



# **ANNUAL REPORT** • 2019 plus 2020

# VOICES FROM THE FOUNDATION



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#### From the Executive Director

The Foundation adopted four strategic areas of focus in 2016:

- Proactively convene community collaborations,
- Be the foundation of choice for local giving,
- Engage the next generation of donors and active citizens,
- Expand awareness and visibility of the foundation.

We refer to the strategic areas of focus as our roadmap every day. Our community generates many great ideas which compete for resources, time, talent, and funding. Having a good plan helps us in determining our focus.

This strategic work also prepared us to be engaged for our community as COVID changed our lives. As I think back on the many things that we have accomplished with our donors I feel blessed to be doing good work, with wonderful people on behalf of our community.

We are looking forward to continued work with and for you.

Jeannamarie Cox

#### **From the President**

#### I recently ran across this quote:

Community foundations ... have their nose to the ground; are available in emergencies on the local level; can find pockets of need within a community; and discover outstanding local people who are doing significant work, which often has impact well beyond local.<sup>1</sup>

The YSCF has been a long-standing and dependable resource for the heart of our community. Moving forward, we will continue to support the community's recovery from the effects of COVID-19, with funds going to effective and meaningful solutions. The Foundation is collaborating with local nonprofits and education providers to establish endowment funds that will help these organizations build a reliable source of operating income. The funds we receive and the funds we disperse directly benefit those who live and work in Yellow Springs and Miami Township. When you support the YS Community Foundation, your gift is multiplied in our community.

Lisa Abel



I am very pleased with the progress the YSCF has made and continues to make and with our history of good works for the community. We have gone through changes to become a more active and even proactive part of the community. We continue to innovate, modernize and offer services that are unusual for a small community foundation.

The YSCF and our investment Managers have a long term investment strategy that expects these types of events to occur and assumes that eventually the market will recover — it always has."

"Unfortunately, on the human and social level the impact of the Coronavirus will likely be much broader. It is in times like these that the YSCF and other nonprofits can try to help those in need even more.

Matthew Denman

<sup>1</sup> "Keeping the 'Community' in Community Foundations," Bill Somerville, Stanford Social Innovation Review, October 22, 2013.



#### **YS For Our Girls**

Thanks to Diane Davis, YS chapter of Days for Girls, The Feminist Health Fund, and the Village of Yellow Springs Human Resource Committee for their support for the first-ever YS For Our Girls distribution! With their help, kits of sanitary products were distributed to a group of biologically female students in our community. We look forward to expanding this important project and partnership in years to come!

#### **YSHS Yoga Project**

A Yellow Springs Education Endowment (YSEE) grant funded YS High School Intervention Specialist Donna Haller to purchase yoga mats and equipment and her time out of class to teach weekly mindfulness sessions for teachers and for students. A certified yoga instructor, Donna even extended her expertise to teach yoga and stretching to SPIDEE (Students Promoting Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity through Education) and to sports teams. Students learned positive, healthy tools for becoming more mindful, managing stress, maintaining focus, and making wise decisions to use throughout their lives.



#### **YS Porch Fest**

The Foundation helped support the 2nd free, annual YS Porchfest, which occurred in September, 2019, sending music throughout the village from more than 40 solo artists, bands, and musical groups, including folk, jazz, hip-hop, chamber music, rock, bluegrass, new country blues, grunge, neo-funk, and Celtic. The event lasted 7 hours and occurred at 23 sites—mostly porches—around which listeners gathered on lawns.



#### The Riding Centre 60th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

YSCF funding supported the Therapeutic Riding Centre's 60th Anniversary. More than 200 local people participated in the day-long event. A total of \$23,600 was raised for the benefit of the therapeutic riding program that serves more than 80 children and adults with disabilities throughout the year. A number of those students participated in a demonstration of therapeutic riding, a jumping lesson demonstration, school horse meet-andgreet, 5K road race, and a chance to explore the grounds.





#### **Souped Up for Seniors**

Potters at John Bryan Community Pottery (JBCP) teamed up with the YS Senior Center (YSSC) to raise funds for the Senior Center in October. The JBCP collaborated with the Center to host two ceramic workshop sessions in July and August with seniors, which included Miller Fellows and members of the Village Impact Project (VIP). They created and glazed 75 soup bowls for the fundraiser, at which attendees received a bowl of soup, bread, and a pottery bowl for \$10 per person. They raised just shy of \$2000 from this event. Funding covered fees, supplies, soup ingredients, and rent.

# **GIVING TUESDAY & GIVING TUESDAY NOW**

# **UPLIFT YELLOW SPRINGS**

# **#GIWINGTUESDAY** Yellow Springs

The fourth annual #YSGivingTuesday event is a global day of giving that kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Many of our smaller nonprofits use this as their annual campaign. The YSCF provided \$10K in incentive grant funds to interested nonprofits to seed a field of interest endowment.

#### 2019 Details

TOTAL RAISED	\$40,000
NUMBER OF NONPROFITS PARTICIPATING	32
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	522
NUMBER OF DONORS	133
DONATION RANGE	\$1-\$4,000

# **COVID-19 RELIEF**

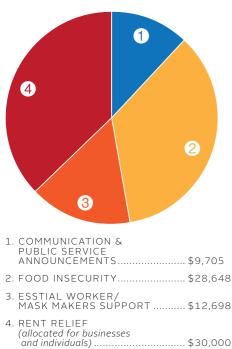
#### **COVID-19 Community Support Fund**

The COVID-19 Community Support Fund is designed to support our community as financial challenges are experienced by our residents related to COVID-19. The funds supported our local economy through distributions to the Yellow Springs Development Corproration to cover gaps for displaced employees and the economic impact 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.

	NO. OF DONATIONS	TOTAL COLLECTED
1. COMMUNITY	314	\$61,368
2. FOOD	221	\$49,300
3. BUSINESS		\$24,284
TOTAL		



#### YELLOW SPRINGS GIMOTUESDAY | NOW

Giving Tuesday Now was implemented In May, 2020, to address the immediate needs of local nonprofits affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

# TOTAL DONATIONS.....\$23,517

ADDITIONAL GRANT FUNDING FROM YSCF FUNDS (i.e., COVID-19 Community Support Fund)\$3,435	
NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING32	
NUMBER OF DONATIONS	

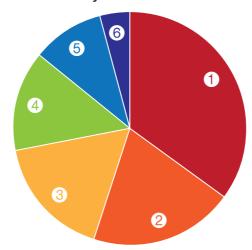


#### **Uplift Yellow Springs**

The Yellow Springs Community Foundation and the downtown business owners in Yellow Springs joined together to make an appeal to customers and donors during this unprecedented pandemic crisis.

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

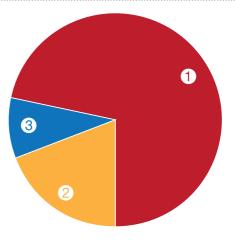
### 2019 Grants by Area of Interest



1. EDUCATION ...... ......\$238,178 (35%) 2. HEALTH & WELLNESS .... \$111,332 (20%) 3. ENVIRONMENT ..... \$119,874 (17%) 4 ARTS 5. SOCIAL JUSTICE ..... \$66,003 (10%)

6. SENIORS ..... \$26,396 (4%)

GRANTS REVIEW COMMITTEE	\$73,807
MILLER FELLOWS (excluding expenses)	\$170,899
YS ENDOWMENT FOR EDUCATION (YSEE)	\$30,288
YS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUND	\$31,644
YSHS SCHOLARSHIPS	\$29,397
CHARLOTTE DRAKE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY	\$528
SAUL YOUNG GRANTS	\$550
DONOR ADVISED GRANTS	\$63,412
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS	\$96,429
YSCF DIRECTED GRANTS	\$119,251
TRUSTEES PHILANTHROPY AWARDS	\$1,200
YS GIVING TUESDAY	\$27,503
RESTRICTED PASS-THROUGH GRANTS	\$13,883
TOTAL	\$658,792



1) BUSINESSES (including pending)\$19,360
2) BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND\$5,245
3) BUSINESS RAINY DAY FUND \$2,420
TOTAL RAISED (as of October 16, 2020;

279 donations from	
98 donors	\$27,025

# **FINANCIALS**

### 2019 Financial Highlights | Assets

- 9% growth in total assets, increase of \$1,421,862
- 1% growth in Income from investments, \$359.296
- Over 27% increase in gifts received, \$346,417, highlights:
- 1% increase in unrestricted gifts, \$55,191
- 5 new donor advised funds, \$164,626 3 new endowments, \$18,271
- 6 endowments created with YSCF Funds, \$676,000
- 469 donors, up 21%

#### 2019 Financial Highlights | Grants

- 9% increase in grant giving & distributions, \$658,792
- 22 scholarships awarded to YSHS graduating seniors, \$29,397
- 8 grants from Yellow Springs Education Endowment (YSEE) to YS Schools, \$30,288
- 18 local nonprofits that benefited from Student Miller Fellows, \$144,100
- 31 nonprofits participated in YS Giving Tuesday, \$35,800
- 17 organizations receiving distributions from 23 funds, \$96,429

TOTAL DISTRIBUTED (as of 10/2020) .....\$81,050

# Grants Given in 2019

#### Highlights from GRC

- \$4,320 to the Yellow Springs Community Children's Center for a phone system upgrade.
- \$5,000 to Antioch College for a
- Yellow Springs Documentary • \$3,000 to the Little Art Theatre for their 90 Years Celebration
- \$3,000 to the Yellow Springs Arts Council for Phase II of the Wheeling Gaunt Sculpture Project
- \$3,000 to the Riding Centre for their Indoor Arena Roof Repair
- \$5,000 to the Yellow Springs Youth Orchestra for their Celebration of Orchestras event. This is a non-profit that doesn't get a lot of press and Shirley Mullins is an icon.
- \$5,000 to the World House Choir for Our Planet—Our Lives concert series
- \$549 to Mercy Health Foundation Clark & Champaign Counties for two free mammograms for Yellow Springs residents

#### Highlights from YSEE

- \$2,700 to the YS Schools for the Women in Yellow Springs Project. Grant resulted in those wonderful banners all around town featuring prominent women in YS.
- \$5,000 to the YS Schools for Into the Wild
- \$4,195 to the YS Schools for Race & Revolution: The Power of Protest
- \$3,590 to the YS Schools for For Our Girls

(as of 10/2020) .....690 ......\$134,953

Distribution of Funds



# THE MILLER PROGRAM

The Miller Fellowship Program is a unique multi-generational program bringing students, seniors, and our local nonprofits together in service for our community.

2019 was a transforming year for this vital endowment program in part because of the addition of the Nonprofit Leadership Institute (NLI). Another highlight was expanding The Miller Program to include other Greene County area college students and Yellow Springs High School students to the program.

The Encores introduced the first NLI

training in May 2019; the second NLI was

held in October of this same year. Twenty-

in 2019 and became Miller Fellows ready

two students received their NLI Certification

**Encore Miller Fellows** 

and excited to contribute to YSCF Host Organizations (our local nonprofits).

The Institute is designed to give the Miller Fellow students hands-on experience to prepare them to work in the nonprofit sector. The Miller Fellows are trained in organizational leadership in areas that include: volunteer management, marketing, fundraising, Board development, best work practices and budgeting. The students also participated in boots-on-the-ground work sessions at selected Host Organizations, including hands-on experience with local nonprofits such as: The Yellow Springs Tree Committee, Agraria, Glen Helen, John Bryan Community Pottery, Tecumseh Land Trust and several others.

### The Miller Fellowship Program

The Miller Fellowship Program demonstrates to students the importance

of service to the community; a pillar of the Miller brothers (Nolan and Richard) Endowment. And, Antioch College students have a special role as 'Ambassadors' to bridge open communication between the College and the Village.

After attending the NLIs, graduates Ian Chick and DaJisha Hubbard joined the Yellow Springs Senior Center and were instrumental in their annual Garden Party fundraiser. Yabome Kanu and Windom Mesure worked with Home Inc., while other certified Miller Fellows were paired with The Riding Centre, Village Impact Project (VIP), the Coretta Scott King Center and the Yellow Springs High School.

The Encore Miller Fellowship program has experienced a successful growth and development year and looks forward to 2021!

# YOU MAY JOIN US

# VIRGIL HERVEY 1944-2019



After 17 years at the Foundation, Virgil Hervey left a gaping hole when he suddenly passed on December 10, 2019.

Virgil grew up on Long Island, New York, served

in the Coast Guard, and earned a BA in Philosophy at Colby College before earning a Juris Doctor degree in 1972. He was a successful criminal defense attorney in New York City, before seeking a different way of life with his wife Amy in Yellow Springs to "feed his writing habit." After having poems and stories published in more than 40 small press publications, one could say he was an accomplished writer.

Virgil filled the first paid staff position at the Foundation, where he managed the grant-making process from beginning to end, oversaw endowments, and he created the Miller Program in 2010 that sprung to life with the reopening of Antioch College, nurturing it as it evolved to the present day. Foundation staff continue to mention the value of Virgil's legal expertise he brought daily to his role.

Thoughtful, profound, creative, nurturing, and humble. Shortly after Virgil's passing, former Foundation President, Bruce Bradtmiller said, "Virgil was a real villager in the sense of what's good and wonderful and useful about the village and how we all look out for each other." There are so many ways to get involved in the support of projects for our community. We are here to help find the best option for you. Our goal is to serve our community by connecting you with our local nonprofits, today and tomorrow.

For this community to thrive, we all have a role to play. From making a onetime donation to estate planning, from volunteering to supporting a youth scholarship, each an opportunity to make a difference.

#### Ways to Give

- Donate one time, monthly or an annual pledge
- Donate Stock, Securities, or Real Estate
- Create a Donor Advised Fund
- Work with us on Estate Planning
- Create an Endowment
- Create an Agency Fund
- Support a Scholarship Fund



#### Ways to Receive

Apply online www.yscf.org

- Grants
- Scholarship
- Awards

# Variety of Funds

- Unrestricted Funds provide maximum flexibility to address needs for today and tomorrow. Your gift will support our nonprofits working on the most pressing projects.
- Field-of-Interest Funds focus on your particular areas of charitable interest, such as hunger, education, or health care. You define the purpose and we find and fund the best projects to meet your goals.

Designated Funds allow you to name the

- charity, or charities, that you want to support. We invest the money, regularly make grants in your name, and monitor these organizations.
- Donor Advised Funds are a good fit for those looking to streamline their giving in a tax-smart way. It's simple: you recommend the nonprofit to receive a grant using our online portal, we do the rest.

#### For Today and Tomorrow

The Yellow Springs Community Foundation has partnered with you for our community for more than 45 years, let's work together on the next 45! Please Join Us!

