fund (2020)
Robert & Elisabeth Meier Fund (2015)
Robert B. and Helen W. Lantz Fund (2006)
Robert T. and Nancy S. Harnsberger Fund (2013)
Rudin Company Fund (1947)
Russell E. Ramser Jr. Memorial Fund (1996)
Samuel and Marie D. Cureton Memorial Fund (2008)
Sanderson-Salisbury Memorial Fund (1968)

Ted & Ann Schnormeier Unrestricted Fund (2018)
The Dick & Peggy Mavis Fund (2021)
The Mount Vernon Bridge Company Fund (1945)
W. M. Rudin Fund (1960)
William L. Moore & Geraldine Moore Fowler Fund (2002)
Zenno E. and Mae S. Taylor Fund (1976)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Centerburg Economic Development Fund (2022)
Centerburg Lions Community Fund (2023)
COTC KnoxPromise Field of Interest Fund (2022)
George & Leanna Hartig Fund (2024)
Gordy & Fran Yance Knox County Fund (2022)
Harold C. and Roberta C. Johnson Fund (2008)
J. William & Helen F. Baird Fund for the Arts (2016)
KnoxLabs Field of Interest Fund (2022)
MVDC Parents & Friends Volunteer Association Fund (2015)
Ralph Y. & Helen W. Struble Endowment Fund (2020)
Richard I. and Arline J. Landers Foundation Fund (2024)
Sue Webster Fund (2014)
The Barone Family Arts in Education Fund (2020)
Thomas F. McHugh Community Engagement Fund (2019)
Vernon P. Johnson Collection Operating Fund (2019)
William and Peggy Stroud Fund (2005)
Youth Philanthropy Initiative (2011)

FIVE YEARS AGO...

“In 2018, our building was behind in all kinds of deferred maintenance,” said Nick Clark, executive director of the YMCA of Mount Vernon. “We were expending cash on an incredibly inefficient building, pumping our resources back into a facility that was failing. We didn’t have air conditioning. We didn’t have an elevator, so we weren’t handicap accessible. Our childcare wasn’t up to modern standards. When you’re so far behind on the basics, it’s hard to even think about tackling the bigger needs, but that’s exactly what we did. We set a few really big priorities, and Knox County Foundation stepped up to make them happen.”

Knox County Foundation awarded a \$300,000 grant, the largest grant ever awarded at that time, to the YMCA for a full renovation of its facility. In addition to celebrating the 75th anniversary of Knox County Foundation, this investment honored the commitment and impact of Beatty B. Williams, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Foundation and was also a lifelong supporter of the YMCA.

“When Knox County Foundation puts their support behind something, it gives legitimacy to the project,” said Clark, adding that he was confident that the Foundation’s backing attracted other funders. “The Knox County Foundation staff is so involved in this community; they’re truly a partner in philanthropy. They come alongside as a partner with insight and advice before the application ever goes before the board.”

The new YMCA has flourished since its renovation, serving record numbers in memberships and programs. “The Y has to be responsive to the community as it changes. We have a growing senior population, for instance, so our programming needs to focus on the health span of the community. And, keeping youth busy in quality programming will always be a priority. The effect that the Y has had on the community cannot be understated, but we are nothing without people and partners like Knox County Foundation and other donors. When I think of the gift from Knox County Foundation, this was monumental for us and for the community.”



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Nick Clark
*Executive Director of
YMCA of Mount Vernon*



Fund Donors

The mission of Knox County Foundation would not be possible without the generous support of our partners in philanthropy. We wish to recognize and express our gratitude for all who gave generously to and through the Knox County Foundation in 2024.

\$100,000 AND ABOVE

Anonymous
The Ariel Foundation
Behavioral Healthcare Partners
Experience Mount Vernon
Knox County Board of
Developmental Disabilities
North Central Ohio Nazarene
District Church of the Nazarene
Perry & Louise Trinkner Charitable
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Richard I. & Arline J. Landers
Foundation
Marsha Rinehart
Theodore H. Schnormeier
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\$50,000-\$99,999

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Mount Vernon & Knox County
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The Milliron Foundation
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Mount Vernon First Church
of the Nazarene
Stevenson Family Charitable
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\$25,000-\$49,999

Alumni Roofing Company, Inc.

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Carolyn A. Blizzard
Dr. Christopher Cordle and
Susan Palmer-Cordle
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James and Susan Eck
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George and Leanna Hartig
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Vernon and Knox County
RevLocal-Hibu
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Albert H. "Bert" Hendley,
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Dr. Christopher M. Bazzoli
Ronald and Julie Burke
Mary Busenburg
Tom and Peggy Dunn
Matthew Erick
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Susan B. Murray
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Park National Bank
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Kent and April Woodward-Ginther
Alexander W. and Libby A. Wright
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Centerburg Local Schools
Scott and Jennifer Erick
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Rachel A. Gregg
Hafter Family Foundation
Mark and Elaine Hauberg
Heights Tower Service, Inc.
David and Joan Logan
Dennis and Ann Luna
Robert H. Meier
Mount Vernon Nazarene University
Robert & Esther Black Family
Foundation
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\$2,500-\$4,999

Jeff and Karen Balcom
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Kendra Frank
Fredericktown Willie Davis
Youth Football Assoc., Inc.
Galbraith Properties
Bruce and Colleen Gregg
Elizabeth Heer
Hocking College
James Andrew Laker
Morgan Family Foundation
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Richland County Foundation
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Thomas P. Stamp
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Kokosing Gap Trail
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Perry and Erin Leatherman
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Main Street Free Press Museum
David McDonald
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Spearman Financial Services, LLC
Dennis and Patricia Tuttle
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Larry and Nancy Vail
Ver-Mac Industries
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Peter White

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Anonymous
Thomas and Kathryn Arnold
Scott and Casey Boyce
Charles and Kelly Brenneman
Kelly and Marcia Brown
Maureen Buchwald
Brian Cassell
Nancy Colopy
Carole Conway
Arthur and Marcia Crim
Paul Dango
Danville Local Schools
Kimberly Davis
Miriam Dean-Otting and
Charles Otting
Henk and Annie Dekker
Eric and Kamila Diehl
Sam and Lacey Filkins
Loretta Godfrey
Joseph and Mary Harlett
Joseph and Kimberlee Klesner
George and Diane Kopsick
Lori Kuhn
Doug and Julie Leonard

Wilma Lepore
Benjamin and Kathleen Locke
Deborah Massa
Celeste McKinley
Stan and Patty Miller
David and Sharon Mills
Beth Morgan
Michael and Merlene O'Neill
Jennifer Parker
Dr. David and Marci Pressler
Sabrina Pugh
Garrett and Sharon Rassing
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10 YEARS AGO...

The Escape Zone is a safe, friendly, non-denominational environment for teenagers to come hang out with friends, play games, get involved in pick-up basketball and Bible studies, and more. Escape Zone landed at its current location in the renovated Armory on Mansfield Avenue in Mount Vernon thanks to an initial grant by Knox County Foundation.

Escape Zone was born out of a teacher's concern for local teens. Karen Bush prayed about a way to give the youth of the community a safe place to hang out. "Kids used to go park on Main Street and sit on the hoods of their cars," she said. "They needed someplace to go and something to do." On June 23, 2000, she opened Escape Zone at 316 S. Main Street, a 1,300-square-foot facility that was open Friday through Sunday evenings for kids aged 10-18. About 75 kids per night congregated there until a move to Columbia Street Gym. Karen and other volunteers continued looking for a permanent home for the ministry. They learned that the Armory was available.

"The Armory had been abandoned, and the city was selling it for a ridiculously low price, but it needed so much work, we couldn't afford to take it," said Bush. "We prayed that if God wanted us to have the building, he would give it to us. And soon after that, I received an envelope under my office door. It contained a check for \$80,000 from the Knox County Foundation!" Another volunteer had applied for a grant without Bush's knowledge and chose to surprise her. That vote of confidence prompted additional donations by local churches, donors and other foundations totaling \$383,000.

"Had we not gotten that check, I don't know if we would've ventured into that project at all," said Bush. "It was life-changing for us. And it was invigorating knowing we were on the right course."



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Karen Bush
Escape Zone



15 YEARS AGO...

In the early 2000s, leaders at Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) began thinking strategically about a Knox County campus. “The community really wanted COTC to come to Knox County, and they found a building for it in downtown Mount Vernon – a 35,000-square-foot movie theater,” said David Brillhart, Chief Financial Officer of the college. The community donated money to Knox County Foundation to purchase the building, and it was donated to COTC in 2006.

COTC then undertook a fundraising campaign to renovate the building. Grants from Knox County Foundation in 2009 and 2011 totaling \$270,000 gave validity to the campaign, which ultimately raised \$5 million. “The fundraising campaign couldn’t have happened without the influence of Knox County Foundation,” noted Brillhart.

“Knox County Foundation is a great barometer,” added John Berry, President of the college. “If Knox County Foundation is willing to step in, the community will follow. The Foundation saw a vision of having an education corridor downtown, a partnership with the three colleges (COTC, Kenyon College and Mount Vernon Nazarene University) that would revitalize their downtown. We place great value on that kind of vision because we know they are so attuned to the wants and needs of the community.”

COTC undertook a major renovation of the theater and opened Ariel Hall, the Mount Vernon campus of COTC, in 2012. Berry continued, “Until we had a physical connection in the community, we averaged about 100 students from Knox County. Now we have more like 600.”

“The Knox County Foundation is one of the first places we go for insight and response,” said Berry, “because they have their finger on the pulse of the community.”



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John Berry
President of Central Ohio Technical College



Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds support local high school seniors and those pursuing 2- or 4-year degrees as well as vocational training by making postsecondary education more accessible and affordable.

Alexandra D. Letz General Scholarship Fund (1985)
Alexandra D. Letz Nursing Scholarship Fund (1984)
Aljian-Barnes Scholarship Fund (2010)
Allan S. Bazzoli, M.D., Medical Student Scholarship Fund (2021)
American Legion Post #136 Scholarship Fund (2010)
Anna B. and Ralph V. Mowery Scholarship Fund (1989)
Arck/Crowthers Scholarship Fund (1992)
Ariel Corporation Scholarship Fund (2009)
Art and Joan Cassell Education Major Scholarship Fund (2020)
Arthur and Barbara Packard Memorial Fund (2009)
Arthur and Joan Cassell Scholarship Fund (2013)
Barbara C. Lamb Scholarship Fund IMO Rex M. Lamb, Jr (1985)
Barbara Kurtz Scholarship Fund (2019)
Beverly Jo Dremann Education Scholarship Fund (2010)
Bladensburg SERTOMA Scholarship Fund (2019)
Blake and Chloris Fritz Scholarship Fund (2010)
Brown - McGinnis Scholarship Fund (2019)
Brian E. Durbin Ag Scholarship Fund (2024)
Caitlin C. Pugh Scholarship Fund (2007)
Carlos E. and Celestine A. Watkins Scholarship Fund (2006)
The Carolyn A. Blizzard Scholarship Fund (2022)
Charles and Helen Zekowitz Scholarship Fund (1969)
Charles E. Cassaday Scholarship Fund (1990)
Charles F. & Zella H. Simpson Memorial Scholarship Fund (1998)
Charles Lawson Memorial Scholarship Fund (2013)
Charles M. Zekowitz Community Service Scholarship Fund (2009)
Charles Pursel Memorial Scholarship Fund (2000)

Chief Thomas E. Bartlett Scholarship Fund (2006)
Clark and Lucy Biggs Scholarship Fund (1991)
Cody L. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund (2003)
Crise Family Scholarship Fund (2018)
Daughters of the American Revolution Lucy Knox Chapter Frances Sturtevant Scholarship Fund (2011)
Dale and Mary Spearman—DalMarDan Farms Scholarship Fund (2024)
Dean & Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Scholarship Fund (2000)
Dean Rinehart Scholarship Fund (2019)
Deborah Hillier Dwyer Memorial Scholarship Fund (2016)
Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Pi Chapter Mary K. Scoles Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Fund (2012)
Dolly Mae Paige Scholarship Fund (2007)
Don and Phyllis Fuller Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)
Donald T. Blizzard Engineering Scholarship Fund (2017)
Doris Jean Dilts Scholarship Fund (2015)
Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Scholarship Fund (1997)
Dr. John D. & Norma L. Hubbell Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)
E. Allen Craigo Scholarship Fund (2015)
East Knox Community Scholarship Fund (2010)
Edwin Kaylor Scholarship Fund (2005)
Elizabeth W. Bell Scholarship Fund (2005)
Fred Schuller Scholarship Fund (2007)
Fredericktown H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)
Fredericktown H.S. Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund (2016)
Gary and Carol Didinger Scholarship Fund (2008)

Gary's Eagles Scholarship Fund (2021)
George & Edie Wheeler Scholarship Fund (2024)
Gerald D. & Barbara W. Lindstrom East Knox Scholarship Fund (2018)
Geraldine "Jerri" Dennis Memorial Scholarship (2010)
Gordon Hart Memorial Trades Scholarship Fund (2021)
Gregg & Cheryl Lloyd Scholarship Fund (2021)
Gregory A. Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund (2014)
Harold B. "Cookie" Cunningham Scholarship Fund (1996)
Harold W. Smith Family Scholarship Fund (2013)
Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2009)
Harry & Marguerite Kaylor Scholarship Fund (2015)
Harold & Virginia Duston Scholarship Fund (2022)
Helen Hope Cooke Scholarship Fund (2009)
Henry L. and Alice H. Curtis Scholarship Fund (2021)
Holli Anne Bunnell Scholarship Fund (2015)
Hugh Cameron Roelofs Scholarship Fund (2009)
Ila Ward Kohl Scholarship Fund (1983)
J.R. and Lorene Purdy Scholarship Fund (2001)
Jacqueline & Harold Cordle Centerburg H.S. Scholarship Fund (2016)
James & Susan Eck Scholarship Fund (2021)
Jason and Heidi Crowl Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)
Jay M. and Sarah L. Wilson OSU Scholarship Fund (2000)
Joe Divelbiss Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)
John & Nancy Wagner Family Scholarship Fund (2015)
John Ackerman Community Scholarship Fund (2008)

John D. & Mary Ann Lambert Centerburg H.S. Alumni Scholarship Fund (2015)

John M. Lee Scholarship Fund (2002)

John P. and Agnes D. Rentz Scholarship Fund (2006)

Josie L. Kaylor General Scholarship Fund (2016)

Josie L. Kaylor Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund (2013)

Justin T. Richert Scholarship Fund (2010)

Karl W. Brown Writing Award Scholarship Fund (2003)

Kathryn Ann Levering Memorial Scholarship Fund (2001)

Kenneth and Margaret E. Lambert Academic Scholarship Fund (2012)

Kevin Clinedinst Memorial Scholarship Fund (2023)

Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon Scholarship Fund (2017)

Knox County Fraternal Order of Police Scholarship Fund (2003)

Knox County Medical Society Fund (1991)

Larry A. Schisler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2002)

Larry Hall Scholarship Fund (2009)

Lillian C. Hickman Scholarship Fund (1996)

Lori Emma's Earthly Angels Scholarship Fund (2017)

LouAnne and Gerald Walker Science Scholarship Fund (2013)

Marjorie Fearn Music Scholarship Fund (2008)

Mark & Elaine Hauberg Vocational Scholarship Fund (2019)

Martha Deppner Scholarship Fund (2005)

Mary Catherine Ritter Scholarship Fund (2004)

Meharry Family Legacy Fund (2006)

Meharry Family Legacy Fund II (2024)

Mike Crouch Golf Scholarship Fund (2017)

MVHS Academic Booster Club Fund (2017)

MVHS Class of 1977 Memorial Scholarship (2023)

Nancy L. Sinclair Scholarship Fund (2008)

Nate Jacklin Scholarship Fund (2022)

Nick Gaumer Scholarship Fund (2012)

Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund (2001)

Ohio Lodge #199 F&AM Scholarship Fund (2003)

Ohio State University Knox County Alumni Club Scholarship Fund (2007)

Ohio's Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (1987)

Patricia A. and Robert F. Folland Scholarship Fund (2014)

Paul J. Arnold Chemistry Scholarship Fund (2016)

Pauline B. Freeman Scholarship Fund (1982)

Pauline L. Gordon Memorial Scholarship Fund (2007)

Pauline S. Riel Scholarship Fund (2003)

Pay It Forward Fredericktown Scholarship Fund (2016)

Perkins Owens CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (2018)

Perry & Louise Trinkner Scholarship Fund (2023)

Phil Burghard Memorial Scholarship Fund (2004)

Psi Iota Xi Scholarship Fund (2007)

Psi Iota Xi Vocational Scholarship Fund (2010)

Ralph and Ara Flack Scholarship Fund (2000)

Ralph W. and Gertrude E. Workman Scholarship Fund (2015)

Raymond E. Kinney Scholarship Fund (2011)

Richard T. Poling Scholarship Fund (1992)

Rick L. Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund (1999)

Robert & Mary Crise First Congregational U.C.C. Scholarship Fund (2017)

Robert and Wroena Dusthimer Scholarship Fund (2015)

Robert C. Appleton Scholarship Fund (1980)

Robert S. & Carol Jo Gregg Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Roelofs Family Scholarship Fund (2009)

Ron and Julie (Huffman) Burke Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Ron Godfrey Scholar-Athlete Scholarship Fund (2017)

Ron Meharry Legacy Nursing Scholarship Fund (2022)

Roy McKinley Scholarship Fund (2008)

Ruby & Alan Riedel Scholarship Fund (2021)

Ruth Leedy Scholarship Fund (2006)

Ryan Kelly Knox County Career Center Scholarship Fund (2018)

Sammetinger Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Sarah Karolin Pressler Memorial Scholarship Fund (2002)

Sims-Rose Scholarship Fund (2002)

Stenger Family Knox County Veteran's Family Scholarship Fund (2021)

Stephanie Thompson Sprang Memorial Scholarship Fund (2012)

Stephen J. Short Scholarship Fund (2013)

Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ethics Scholarship Fund (1993)

Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ohio Junior Miss Scholarship Fund (2007)

Strang Memorial Scholarship Fund (1995)

The Carl E. and Sharon K. Holmes Scholarship (2018)

The Judy McDavid Scholarship Fund (2019)

The Robert J. & Arlene K. Griffith Centerburg H.S. Alumni Association Scholarship Fund (2016)

Ulery Knox County Career Center Scholarship Fund (2018)

Utica High School Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund (2013)

Valjean & Charles "Tobe" Knerr Scholarship Fund (2019)

Vaughn Wiester Music Scholarship Fund (2010)

W. Joan Levering Scholarship Fund (2011)

Wilbur Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund (2009)

William Burgett Builder & Contractor Scholarship Fund (2011)

William E. & Helen F. Pond Scholarship Fund (1996)

William E. Wing Music Scholarship Fund (1990)

William S. and Pearlene E. Rowley Scholarship Fund (2012)

William S. Hunter Scholarship Fund (1990)

Yough Family Scholarship Fund (2020)

20-25 YEARS AGO...

Ariel-Foundation Park is the product of a few visionary people who had seen beautiful, aesthetically pleasing parks developed from industrial areas in other cities. Could a park like that change the landscape of Mount Vernon, they wondered?

Those visionaries had their eye on an 86-acre parcel adjacent to some quarries and an old glass manufacturing plant; its location along the Kokosing River and adjacent to the Ohio to Erie bike trail held promise for creating a pastoral centerpiece for the community. They approached the Knox County Foundation (known then as the Community Foundation), Ariel Foundation, and other sources with their ideas.

In 2000, the Knox County Foundation purchased the land, donated it to the city, and set about lobbying for rezoning the land for a city-owned public park. Park designer Ted Schnormeier volunteered to develop a park master plan, and over the next two decades, the project unfolded with terraces and reflecting ponds, an elaborate labyrinth, an event center, an observation tower, and more. The park was dubbed Ariel-Foundation Park, after its two major benefactors.

There is a sense of pride in Mount Vernon that this small town has an attraction like Ariel-Foundation Park, which has become a destination for regional day-trippers as well as locals who want to walk, bike, fish, explore the park's unique features, and attend events and concerts.

"The original vision for the park was nature, beauty, and serenity, with specific targeted opportunities for special occasions," said Jeffrey Scott, Executive Director of Knox County Foundation. The founders also bought the property surrounding the park, and a new grant from the state has allowed the building of new homes on that ribbon of property.

"This additional development is going to revitalize the area in a way that a park alone couldn't," added Scott. "This is one example of how a park has created a ripple effect on community development. Knox County Foundation is proud to support Ariel-Foundation Park as it continues to serve as a premier destination and as a catalyst for future development."



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Aaron Christopher Donor Advised Fund (2006)
AHQ Family Fund (2019)
Allan S. Bazzoli, M.D. Family Fund (2013)
Apple Valley Property Owners
Association Fund (2005)
Ariel Corporation Donor Advised Fund (2006)
**Ariel Corporation Employee Charitable
Support Fund (2024)**
**Ariel Corporation Foundation
Forward Fund (2024)**
Arms of an Angel Anti-Drug Fund (2016)
Beckett Family Fund (2019)
Bethanne Moore Fowler Fund (2021)
Blizzard Family Fund (2009)
Bob & Gwen Tiell Family Fund (2018)
Boucher Family Fund (2014)
C. Watkins Family Fund (1997)
Chloris A. Fritz Memorial Fund (2015)
**Christopher Cordle & Susan Palmer Cordle
Charities Fund (2024)**
Christopher M. Bazzoli, M.D.
Charitable Fund (2018)
Douglas & Patsy Brenneman Donor
Advised Fund (2006)
Douglas R. & Dianne W. Mack Fund (2015)
Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Fund (1997)
Dr. Howard & Jean Kiracofe Fund (2017)
Fred Barry Jr., Virginia M. Barry, Douglas
A. Barry, & Barbara A. Barry Fund (2012)
Gary W. and Carol A. Didinger Fund (2004)
Gary's Eagles Fund (2016)
Givens Family Fund (2006)

Gordy and Fran Yance Family Fund (2012)
Gordy and Fran Yance Family Fund II (2020)
Healthy Soles Fund (2018)
Heartland Cares Fund (2022)
Hibu Cares Fund (2015)
Ian and Charlotte Watson Family Fund (2012)
James T. & Diane D. Goodrich Family Fund (2019)
Jean M. Patrick Donor Advised Fund (2015)
Jim and Beckie Swetlic Legacy Fund (2015)
Joe and Krys Mortellaro Fund (2012)
John and Nancy Wagner Family Fund (2024)
Judith and Leon Marlow Family Fund (2009)
Julie Davis Family Fund (2021)
Kelly Welker McD Fund (2024)
Kim & Pam Rose Family Fund (2015)
LeFurjah Family Donor Advised Fund (2007)
Lois and Burt Hanson Donor Advised Fund (2005)
Madcap Memorial Fund (2012)
Madtes Family Fund (2024)
Mankins Family Fund (2012)
Marc and Jen Odenweller Community
Investment Fund (2013)
Mary Jane and Rick Bayer Foundation Fund (2012)
Noel and Suzanne Parrish
Legacy Society Fund (2010)
Officer Tom W. Cottrell Jr. Charitable Fund (2016)
Ora & Sue Smith Fund (2020)
Otho Eyster & Carol Garner Fund (2021)
Plocki-McManus Family Fund (2004)
Ramser Family Fund (2003)
Randall Family Fund (2024)

Randy and Rebecca Cronk Family Fund (2014)
Richard B. & Susan B. Murray
Donor-Advised Fund (2008)
Richard, Barbara & Travis Ritter Fund (2004)
Robert S. & Carol Jo Gregg Family Fund (2018)
Ronald Meharry Fund (2023)
Rowe Family Fund (2021)
Ruby and Alan Riedel Fund (2004)
Sally and Joe Nelson
Donor Advised Fund (2004)
Sam and Paula Barone Family Fund (2004)
Schnormeier Family Fund (1998)
Sgt. Benjamin J. Laymon Memorial Fund (2008)
Sharon Fitzpatrick Fredericktown
UMC Fund (2021)
Sheryl A. Hall Memorial Fund (2006)
Stenger Family Knox County Veterans' Family
Donor Advised Fund (2007)
TBP Family Fund (2019)
The Burley Family Fund (2017)
The Dean & Marsha Rinehart Family Fund (2016)
The Gillen Family Fund (2017)
The Hope Fund (2024)
The Jack Marlow Family Fund (2021)
The Mankins - Ball Family Fund (2016)
The Mowry Family Fund (2014)
The Murnen Family Fund (2017)
The Sant - Bernicken Fund (2017)
Tom & Peggy Dunn Fund for the Arts (2024)
Totus Tuus Fund (2005)

All Other Funds

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AGENCY ENDOWMENT (ORGANIZATION) FUNDS

4-H Planning Committee Facility Fund (2018)
4-H Planning Committee Programming Fund (2020)
Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center Fund (2009)
Arc of Appalachia Land Preservation Fund (2024)
Ariel-Foundation Park Capital Improvements Fund (2015)
Ariel-Foundation Park Maintenance Fund (2015)
Barbara Butler Fund (2020)
Bladensburg Sertoma Fund (2019)
Community Concert Association of Knox County Fund (2010)
Cornerstone Community Church of Fredericktown Fund (2017)
Danville Academic Fund (2009)
Danville Beautification Project Fund (2022)
Education Gateway Project Fund (2019)
Faith Lutheran Mission Fund (2010)
Food For The Hungry Fund (2023)
Foundation Park Conservancy Fund (2013)
Fredericktown Community Fund (2003)
Fredericktown Recreation District Fund (2014)

Friends Cemetery Association Fund (2008)
Friends of Memorial Park Fund (2019)
Friends of the Quarry Chapel Fund (2009)
Gay Street United Methodist Jan Reynolds Fund (2015)
Gay Street United Methodist Boyer Music Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Harold & Ruth Drew Memorial Music Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Henrietta L. Lord Fund In Memory Of Carrie P. Lord (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Irene B. & Faye L. Strang Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Lawler Interest Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Living Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Martha Winkle Fund (2024)
Gay Street United Methodist R.S. Sr. & Carrie Lord Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist Ralph M. Rumbaugh Memorial Fund (2016)
Gay Street United Methodist White, Wright & Ritter Fund (2016)

Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, Inc. Fund (2015)
Heritage Center Association Fund (2015)
HopeNow Fund (2022)
Hospice of North Central Ohio Knox County Endowment Fund (2015)
Interchurch Social Services Fund (1986)
Jacket Boosters Athletic Facilities Fund (2021)
Jacket Boosters Inc. Endowment Fund (2018)
Knox Community Hospital Foundation Fund (2004)
Knox County Agricultural Museum Fund (2016)
Knox County Head Start Fund (2022)
Knox County Inclusion Park (2018)
Knox County Junior Fair Building Fund (2017)
Knox County Landmarks Foundation (2017)
Knox County Parks Fund (2007)
Knox County Symphony Association Fund (2008)
Kokosing Gap Trail Fund (2014)
Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries, Inc. Fund (2015)
Mount Vernon Board of Education Fund (2003)

Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation Fund (2006)
Mount Vernon YMCA Endowment Trust (1996)
Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues Fund (2004)
MVNU South Main Plaza Fund (2021)
New Directions Capital Project Fund (2021)
Owl Creek Conservancy Conservation Easement Acquisition Endowment Fund (2021)
Owl Creek Conservancy Endowment Fund (2020)
Owl Creek Conservancy Memorial Endowment Fund (2018)
Owl Creek Conservancy Stewardship Fund (2019)
Ramser Arboretum Fund (2017)
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio (2012)
Sandra Barrick Knox County Humane Society Fund (2010)
The Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. Fund (2016)
Town & Country Garden Club Fund (2018)
United Way of Knox County Fund (2009)
YMCA of Mount Vernon Fund (2021)

All Other Funds

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DESIGNATED FUNDS

Ackerman Preserve Fund (2023)
Alice Jewell Memorial Fund (1955)
Altrusa Club of Knox County (1997)
Amy Fairchild Williams Memorial Fund (1953)
Andy Rassing Memorial Fund (1994)
Arc of Appalachia Knox County Fund (2021)
Arc of Appalachia Special Projects Fund (2021)
Arthur E. and Grace E. Rawlinson Memorial Fund (1971)
Beatty B. Williams Community Endowment Fund (1974)
Beatty B. Williams Fund (2009)
Beatty B. Williams Library Fund (1959)
Carlos E. and Celestine A. Watkins United Way Fund (2013)
Carolyn Lord Double Bass Chair Fund (2010)
Character Building Activities Fund (1945)
Charles and Helen Zelkowitz Soroptomist Fund (2006)
Charles Zelkowitz Chamber of Commerce Fund (2007)
Congregation Backed Scholarship Fund for Mount Vernon Nazarene University (2024)

Daniel Pealer Memorial Fund (2001)
Delbert C. Schmidt Fund (1992)
Didinger Family Fund For Knox Community Hospital (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for St. Luke Catholic Church (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for The Knox County Humane Society (2007)
Didinger Family Fund for United Way of Knox County (2007)
Doris Zink Endowment for Hospice of NCO/Knox County (2017)
Dorothy Farmer Pike Township Cemetery Fund (2006)
Dr. Anna Quinn Denzer-Emerson New Directions Fund (2019)
Early Learners' Scholarship Fund (2007)
Edith C. Laird Kenyon College Scholarship Fund (2014)
Ellen M. Heckler Memorial Fund (1969)
Emerson Laird Kokosing Gap Trail Maintenance Fund (1993)
Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund (1955)
Ethel V. Jamison Fund (1987)
F. William Kahrl Fund (1964)
First Church of the Nazarene Charles R. Wilson Fund (2024)
First Congregational United Church of Christ Fund (1966)
Fletcher M. Devin Fund (1961)
Fred Barry Jr. Memorial Fund (1993)
Fredericktown H.S. Alumni Endowment Fund (2017)

Fredericktown Local School District Fund (2024)
Friends of the Quarry Chapel Endowment Fund (2013)
Garfield & Mazie Colgin Memorial Fund (1971)
Gelsanliter Family Fund (1965)
George & Ruth Gelsanliter Memorial Fund (1997)
George A. and Lynda L. Small Fund (2023)
George H. and Eleanor M. Ralston Memorial Fund (2007)
Gordon & Roberta Chalmers Library Fund (1955)
Greg Farmer Memorial Knox County 4-H Clubs Fund (2006)
H. Grant Heckler Memorial Fund (1970)
Hannah Browning Home Fund (1998)
Harriet B. Lawler Memorial Fund (1986)
Harriett Buchanan Lawler Memorial Fund (1986)
Helen E. Zelkowitz Fund (2000)
Helen Hope Cooke Memorial Fund (1994)
Henry L. and Alice H. Curtis Fund (2014)
Howard McDonald Friends Cemetery Fund (2009)
Howard S. Tarr First Congregational United Church Fund (1970)
Ian & Charlotte Watson First Congregational UCC Fund (2020)

Ida T. McHugh Pleasant Street Elementary Library Fund (2008)
J. R. and Lorene Purdy Fund (2001)
James L. Wilson Memorial Fund for Hospice of Knox Co. (2015)
James R. Westerheide Memorial Fund (2009)
Jennie Debes Heart Fund (1969)
Jim and Annette Puster Fund (2013)
Jim Daniels Family 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund (2018)
John & Mary Jane Kaylor Fund (2019)
John Gordon Bone, Jr. Student Aid Fund (2009)
John L. and Mary J. Kaylor Legacy Fund (2023)
John L. and Mary J. Kaylor Legacy II Fund (2023)
Kathryn Sheedy Sanctuary Memorial Fund (2005)
Kenneth W. and Jean R. Stevenson Fund (2013)
Kiracofe Family Fund (1995)
Knox County Career Center AFJROTC Flight Education Fund (2023)
Knox County Humane Society Endowment (2017)
Knox County Humane Society-Barbara S. Jones Fund (1999)
Knox County Society for Crippled Children & Adults Fund (2004)
Kokosing Gap Trail Endowment Fund (2009)
Kokosing Park Endowment Fund (2021)

League of Friendship Fund (1992)
 Lester R. and Mildred E. Bennett Memorial Fund (1993)
 Mae S. Taylor Mount Vernon YMCA Fund (1976)
 Maize-n-Blue Endowment Fund (2014)
 Margaret Jamison Church Fund (2002)
 Margaret Louise Jamison Interchurch Fund (2002)
 Margaret Louise Jamison YMCA Fund (2002)
 Martha Turner Walker Memorial Fund (1980)
 Mary Hendrickson New Directions Fund (2014)
 Mary M. Frank Fund (2015)
 Mary Ramser Jelloway Methodist Church Fund (2021)
 Meharry Family Fund for the Knox Co Humane Society Cat Shelter (2021)
Meharry Family Legacy Fund I (2024)
 Mount Vernon High School Alumni Association Fund (1998)
 Mount Vernon Livestock Co-operative Association Fund (1957)
 Mount Vernon Theater Guild Fund (1963)
 MVDC Parents & Friends Volunteer Association Fund (2015)
 MVNU Fairbanks Center For Global Engagement Fund (2023)

Norma J. Cornell Memorial St. Vincent de Paul Education Fund (2001)
 North Central Ohio Revitalization Fund (2023)
 Palmer-Gain Glen Helen Fund (2022)
 Patricia "Trish" Rankin Hospice Fund (2018)
 Paul G. Crawford MVHS Student Athlete Fund (2005)
 Paul Hothem 4-H Fund (2020)
 Pauline Jamison Kartman Fund (2002)
 R. B. Kincaid Fund for the First Congregational United Church of Christ (1985)
 Richard Landers Fund for Knox County Career Center (1994)
 Richard T. Turner Coshocton High School Scholarship Fund (2020)
 Riverview Park Care Fund (2021)
 Robert & Sue Denzer YMCA Fund (2022)
 Robert B. & Helen W. Lantz Memorial Fund (2019)
 Robert Black Fund (1989)
 Rose M. Blair American Cancer Society Fund (1959)
 Rose M. Blair Knox County Heart Association Fund (1959)
 Ruth T. Bemis Knox County Symphony Orchestra Fund (2006)
 Sam & Paula Barone Kenyon Endowment Fund (2020)
 Sam & Paula Barone United Way Endowment Fund (2020)

Short Term Project Fund (2005)
 St. Vincent de Paul School Tuition Assistance (2019)
 Stacy Doyle Memorial Fund (1998)
 Sterling B. and Edna B. Braddock Fund (1984)
 The Mary F. Farmer East Knox Schools Fund (2019)
 Thomas A. Mavis Memorial Fund (2014)
 Thomas E. Heine Memorial Fund (2002)
 W. Glenn Hess Fund (1983)
 Walter and Jane Rudin Family Fund (2000)
 Walter T. Starr First Congregational United Church Memorial Fund (1965)
Wayne and Charlotte Frank Fund (2024)
 Wesley Judd Park for MVNU (2008)
 Wilbur Gaunder Fund for the Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church (1999)
 Wilbur Gaunder Hospice of Knox County Fund (1999)
 Wilbur Gaunder Knox County Humane Society Fund (1999)
 Wilbur Gaunder Knox County Red Cross Fund (1999)
 Wilbur Gaunder Nursing Scholarship Fund (1999)
 Wilbur Gaunder Salvation Army Fund (1999)
 William S. and Pearlene E. Rowley Fund (2012)

Woodward Development Corporation Designated Fund (2020)
 YWCA Girls' Fund (1984)
 Zack T. Hollister Bird Cemetery Fund (1980)
 Zelkowitz Family United Way of Knox County Endowment Fund (2007)
 Zelkowitz Family YMCA of Mount Vernon Endowment Fund (2007)
 Zenno E. & Mae M. Taylor First Congregational Church Memorial Fund (1976)

NON-AGENCY ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Jewish Cemetery Society of Knox County Fund (2013)
 Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon Fund (2005)
 Knox County Historical Society Fund (1994)
 Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 Fund (2004)

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION FUNDS

Camp Cornish Foundation (2013)
 Schnormeier Gardens Foundation (2009)

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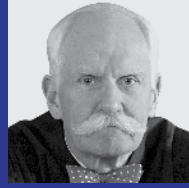
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