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Creating Legacies in Darke County

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The Darke County Foundation is a community foundation dedicated to improving the lives of Darke County residents by receiving, managing and distributing charitable gifts.



The Darke County Foundation recently awarded grants to non-profit organizations that serve Darke County residents. Pictured are representatives of organizations that gathered at Birchwood Training Center in Greenville to receive their grant checks.

Darke County Foundation Awards \$163,000 in Community Grants

The Darke County Foundation recently invited representatives from 37 local non-profit organizations to its annual grant recognition program, held at the new Birchwood Training Center on Jaysville-St. Johns Road in Greenville. These organizations provide valuable services to Darke County residents, enriching and strengthening the well-being of our community. Money for the grants came from 25 donor-established funds, plus the Friends of the Foundation Fund that is bolstered every year by hundreds of community supporters. Every dollar of our Friends' donations was used for these grants. The following groups received funding:

ACES School	Darke County Humane Society	First United Methodist Church	St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery
Ansonia Elementary School	Darke County Parks	Friends of Bear's Mill	St. Vincent DePaul Society
Arcanum High School Band	Darke County Special Olympics	Gateway Youth Programs	St. Mary's Church and School
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Darke County United Way	Grace Resurrection Center	The House that Lulu Built
Bradford Middle School Band	Darke Co. Christian Education	Garst Museum	Upper Valley Career Ctr. Aspire
Bradford Railroad Museum	DeColores Montessori School	Greenville Public Library	Versailles Schools Special Needs
Brethren Retirement Community	Empowering Darke Co. Youth	Illumination Ministry	Versailles Heritage Park
Bridges 2 College	EUM Church - Next Steps	Kinder Korner Preschool	Versailles Schools Music Boosters
Cancer Assoc. of Darke County	EverHeart Hospice	Ohio Wave Fastpitch Academy	Wayne HealthCare Foundation
Coalition for Healthy Darke Co.	Financial Asst. for Med. Emergencies	Ronald McDonald House Dayton	YMCA of Darke County
Darke County Center for Arts	Final Bow Performing Arts	Shelter from Violence	YOLO of Darke County



Participants run and leap at the 2020 Sunshine 5K.

Thanks to Lead Sponsors of the Sunshine 5K



Sunshine 5K Walk/Run

Sat., Sept. 18, 2021
Greenville City Park
8:30 am

Benefiting:

Bridges to College
Cancer Association of Darke County
DeColores Montessori School
Edison Foundation
EverHeart Hospice
St. Mary's Catholic School

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Darke County Class of 2021 High School Scholarship Recipients



Ansonia H.S. (left to right): Dalton Drees, Reece Stammen, Cameron Longenecker, Kierra Reichert, Mariah Troutwine, Hannah Hartzell, Trenton Prasuhn, Johnnie Bozarth, Mitchell Shook, and Jacob Longenecker.



Arcanum H.S. (left to right): Allison Barry, Trista Hollinger, Aidan O'Brien, Josie McCullough, Eleanor Pease, Jonathan Riley, Karr Stump, and Emily Wenning.



Bradford H.S. (left to right): Abigail Gade, Olivia Daugherty, Dylan Mitchell, and Samantha Brewer.



Left: **Franklin-Monroe H.S.** (left to right): Nathaniel Davis, Tristen Collins, Ethan Fee, Isaac Shellabarger, Raleigh Vance, Micah Stacy. Above: **Mississinawa Valley H.S.**: Benjamin Philiposian and Leah Scholl.

\$180,000 Awarded to High School Graduates and Collegians



Greenville H.S.: Bottom row (left to right): Mikayla Dobson, Landon Muhlenkamp, and Kary Tollefson. Row 2: Jacob Maher, Jiahao Zhang, and Isabelle Rammel. Row 3: Felicity Lance and Ryan Dull. Top row: Austin Jolley and James Normile.



Tri-Village H.S.: Bottom row (left to right): Lucie Morris, Lauren Driver, and Johnna Siegrist. Middle row: Loraligh Waters, Jacob Siegrist, and Megan Smith. Top row: Rorie Stump, Dylan Finkbine, and Dylan Holsapple.



Versailles H.S.: Bottom row (left to right): Lauren Menke, Mallory Subler, Madelyn Durham, Emma York, Cassandra Keiser, and Audrey Allen. Row 2: Cayla Batten, Jayla Pothast, Kate Griesdorn, Darian Feltz, Jaimee Hoelscher, and Maria Mangen. Row 3: Luke Billenstein, Owen Schultz, Brooke Timmerman, Lauren Monnin, Briana Graves, and Jarrett Petitjean. Top row: Alex Kaiser, Matt Cromwell, Jacob Grow, Ryan Subler, Jacob Litten, Caleb Heitkamp, and Isaac White.

The following scholarship funds at the Darke County Foundation provided awards for this year's scholarship recipients:

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The Darke County Foundation is grateful to the following donors who made gifts the past year. You may have made a donation to our Friends of the Foundation Fund or to one of our 94 scholarship funds or community funds that assist non-profit organizations. Perhaps you made a memorial gift in honor of a loved one (next page). Because of your generosity, the Foundation is enriching our community through education, the arts, social service, health and wellness, community projects, conservation, and more.

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A community grant from the Darke County Foundation supported Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA of Darke County. Local children enjoyed movement activities, wholesome snacks, crafts, and lessons on healthy living.

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The James B. Phelan Fund awarded \$5,700 in scholarships to business students. Left to right: Todd Phelan, president of Phelan Insurance Agency Versailles; recipients Ryan Koenig, Jadyn Barga and Caden Schulze; Brent Phelan, president of Phelan Insurance Agency West Chester.

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A community grant to Bridges 2 College helped Darke County students learn about the college admissions process and visit college campuses.



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When Mike Beard of Greenville died in 2013, his family honored Mike's legacy by establishing a donor-advised fund at the Darke County Foundation.

Each year, Mike's children, John Beard and Michelle Stephenson, and their mother, Barbara, recommend non-profit organizations to receive grants from the J. Michael Beard Community Fund. The family carefully considers their annual decision to select organizations that reflect Mike's personality, hobbies, and generous spirit. Recipients have included Darke County Parks, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, GIVE Medical Ministries, Darke County United Way, New Madison Public Library, among others.

"The Darke County Foundation helps us get in touch with organizations locally that have financial needs," said the Beard family.

"The Foundation allows us as a family to advise where funds go year after year by providing a list of local non-profits that can use the funding for programs that enrich our community," the Beards added.

The family made a one-time donation in 2016 to establish the permanent endowment fund, realizing tax benefits in the year of the donation. They have no more legal or financial responsibility in making the grants. By distributing only the investment income, the fund's original principal remains intact.

"The financial growth of our fund is used to make a lasting impact in our community," said the Beards. "We hope others will take advantage of donor-advised funds to help support local non-profit organizations."



Darke County Parks received a donor-advised grant from the J. Michael Beard Community Fund of the Darke County Foundation..

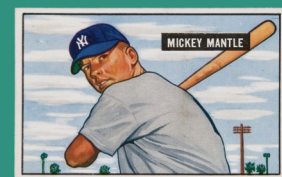
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Oliver Hits Home Run with Sale of Mickey Mantle Baseball Card



David Oliver of Miami, FL, started a fund at the Darke County Foundation in 2020 to provide scholarships for Versailles High School graduates attending Wittenberg University. So far, Oliver has donated \$119,000, which he raised from the sale of his personal collection of memorabilia featuring sports, entertainment, and historic icons. With investment income, the scholarship fund has grown to over \$136,000.

Oliver's most noteworthy sale was his 1951 Bowman Mickey Mantle rookie baseball card that sold for \$24,250 at a Huggins and Scott online auction. Oliver is liquidating his entire collection and donating all proceeds to charity, namely the Darke County Foundation.



1951 Bowman Mickey Mantle rookie card

"After moving away from Versailles 58 years ago, Dave has shown tremendous loyalty and generosity to support students at his alma mater," said Christy Prakel, director of the Darke

County Foundation.

"Dave's fund creates a permanent legacy that recognizes his love of athletics, education, and his small-town heritage," she said.

For more information on Oliver's collection or scholarship funds at the Darke County Foundation, e-mail dcf@darkecountyfoundation.org or call (937) 548-4673.