

*Advice from a river:*

Go with the flow.  
Immerse yourself in nature.  
Slow down and meander.  
Go around the obstacles.  
Be thoughtful of those downstream.  
Stay current.  
The beauty is in the journey.

*-lian Shamier*

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

*Honey Run Waterfall - Howard, Ohio  
Photo by Terry Thurston, Ohio Corporate Photographer*





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## A River of Fortitude

*Jeffrey Scott, Executive Director*

I was recently reminded of the old saying, “You can never step into the same river twice.” The river itself is constantly changing, even as the water keeps flowing on steadily.

Last year was a lot like that. It was a year in which almost everything seemed to change, and yet it did keep flowing and, perhaps more significantly, our community has begun to emerge with a strength and resilience of which we can all be proud.

Knox County Foundation certainly experienced its share of change last year, as did I. In July, we celebrated the retirement of Sam Barone who, as the only Executive Director the Foundation had ever known, provided extraordinary leadership, direction, and wisdom for nearly two decades. As part of that transition, I was humbled and privileged to be asked to step into this new role, and yet, like so many of us, I found myself in the middle of a global pandemic and a great deal of confusion and concern about what “normal” might even mean anymore.

Inside these pages, you will find details and a few stories of how Knox County Foundation not only continued to offer the same level of charitable investment in our communities as we always have but found creative ways to do even more.

Of note, our emergency COVID-19 relief funding helped support nonprofit organizations providing basic services to Knox County residents. When shutdowns and remote working and limited fundraising opportunities threatened many of these important services, these grants helped sustain our local nonprofits and their vital missions.

We also expanded our strategic economic development investments in the villages of Centerburg, Danville, Fredericktown, and Gambier. Each village now has a locally developed strategic plan and Knox County Foundation is committed to investing more than \$1 million toward these projects and programs over the next four years.

Perhaps most impressively, in spite of everything going on around us, the generosity of Knox County shone through. By every metric, 2020 was a year of growth and expansion for our organization, as we saw increases in donations, the number of new funds that were created, and the size of endowed gifts we received throughout the year, which only ensures our ability to continue our work and do even more in the years ahead.

I do not know that any of us will ever quite be the same after 2020. I expect that most of us feel different now, perhaps in many different ways. But the river is still the river, despite its changes. And we are still Knox County. And we still retain that same character and fortitude that has sustained us for many years.

I hope you will enjoy looking through this Knox County Foundation Annual Report for 2020, a year unlike any other, and that it will remind you of how much we have to be grateful for and proud of despite changing circumstances.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Village Economic Development Initiative

Knox County Foundation's five-year commitment to lead a one-million-dollar economic development initiative in the villages of Centerburg, Danville, Fredericktown, and Gambier made significant advances in 2020. Each village has a local steering committee leading this effort, has finalized a comprehensive strategic plan, and has begun prioritizing programs and projects unique to each village to enhance economic development. The highlights below are just a few of the areas where Foundation funding will make a unique and significant impact:



Village economic development  
initiative over 5 years

Total: \$1 mill



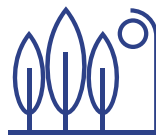
### Zoning

Updating zoning regulations to allow for flexibility and future development.



### Recreation

Improving river and bike trail access within villages.



### Downtown Beautification

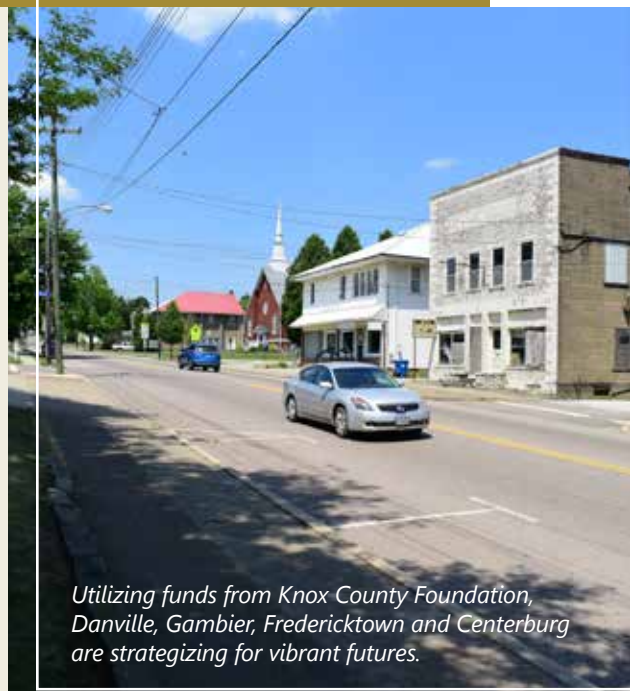
Leveraging Foundation grants to apply for additional state funding to upgrade downtown streetscapes and make additional improvements.

## Danville leaders planning ahead for a successful future

We had a consulting firm do most of the information gathering and presentation. Having never been through the process, I felt it has gone smoothly so far. The people from the community that have been involved with the steering committee have great ideas and are willing to share with each other. They have been thinking through the plan for the future and the outcomes.

With the help of the consultants guiding the group, you can see actual growth in the long-term, reaching beyond merely the short term. Danville is being set up to be a prosperous place economically, while being able to keep the small town appeal in the process. It's a great place to raise a family.

*Joe Mazzari, Mayor, Village of Danville*



*Utilizing funds from Knox County Foundation, Danville, Gambier, Fredericktown and Centerburg are strategizing for vibrant futures.*



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Financial information is unaudited and excludes any non-invested assets of supporting organizations including real estate. The most recent audit report and form 990 is available on our website.

## Consolidated Summary of Revenue and Expenses

Summary for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Contributions and Public Support	
Donor- and Foundation-directed funds	\$8,163,000
Agency endowment funds	\$1,485,000
Foundation special projects (non-fund)	\$520,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$10,168,000</b>
Investment income	\$11,686,000
Other income	\$7,000
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$21,861,000</b>

Grants, Scholarships, and Program Initiatives	
Grants and scholarships awarded	\$4,542,000
Economic initiative and other programs	\$173,000
<b>Administrative</b>	
Investment advisory and consulting	\$172,000
Other admin and fundraising	\$475,000
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$5,362,000</b>

\$5.5 million

Total market value  
of all new funds  
created in 2020

183%

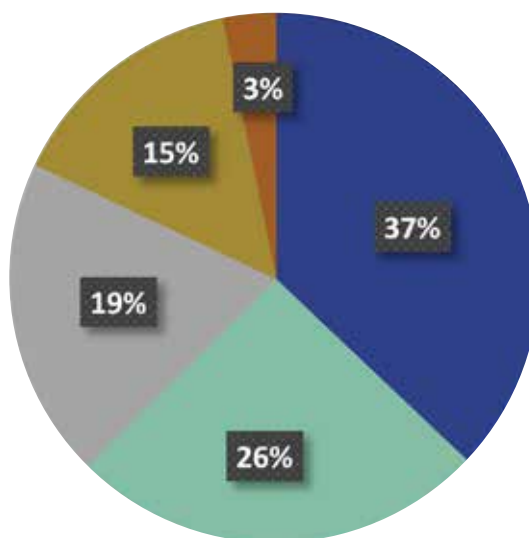
Growth in assets held  
by the Foundation in  
the last 10 years

200%

Increase in grants  
and scholarships  
compared to 2011

## 2020 Contributions: \$10.2 Million

- **Donor-Directed Charitable Giving Funds**  
The donor directs or retains the right to recommend charitable beneficiaries
- **Supporting Organizations**  
Direct support to supporting organizations of the Foundation
- **Foundation-Directed Charitable Granting Funds**  
The Foundation selects the charitable beneficiaries or initiative support
- **Non-Profit Organization-Directed Funds**  
Non-profit organizations establishing investment funds on their behalf
- **Scholarship Distributing Funds**  
Scholarships are awarded to students pursuing secondary education degrees





\$54,000

Vocational  
scholarships awarded  
for the first time

\$992,700

Scholarships to  
students obtaining  
2- or 4-year degrees

423

Total students  
receiving  
scholarships



*Ora Smith serves on The Freedom Center's Board of Directors.*

“...In the case of the Foundation we know everything is being deployed locally and the modest amounts we are able to donate are much more likely to really make a difference.”

## Meet Ora and Sue Smith

Community Impact Fund Holders

We moved here in 1999 when I took a position at The Ohio State University. My wife Sue is a central Ohio native, so we were happy to be back in the area. After having spent many years living in big city environments, we wanted to live in a more rural area close to a smaller town.

This last year about half our giving was through the Foundation. The New Philanthropy Program's matching contribution was extremely attractive, as it multiplied our gift significantly. The Foundation has been part of our estate plan for many years, but we decided to donate also on a current basis so perhaps we will get to see some of the benefit to the community.

The Foundation is much better informed than I about the changing needs in the community. It is a great way to multiply the effect of giving by having knowledgeable people close to the community choose where to direct funding, and being able to combine our money

with funding from others so the amounts distributed can be large enough to make a strategic difference.

The Foundation is an outstanding vehicle for giving. When I give money to a national organization, it's very hard to know how it is being used. But in the case of the Foundation we know everything is being deployed locally and the modest amounts we are able to donate are much more likely to really make a difference. Using Qualified Charitable Donations from an IRA is a good way to make a donation while receiving the maximum tax benefit. The Foundation is well run and financially efficient; the money you give is being wisely invested in the community.

Our friends in the big cities have an inaccurate view of life in what they regard as “flyover country,” and it's always interesting to see their reactions when I describe Knox County life. Few communities of this size and nature have anything like the Foundation.



## Preschools supported through pandemic

The Knox County Foundation quickly took action to make sure that non-profits could still provide their valuable services. For the YMCA that meant assistance in navigating the increased costs of offering childcare during a pandemic.

*Nick Clark, YMCA of Mount Vernon*

Thank you to Knox County Foundation for helping us get necessary PPE items in order to operate as safely as possible during the pandemic. Being in school is vital to not just early learning, but to all learning for every student.

*Jeremi Jarosz, Knox County Career Center Preschool*

We were faced with many challenges that had closing our program in the forefront. Our pre-school will be forever indebted to the Knox County Foundation. On behalf of our children, families, and staff, we say THANK YOU!

*Jodi Goetzman, Faith Lutheran Christian Preschool*



*A student at Faith Lutheran Christian Preschool*

## NEW FUNDS

*Knox County Foundation was proud to partner with the following individuals and organizations in establishing new funds for 2020.*

Fund Name	Description
4-H Planning Committee Programming Fund	This fund provides ongoing financial support for the projects and programs offered by the Knox County 4-H Planning Committee.
Art and Joan Cassell Education Major Scholarship Fund	This fund was created by Brian Cassell and his siblings in loving memory of their parents and awards scholarships to students graduating from Mount Vernon High School, majoring in education, and meeting certain academic, need, and interest qualifications.
Barbara Butler Fund	This fund was created by the Knox County Historical Society with a gift from the estate of Barbara Butler to provide ongoing support for the organization.
Douglas & Dianne Mack Community Fund	This fund provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs in Knox County through Knox County Foundation's competitive grantmaking program.
Downtown Mount Vernon Economic Development Fund	This fund provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs related to economic development initiatives in downtown Mount Vernon.
Downtown Mount Vernon Parking Lots Major Repair & Replacement Fund	This fund provides resources for the repair and/or replacement of several parking lots in downtown Mount Vernon.
Downtown Mount Vernon Parking Lots Operating Fund	This fund provides ongoing support for the care and maintenance of several parking lots in downtown Mount Vernon.
Eileen Brenner Community Impact Fund	This fund provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs in Knox County through Knox County Foundation's competitive grantmaking program.

Gary G. & Carolyn S. Gray Community Endowment Fund	This fund provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs in Knox County through Knox County Foundation's competitive grantmaking program.
Gordy and Fran Yance Family Fund II	This fund makes grants and distributions to qualifying charitable entities based on recommendations from the fund advisors.
Ian & Charlotte Watson First Congregational UCC Fund	Income from this fund is distributed annually to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Mount Vernon.
MVNU South Main Plaza Fund	This is an endowed fund that provides resources for the ongoing care and maintenance of the South Main Plaza and Fountain in downtown Mount Vernon, which is owned and operated by Mount Vernon Nazarene University.
Ora & Sue Smith Community Impact Fund	This fund provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs in Knox County through Knox County Foundation's competitive grantmaking program.
Ora & Sue Smith Fund	This fund makes grants and distributions to qualifying charitable entities based on recommendations from the fund advisors.
Owl Creek Conservancy Endowment Fund	The Owl Creek Conservancy Endowment Fund provides permanently endowed resources for the ongoing preservation of Knox County area farmlands, stream corridors, aquifer- and watershed-protection areas, wildlife habitats, woodlands, scenic vistas, and ecologically sensitive areas of environmental, historic, and community importance.
Paul Hothem 4-H Fund	This fund provides support for 4-H camp scholarships, general operations, and other needs as identified by the Knox County 4-H Planning Committee.
Ralph Y. & Helen W. Struble/David S. Henry Endowment Fund	This fund provides a permanent endowment for programs and projects related to health, fitness, recreation or senior services in Fredericktown.
Richard F. Ritter Memorial Fund	This fund was created by Barbara Ritter in loving memory of her husband, Richard F. Ritter, and provides annual resources to meet new, emerging, or significant needs in Knox County through Knox County Foundation's competitive grantmaking program.
Richard T. Turner Coshocton High School Scholarship Fund	This fund distributes income to Coshocton High School to support a scholarship to a student meeting academic and community service requirements.
Riverview Park Care Fund	This fund provides resources for the care and maintenance of Riverview Park in Mount Vernon.
Root Art Lofts Project Fund	This fund provides resources for the continued development of two retail spaces connected to the Lofts of Mount Vernon.
Sam & Paula Barone Kenyon Endowment Fund	This fund provides annual distributions to Kenyon College.
Sam & Paula Barone United Way Endowment Fund	This fund provides annual distributions to United Way of Knox County.
The Barone Family Arts in Education Fund	This fund, created to honor Sam Barone for his years of service as Executive Director of Knox County Foundation, provides resources to encourage and support innovation in the integration of the arts in school curricula.
Woodward Development Corporation Designated Fund	Income from this fund is distributed annually to Woodward Development Corporation to support regularly occurring operations and maintenance costs associated with the Woodward Opera House.
YMCA of Mount Vernon Fund	This fund provides ongoing support for the YMCA of Mount Vernon.
Yough Family Scholarship Fund	This fund provides scholarships to seniors or graduates of Centerburg or Mount Vernon High Schools attending Ohio University, The Ohio State University, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, or Bowling Green University.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

## Competitive Grant Recipients

*The Foundation provides grants to a wide variety of projects and programs it believes will improve the lives of Knox County residents in response to the emerging and changing needs of the community. After determining each applicant's eligibility, and after careful consideration by the Distribution Committee and Board of Directors, the Foundation proudly supported the projects below in 2020.*

Grantee	Description	Amount
Mount Vernon Arts Consortium	Establishment of the Mount Vernon Arts Consortium	\$75,000
Bladensburg Community Heritage Foundation	HVAC Equipment for the Bladensburg Community Center	\$70,000
Area Development Foundation of Knox County	Economic Development staffing support	\$50,000
Jacket Boosters	Mount Vernon High School fieldhouse construction	\$50,000
Mount Vernon Nazarene University	Community soccer fields and new soccer/lacrosse stadium	\$50,000
Knox County Educational Service Center	Knox County Career Navigator position; books for preschool classrooms	\$35,000
Knox County Airport Authority	Airport terminal renovation	\$33,333
East Elementary School	Playground equipment and safety enhancements	\$30,000
Knox County Community Health Center	Panoramic X-ray machine for the dental clinic	\$25,468
Knox County Agricultural Society	Restroom facilities at the Knox County Fairgrounds	\$25,000
Center of Hope Knox County	Refrigeration and freezer units for food distribution; start-up costs for volunteer web portal	\$15,500
United Way Of Knox County	Exercise balls for elementary school "Crunch Out" program; annual support for Imagination Library; matching funds for Giving Tuesday	\$14,000
American Red Cross of Knox County	Biomedical scales for blood donations	\$13,304
The Salvation Army	Pathway of Hope case management program	\$12,500
Alcohol and Drug Freedom Center of Knox County	Technology replacement and security upgrades	\$10,000
Kenyon College	Community Internship Program	\$10,000
Kokosing Gap Trail	Trail sealing; drinking fountain and repair station at Mount Vernon Avenue	\$10,000
Science Play-Space Initiative (SPI)	Family membership scholarships; professional development for staff and volunteers	\$9,000
LifeCare Alliance	Central Ohio Diabetes Association's Camp Programs	\$6,000
Food For The Hungry	2020 annual campaign support	\$5,000
Mount Vernon Pickleball Association	Retrofitting of pickleball courts at Memorial Park	\$5,000
New Directions	Upgraded security system for the shelter house	\$5,000
Public Health Partnership of Knox County	2021 Community Health Assessment sponsorship	\$5,000
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio	Ronald McDonald House stays for Knox County families	\$5,000



## Storybook Trail encourages literacy and outdoor activity

The Knox County Park District, along with The Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County, saw an opportunity to benefit our community and we went with it! The Storybook Trail is an interactive way for children and adults to enjoy reading and being outside at the same time. The project is not only meant to be fun but it also brings to light the importance of movement, nature, family bonding, and early literacy.

Visitors have the opportunity to sign a digital guest-book, from which a monthly drawing is held to win one of the featured books on the storybook trail. This is provided by an anonymous donor.

*Erica Newton, Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County*  
*Katie Hux, Knox County Park District*



*A local family enjoys an afternoon exploring the storybook Trail at Wolf Run Regional Park.*



*Local students engage in a virtual field trip to FT Precision via Zoom in 2020.*

## Career Navigator leads students to success

As Career Navigator, I work with students to ensure that they are as informed and educated as possible about their post high school options. Our 2020 work was conducted remotely with virtual field trips, employer video spotlights, and Zoom presentations. Once students were back in schools, I was able to present live and meet with students one on one. These presentations are done with groups of seniors, individual classrooms, or as part of the graded curriculum.

I've connected students to programs at the Knox Technical Center, led them to applications for jobs all over the county, explained student loans and job benefits, and conducted mock interviews.

Senator Sherrod Brown asked us to present to the 30+ summer manufacturing camp organizers on how we were able to continue our summer camp during the pandemic and to share any advice.

The Foundation has been a tremendous partner throughout this entire experience.

*Sean McCutcheon, Knox County Career Navigator*

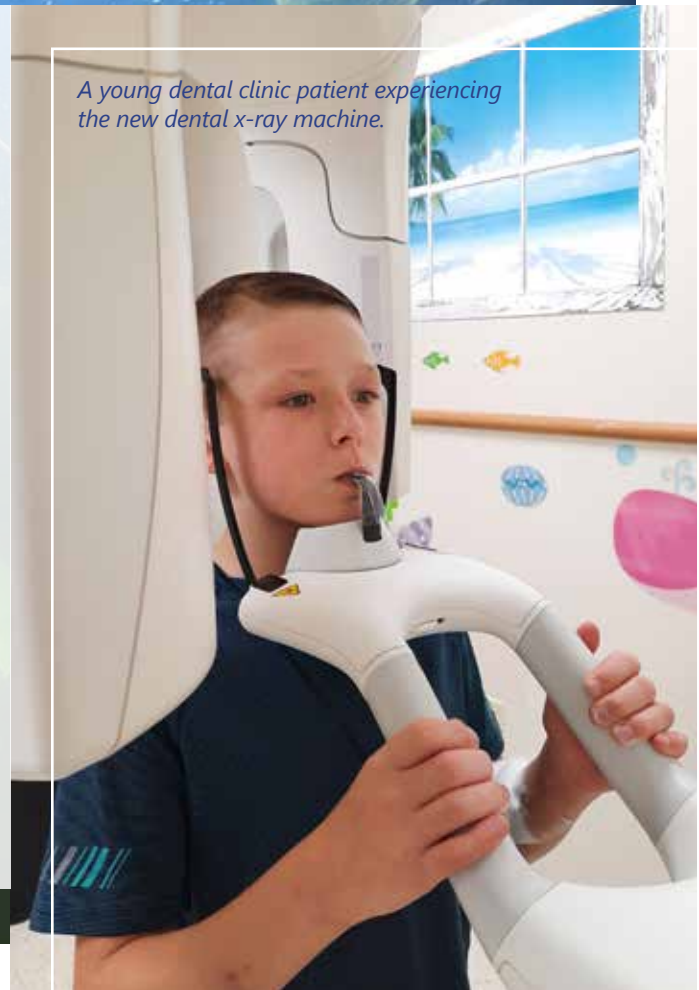
## Clinic X-ray machine aids in care, prevention

The Panoramic X-ray has allowed our dentists and hygienists to extend their reach by providing true comprehensive dentistry to those who need it most. Without this machine, the dental clinic would continue to refer out of the county for services we could easily provide. Our patients, many of whom are children, have positive experiences which promotes prevention.

The "Pan" provides state-of-the-art digital images, helping to identify many unseen and underlying problems, such as impacted teeth with infection or wisdom teeth needing to be removed. The images allow the dentist to see if he or she can perform treatment in our clinic or if a referral to a specialist is needed. Routine cancer screenings have also been a part of every patient's care now that the clinic has this unit. Since installation in May 2020, the dental clinic has taken 312 Panoramic images.

*Lane K. Belangia CEO  
Knox County Community Health Center*

*A young dental clinic patient experiencing the new dental x-ray machine.*



## Competitive Grant Recipients cont'd

Village of Centerburg	Crosswalk and sidewalk at the Preston Street Elementary School	\$5,000
Interchurch Social Services of Knox County	Fixtures and furniture for the Fredericktown location	\$4,846
Public Library of Mount Vernon & Knox County	Storybook trail at Wolf Run Regional Park	\$4,616
Knox County Sheriff's Office	Two patrol mountain bikes	\$3,523
Danville Local Schools	Scientific data collection probes for the middle and high schools	\$3,000
Knox County Career Center	Veteran's monument sundial at the Children's Garden	\$3,000
Knox County Commissioners	Supplies to clean up the Kokosing and Mohican Rivers	\$3,000
Behavioral Healthcare Partners	Youth Adventure Camp	\$2,500
College Township	Community Garden materials	\$2,500
Flying Horse Farms	Camperships for Knox County children	\$2,500
HopeNow	Safety saw for the woodshop	\$2,500
Prevent Blindness	Vision care access and services in Knox County	\$2,500



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*Thank you to all our 2020 fund donors. Your support is recognized and appreciated!*

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# COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

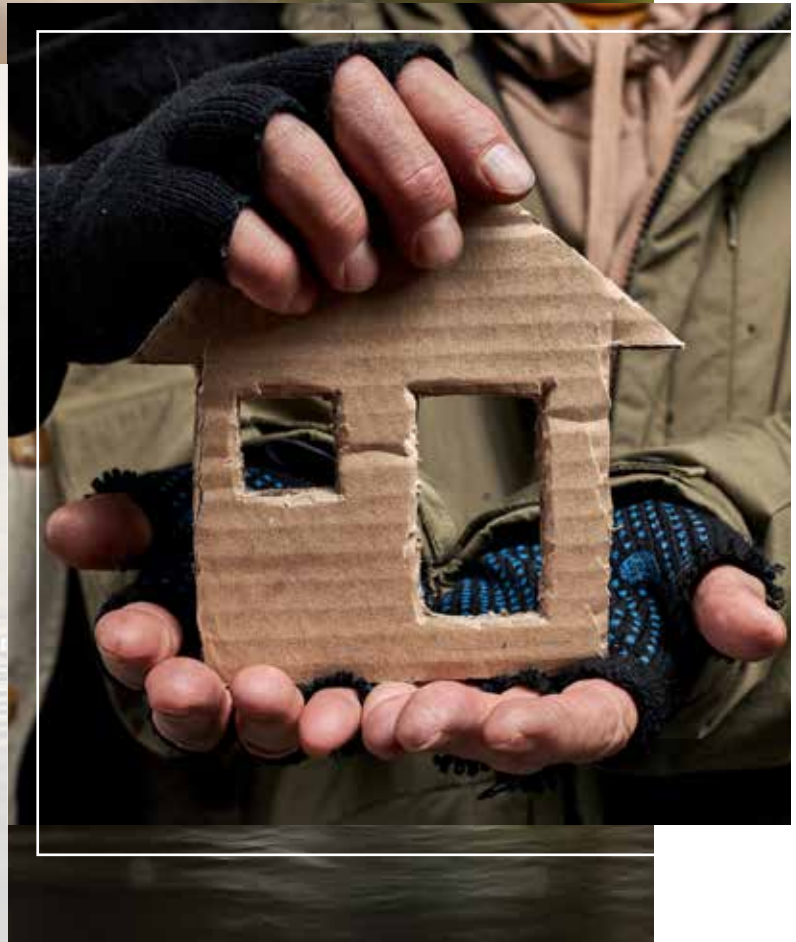
## Emergency funds offer hope to shelter guests

The Winter Sanctuary, which provides emergency shelter for those in Knox County who are experiencing homelessness, was forced to close a month early due to COVID-19 in April 2020. Our facility does not allow for isolation of sick guests or social distancing.

The Knox County Foundation supported nine guests with \$5,000 in emergency funding. These guests were provided shelter at a motel where they continued to work on their goals with the shelter advocates. Seven were able to find housing of some kind while two continued work with the shelter to achieve their goals. Foundation funds were also used to help individuals with transportation during this difficult time.

We're incredibly thankful for the Knox County Foundation and the community for their generous support. April was a life-changing month for the individuals that received emergency funds. It provided safety, hope, and support for a population that is often overlooked.

*Joe Springer, Winter Sanctuary*



COVID-19 emergency  
grant funding

**Total: \$111,000**

Grantee	Amount
American Red Cross of Knox County	\$5,000
Behavioral Healthcare Partners	\$10,000
Faith Lutheran Church	\$10,000
Food For The Hungry	\$10,000
International Alliance of Community Chaplains	\$5,000
Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Community Action Center	\$5,000
Knox County Career Center	\$5,000
Knox County Educational Service Center	\$10,000
New Directions	\$10,000
Ohio Restaurant Association Education Foundation	\$1,000
Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County	\$10,000
Southeastern Ohio Legal Services	\$5,000
The Salvation Army	\$10,000
Winter Sanctuary	\$5,000
YMCA of Mount Vernon	\$10,000



# YPI: YOUTH IMPACT

## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

*The Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) provides a unique opportunity for Knox County high school students to recommend grants from a special fund established by the Knox County Foundation. These grants will help to address community needs pertaining to area youth. YPI members also become better acquainted with Knox County's non-profit organizations, conceive and execute their own community fundraising projects, and gain valuable leadership experience.*

Grantee	Amount
Science Play-Space Initiative (SPI)	\$1,500
Foundation Park Conservancy	\$1,500
New Directions	\$2,500
The Salvation Army	\$1,000
Flying Horse Farms	\$2,000
Lifepoint Church - Mount Vernon Campus	\$3,500
Knox County Kids Succeed	\$4,000
Knox County Educational Service Center	\$5,000
Knox County Educational Service Center	\$1,000
The Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship	\$4,620



Grants awarded addressing  
community youth needs

**Total: \$26,620**



### YPI members say...

YPI was definitely the most influential organization that I took part in during high school. I learned more about the grant making process and the various nonprofit organizations within my community. Without YPI, I would not have known the importance of philanthropy or what it truly means to get involved in your community. Philanthropy is something I hope to continue in college and throughout my career.

*-Lydia Stute, Fredericktown High School, '21*



As part of YPI, it was wonderful to meet so many new people who also wanted to help our community. YPI opened my eyes to the needs in our community and provided me with the tools to make a change. I learned about different local nonprofits, and was able to voice my opinion on what would be the most constructive way to assist my community. At one event, I was exposed to multiple groups presenting their ideas on how to help their neighborhoods. It was very inspiring and gave me ideas on how to impact those around me.

*-Georgianna Caputo, Fredericktown High School, '20*

# Support Your Community

If you are philanthropically-minded or have a passion for a charitable causes and want to make a lasting impact in your community, Knox County Foundation can help. Whether you wish to support an existing fund, start a new fund, or have a unique idea for making a difference in Knox County, there is a great chance we can help you maximize your efforts and philanthropic investments. We are also experts in helping individuals and families take advantage of tax savings and other benefits related to gifts of appreciated stock or other investment assets, Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA, and estate gifts. Be sure to ask us about our New Philanthropy Program which provides matching dollars for qualifying gifts! Among the most common ways our partners choose to work with us include:



## Community Impact (Unrestricted) Funds

These are the core of the Foundation's grant-making capacity. Through a competitive grant process, the Foundation evaluates and awards grants to the charitable projects that will make the greatest impact.



## Field of Interest Funds

A donor can elect to provide support for a specific charitable interest such as the arts, public health, recreation and several others. The Foundation has the flexibility to award grants to charities and programs that most effectively address a donor's area of interest.



## Donor-Advised Funds

Donors can recommend grants to a variety of charities over time through their donor-advised fund. The ability to recommend grants to different non-profits on an annual basis makes a donor-advised fund our most flexible charitable option.



## Designated Funds

A donor can select a preferred charity or charities, to support, and the Foundation will distribute earnings annually to the selected charity, establishing a permanent stream of income.



## Scholarship Funds

A donor can assist those who wish to further their education through a vocational or college setting. A scholarship fund is flexible enough to be targeted toward a specific school or population depending on the donor's wishes.

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