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**The Community Foundation of
Mount Vernon & Knox County**

60th Annual Report

Our Mission

To improve the quality of life in Mount Vernon and Knox County through charitable giving.

To provide a vehicle for donors of varied interests to support charitable and community activities.

To assess and respond to emerging and changing community needs in the fields of education, youth services, recreation, arts and culture, social services, and civic and community development.

To develop a permanent endowment for the community, and to serve as a catalyst for the initiation of vital projects.

*Adopted by the Board of Directors of the
Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County*



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Contributions exceed \$1.6 million in 2004 as Foundation observes 60th anniversary

The 60th anniversary year of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County will be recorded as one in which component funds grew significantly in number and in total asset value. The foresighted business and civic leaders, who chartered the institution in 1944 as The Mount Vernon Community Trust, would be pleased with its enduring success.

Certainly the \$375,000 unrestricted bequest received from the Kathryn A. Sheedy Trust (accompanied by a 40-acre tract of Morrow County woodland) and the new \$250,000 Ariel Corporation donor-advised fund will have an immediate impact on the Foundation's grantmaking capacity. But not to be overlooked are 11 other new funds, of widely ranging values, that are a bellwether of vitality for the Foundation.

In total, the Foundation received \$1,603,548 in cash and marketable assets from nearly 300 donors during the year. And the gift of Sheedy Family woodland near Centerburg means our citizens will soon have access to yet another natural sanctuary, by way of the Foundation.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Last year we announced the establishment of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County Legacy Society, and we are pleased to report that by year-end the Society enrolled its first three families. The Legacy Society is a means for donors to contribute toward an eventual named fund over a 10-year period. We are hopeful our initial success will encourage other donors to put in place this instrument for planned giving to the Foundation.

As for those who chose in 2004 to establish family or institutional funds within the Community Foundation, the preferred vehicle was the donor-advised fund. Though donor-advised funds have been in use by community foundations for decades, they have only recently become the fund of choice in our Foundation. The John and Genevieve Minor Foundation established in 1993 the first of our 17 donor-advised funds, seven of which came into existence during the past year.

The popularity of donor-advised funds appears to revolve around the flexibility donors have to annually recommend the charities that should receive income from their funds. Donors also retain the privilege of naming additional generations of advisors for their funds, or simply converting the fund to a designated or unrestricted fund, at some point in the future.

Included in the list of Foundation funds, which begins on page 5, are the following new funds:

Donor-advised funds

- **Ariel Corporation Advised Fund**, established by Ariel Corporation CEO Karen Buchwald Wright.
- **Gary and Carol Didinger Fund**, established by the Didinger family of Danville.
- **Donald Harnsberger Fund**, established by its namesake to support upcoming future community projects, including those of the Knox County Historical Society.
- **Knox Community Hospital Fund**, established by the hospital to facilitate contributions to its current "Hope Accelerated Campaign" and future campaigns.
- **Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 Fund**, created by the Elks' board of directors to fulfill the lodge's philanthropic

mission in the community.

- **Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues Fund**, established by the legal custodians of residual funds from a past campaign to improve Little League facilities. A portion of this fund was used in 2004 to supplement a General Fund grant to renovate Dan Emmett Park.

- **Richard, Barbara & Travis Ritter Fund**, initiated by the family for future philanthropic purposes.

Scholarship funds

- **Phil Burghard Memorial Scholarship Fund**, established by the late Mr. Burghard's friends and business associates to provide a named scholarship for technical school-bound graduates of Highland High School (Morrow County).

- **Mary Catherine Ritter Memorial Fund**, established by family and friends to honor Ms. Ritter's contributions as an educator, and to provide an annual scholarship for a Mount Vernon High School graduate pursuing a teaching career, preferably in foreign languages.

- **Psi Iota Xi Sorority Scholarship**, a new scholarship fund established with contributions from the members of this community service organization, with whom the Foundation has also collaborated on the annual Food for the Hungry Gingerbread House Auction.

Designated funds

- **Knox County Society for Crippled Children and Adults Fund**, established by the Society, primarily with a bequest from the estate of Ms. Marjorie Ulery. Society Treasurer Hope Tumidanski facilitated the fund's creation.

Unrestricted funds

- **Kathryn A. Sheedy Fund**, created with a bequest from the Kathryn A. Sheedy Trust. (See donor profile on page 25.)

Legacy Society funds

- **Legacy Society Fund**, created with contributions from three donor families, whose subsequent annual contributions will lead to the establishment of three new named funds.

Within a few days of our actual 60th anniversary – our charter date was December 1, 1944 – the Foundation sponsored a planned giving seminar for area attorneys, CPAs and other professionals. The Community Foundation owes its success over the last six decades to these professionals who have educated their clients about the Community Foundation.

University of Missouri - Kansas City Professor of Law Christopher Hoyt, a published authority on the subject, addressed the many benefits of using retirement accounts for charitable giving. By all accounts, our foray into continuing education was a success and we contemplate future such activities. Incidentally, Professor Hoyt's primer on the subject is available upon request at the Community Foundation office.

In 2005, and beyond, the Foundation board looks forward to continued recovery of the investment market and expanding our capacity to support the seemingly infinite desire of Knox County citizens to enhance our community. We welcome your participation in this endeavor!

– **Mark R. Ramser, Chairman**



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Lighting dramatically accents the entrance to Mount Vernon Nazarene University's new Prince Student Union. The Community Foundation provided a \$50,000 leadership gift for the project from its unrestricted funds. Other projects assisted by the Foundation's unrestricted funds are pictured on the following pages.

Summary of Foundation funds

Contributions, grants and balances by fund type

	2004 Contributions	2004 Grants	12/31/2004 Fund balances (Book value)	12/31/2004 Fund balances (Market value)
<i>(indicates number of funds in category)</i>				
Restricted Funds				
Arts and humanities funds (3) <i>See p. 5</i>	\$100	\$440	\$17,555	\$19,450
Community improvement funds (10) <i>See p. 5</i>	\$100,840	\$10,992	\$748,598	\$783,483
Designated funds (6) <i>See p. 6</i>	\$0	\$45,378	\$1,385,208	\$1,519,907
Education funds (10) <i>See p. 6</i>	\$1,000	\$10,157	\$418,645	\$464,864
Health and wellness funds (12) <i>See p. 7</i>	\$115,190	\$93,858	\$1,887,066	\$2,236,246
Human and social services funds (6) <i>See p. 7</i>	\$0	\$5,386	\$453,432	\$513,254
Spiritual growth funds (24) <i>See p. 8</i>	\$909	\$47,892	\$2,101,736	\$2,309,273
Youth enrichment funds (4) <i>See p. 9</i>	\$0	\$537	\$27,018	\$31,867
Donor-advised funds				
Total donor-advised funds (17) <i>See p. 9</i>	\$824,060	\$70,700	\$1,710,775	\$1,746,458
Legacy Society funds				
Total Legacy Society funds (3) <i>See p. 10</i>	\$3,254	\$0	\$3,064	\$3,064
Scholarship funds				
Total scholarship funds (63) <i>See p. 10</i>	\$62,325	\$195,289	\$6,824,628	\$8,267,176
Unrestricted funds				
Named funds & general fund (51) <i>See p. 12</i>	\$495,870	\$165,019	\$8,032,658	\$9,902,355
Total Foundation funds (210)	\$1,603,548	\$645,648	\$23,610,383	\$27,797,399

Auditors' report and financial statement

As prepared by Dennis & Schisler, Inc. CPAs

We have audited the accompanying statement of investments of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and the related statement of receipts and disbursements – cash basis for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating

overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 and the receipts and disbursements of the Foundation – cash basis for the years then ended in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note A.

As described in Note A, the trust accrued certain contributions totaling \$1,000 in 2004 and \$5,250 in 2003. If the contributions had not been recorded, the fund balance of the legacy fund would be decreased \$1,000 for the year ended December 31, 2004. The fund balance of the general fund would be decreased by \$250 and the fund balance of the designated fund would be decreased by \$5,000 for the year ended December 31, 2003.

– Dennis & Schisler, Inc. CPA

The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County

*Statement of receipts and disbursements, cash basis,
for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003*

	2004	2003
Fund balances at beginning of year (book)	\$21,828,316	\$21,726,362
Cash receipts:		
Dividends	\$362,785	\$319,247
Interest	539,283	520,484
Capital gains (losses)	173,003	(321,325)
Contributions	1,603,548	548,114
Total receipts	\$2,678,619	\$1,006,520
Cash disbursements:		
Grants and scholarships	\$645,647	\$728,736
Trust fees	167,184	157,224
Accounting & legal fees	5,775	5,100
Printing & design	6,602	7,735
Other expenses	12,905	15,568
Salaries and benefits	58,439	50,203
Total disbursements	\$896,552	\$964,566
Fund balances at end of year (book)	\$23,610,383	\$21,828,316
Increase in fund balances (book)	\$1,782,067	\$101,954
Market value of Foundation assets at end of year	\$27,797,399	\$24,740,868

Foundation funds at year-end

Market and book values, contributions, distributions and grantees

The Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County is comprised of 210 named funds, pooled for investment purposes, and grouped into 12 categories for reporting. Each of the Foundation's funds are listed separately on the following pages, together with its year-end market and book values and, if applicable, 2004 contributions, distributions and grantees. The year each fund was established appears in parentheses.

Income from our unrestricted funds (which are listed beginning on page 12) is aggregated for distribution by the Foundation in a competitive grant process. In 2004 the Foundation distributed \$165,019 for 18 grants that are summarized on page 14, following the list of unrestricted funds. Scholarship recipients are also reported, apart from their sponsoring fund listings, on pages 19-22.

Arts & humanities funds

Knox County Historical Society Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$15,742 Book Value: \$14,417
Contributions: \$100 Distributions: \$367
Grantees: Knox County Historical Society, \$367.

League of Friendship Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$3,119 Book Value: \$2,633
Distributions: \$73 Grantees: Knox County Historical Society, \$73.

Mount Vernon Theatre Guild Fund ('63)

Market Value: \$589 Book Value: \$505.

Community improvement funds

Community Improvement Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$101 Book Value: \$100
Contributions: \$100.

Stacy Doyle Memorial Fund ('98)

Market Value: \$58,970 Book Value: \$51,364
Distributions: \$1,382 Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, \$1,382.

The Friends Cemetery Fund ('01)

Market Value: \$27,765 Book Value: \$24,180
Distributions: \$651 Grantees: The Friends Cemetery, \$651.

Wilbur Gaunder Fund for Knox County Humane Society ('99)

Market Value: \$111,757 Book Value: \$99,829
Distributions: \$2,618 Grantees: Knox County Humane Society, \$2,618.

Zack T. Hollister Bird Cemetery Fund ('80)

Market Value: \$2,497 Book Value: \$2,108
Distributions: \$59 Grantees: Bird Cemetery, \$58.

Barbara S. Jones Fund for Knox County Humane Society ('99)

Market Value: \$302,058 Book Value: \$312,719
Distributions: \$3,525 Grantees: Knox County Humane Society, \$3,525.

Kokosing Gap Trail Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$2,846 Book Value: \$2,565



Producers Matt Starr (left) and Nancy Lorey (right) set up a shoot in Wolf Run Regional Park with local actor-director John Kuhn. The Foundation helped underwrite a video series created in observance of the Mount Vernon bicentennial.

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Since its inception in 1944 the Mount Vernon Community Trust, now the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County, has had a distinguished tradition of providing financial assistance for community initiatives, large and small.

The following timeline highlights 60 years of giving to Knox County organizations by the Foundation through its unrestricted funds. The list, though extensive, does not include additional millions of dollars that have been distributed through its designated funds and scholarship funds.

1940s-1950s

- \$5,000 for Mount Vernon City Planning Study.
- Grants of nearly \$71,000 for Mercy Hospital expansion.
- \$91,481 for Mount Vernon Hiawatha Park public pool.



- Establish \$75,000 fund for the construction of a public library. (above)

1960s

- \$80,000 for purchase of land to enable construction of new Mount Vernon City Hall.
- \$78,800 acquisition of construction site for Mount Vernon Fire Department.
- \$15,000 for Kenyon College building fund.
- \$2,400 for tennis courts and equipment at Memorial Park.

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- Funds provided to rebuild the 1883 fountain on Public Square; install lighting and landscaping in the Square.
- Administer gifts of \$100,000 for Martin Memorial Hospital and \$175,000 for YMCA Building Fund, from individuals and various Foundation funds.
- Administer \$195,000 campaign to purchase land for new Mount Vernon Nazarene College campus.

1970s

- \$8,400 to renovate tower clock on county courthouse.
- \$34,000 for Kenyon College Sesquicentennial Campaign.
- \$30,000 for Mount Vernon Nazarene College.
- \$33,000 for Moundbuilders Guidance Center.
- \$30,000 to start The Station Break Senior Citizens' Center, utilizing the former Pennsylvania Railroad Station.
- Nearly \$8,000 for equipment and renovation at the Salvation Army Day Care.



- Coordinate raising more than \$200,000 (including \$150,000 from the Trust) to build Yellow Jacket Stadium complex at M.V.H.S. (above)
- \$7,000 for the Big Brothers Association.
- \$52,000 for refurbishing and adding air conditioning to the Memorial Building theater.

Contributions: \$740 Distributions: \$52
Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, \$52.

Emerson Laird Kokosing Gap Trail Fund ('93)
Market Value: \$7,119 Book Value: \$6,129
Distributions: \$167 Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, \$167.

Walter and Jane Rudin Family Fund ('00)
Market Value: \$108,379 Book Value: \$97,478
Distributions: \$2,539 Grantees: City of Mount Vernon, \$2,539.

William A. and Peggy Stroud Fund ('97)
Market Value: \$161,992 Book Value: \$152,126
Contributions: \$100,000.

Designated funds

George and Ruth Gelsanliter Memorial Fund ('98)

Market Value: \$24,821 Book Value: \$20,967
Distributions: \$582 Grantees: Interchurch Social Services, \$291; Hospice of Knox County, \$291.

W. Glenn Hess Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$465,111 Book Value: \$427,565
Distributions: \$9,094 Grantees: Knox County Chapter of American Red Cross, \$1,137; Bladensburg Church of Christ, \$1,137; Brinkhaven Church of Christ, \$1,137; Danville Church of Christ, \$1,137; Martinsburg Church of Christ, \$1,137; The Salvation Army, \$1,137; United Way of Knox County, \$1,136; Utica Church of Christ, \$1,136.

Pauline Jamison Kartman Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$47,365 Book Value: \$39,847
Distributions: \$1,109 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$555; Knox County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, \$555.

Harriet B. Lawler Fund ('86)

Market Value: \$284,314 Book Value: \$258,976
Distributions: \$4,052 Grantees: Gay Street United Methodist Church, \$2,431; Muskingum College, \$1,621.

Amy F. Williams Memorial Fund ('53)

Market Value: \$299,915 Book Value: \$275,689
Distributions: \$14,897 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$2,483; The Salvation Army, \$3,414; YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$9,000.

Beatty B. Williams Fund for YMCA et al. ('74)

Market Value: \$398,380 Book Value: \$362,164
Distributions: \$15,644 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$3,911; National Board of YMCA, \$3,911; YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$3,911; United Way of Knox County, \$3,911.

Education funds

Altrusa Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$18,522 Book Value: \$16,288
Distributions: \$434 Grantees: Knox County Career Center, \$145; Mount Vernon City Schools, \$145; Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, \$145.

Mildred Bennett Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$55,910 Book Value: \$47,200
Distributions: \$1,310 Grantees: East Knox Local Schools, \$655; Knox County Career Center, \$655.

Gordon and Roberta Chalmers Library Fund ('55)

Market Value: \$265,076 Book Value: \$232,280
Distributions: \$5,871 Grantees: Kenyon College Library, \$5,871.

Richard Landers Fund for the Knox County Career Center ('94)

Market Value: \$4,353 Book Value: \$2,837.

Ethel Lyman Memorial Fund ('55)

Market Value: \$6,962 Book Value: \$5,878
Distributions: \$163 Grantees: Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, \$163.

Mount Vernon Academic Boosters Fund ('93)

Market Value: \$2,162 Book Value: \$1,854.

Mount Vernon High School Alumni Fund ('98)

Market Value: \$1,025 Book Value: \$1,007
Contributions: \$1,000.



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MVNU's new Prince Student Union has well-designed areas for socializing, snacking, fitness and recreation.

Andy Rensing Memorial Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$9,327 Book Value: \$7,994.

James R. Westerheide Memorial Fund ('85)

Market Value: \$2,641 Book Value: \$2,230
Distributions: \$62 Grantees: Saint Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, \$62.

Beatty B. Williams Library Fund ('59)

Market Value: \$98,885 Book Value: \$101,079
Distributions: \$2,317 Grantees: Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, \$2,317.

Health & wellness funds**Robert Black Fund ('89)**

Market Value: \$138,942 Book Value: \$117,296
Distributions: \$3,255 Grantees: Knox County Mental Health Association, \$3,255.



Sarah Goslee Reed demonstrates her fiddling style at a Youth Enrichment Series (Y.E.S.) concert for elementary students.

Rose Blair Fund for Knox County Cancer Society ('59)

Market Value: \$2,452 Book Value: \$2,070
Distributions: \$57 Grantees: Knox County Cancer Society, \$57.

Rose Blair Fund for Knox County Heart Association ('59)

Market Value: \$2,452 Book Value: \$2,070
Distributions: \$57 Grantees: Knox County Heart Association, \$57.

Jennie Debes Heart Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$36,082 Book Value: \$34,325
Distributions: \$845 Grantees: Knox County Heart Association, \$845.

Wilbur Gaunder Fund for Hospice of Knox County ('99)

Market Value: \$117,249 Book Value: \$104,877
Distributions: \$2,747 Grantees: Hospice of Knox County, \$2,747.

Wilbur Gaunder Fund for Knox County Chapter of American Red Cross ('99)

Market Value: \$117,249 Book Value: \$104,877
Distributions: \$2,747 Grantees: Knox County Chapter of American Red Cross, \$2,747.

Margaret Louise Jamison YMCA Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$47,197 Book Value: \$39,707
Distributions: \$1,105 Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$1,105.

Knox County Society for Crippled Children and Adults Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$119,989 Book Value: \$115,238
Contributions: \$115,190 Distributions: \$1,605
Grantees: Knox County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, \$1,605.

Knox County Medical Society Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$1,787 Book Value: \$1,532.

Mae S. Taylor YMCA Fund ('76)

Market Value: \$27,059 Book Value: \$27,408
Distributions: \$1,308 Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$1,308.

Beatty B. Williams Endowment Fund ('74)

Market Value: \$315,454 Book Value: \$301,552
Distributions: \$15,875 Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$15,875.

YMCA Endowment Fund ('96)

Market Value: \$1,310,334 Book Value: \$1,036,115
Distributions: \$64,255 Grantees: YMCA of Mount Vernon, \$64,255.

Human & social services funds**Wilbur Gaunder Fund for the Salvation Army ('99)**

Market Value: \$111,757 Book Value: \$99,829
Distributions: \$2,618 Grantees: The Salvation Army, \$2,618.

Ellen M. Heckler Memorial Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$4,168 Book Value: \$3,518
Distributions: \$98 Grantees: Ohio Eastern Star Home, \$98.

Interchurch Social Services Fund ('86)

Market Value: \$110,878 Book Value: \$104,821
Distributions: \$1,557 Grantees: Interchurch Social Services, \$1,557.

Margaret Louise Jamison Interchurch Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$47,197 Book Value: \$39,707
Distributions: \$1,105 Grantees: Interchurch Social Services, \$1,105.

James K. Lyman Memorial Fund ('59)

Market Value: \$343 Book Value: \$290
Distributions: \$8 Grantees: Knox County Chapter of American Red Cross, \$8.

United Way of Knox County Fund ('96)

Market Value: \$238,912 Book Value: \$205,267.

Spiritual growth funds**Sterling B. and Edna B. Braddock Fund ('84)**

Market Value: \$13,593 Book Value: \$11,475
Distributions: \$318 Grantees: Ebenezer United Methodist Church, \$318.

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1980s

- \$25,000 for runway extension and \$30,000 for parking apron at Knox County Airport.
- \$100,000 for Mount Vernon City purchase of Plaza Office Building, housing Mount Vernon Police Department and Municipal Court offices.
- \$7,500 for Downtown Mount Vernon crosswalks.
- College scholarship program established with Appleton and Freeman bequests.
- \$8,600 for improvements at Station Break Senior Center.
- \$100,000 grant for Kenyon's Ernst Athletic Center; \$50,000 for Ascension Hall renovation.
- \$13,600 for gifted education program in county schools.
- County school grants of more than \$26,000 for computer education.
- \$45,000 for athletic facilities in Fredericktown, Danville and Centerburg schools.
- \$45,000 for playground equipment at several city and county schools.



- \$90,000 for Mount Vernon Nazarene College classroom building; \$25,000 for computer lab; and \$150,000 for auditorium/arts center. (above)

- \$40,000 for the fitness and women's health center at the Mount Vernon YMCA.
- \$30,000 to acquire office building for Interchurch Social Services.

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- \$12,000 seed money for Hospice of Knox County.
- \$23,205 for purchase of New Directions shelter facility.
- \$4,100 for lighting at Mount Vernon's Riverside Park.



- \$5,000 for the Dan Emmett Music & Arts Festival. (above)
- \$10,000 for Kokosing Gap Trail development.
- Grants totaling \$28,000 for Kenyon Festival Theater.
- \$50,000 for construction of Fairgrounds Ag Museum.
- \$50,000 for the purchase of Historical Society facility.
- Facilitate \$25,000 Cooper Industries grant for public library expansion.

1990s

- \$9,000 for Hiawatha Day Care Center playground equipment.
- \$9,995 to install two-way radio system in new Hope School buses.
- \$35,000 to support expanded Dan Emmett Arts and Music Festival.
- \$10,000 to Knox County Adult Day Care development.
- \$60,000 to Knox County Agricultural Society for fairgrounds improvements.
- \$25,000 for expansion of Knox County Ag Museum.
- \$10,000 to strengthen science curriculum in Knox County schools.

Hannah Browning Home Fund ('98)

Market Value: \$711,575 Book Value: \$670,436
Distributions: \$13,973 Grantees: Faith Lutheran Church, \$2,328; Gay Street United Methodist Church, \$2,328; Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, \$2,329; First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$2,329; First Presbyterian Church, \$2,329; Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, \$2,329.

Garfield and Mazie Colgin

Memorial Fund ('71)

Market Value: \$114,755 Book Value: \$103,964
Distributions: \$821 Grantees: Messiah Church, \$821.

Helen H. Cook Fund for First

Congregational United Church of Christ ('94)

Market Value: \$715,087 Book Value: \$647,003
Distributions: \$15,126 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$15,126.

First Congregational United Church of Christ Building Fund ('59)

Market Value: \$2,882 Book Value: \$2,433
Distributions: \$68 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$68.

First Congregational United Church of Christ Fund ('66)

Market Value: \$4,057 Book Value: \$3,425
Distributions: \$95 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$95.

Wilbur Gaunder Fund for Harcourt Parish Episcopal Church ('99)

Market Value: \$117,249 Book Value: \$104,877
Distributions: \$2,747 Grantees: Harcourt Parish, \$2,747.

H. Grant Heckler Memorial Fund ('70)

Market Value: \$6,408 Book Value: \$5,410
Distributions: \$150 Grantees: Gay Street United Methodist Church, \$150.

Thomas E. Heine Memorial Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$5,658 Book Value: \$4,862
Distributions: \$133 Grantees: Zion Lutheran Church, \$133.

Ethel V. Jamison Trust Fund ('87)

Market Value: \$8,547 Book Value: \$7,139
Distributions: \$200 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$200.

Margaret Jamison Church Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$283,182 Book Value: \$238,242
Distributions: \$6,633 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$6,633.

F. William Karhl Fund ('64)

Market Value: \$4,089 Book Value: \$3,452
Distributions: \$96 Grantees: Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, \$96.

R. B. Kincaid Fund ('85)

Market Value: \$57,653 Book Value: \$58,505
Distributions: \$1,351 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$1,351.

Howard Kiracofe Family Fund ('95)

Market Value: \$12,811 Book Value: \$10,815
Distributions: \$300 Grantees: First Congregational United Church of Christ, \$300.

Daniel Pealer Memorial Fund ('01)

Market Value: \$5,576 Book Value: \$4,889
Distributions: \$131 Grantees: Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, \$131.

Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy ('97)

Market Value: \$18,540 Book Value: \$15,661
Distributions: \$434 Grantees: Gay Street Methodist Church, \$434.

J. R. and Lorene Purdy Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$114,567 Book Value: \$99,198
Distributions: \$2,684 Grantees: Danville United Methodist Church, \$2,684.



Sidewalk safety was on the minds of 2004 area grant-seekers, as the Foundation approved requests from Centerburg Schools for assistance with the "Trojan Trail" and from Danville Schools whose students are shown above on their new walkway.

**Arthur E. and Grace E. Rawlinson
Memorial Fund ('71)**

Market Value: \$30,477 Book Value: \$27,453
Distributions: \$714 Grantees: Saint Paul's
Episcopal Church, \$714.

St Paul's Episcopal Church Fund ('61)

Market Value: \$1,301 Book Value: \$1,099
Distributions: \$30 Grantees: Saint Paul's
Episcopal Church, \$30.

Delbert C. Schmidt Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$6,492 Book Value: \$5,481
Distributions: \$152 Grantees: Faith Lutheran
Church, \$152.

**Walter Starr Fund for First Congregational
United Church of Christ ('70)**

Market Value: \$3,311 Book Value: \$2,795
Distributions: \$78 Grantees: First
Congregational United Church of Christ, \$78.

**Howard Tarr Fund for First Congregational
United Church of Christ ('70)**

Market Value: \$6,786 Book Value: \$5,885
Contributions: \$909 Distributions: \$142
Grantees: First Congregational United Church of
Christ, \$142.

**Zenno and Mae Taylor Fund for First
Congregational United Church of Christ ('76)**

Market Value: \$63,388 Book Value: \$66,148
Distributions: \$1,485 Grantees: First
Congregational United Church of Christ, \$1,485.

Martha Turner Walker Memorial Fund ('80)

Market Value: \$1,289 Book Value: \$1,088
Distributions: \$30 Grantees: First Presbyterian
Church, \$30.

Youth enrichment funds

Character Building Activities Fund ('45)

Market Value: \$4,257 Book Value: \$3,649.

Alice Jewell Fund ('55)

Market Value: \$1,081 Book Value: \$913
Distributions: \$25 Grantees: Heart of Ohio
Girl Scouts, \$25.

Mount Vernon Livestock Fund ('57)

Market Value: \$4,674 Book Value: \$4,006.

YWCA Girls' Fund ('84)

Market Value: \$21,855 Book Value: \$18,450
Distributions: \$512 Grantees: YMCA of Mount
Vernon, \$512.

Donor-advised funds

Ariel Corporation Advised Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$258,455 Book Value: \$248,612
Contributions: \$250,000 Distributions: \$2,800
Grantees: Kokosing Gap Trail, \$2,800.

Gary and Carol Didinger Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$50,379 Book Value: \$50,379
Contributions: \$50,379.

Fredericktown Community Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$314,329 Book Value: \$309,509
Contributions: \$263,351.

Donald Harnsberger Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$10,438 Book Value: \$10,336
Contributions: \$10,300.

Knox Community Hospital Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$21,766 Book Value: \$21,766
Contributions: \$21,553.

John and Genevieve Minor Foundation ('93)

Market Value: \$5,063 Book Value: \$4,349.

Mount Vernon Board of Education Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$12,657 Book Value: \$12,370
Contributions: \$12,318.

Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #140 Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$37,844 Book Value: \$36,564
Contributions: \$31,766.

**Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues
Fund ('04)**

Market Value: \$5,494 Book Value: \$5,154
Contributions: \$6,036 Distributions: \$1,000
Grantees: Federal Little League, \$1,000.

Ohio's Junior Miss Scholarship Fund ('87)

Market Value: \$23,585 Book Value: \$23,585
Contributions: \$24,030 Distributions: \$14,850
Grantees: Scholarships for contestants, \$14,850.

Plocki-McManus Family Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$111,993 Book Value: \$89,993
Distributions: \$12,000 Grantees: Kenyon Col-
lege's Brown Environmental Center, \$5,000; Knox
Community Hospital "Hope Accelerated Cam-
paign," \$5,000; Owl Creek Conservancy, \$2,000.

Mark R. and Denise Ramser Family Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$10,593 Book Value: \$9,362.

Ruby and Alan Riedel Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$2,484 Book Value: \$2,125
Distributions: \$3,000 Grantees: City of Mount
Vernon, \$3,000.

Richard, Barbara & Travis Ritter Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$5,120 Book Value: \$5,031
Contributions: \$5,000.

Schnormeier Family Fund ('98)

Market Value: \$671,453 Book Value: \$707,576
Contributions: \$100,369 Distributions: \$32,000
Grantees: Zion United Church of Christ (Hubbard,
IA), \$5,000; Kokosing Gap Trail, \$1,500; Commu-
nity Concerts Association, \$500; Knox County
Symphony, \$500; New Directions, \$1,000; First
Congregational United Church of Christ, \$12,000;
Habitat for Humanity, \$1,500; Mount Vernon
Nazarene University, \$2,000; Muberry Street
Methodist Church, \$3,000; United Way, \$5,000.

C. Watkins Family Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$84,539 Book Value: \$73,181
Contributions: \$48,958 Distributions: \$1,800
Grantees: Hospice of Knox County, \$200; Knox
County Symphony, \$200; Mount Vernon
Nazarene University, \$200; United Way of Knox
County, \$1,200.

Helen E. Zerkowitz Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$120,265 Book Value: \$100,882
Distributions: \$3,250 Grantees: Knox County
Chapter of American Red Cross, \$1,000; Mount
Vernon Nazarene University Christmas Classic
Award, \$1,000; New Directions, \$250; Psi Iota
Xi Sorority Arts and Literature Award, \$250; The
Salvation Army Summer Camp, \$250;
Soroptimists of Mount Vernon - Zerkowitz
Community Service Award, \$500.

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- \$30,000 grant to East Knox Schools for athletic complex.
- \$20,000 to construct all-weather track in Fredericktown.
- \$30,000 to Big Brothers/ Big Sisters for building purchase.
- \$26,500 for additions to Danville athletic complex.



- \$40,000 grant for renovation of 4-H Center. (above)
- \$2,440 for Dogwood Blossoms Chapter of Sweet Adelines performance risers.
- \$21,468 for Knox County airport hangar improvements and runway extension.
- \$157,000 to the Knox County Historical Society for land purchase and new building construction.
- \$10,000 to Knox County Humane Society for Cat Shelter development.
- \$9,600 to Kokosing Gap Trail for improvements.
- \$14,640 for city's Ameri-Flora beautification project.
- \$14,442 for softball diamond and parking improvements at Memorial Park.
- \$125,000 matching grant for new Salvation Army building.
- \$250,000 for YMCA Sports Center construction campaign.
- \$7,500 for Bladensburg Youth Baseball League facility.
- \$4,000 for Hiawatha Day Care HVAC replacement.
- \$12,500 for Phillips Park improvement and trail extension.

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- \$150,000 to Mount Vernon Nazarene College for library.
- \$100,000 grant for Fredericktown Community Library.
- \$2,000 for Fredericktown Recreation District's shelter.
- \$10,000 to MVHS Academic Boosters for award displays.
- \$33,000 toward construction of Mohican Valley Trail.
- \$4,367 for Project D.A.R.E. to promote drug use prevention education in area schools.
- \$3,000 for "Focus 2100" initiative of the Mount Vernon Area Chamber of Commerce
- \$5,000 for Freedom Center building repairs.
- \$100,000 computerization grant for the Public Library.
- \$200,000 for Kenyon College science and music complexes.



- \$20,000 for Knox County Career Center Children's Garden project. (above)
- \$50,000 grant to YMCA to update exercise equipment.

2000

- \$1,000 to American Heart Association to purchase "Heart Power Kits" for area schools.
- \$2,555 to American Red Cross for a supply trailer.
- \$10,000 to Centerburg Music Boosters for marching band uniforms.
- \$3,000 to Danville High School for weight room.



KOKOSING GAP TRAIL PHOTO BY J. PHIL SAMUEL

The Kokosing Gap Trail began a program to repave the 17-mile pathway. Partial funding came from unrestricted funds, and from designated funds like the new Ariel Corporation Advised Fund, established in 2004 by CEO Karen Buchwald Wright.

Legacy Society funds

Legacy Society Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$3,064 Book Value: \$3,064
Contributions: \$3,254.

2004 Legacy Society membership includes:
Sam and Paula Barone, Joseph and Sally Nelson,
Ian and Charlotte Watson.

Scholarship funds

Robert C. Appleton Fund ('80)

Market Value: \$155,370 Book Value: \$120,558
Distributions: \$3,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$3,000.

Arck/Crowthers Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$5,338 Book Value: \$4,521.

Fred Barry Jr. Fund ('93)

Market Value: \$43,910 Book Value: \$37,109
Distributions: \$1,029 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$1,029.

Clark and Lucy Biggs Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$292,052 Book Value: \$238,224
Distributions: \$5,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$5,000.

J. Gordon Bone Jr. Student Aid Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$814,640 Book Value: \$675,762
Distributions: \$15,180 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$15,180.

Karl W. Brown Writing Award Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$7,492 Book Value: \$6,491
Contributions: \$1,057 Distributions: \$500
Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Phil Burghard Memorial Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$11,591 Book Value: \$11,088
Contributions: \$10,974.

Charles E. Cassaday Fund ('90)

Market Value: \$4,927 Book Value: \$4,173.

Helen H. Cooke Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$855,377 Book Value: \$663,524
Distributions: \$18,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$18,000.

Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund ('01)

Market Value: \$327,800 Book Value: \$279,011
Distributions: \$7,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$7,000.

Norma J. Cornell Memorial St. Vincent dePaul Education Fund ('01)

Market Value: \$328,152 Book Value: \$279,933.

Harold "Cookie" Cunningham Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$18,965 Book Value: \$15,235
Distributions: \$400 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$400.

Education & Scholarship Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$1,118 Book Value: \$1,103
Contributions: \$1,100.

Ralph and Ara Flack Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$27,251 Book Value: \$23,989
Distributions: \$750 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$750.

Fredericktown Academic Loan Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$9,674 Book Value: \$8,193.

Pauline B. Freeman Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$1,124,614 Book Value: \$873,684
Distributions: \$21,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$21,000.

Wilbur F. Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund ('99)

Market Value: \$1,363,603 Book Value: \$1,200,356
Distributions: \$20,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$20,000.

Wilbur F. Gaunder Nursing Scholarship Fund ('99)

Market Value: \$126,794 Book Value: \$110,353.

Gelsanliter Family Fund ('65)

Market Value: \$16,461 Book Value: \$14,886
Distributions: \$275 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$275.

Larry Hall Fund ('80)

Market Value: \$3,361 Book Value: \$2,847.

Donald and Sigrid Harnsberger Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$57,196 Book Value: \$50,209.

Brice Hess Memorial Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$500 Book Value: \$600.

Lillian C. Hickman Fund ('96)

Market Value: \$499,521 Book Value: \$384,742
Distributions: \$15,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$15,000.

Charles F. and Zella Horn-Simpson Memorial Fund ('99)

Market Value: \$54,413 Book Value: \$42,304
Distributions: \$1,500 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$1,500.

William S. Hunter Fund ('90)

Market Value: \$20,492 Book Value: \$15,841
Distributions: \$900 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$900.

Cody L. Johnson Memorial Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$3,842 Book Value: \$3,639
Contributions: \$1,927 Distributions: \$500
Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

William and Jennie Johnson Fund ('65)

Market Value: \$403 Book Value: \$341.

Knox County FOP Lodge #47 Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$2,769 Book Value: \$2,542
Contributions: \$2,000 Distributions: \$500
Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Ida Kohl Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$8,006 Book Value: \$6,775.

Rex M. Jr. and Barbara C. Lamb. Fund ('85)

Market Value: \$68,401 Book Value: \$53,006
Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$1,000.

Harriett B. Lawler Fund ('86)

Market Value: \$104,064 Book Value: \$80,431
Distributions: \$3,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$3,000.

Robert and Evelyn Lee Fund ('93)

Market Value: \$6,381 Book Value: \$3,884
Distributions: \$2,700 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$2,700.

Leedy Family Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$5,161 Book Value: \$4,665
Contributions: \$3,000 Distributions: \$3,000
Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$3,000.

John Lee Memorial Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$11,626 Book Value: \$9,748
Distributions: \$400 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$400.

Alexandra Letz Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$29,212 Book Value: \$24,523
Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$1,000.

Alexandra Letz Nursing Fund ('84)

Market Value: \$46,851 Book Value: \$39,634.

Kathryn Ann Levering Memorial Fund ('01)

Market Value: \$19,465 Book Value: \$17,134
Contributions: \$405.

Ralph V. and Anna B. Mowery Fund ('89)

Market Value: \$65,397 Book Value: \$50,924
Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004
Scholarships, \$1,000.

Edna Osborn Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$1,585 Book Value: \$1,343.

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School for weight room.

- \$3,000 to Kenyon College Rural Life Center for radio-series and booklet documenting "family farming" in county.

- \$1,590 to Chamber of Commerce for "Leadership Knox" program scholarships.

- \$2,500 to Knox County Educational Service Center for seventh annual Youth Enrichment Series (Y.E.S.) concerts.

- \$6,000 to Knox County Park District, funding one-half the cost of a parks consultant.



- \$151,000 to Mount Vernon City Council for Foundation Park land acquisition. (above)

- \$3,745 to Village of Gambier for baseball field construction.

- \$5,000 to West Side School for playground improvements.

- \$10,000 building grant to "The Sanctuary" in Danville.

- \$100,000 pledged for Woodward Opera House restoration.

2001

- \$9,000 for Habitat for Humanity tool trailer.

- \$10,000 to Food for the Hungry for 2000 and 2001.

- \$3,000 to Kokosing Early Childhood Center Assessment.

- \$20,000 for Mount Vernon Schools library automation.

- \$10,000 for Dan Emmett Elementary School playground.



Restoration of the Woodward Opera House in Downtown Mount Vernon progresses, aided by a multi-year, \$100,000 Foundation grant. Project Director Patrick Crow (back to camera) enjoys pointing out the Woodward's distinctive elements during group tours, such as this one for the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon, and during individual tours throughout the year.

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- \$901 for WILD School Site at Pleasant Street Elementary.
- \$2,429 to Wiggin Street Elementary School for playground.
- \$4,500 to Danville Schools for theater lighting equipment.
- \$1,600 for "Leadership Knox" program scholarships.



- \$2,000 to Fredericktown Recreation District for multi-purpose building. (above)
- \$3,000 to the Sons of Union Veterans to repair and restore Gettysburg monument honoring Knox County soldiers.
- \$5,100 to the Station Break for range for meal services.
- \$10,267 for New Directions women's shelter facility.
- \$5,000 to American Red Cross for improvements to its county headquarters.
- \$3,500 to for eighth annual Youth Enrichment Series.
- \$15,000 for Centerburg Community and YMCA Wellness Venter Project.

2002

- \$1,300 for camp scholarships for diabetic children
- \$100,000 to City of Mount Vernon for purchase of B&O Railroad Station.
- \$11,000 to Howard Township for three new baseball fields.
- \$3,000 to Knox County Career Center for pre-school materials purchase.
- \$3,300 to Knox County Con-

Arthur J. Packard Jr. Memorial Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$23,979 Book Value: \$20,143 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

Richard Poling Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$79,732 Book Value: \$65,019 Distributions: \$1,500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,500.

William E. and Helen F. Pond Fund ('96)

Market Value: \$14,669 Book Value: \$11,543 Contributions: \$250 Distributions: \$500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Sarah K. Pressler Memorial Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$10,977 Book Value: \$9,242 Contributions: \$405 Distributions: \$500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Psi Iota Xi Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$9,888 Book Value: \$9,317 Contributions: \$9,187.

Dr. Clyde L. and Dora L. Purdy Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$20,318 Book Value: \$15,698 Distributions: \$400 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$400.

J. R. and Lorene Purdy Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$1,068,322 Book Value: \$907,802 Distributions: \$28,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$28,000.

Charles Pursel Memorial Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$7,279 Book Value: \$5,985 Contributions: \$425 Distributions: \$500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Pauline S. Riel Memorial Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$11,142 Book Value: \$10,227 Contributions: \$2,290 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

Mary Catherine Ritter Memorial Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$2,197 Book Value: \$2,171 Contributions: \$2,165.

Danville Masonic Lodge #546 F&AM Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$36,469 Book Value: \$29,913 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

Larry Schisler Memorial Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$24,607 Book Value: \$21,153 Contributions: \$2,850.

Rick L. Scott Memorial Fund ('90)

Market Value: \$56,468 Book Value: \$46,919 Contributions: \$540 Distributions: \$2,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$2,000.

Sims-Rose Family Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$8,348 Book Value: \$7,229 Contributions: \$1,250.

Dean and Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$111,641 Book Value: \$99,924 Contributions: \$12,500 Distributions: \$7,500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$7,500.



A proud young angler shows off his catch from the Knox County Fairgrounds pond at the Third Annual Family Fun Day. The Community Foundation once again served as a major sponsor of the event.

Strang Family Fund ('95)

Market Value: \$28,841 Book Value: \$22,417 Distributions: \$500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Student Scholarship Fund ('64)

Market Value: \$555 Book Value: \$470.

Jay M. and Sarah L. Wilson Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$70,609 Book Value: \$61,344 Contributions: \$10,000 Distributions: \$750 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$750.

William E. Wing Fund ('90)

Market Value: \$17,718 Book Value: \$14,911 Distributions: \$500 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$500.

Charles and Helen Zelkowitz Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$39,102 Book Value: \$32,602 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

Charles M. Zelkowitz Community Service Fund ('73)

Market Value: \$39,100 Book Value: \$32,614 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ethics Fund ('93)

Market Value: \$41,438 Book Value: \$34,656 Distributions: \$1,000 Grantees: 2004 Scholarships, \$1,000.

(A list of Knox County students who received 2004 scholarship awards from these funds appears on pages 19-22.)

Unrestricted funds

Following the list of unrestricted funds is a summary of grants approved by the board of trustees, using unrestricted fund income. In addition unrestricted funds also contributed \$28,000 to the Foundation's scholarship program.

Ariel Corporation Fund ('97)

Market Value: \$259,100 Book Value: \$210,363.

Frank L. and Anna Beam Fund ('79)

Market Value: \$21,586 Book Value: \$15,817.

Henry L. and Alice M. Beecher Fund ('54)

Market Value: \$8,118 Book Value: \$5,948.

Luke B. Biggs Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$202,464 Book Value: \$148,352.

Ralph L. and Doris Boyer Fund ('87)

Market Value: \$208,902 Book Value: \$153,069.

Charles F. Colville Fund ('59)

Market Value: \$2,157 Book Value: \$1,581.

George Culbertson Fund ('67)

Market Value: \$11,084 Book Value: \$9,501.

Leona Culbertson Fund ('95)

Market Value: \$387 Book Value: \$332.

James H. Debes Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$215,680 Book Value: \$158,036.

Jennie J. Debes Fund ('69)

Market Value: \$318,769 Book Value: \$233,573.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Fairchild Fund ('60)

Market Value: \$3,238 Book Value: \$2,373.

Harry and Lovella Foster Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$125,739 Book Value: \$112,341.

General Fund of the Foundation ('44)

Market Value: \$2,518,837 Book Value: \$1,850,700 Contributions: \$2,682.

Morton M. Hansen Fund ('03)

Market Value: \$225,301 Book Value: \$217,947 Contributions: \$112,367.

Knox County Savings Bank Fund ('62)

Market Value: \$8,635 Book Value: \$6,327.

Lamb Glass Company Fund ('46)

Market Value: \$10,791 Book Value: \$7,907.

Lawrence and Josephine Lewis Fund ('91)

Market Value: \$42,378 Book Value: \$31,051.

Community Foundation Memorial Fund ('44)

Market Value: \$27,401 Book Value: \$21,317 Contributions: \$50. (See list of honorees below.)

William A. Moore and Geraldine Moore Fowler Fund ('02)

Market Value: \$5,611 Book Value: \$5,134.

The Mount Vernon Bridge Company Fund ('45)

Market Value: \$16,191 Book Value: \$11,864.

Ohio Magazine Fund ('94)

Market Value: \$4,957 Book Value: \$3,632.

Nancy J. Page Fund ('86)

Market Value: \$254,517 Book Value: \$186,493.

Havilah Phelps Fund ('95)

Market Value: \$8,235 Book Value: \$6,034.

Margaret Polahar Memorial Fund ('95)

Market Value: \$4,419 Book Value: \$3,251.

Pond Motors Sales Fund ('50)

Market Value: \$863 Book Value: \$632.

William Pond Fund ('74)

Market Value: \$616 Book Value: \$528.

J. R. and Lorene Purdy Memorial Fund ('00)

Market Value: \$951,615 Book Value: \$897,249.

Russell E. Ramser Memorial Fund ('96)

Market Value: \$18,607 Book Value: \$16,945.

Residential Homes of Knox County ('99)

Market Value: \$22,268 Book Value: \$22,210.

Rudin Company Fund ('47)

Market Value: \$21,586 Book Value: \$15,817.

J. W. Rudin Jr. Fund ('47)

Market Value: \$2,157 Book Value: \$1,581.

J. W. Rudin Sr. Fund ('77)

Market Value: \$4,684 Book Value: \$3,432.

W. M. Rudin Fund ('60)

Market Value: \$2,157 Book Value: \$1,581.

Sanderson-Salisbury Memorial Fund ('68)

Market Value: \$60,739 Book Value: \$48,615.

Berta H. Schnebly Fund ('92)

Market Value: \$31,127 Book Value: \$22,808.

Kathryn A. Sheedy Fund ('04)

Market Value: \$387,234 Book Value: \$380,466 Contributions: \$375,000.

Belle Shrontz Fund ('83)

Market Value: \$1,317,095 Book Value: \$965,079.

Community Foundation Special Projects Fund ('89)

Market Value: \$300,601 Book Value: \$297,987 Distributions: \$32,000. Grantees: City of Mount

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vention and Visitors' Bureau for tents, chairs and tables.

- \$17,250 to Village of Danville for athletic field lighting.

- \$6,000 to Kokosing Gap Trail for tractor purchase.

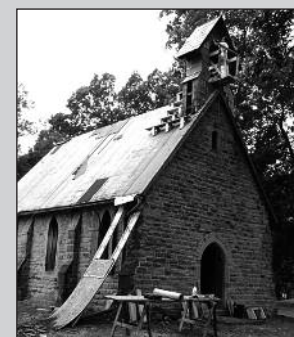
- \$1,000 to Knox County Education Service Center for for autistic childrens' curriculum and equipment.

- \$6,000 to Columbia Elementary School for playground.

- \$209,000 land grant for Wolf Run Regional Park.

- \$14,393 for Fredericktown Historical Society site rehab.

- \$5,000 for Food for the Hungry campaign.



- \$25,000 for Gambier Quarry Chapel restoration. (above)

- \$2,000 for Dan Emmett Arts & Music Festival to establish recurring fundraising project.

- \$10,000 for wireless computers at Elmwood School.

- \$1,000 to co-sponsor First Annual Family Fun Day.

- \$3,500 for ninth annual Youth Enrichment Series.

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- \$5,000 for Food for the Hungry campaign.

- \$5,000 to East Knox Athletic Boosters for field lighting.

- \$25,000 for Centerburg Community and YMCA Wellness Center Project

- \$3,000 for Mount Vernon Girls' Softball tractor.

The Community Foundation Memorial Fund

Contributions have been made to the Community Foundation as a perpetual tribute to the following:

Thomas D. Badger • Herbert L. Belden • John L. Burgoon • Clyde G. Conley • Leona Culbertson • Elizabeth Devalon • Margaret Devalon • Justin E. Devalon • Robert Harnsberger • The Ralph Headington Family • H. Grant Heckler • Departed friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hollinger • Dr. George and Lucille Imhoff • Fred W. Kahrl • R.M. Lamb • John E. Mickley • John M. Miller • Jean Prosser • Agnes Devalon Rentz • Frederick J. Rentz • John D. Rentz • Stephen P. Rentz • David Mark Rose • George Sasser • Paul E. Slaughter Jr. • Annie Sommerville • Harry Strodtbeck • Fred A. Surlas • The Symposiarchs • Claude F. Turben • William Kay Walker • Justine Devalon Williams • Jack Zeller

- \$3,000 for Lamb Park little league field improvements.
- \$1,500 to Regional Planning for "Cost of Services" study.
- \$7,000 to City of Mount Vernon for downtown landscaping.
- \$1,590 for "Leadership Knox" program scholarships.
- \$11,500 for American Red Cross automatic external defibrillator purchases.
- \$17,250 for Danville stadium lighting project.
- \$40,000 pledge for Red Cross multi-purpose building to be paid in years 2003-2005.
- \$1,500 for stage replacement at the Memorial Theater.
- \$100,000 pledged for Fredericktown Community Center.
- \$2,500 for repaving project at Danville "Sanctuary."
- \$20,000 for Girl Scouts Camp Cornish lodge.
- \$5,000 for East Knox stadium lighting project.
- \$4,000 for 10th annual Youth Enrichment Series concerts.



- \$2,800 for Danville area Sew Special Network.(above)
- \$1,000 for Second Annual Family Fun Day sponsorship.
- \$1,000 for Chamber of Commerce membership project.

2004

(See "Grants from unrestricted funds" on this page.)

Vernon B&O Station Restoration, \$20,000; Mary Miller life estate, \$12,000.

Mrs. Walter Sperry Family Fund ('66)
Market Value: \$6,059 Book Value: \$4,440.

Blanche Stevenson Fund ('93)
Market Value: \$20,847 Book Value: \$15,275.

Mary Blanche Stucky Fund ('94)
Market Value: \$19,697 Book Value: \$14,433.

Frederick and Carol Surlas Fund ('74)
Market Value: \$5,945 Book Value: \$5,590.

Zenno and Mae Taylor General Fund ('76)
Market Value: \$624,086 Book Value: \$508,076.

Perry and Louise Trinkner ('89)
Market Value: \$21,103 Book Value: \$17,421
Contributions: \$3,071.

Jean Ann Wagner Fund ('99)
Market Value: \$81,868 Book Value: \$80,923.

Beatty B. Williams Memorial Fund ('85)
Market Value: \$1,104,629 Book Value: \$963,544.

Edith Williams Fund ('73)
Market Value: \$22,723 Book Value: \$21,029.

Lawrence F. and Ruby Williams Fund ('69)
Market Value: \$326,379 Book Value: \$292,422.

Arthur C. and Ada B. Wolfe Fund ('69)
Market Value: \$43,173 Book Value: \$31,634.

Grants from unrestricted funds

American Red Cross of Knox County
\$15,000 Second installment of a grant to assist with the construction of a new multi-purpose building.

Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce
\$1,000 To support the "Leadership Knox" membership enhancement campaign for the Chamber of Commerce.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University
\$50,000 Prince Student Union expansion and renovation campaign – Phase I.

Kokosing Gap Trail
\$2,000 Contribution to assist with the trail's repaving of its Mount Vernon to Gambier segment.

Mount Vernon Federal Little League
\$2,000 Grant to support improvements to the youth baseball facility at Dan Emmett Park. *(This grant was coupled with a contribution of \$1,000 from the Mount Vernon Youth Baseball Leagues Fund.)*

Knox County Educational Service Center
\$4,000 For the eleventh consecutive year the Foundation was the principal funder of the Youth Enrichment Series (Y.E.S.) for Knox County students.

Danville Local Schools
\$1,500 A matching grant to assist in the construction of a "safe sidewalk" used by elementary school students.

Village of Centerburg
\$3,000 A contribution to assist with construction of the "Trojan Trail," a paved walkway linking the central village with the newly constructed middle school and high school.

Mount Vernon Colt Football
\$3,000 For the purchase of portable electric scoreboards for use during league competition.

United Way of Knox County
\$2,000 A grant to support the community needs assessment project under the leadership of the United Way.

Knox County Asset Builders
\$1,000 A grant to co-sponsor the third annual Family Fun Day at the Knox County Fairgrounds.

Knox County Regional Planning Commission
\$1,000 To support the periodic update of the Knox County Comprehensive Plan.

Mount Vernon-Knox County Chamber of Commerce
\$1,590 To provide scholarships for participants in the "Leadership Knox" program.

Kokosing Gap Trail
\$3,000 Contribution for the construction of a maintenance facility near the Trail's Gambier station.

Heritage Centre Association
\$6,000 To enable the Heritage Centre publication of Dr. Lorle Porter's book, entitled *Politics and Peril Mount Vernon, Ohio in the Nineteenth Century*, in observance of the city's bicentennial.

Mount Vernon Bicentennial Commission
\$2,928 To provide seed money for the production of a six-part bicentennial video chronicling the history of the city.

Food for the Hungry
\$5,000 A grant to sponsor the annual Gingerbread House Auction which benefits the Food for the Hungry campaign.

Junior Achievement of Knox County
\$2,500 To provide materials for Junior Achievement curriculum at the Centerburg and Mount Vernon middle schools.

Grants approved by the board in 2004, but payable in future years, include:

Knox Community Hospital
\$125,000 A leadership gift to Knox Community Hospital's "Hope Accelerated Campaign," which will bring radiation oncology services closer to Knox County cancer patients. Grant payments are deferred to 2005-2008.

Arthritis Foundation, Central Ohio Chapter
\$1,500 To provide local *Tai-Chi* instructor training for therapies adapted to arthritis victims. Grant payment is deferred to 2005. ●

Foundation chairs reflect on our first six decades

Participation nurtured founders' vision

Shortly after the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County observed its 60th anniversary, on December 1, 2004, Executive Director Sam Barone invited Chairman Mark Ramser, and immediate past-chairs, Maureen Buchwald and William Stroud, to reflect on the institution's accomplishments and future. The three chairs represent decades of service on the Foundation board, beginning in 1966. Readers should be aware the terms "Community Trust" and "Community Foundation" are used interchangeably throughout the interview.

Barone: By any measure the first six decades of the Community Trust, now the Community Foundation, have been extremely productive. In view of the fact many communities larger than ours have considerably less-evolved foundations, or none at all, let me begin by asking why do you believe we have been so fortunate?

Buchwald: I'll start by saying that having a Fortune 500 company with very responsible community-oriented people in its management is the reason the Community Trust was started. I am referring to what was then the Cooper-Bessemer Company and, in particular, to its president, Beatty B. Williams. Of course, it wasn't just one person, and our history clearly credits the co-founders, but Williams and Cooper-Bessemer provided the leadership. Initially there was a lot of focus on religious and humanistic responsibility related to community life – I'm thinking of the YMCA and how much money was committed to the Trust for the purpose of supporting that organization – and since then a lot of economic things that have happened that broadened the scope of the Trust, and now the Foundation.

Barone: What were some of those events?

Buchwald: What immediately comes to mind is the Nazarene University. I don't know the exact details, but I believe Bill Stroud's, and others', initiatives with area development had a lot to do with the decision to locate the college in Mount Vernon. There's certainly nothing wrong with being a two-college community! Not only does it have economic impact; it provides wonderful cultural benefits as well. The Trust had a lot to do with that. And there have been other developments, like parks and new community organizations that would never have come into existence if they had not received seed money from the Trust.

Barone: Mark or Bill, anything to add in this regard?

Ramser: One reason our Foundation is as large as it is, is the fact we got an early start, compared to some of our sur-

rounding counties. Ashland County's Foundation was established in 1995, Coshocton County's in 1967, Licking County's in 1956, and Richland County's, which is significantly larger than ours, in 1945, just a year after our own. Starting 60 years ago surely contributed to the size of the fund that we have today. Community-minded people going back six decades got the ball rolling; and more recently people like Bill Stroud, who championed the Community Trust even when it was operating without an executive director, contributed greatly to our success.

Stroud: As Mark indicated, I have always placed a high value on the need to promote (I hesitate to use the word "sell") the Community Trust. I don't mean to say, to promote the Trust in and of itself, but to educate potential contributors about the good things that can be accomplished by using the Trust. Therefore, I would give a lot of the credit to all those individuals in the legal profession, who over the years encour-

aged their clients to consider the Community Trust, now the Community Foundation, as an instrument for philanthropy.

Barone: Any individuals that especially come to mind?

Stroud: I hesitate to identify particular individuals because my recollection is not that good. But my sense is that the ZBC firm – it was just ZB at the time, Charlie Zerkowitz and Fred Barry – was probably instrumental in getting the Trust off the ground. Charlie, in fact, drafted the original trust documents in 1944. We've been fortunate since then to have the assistance of so many local attorneys, talking to their clients about the Foundation, and it's really a priority for us to continue to engage the legal community in this effort.

Buchwald: I would echo the sentiment that attorneys and other tax planners in this community have been loyal partners of the Trust. If we hadn't had that kind of cooperation we would not have grown as much

as we have. And, of course, we have our good uncle to thank for the tax code, which encourages many in the community to consider using the Foundation. Before we move on, let me mention one additional factor. First-Knox National Bank has always been more than just an investment venue for the Trust; really it has been a partner.

Stroud: As president of First-Knox, which was entrusted with investing the endowment fund, I was always a little sensitive about appearing self-serving when I promoted the Community Trust. But I have to say, when I first came to the bank in



Foundation Park, with its proximity to downtown, its stocked lakes and other amenities, is frequently cited as one of the Community Foundation's most foresighted investments. It was acquired by Mount Vernon in 2000.



William A. Stroud

Chairman
1988–1997

**Represented
First-Knox
Bank, trustee**
1967–1987

1967 I was amazed by the size of the Trust, relative to the size of the community, and also by the range of local projects that had been supported by the Trust. And I still am today.

Ramser: It's interesting in looking back at the individuals, who were the initial trustees of the organization, that few, if any, of their organizations are still in existence in Mount Vernon in the same form. Most of their companies eventually left the area or went out of business, with the exception of the ZBC law firm, and Rolls-Royce, which is the successor to Cooper. But the legacy of what they started 60 years ago lives on.

(For the record co-founders of the Trust on December 1, 1944, along with Beatty B. Williams of Cooper-Bessemer, were: Clyde G. Conley of the Mount Vernon Bridge Company; Bert W. Martin of Shellmar Products Corporation; Thomas McDowell of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and John W. Rudin of the Rudin Company. Charles M. Zelkowitz served as the first secretary of the Distribution Committee.)

Barone: That's good background for our discussion. Beginning with you, Maureen, I'd like to ask each of you to identify an initiative during your chairmanship that you look upon with particular satisfaction.

Buchwald: I'm not sure that I would refer to it as an initiative, but certainly the most significant occurrence was the gift of the Mary Miller property to the Trust, which recently was melded with Knox Woods and the former Prescott property to create Wolf Run Regional Park, along Yauger Road. It is truly a big and beautiful place for people to enjoy themselves. By way of initiative the most significant action, I think, involved the organization itself in the late 1990s. We had been a very small committee of five trustees considering a lot of different kinds of projects, many of which we didn't know much about. In fact, I can remember carefully going through applications for scholarships that involved individuals who were going to be nurses, or who were seeking other degrees. We really didn't know these people well, and we weren't doing as good a job evaluating them as we should have been. At that point we started to think about becoming a community foundation rather than a trust, and we quickly learned the process of becoming a foundation was relatively complicated. Our secretary, attorney Bob Rauzi spent a lot of time researching rules and regulations governing community foundations, and we finally did bring in a consultant to guide us through the transition. It was critical for us to do this because our assets were growing significantly and the job was growing bigger and more difficult for five people to handle. The expansion to a 12-member board gave us the opportunity to have committees with specific responsibilities and allowed us to evaluate grant applications the way they deserved to be. I look back on that as one of the most important things we accomplished.

Ramser: I heartily agree with Maureen on both of those issues, and a third item that comes to mind is the contribution the Community Foundation made for Foundation Park, providing about half the funds to acquire that strategically located expanse of land, so close to Downtown Mount Vernon. I think Foundation Park represents a great opportunity for the city to expand its recreational options in the future.

Buchwald: And that was one of the critical community needs brought to light by the Focus 2100 study several years ago. Of course, everybody wants economic development – because jobs and prosperity are associated with that – but aside from that, the Trust had the opportunity to kick-start those things that people really saw as contributing to quality of life.

Ramser: One of the things that really enables us to do that is our so-called Special Projects Fund for which we have set



Maureen Buchwald

Chairman
1998–1999

Board Member
1990–1997



Mark R. Ramser

Chairman
2000–Present

Board Member
1997–Present

aside \$25,000 of our general fund income each year, going back to the early to mid-1990s. Until a few years ago, none of those funds had been spent. They accumulated and grew, allowing us to contribute to projects like Foundation Park, Wolf Run and the ongoing B & O Railroad Station restoration.

Barone: Bill, I believe the Special Projects Fund, and the emphasis on parks and green space preservation had their roots in your chairmanship. Why did these concerns get your attention?

Stroud: I don't recall that I was individually responsible for creating the Special Projects Fund, but I have always been interested in creating funds to help this community be the finest, most desirable physical location possible. It has been a long-term personal vision that we preserve green space and create beautiful parks for our families to enjoy. Certainly, as a banker, I have never been against growth and development or new construction. But the retention of green space that makes Knox County the beautiful place to live that it is, has always been an interest – I'm a country boy, after all.

Barone: All three of you have led by example, using the Foundation for personal philanthropy. Other than wanting to set a good example for the community, what have you found to be particularly advantageous about investing in, and giving through, the Community Foundation?

Buchwald: I think it's the expectation of the community that the Foundation will be a leader. When a major project is contemplated, if you really want it to work and you're involved in the project financially, it's great to have the Foundation as a partner. And again, because the tax code is such, it actually expands your dollars' capability if it comes through the Foundation. Not only does it grow tax-free, but in many cases it's totally gift tax-free as well. And you yourself could not do that. At least that's what I think.

Barone: Bill, you and your wife also use the Foundation for charitable giving. Any special reasons for doing so?

Stroud: The Community Foundation is in a position to know about opportunities for philanthropy that I, as an individual, might never come across. It just makes good sense to utilize an organization that has a wonderful reputation in the community and that is ideally positioned to bring together donors and organizations that share a desire to enhance the community. The ability to have one's charitable funds professionally managed at an extremely low cost is also very attractive.

Ramser: I haven't contributed as much to date through the Foundation as Bill or Maureen have, but my wife and I do have longer-term plans in that regard. One of the things I especially value with the Foundation is the knowledge there's going to be a group of individuals on the Foundation board, 50 or 100 years from now, who I know are going to exercise good judgment deciding how my contributions will be spent. Certainly there will arise community needs that we cannot anticipate today and by providing money for those projects that will come up down the road, I think the community can really be strengthened.

Buchwald: That reminds me that there have been a number of small private trusts whose purpose for being has simply gone out of the public eye. It doesn't exist anymore. It's sort of a buggy whip kind of thing. And because the members of the Community Foundation board have exactly the point of view that Mark just mentioned, they are able to say, "This is a similar need. This is the kind of project that we could use those dollars for." You can always write into your gift document a contingency, that if this project or this particular area of chari-

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–Mark Ramser

table action no longer exists, it can go to the General Fund and the General Fund will always be carefully invested by thoughtful people who are looking at what the community wants and needs.

Barone: Finally, I would like to ask each of you to discuss what you believe are unmet or emerging needs in Knox County that the Community Foundation ought to be focusing upon in the next few years.

Ramser: One thing we'd all like to see is more parkland – not just in Mount Vernon but also in other areas throughout Knox County. I think we can do similar projects like we've done with the Mary Miller project where we can take a specific gift of land and leverage it into a much larger project. I think it's wonderful opportunities like that we need to keep our eyes open for. There are always worthy projects that need funds – more funds than we have; so if we can grow the Foundation through increased lifetime giving and giving through bequests, we can help to a greater extent with the kind of projects we're already involved with.

Buchwald: I think there are some concerns more in the public eye too. It has been very surprising to me how many houses are being built in this county, and I personally think that we don't have the best planning for this rapid development. I think we probably do need more cooperation among townships, counties, and cities, and towns within the county. I'm not suggesting that they don't cooperate now, but unified planning is needed to use land to its best advantage. Let me offer an example. Most townships have a five-acre minimum for a structure; and that's not really a good way to develop because you have road entries for every five acres. You have septic systems. You don't have public water. You don't have public sewers. We haven't had to deal with these problems because the concentration of population hasn't been that high. But, it's getting higher. We will lose our rural sense if we don't have better planning. I know there's resistance to that because the citizen thinks his rights are being stepped on. However, I'm convinced he is not going to be happy with the result, without such planning.

Barone: So, do you see the Foundation, perhaps, providing leadership for such planning?

Buchwald: Perhaps leadership for studies, leadership for implementation by city planners or rural community planners. I think those things, as population continues to increase, will be critical. Our infrastructure needs planning as well. I think a lot of good things have happened, such as an improved water system in Mount Vernon; but we haven't – and it's a bad word to some – annexed some areas we should have that would enable us to better plan our roads.

Barone: Bill, based on your 30-year relationship with the institution, perhaps you could offer the final word on the kinds of needs and issues the Community Foundation should be focused upon in the years ahead.

Stroud: The Foundation has always been successful in zeroing-in on quality-of-life issues in Knox County, and institutionally we need to continue educating the community about the benefits of using the Foundation. I would say, keep focused on these thing with particular emphasis on increasing scholarship funds for our young people; supporting jobs and business, such as we have with funds for airport enhancement and the industrial park; and, once again, by preserving green space and developing parks like the new Wolf Run area.

Barone: Thank you, all, for your reflections on the Community Foundation. ●

Trust, Foundation have prospered for six decades

1944-1954

Contributions: \$571,739
Grants: \$483,360

Community Trust Assets
\$111,927

1955-1964

Contributions: \$457,746
Grants: \$300,397

Community Trust Assets
\$289,956

1965-1974

Contributions: \$1,367,780
Grants: \$825,992

Community Trust Assets
\$1,231,279

1975-1984

Contributions: \$2,425,862
Grants: \$1,843,444

Community Trust Assets
\$4,096,803

1985-1994

Contributions: \$3,501,695
Grants: \$5,051,849

Community Trust Assets
\$9,923,845

1995-2004

Contributions: \$12,137,428
Grants: \$6,758,010

Community
Foundation Assets
\$23,610,383



Assets stated as book values. Market value of assets as of December 31, 2004 was \$27,797,399.

Scholarship funds total \$195,289

Foundation honors 154 Knox County scholars

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Venus A. Anderson (FHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, Central Ohio Technical College.

Bethany J. Andrzejewski (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Wright State University.

Ginger A. Archer (GED), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Ohio University.

Christine E. Arnold (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Syracuse University.

Julie M. Arnold (MVHS), Robert C. Appleton Fund, \$1,000; J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, Olivet Nazarene University.

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Deanna R. Baker (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Boston University.

Andre C. Ballard (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Agricultural Technical Institute.

Dayne M. Baughman (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Kenyon College.

Kassandra L. Beachy (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Cedarville University.

Joel S. Beckett (MVHS), Robert & Evelyn Lee Fund, \$2,700, Kenyon College.

Ashley N. Beckley (EKHS), Charles & Helen Zelkowitz Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Agricultural Technical Institute.

Eric A. Bell (CHS), Dean and Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Fund, \$1,500, The Ohio State University-Newark.

Rebecca J. Betts (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Arizona State University.

Christopher J. Birie (FHS), Dean and Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Fund, \$1,500, The Ohio State University.

Molly A. Blair (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Hocking College.

Nicholas J. Blencowe (MVHS), Sarah Karolin Pressler Memorial Fund; \$500, Strang Family Fund, \$500 Grinnell College.

Thomas W. Bodart (MVHS), Harriett B. Lawler Fund, \$1,000, University of Notre Dame.

Charles G. Bonsell (MVHS), Wilbur F. Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund, \$10,000, The Ohio State University.

Renee C. Bonsell (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University.

Sarah I. Boone (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University.

Sophie R. Boone (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

Joseph P. Bratton (DHS), Wilbur F. Gaunder Engineering Scholarship Fund, \$10,000, The Ohio State University.

Theresa M. Bratton (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Denison University.

Marion R. Brill (UHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, The Ohio State University.

Aubrey E. Brown (FHS), Karl W. Brown Writing Award Fund, \$500, The College of Wooster.

Dane A. Brown (FHS), Leedy Family Fund, \$1,000, University of Cincinnati.

Becky Jo Buchholz (Troy H.S.), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Knox County Career Center.

Garrett A. Bunnell (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University.

Lauren K. Burley (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$2,000, Kenyon College.

Ryan K. Burt (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University.

Jacob S. Bush (MVHS), William E. & Helen F. Pond Fund, \$500; Pauline S. Riel Memorial Fund, \$500, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

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Christopher P. Campbell (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Bowling Green State University.

Suzanne K. Campbell (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Otterbein College.

Seth A. Carpenter (MVHS), Arthur J. Packard Jr. Memorial Fund, \$1,000, John Carroll University.

Sarah E. Carter (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000; J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Indiana Wesleyan.



Wilbur F. Gaunder Scholarship winner Joseph P. Bratton of Danville is flanked by his parents, Linda and Charlie Bratton, and by Foundation Chair Mark Ramser (left). The scholarship provides \$10,000 per year for undergraduate engineering study. Bratton attends Ohio State.

Angela M. Chadwick (DHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Central Ohio Technical College.

Nathan L. Clark (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Taylor University.

Lindsay M. Clouston (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Taylor University.

Amanda J. Cochran (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The University of Toledo.

Clayton A. Cochran (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Kent State University.

Shaun R. Coffield (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Ashland University.

Kelly R. Cothren (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Kent State University.

Cassandra L. Craig (CHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Newark.

Jessica L. Crescuillo (MVHS), Dean and Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Fund, \$1,500, The Ohio State University.

Elizabeth A. Crowner (HOME), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$2,000, Cedarville University.

Megan A. Curran (MVHS), Charles F. & Zella Horn-Simpson Memorial Fund, \$1,500, Denison University.

D

Laura K. Daniels (LHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Med Central College of Nursing.

Quinn B. Devlin (MVHS), Richard Poling Fund, \$1,500, University of Miami (Florida).

John G. Disbennett (DHS), Cody L. Johnson Memorial Fund, \$500, Wyotech.

Elizabeth J. Donaldson (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$2,000, College of Wooster.

Amber J. Douglas (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Andrew P. Doup (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Miami University.

Morgann M. Doup (CFHS), Charles M. Zelkowitz Community Service Fund, \$1,000, Pensacola Christian College.

Amanda M. Durbin (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Otterbein College.

Mallorie E. Durbin (DHS), Harriett B. Lawler Fund, \$1,000, University of Rio Grande.

E

Karol A. Eckle (NEWARK), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, Ohio University.

Michelle E. Elder (MVHS), Clark & Lucy Biggs Fund, \$1,000, Otterbein College.

Tracey L. Epley (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Marion Technical College.

F

Erin M. Fitzpatrick (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Central Ohio Technical College.

Jordan L. Fontes (FHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Med Central College of Nursing.

Katie A. Frank (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Wright State University.

G

Kristen L. Gallogly (MVHS), Stephen W. Zelkowitz Ethics Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Newark.

Joy E. Gardiner (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, Grove City College.

Michael J. Gearheart (FHS), John M. Lee Fund, \$400, University of Northwestern Ohio.

Charlyn E. Geiger (FHS), Leedy Family Fund, \$1,000, The University of Akron.

Jessica M. Glass (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, University of Cincinnati.

Andrea N. Glibert (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$2,000, Miami University.

Andrea N. Glibert (MVHS), Rick L. Scott Memorial Fund, \$1,000, Miami University.

Jessica M. Gresley (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Central Ohio Technical College.

Cheryl L. Grimes (EKHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Central Ohio Technical College.

Christopher F. Guarnera (CHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Newark.

H

Marc G. Hadley (EKHS), Danville Masonic Lodge #546 F & AM Fund, \$500, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Matthew R. Hannan (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The University of Toledo.

Rhonda M. Hood (DHS), Ralph V. & Anna B. Mowery Fund, \$500, University of Toledo.

Ronald R. Hook (EKHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$2,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Jonathan D. Horn (LHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Denison University.

Mark E. Humphrey (FHS), Lillian C. Hickman Fund, \$5,000, Wright State School of Medicine.

Tonya J. Hunter (MVHS), Robert C. Appleton Fund, \$1,000, Ohio Northern University.

Amanda J. Hysell (MVHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, Knox County Career Center.

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John D. Idoine III (MVHS), Lillian C. Hickman Fund, \$5,000, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Sara E. Imboden (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$2,000, Miami University.

J

Carla B. Jagger (Mount Gilead H.S.), Pauline S. Riel Fund, \$500, The Ohio State University.

Colleen M. Janczak (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, College of Wooster.

Brandon R. Jewell (CHS), William S. Hunter Fund, \$500, DeVry University.

Jacqueline D. Johnson-Neighbarger (EKHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, Central Ohio Technical College.

Erin L. Judd (CHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Otterbein College.



Ashley S. Karas (CHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Knox County Career Center.

Amber N. Keihl (CHS), William S. Hunter Fund, \$400, The Ohio State University.

Lorianne Kerr (EKHS), Dean and Audrey Spearman "Rollin' Buckeye" Fund, \$1,500, The Ohio State University-Newark.

How to apply for Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation Scholarship Program has three components, each with its specific set of deadlines and award announcement dates. Information for all three scholarship competitions is available in January of each year at our website – www.mvkcfoundation.org – by clicking the "Granst Seekers" link. There you will find a comprehensive list of available scholarships, and all application forms in a downloadable PDF format.

The first, and largest, group of scholarships is for graduating seniors and current traditional college students. Generally speaking, applicants need not apply for individual scholarships, as the selection committee considers all students for all applicable awards. The application deadline is typically late February, and scholarship recipients are named at the May and June high school senior award ceremonies.

The deadline for the Purdy Veterinary, Hickman Medical and Gaunder Engineering scholarships, for currently enrolled college students, is usually late March or early April, with recipients being announced in June.

Finally, there is an early June deadline for J. R. & Lorene Purdy Scholarships, which are intended for non-traditional students, such as adults seeking retraining for a new profession. Please see the application cover sheet for complete information on eligibility.



Joseph P. Lahmon (MVHS), Rick L. Scott Memorial Fund, \$1,000, Youngstown State University.

Bethany J. Lamb (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Catherine A. Larrick (DHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$500, Otterbein College.

Rachel L. Lawless (CHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Denison University.

Marshall J. Leaman (MVHS), Alexandra D. Letz Fund, \$1,000, Ohio University.

Andrea N. Lechleitner (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Carrie E. Levering (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University.

Cassandra L. Loney (EKHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Agricultural Technical Institute.



Sarah T. Mann (MVHS), William E. Wing Fund, \$500, Otterbein College.

Jenell C. Marlow (MVHS), Harold B. "Cookie" Cunningham Scholarship Fund, \$400; General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000 Miami University.

Alexandra S. Marvar (MVHS), Norma J. Cornell Memorial Fund, \$1,000, Vassar College.

John R. Matzel (EKHS), Ralph & Ara Flack, \$750, DeVry University.

Megan M. Maurer (MVHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Point Loma Nazarene University.

Haley J. McCoy (FHS), Helen H. Cooke Fund, \$1,000, The University of Toledo.

Brent R. Meyer (EKHS), Rex M. Jr. & Barbara C. Lamb Fund, \$1,000, University of Akron.

Darrin J. Meyer (EKHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, The University of Toledo.

Adam C. Miller (DHS), Pauline B. Freeman Fund, \$1,000, University of Akron.

Bradley R. Moore (FHS), Clark & Lucy Biggs Fund, \$1,000, Bluffton College.

Sarah J. Moreland (CHS), General Scholarship Fund, \$1,000, Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Amy D. Morrison (LHS), J.R. & Lorene Purdy Fund, \$1,000, The Ohio State University-Mansfield.

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Executive Director Sam Barone (left) presented Community Foundation scholarships at the 2004 Knox County Career Center Senior Awards Ceremony held on the neighboring MVNU campus.

Receiving scholarships were: (from left) John Disbennett, Kristen Gallogly, Ashley Beckley, Michael Gearheart, Jeremiah Rodden, Morgann Doup and Brandon Jewell.

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Nature sanctuary to honor Kathryn A. Sheedy; her trust also creates new unrestricted fund

As best he can remember, former Knox County Commissioner Cedric Coonfare says he and former ODNR naturalist Guy Denny began talking to Kathryn A. (Kay) Sheedy in the early 1990s about her 40-acre Morrow County tract near Centerburg.

Coonfare was a second cousin to Kay Sheedy, who died November 19, 2003, in Westerville, where she had retired following a long teaching career. Coonfare and Denny believed Ms. Sheedy's woodlands, situated in a rapidly developing area, needed to be protected, owing to the the floral species that proliferate within. The ecologically significant woodlands are also the point of origination for the North Fork of the Licking River.

Ms. Sheedy proved to be of like mind, entrusting the property to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County, guarded by covenants that will safeguard its natural assets, and "enhance its use as an open space and green area for the community."

The Community Foundation board will likely accept a proposal from the Morrow County Park District to provide oversight of, and eventually acquire, the "Kathryn A. Sheedy Sanctuary."

Foundation Chairman Mark Ramser said, "We hope to duplicate in Morrow County our successful collaboration with the Knox County Park District, which helped create the Wolf Run Regional Park. In that instance the Foundation contributed protected land, which had been gifted to it by Mary M. Miller, enabling the park district to acquire a state grant to purchase adjacent properties."

Kay Sheedy's generosity to Knox County was by no means limited to the woodlands that had been in the Wolf Family for generations, passing from her great-grandmother, to her mother Mary (Barr) Sheedy, to her. Through her

trustee, Westerville Attorney Bruce Bailey, she also provided unrestricted funds in the amount of \$375,000 (to date) to both the Community Foundation and the Knox County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In accepting the contribution on behalf of the Foundation, Ramser said, "In view of the fact Ms. Sheedy lived most of her life elsewhere, we are pleased Ms. Sheedy chose to direct the majority of her estate to Knox County."

Ms. Sheedy's father, Charles R. Sheedy, served as Knox County Clerk of Courts from 1929-1935, as well as president of the Danville Bank, which was later acquired by First-Knox, according to Ced Coonfare.

Coonfare recalls the Sheedy family home was on Hartford Avenue in Centerburg, and that Kay Sheedy graduated from Centerburg High School about 1935, prior to departing for Ohio University to earn her B.S. in education. She later received a master's degree from The Ohio State University, and her teaching career spanned nearly 35 years, including assignments in Lewisville and Wooster and a 24-year tenure in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

Kay Sheedy joined her father in retirement in 1977 and they settled in Westerville, where she remained extremely active in civic affairs until becoming ill in 1998. She was past-president of New Century, and a member of the Church of the Messiah, the Westerville Historical Society, the Westerville Garden Club, the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, the Order of Eastern Star and the Anti-Saloon League, among other organizations. Her travels took her through the Khyber Pass, Afghanistan, Machu Pichu in the Peruvian Andes, and other exotic locales.

She was preceeded in death by her only sibling, Jack. •



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Mark R. Ramser is president of Ohio Cumberland Gas Company, and previously worked as an accountant with Kraft Foods. He and his wife Denise have three school-age children and reside in Gambier. He is a graduate of Loudonville High School, and The Ohio State University with a degree in business administration. Ramser also serves as president of the Knox County Historical Society, chairman of Area Development Foundation, chairman of the Epworth United Methodist Church board, and as a board member of the Mount Vernon YMCA. He enjoys tennis and Knox County history.



Douglas O. Brenneman, Vice Chair

Appointed by the Foundation Board

Douglas O. Brenneman is CEO of the Brenneman Lumber Company, with which he has been associated for 41 years. He and his wife Patsy have three adult children and eight grandchildren. He is a graduate of Jefferson High School in Ashtabula County, and also received training in hardwood lumber at the N.H.L.A. School in Memphis, TN. He is a Past Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio and a current member of the Mount Zion Lodge #9 F&AM, Gay Street United Methodist Church, the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon and the local Salvation Army board. His leisure interests include classic cars and antique toys.



Sally Nelson, Treasurer

Appointed by the Foundation Board

Sally Nelson is the managing partner of Nelson & Nelson, CPAs. She and her husband Joe have two daughters. Prior to launching her own accounting firm in 1984, Nelson worked as a CPA for Price Waterhouse. She received her bachelor's in business administration from The Ohio State University. In addition to serving as treasurer for Food for the Hungry and the Community Foundation, Nelson is president of the United Way of Knox County, past-president of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and is a member of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club. She enjoys theater, travel, reading and Japanese culture.



Robert L. Rauzi, Secretary

Appointed by the Foundation Board

Robert L. Rauzi is a partner in the law firm of Murray & Rauzi, Ltd., having previously practiced with Zerkowitz, Barry & Cullers. He and his wife Penny have two adult children. He is a graduate of Oberlin College and The Ohio State University Law School. In addition to his service as secretary of the Community Foundation board, Rauzi is active in the Mount Vernon Rotary Club and enjoys golf, fishing, gardening and photography among his leisure pursuits.



Board Members

Thomas R. Fosnaught

Appointed by the Foundation Board

Thomas R. Fosnaught is an account executive with Capital Securities. He and his wife Anne have two adult children. Previously Fosnaught was affiliated with the New York Life Insurance Co., the Ohio Company, and G. R. Smith & Company. He graduated from Delphos Jefferson High School before earning his bachelor's degree in business at Miami University. Fosnaught is a member of the Knox Community Hospital board, president of the KCH Foundation, and a member of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys golf, fishing and family time.



Ronald Godfrey

Appointed by First-Knox National Bank

Ronald Godfrey is president and CEO of Kahl & Co. Insurance, and owner of Ron Godfrey Insurance. He and his wife Loretta have two adult children and four grandchildren. Prior to entering the insurance industry Godfrey was a teacher and high school football coach. He holds a bachelor's degree from Glenville (WV) State College. He has volunteered as a youth coach in the community as well as serving on the Mount Vernon City Recreation Board and the Mount Vernon YMCA board. He enjoys all sports, especially golf.



Bruce E. Hawkins

Appointed by Mount Vernon City Council

Bruce E. Hawkins is CEO of the Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network. He has previously served as superintendent of both the Knox County Education Service Center and of the Danville Local Schools, as well as assistant superintendent of Knox County Schools. Hawkins holds the M.A. and B.S. degrees from The Ohio State University. He is married to Jill and has three children. Hawkins is senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, past-president of United Way, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon and a past and future member of Mount Vernon City Council. He enjoys travel, skiing, hiking, and swimming.



Joan E. Jones

Appointed by the Chamber of Commerce

Joan E. Jones, president of Peoples Bankshares of Gambier, has 30 years experience in the banking industry. She and her husband Owen have two adult children and five grandchildren. She is a graduate of Howard High School, business school, and has attended Otterbein College. Jones is treasurer of the Knox Community Hospital Board of Trustees, treasurer of the Area Development Foundation, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and incoming chair of the Community Bankers of Ohio. She enjoys travel, camping and reading.



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Board Members cont.

L. Bruce Levering

Appointed by Common Pleas Court

L. Bruce Levering is chairman of the board of Levering Management, Inc. He and his wife Joan have four adult children and twelve grandchildren. Levering has worked nearly a half-century in the nursing home industry, following graduation from Chesterville High School, and his attendance at Otterbein College. He is an elder of the Fredericktown Presbyterian Church, past-president of the Fredericktown Lions and a former member of the Fredericktown School Board. Levering is also a member of Mount Vernon Rotary, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Advisory Council.



Dr. E. LeBron Fairbanks

Appointed by the Foundation Board

E. LeBron Fairbanks, D. Min., is president of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. He and his wife Anne have one son, Stephen. Dr. Fairbanks served at Nazarene colleges and seminaries in the U.S., Switzerland, and the Philippines, prior to being named president of Mount Vernon Nazarene University in 1989. He holds a bachelor's degree and three master's degrees, in addition to his doctorate, having studied at Trevecca Nazarene University, Scarritt College, the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Princeton University Theological Seminary, Yale University Divinity School and Harvard University. He has been a member of numerous boards locally, nationally and internationally, and he enjoys travel, reading and writing.



Dr. Deborah Reeder

Appointed by the Foundation Board

Deborah Reeder, M.D. is an ophthalmologist with Central Ohio Eye Surgeons and is married to Fred. She is a graduate of Kenyon College and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. She completed her internship in ophthalmology at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati and her residency at the University of Cincinnati before beginning her practice in Mount Vernon. Dr. Reeder is Chief of the Medical Staff of Knox Community Hospital, and is a past member of both the Kenyon Alumni Council and the Kenyon Fund executive committee. She enjoys flying and scuba diving.



Dennis L. Snyder

Appointed by National City Bank

Dennis L. Snyder is president of Snyder Funeral Homes, Inc. He has one adult child and three grandchildren, and is married to Diana. Snyder is a graduate of Fredericktown High School and attended The Ohio State University prior to graduating from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He is a member of Gay Street United Methodist Church and has also served on the boards of the Mount Vernon YMCA and on the Knox County Public Defender board. He lists family and golf as his personal interests.



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Samuel Barone, Executive Director *Appointed by the Foundation Board*

Sam Barone became executive director of the Foundation in July 2002, after serving as administrator of Mid-Ohio Transit Authority. He has administrative experience with U.S.D.A.; was executive director of the Ohio Democratic Party; and began his career in public relations and marketing. He has also been Knox County BMV deputy registrar for 18 years. Barone holds a bachelor's degree from Kenyon College and a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. He and his wife Paula have three children. Barone is secretary of the Knox Community Hospital Board, a distinguished past-president of the Kiwanis, and a former College Twp. volunteer fireman and EMT, among other community interests.



Ian Watson, Investment Manager First-Knox National Bank

Ian Watson is a senior vice-president and trust officer of First-Knox National Bank, and serves as the investment manager for the Foundation. He and his wife Charlotte have two adult sons and three grandchildren. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics, and an MBA in finance, both from Michigan State University. Ian is also treasurer of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, treasurer of Owl Creek Conservancy, and treasurer of the Public Library Endowment Board, as well as a member of the Kenyon College Community Choir. He enjoys gardening and reading, as well.



Gordon Yance, President First-Knox National Bank

Gordon Yance is President of the First-Knox National Bank, investments manager for the Community Foundation. He and his wife Fran have two adult children. Yance was employed by Coopers & Lybrand before joining First-Knox in 1978. He holds a bachelor's in business administration and an MBA from Ohio University. Yance serves as president of the Knox Community Hospital board and is a member of the Area Development Foundation, Mount Vernon Rotary and the Chamber of Commerce. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting and fishing and the occasional round of golf.





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