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VOICES FROM THE FOUNDATION



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From the Executive Director

In 1974, when our Founders adopted the mission statement, *“Entrusted with the responsibility of enhancing community life, we are a catalyst and resource for local charitable giving and grant making,”* they did not have a premonition of COVID-19, yet there was an understanding as a community we would always have challenges and opportunities in which working together would be essential. In fact, the Founders’ choice of words is a gift to those at the Foundation and, in such, the community. In the early days of March 2020, when it was clear, *like it or not*, our community would be caught up in the pandemic, the Board and Staff of the Foundation mobilized. No question or contemplation, just action. Our mission’s words “responsibility” and “catalyst” gave the team direction and permission.

The Foundation stretched in multiple ways in 2020, both in support of and in response to our community. I am proud of our Staff, appreciative of the Board and Founders for our direction, and forever thankful to our volunteers and donors. Together we found opportunities.

Jeannamarie Cox

From the President

While the Foundation’s role in COVID-19 community response took center stage for much of 2020, we were still able to focus on multiple priorities, including:

- Launched the Foundation’s first two collaborative grants, involving multiple nonprofits working together on specific projects.
- Assisted an anonymous donor in creating the “Save the Glen” fund.
- In partnership with the Yellow Springs Credit Union, developed line-of-credit and loan options for nonprofits.
- Initiated a new YSCF Youth Action Board philanthropy program.
- Embraced trustee and staff learning about and taking action toward diversity, racial equity, and inclusion concerns.
- Created and distributed weekly Foundation Friday newsletters electronically and in the YS News.
- Presented guidance and funding that led to a year of free broadband to the Village’s central business district.
- Provided extensive back office support for Yellow Springs Development Corporation, including attainment of its 501(c)3 status.

Many thanks to our staff, volunteers, trustees, and community partners for meeting the challenges!

Lisa Abel

Mission

Entrusted with the responsibility of enhancing community life, we are a catalyst and resource for local charitable giving and grant making.

Vision

Helping build an extraordinary community. Together we can do more. Join Us!



GRANTS

Heartbeat Learning Gardens: Community Apothecary Program Consultancy Support



The Foundation funded a consultancy program for Heartbeat Learning Gardens to design curriculum and create new, mobile education opportunities on herb-crafting and trauma and resiliency-informed

healing and arts. The program is designed to embrace ethnically and racially diverse interests and needs and is rooted in the tangible work of learning to grow and work with healing plants and expand educational access to this material in the community. It will be delivered through videos, limited onsite gatherings at Heartbeat Gardens, and through a mobile truck in the community.

H.U.M.A.N.: Virginia Hamilton Mural Project

Help Us Make a Nation (H.U.M.A.N) received a Foundation grant to fund a mural honoring Yellow Springs’ own Virginia Hamilton, renowned children’s book author. The mural, viewed from Keith’s Alley, on the YS News building, is being created by local artists who are working with her husband, Arnold Adoff. The Mural will contain elements of “The People Could Fly” book cover along with images of the author herself.

WYSO: Environmental Reporter



WYSO hired former YSCF Miller Fellow Chris Welter for their new position as an Environmental Reporter, funded in part by the Foundation, to dig into the environmental impacts of local government policies and climate change and highlight possible solutions to

environmental problems. His position as a Miller Fellow with Tecumseh Land Trust was great training ground for environmental reporting on the efforts to maintain farmland and surrounding natural areas in Miami Township, as well as on efforts battling the effects of global warming and strategies for smart land-use planning.

Chamber Music Yellow Springs: Project Harmony

A Foundation grant helped CMYS collaborate with YS Village K-12 School teachers and the Sphinx Organization, whose musicians facilitated interactive learning experiences in classical music for YS School students. The Sphinx Organization is a Detroit-based nonprofit dedicated to the development of young Black and Latino classical musicians. Students experienced a streamed concert curated just for them, 4 to 5 units of interactive learning experiences correlated to curricular and social topics, and an interactive online visit/performance with several Sphinx musicians.

Yellow Springs Senior Center: Local Fare for Local Seniors



A grant from the Foundation made it possible for the YSSC to address multiple needs by being able to purchase fresh, local, healthful food and providing it

to 30 identified at-risk older adults in their homes once per week for 13 weeks. Local establishments also enjoyed additional business during an unusually slow season. From January through March, the delivery of the food afforded the YSSC staff the opportunity to assess the overall well-being of the individuals and provide information about additional services that can be provided. For many older adults who live alone, this safely distanced contact was some of the only contact they have recently experienced.

COVID-19 RELIEF

COVID-19 Community Support Fund

The creation of the COVID-19 Community Support Fund, Business Relief Fund, Food Relief Fund and YSCU Lines of Credit and Emergency Loans/Grants Programs for Individuals, Nonprofits, and Small Businesses, were designed to support our community as financial and others pressing challenges arose related to COVID-19.

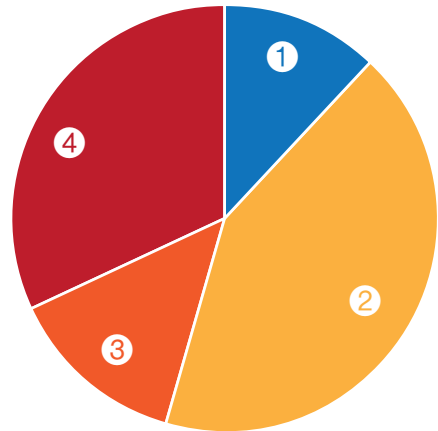
Yellow Springs Food insecurity Fund

Grant funds support activities in our community that supply food to those in need, organizations who support food relief, and to individuals for their emergency food relief.

COVID-19 fund highlights

	NO. OF DONATIONS	TOTAL COLLECTED
1. COMMUNITY.....	353.....	\$71,907
2. FOOD.....	300.....	\$59,288
3. BUSINESS.....	172.....	\$45,712
TOTAL (as of 2/21/2021)...	825	\$176,908

Distribution of Funds



1. COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	\$11,505
2. FOOD INSECURITY.....	\$40,332
3. ESSTIAL WORKER/ MASK MAKERS SUPPORT.....	\$12,698
4. RENT RELIEF (businesses and individuals).....	\$30,285
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED (as of 2/21/2021).....	\$112,122

Yellow Springs Federal Credit Union Funds

- Line of Credit Loans for Nonprofits: \$9,000 loaned
- Line of Credit Loans for Small Business: \$38,100 loaned
- Emergency Loans for Individuals \$30,550 loaned

GENERAL GRANTS



General grant highlights

- \$5,500 YSKP, Traveling Tabletop Theater
- \$6,000 Village Impact Project, Insurance Liability
- \$2,470 Home, Inc. COVID-19 Emergency Response
- \$4,277 Yellow Springs Senior Center, Local Fare
- \$14,314 Yellow Springs Community Children's Center, HVAC & Air Purifier Installation

GIVING TUESDAY & GIVING TUESDAY NOW



Grant highlights

- \$36,800 was received through 488 donations. Donations ranged from \$5-\$5000.
- 140 Donors participated with 84% from 45387, 23 zip codes covering 7 states and the District of Columbia.
- All donations distribution: 80% give for today's needs, 20% will be endowed planning for tomorrow

YELLOW SPRINGS EDUCATION ENDOWMENT (YSEE)



Grant highlights

1. THE BIG MAP OUT (PART 2) \$1,451
 2. CONSTRUCTION, TRANSFORMATIONS, AND SYMMETRY..... \$1,400
 3. ENRICHING ONLINE LEARNING \$3,140
 4. THE BIG MAP-OUT!..... \$4,079
 5. THE PHYSICS OF RACING \$3,450
- NOTE: a \$2,000 grant for the annual McKinney Middle School 8th Grade Class Trip was refunded due to cancellation of the trip.

UPLIFT YELLOW SPRINGS



From funds raised:

- 80% goes to the business,
- 10% goes to COVID-19 YSDC Business Emergency Relief Fund
- 10% to the newly created Business Rainy Day Endowment Fund, both held by the YSCF

NOTE: 80% of gifts to for-profits is not tax deductible; 20% to endowments is tax deductible

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Assets summary

- 17% growth in total assets; an increase of \$2,875,000
- 12% growth in income from investments (\$2,000,000)
- 10% of funds are managed Agency Funds
- 89% of donations were online
- 1,483 donors up from 503 donors in 2019
- Love of Community Fund gifts up 9% (\$60,000)
- \$1,870,000 in overall gifts, up from \$376,000 in 2019



Grants summary

- \$821,250; 20% increase in grant funding
- \$33,730 provided in scholarships to 26 students
- \$15,519 Grants from YSEE
- \$96,071 Grants from General Grants
- 42 Miller Fellow Ambassadors with over \$70,000 awarded to host organizations

NURTURING THE FUTURE THROUGH YOUTH



The Foundation expanded its youth leadership, philanthropy, and awards programs in 2020! By supporting students who are interested in leadership and philanthropy from the age of 5 through the age of 26 and beyond, we believe we are cultivating the next generation of community leaders, philanthropists, and board members. These dynamic young people will impact their community today while learning the skills to enact positive change in our world tomorrow.

The Miller Program

The Miller Fellowship Program will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary in 2021!

Nonprofit Leadership Institute and Miller Fellow Ambassadors

For many businesses, organizations, and programs, it was a deep dive to figure out how to land on your feet in this sudden disruption called a pandemic. It was no different for the YSCF Miller Fellowship program. The Nonprofit Leadership Institute (NLI), the training program for new Miller Fellow Ambassadors moved to online in 2020. The Miller Fellow Ambassadors also shifted from working at their Host Organization's site to virtual work assignments. For our outdoor hands-on-experience work sessions, they donned their masks, moved six-feet apart, and grabbed a shovel.

Three NLIs were held in 2020, certifying 21 new Miller Fellow Ambassadors into the program. These NLI graduates were made up of students from Yellow Springs High School and local colleges in Greene County who wanted to learn more about nonprofits.

Encore Miller Fellows

The National Encore Network program, which is what the namesake of the Foundation's Encore Miller Fellow program was modeled after, is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2021, and so is the Foundation's Miller Program! The mission of the Foundation's Encore Miller Fellow program coincides with the national program by incorporating the core of the Miller Brother's endowment—engaging our senior population every step of the way.

It reads: "The Encore Network is a coalition of leaders who champion the civic, social, and economic contributions of people 50+ by creating community, stimulating learning, and inspiring action."

Everyone rolled up their sleeves in 2020 and made this virtual transformation not only work, but found very creative ways to allow our flagship program to thrive.

New! YSCF Youth Action Board

The YSCF Youth Action Board is a diverse group of middle and high school fearless thinking students who are passionate about solving community issues for youth and making the world a better place. The YSCF Youth Action Board (YAB) is a collaboration between the Yellow Springs Community Foundation, the Yellow Springs Schools, and YouthRoots, a youth philanthropy nonprofit based in Englewood, CO.

This extracurricular youth board is engaged in training sessions through a three-step philanthropic process. The YAB culminates

their year by assessing the needs that are impacting youth, raising funds, and then granting those funds to a local nonprofit whose mission and work aligns with the YAB focus project goals.

Charlotte Drake Youth Philanthropy Program

Since 2004, the Charlotte Drake Youth Philanthropy Program has been providing funding for students in Yellow Springs and Miami Township for humanitarian or community-based projects. In the past, students were able to apply for grants throughout the school year for amounts up to \$300 per project. More recently, the Foundation increased these grants to \$500. Applications are reviewed periodically during the school year by the Charlotte Drake Youth Philanthropy Advisory Committee, a committee of their peers. The Foundation would like to recognize Desiree Nickell for her years of guidance and stewardship of this youth philanthropic granting process at YSHS.

YSCF Giving Circle

Based on an international model of participatory philanthropy, the YSCF Giving Circle was created in 2019 by a group of people from the community who wished to learn about local needs and philanthropy. Members donate what they are able, starting at \$5 per month, into a pooled fund from which \$500 grants are awarded to young people, ages 14–24, for social justice projects. In 2020, the YSCF Giving Circle grants were awarded to The 365 Project, one for a video project about social

justice and one to assist YSHS graduate Nya Brevik and the Youth Black Lives Matter Public Art Project.

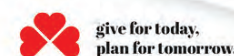
Scholarships and Awards for Youth

The Foundation annually distributes funds for over 30 scholarships to seniors of Yellow Springs High School. They cover a wide range of interests, including athletics, academics, first-generation college students, science, art, computer programming and history, students with special needs, vocational school, social justice, leadership, community service, and journalism. In 2020, 16 scholarships were awarded to 26 individuals.

Three new scholarships were created during 2020: the Chris Rainey Memorial Scholarship, for the former YSHS teacher; the Yellow Springs High School History and Social Sciences Scholarship, created for students pursuing studies in the social sciences; and a scholarship in honor of the beloved school bus driver, Darryl Dewer, who suddenly passed in early 2020. The Darryl Dewer Memorial Scholarship awards \$500 to one YS High School or Greene County Career Center senior entering an accredited two-year or four-year institution of higher learning.

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for the love of community



For our community to thrive, we all play an important role. When you become a donor through YSCF, you become a part

of our community that truly believes in our collective future. Whether you want to give a one-time gift, consolidate your giving, continue to support your favorite causes,

start a business philanthropic program for your employees, or create a lasting legacy for yourself or your family, we can help you find the right fit for you. Spread the love — for the good of our community: <https://bit.ly/3nUadwN>

Together we can do more. **JOIN US!**



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