From the Executive Director

I had lunch with one of our donors a few days ago; it was so nice to sit across the table. I was asked “How are you doing, really?” I hesitated and then felt the warmth from the treasured gift of friendship, as this was a real question with a sincere desire for my thoughtful answer.

We move along so quickly day by day and have been so removed from our people connections. Please consider stopping a moment and understand how you are doing – and then take the time to hear how those around you are as well. With one conscious step at a time, we can build back our appreciation of each other. The Foundation is focused on the Community, working to develop and strengthen the connections among us. How are you doing, really?

Jeannamarie Cox

From the President

The Foundation, as well as other nonprofits in the village, relies on volunteers to achieve its mission. You need not have expertise in operations or money; whatever talents you have, our community of nonprofits can use you! While many volunteers are recent or not-so-recent retirees, we also need younger folks who can bring new perspectives.

Many of our nonprofits are in need of volunteers to help with daily tasks or to serve on the board or a committee of the organization. Often, our Foundation Friday articles are focused on community volunteers. We encourage you to read these, and explore becoming a community-building volunteer.

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!

A Few Grant Highlights

Yellow Springs Endowment for Education Grants

Construction, Transformation, & Symmetry, Parts 1 & 2 ($2,130) – With a grant 70, YSHS geometry students make connections between geometry and art by creating four different projects that tie together concepts in geometry. These projects all incorporate specific Standards of Mathematical Practice.

General Grants

Story Chain: The Stuck-in-Place Initiative ($4,500) – With a grant, Story Chain’s Stuck-in-Place Initiative to serve 100 families and recruit 500 volunteers. Clients benefited from stories read to them from recorded voices on digital devices that they can use at any time. The client is anyone suffering through some type of social irregularity. Making the recordings created a visceral experience for the readers, some of whom found that the process helped improve their own literacy.

The James A. McKee Association: Yellow Springs cost of Living Study ($4,500) – With a grant, the James A. McKee Association to engage with Wright State University’s Applied Policy Research Institute (APRI). The Institute is conducting the research, compilation, analysis, and report preparation for a study of the many factors impacting the cost of living in the community of Yellow Springs. Cost of living elements include: grocery items, housing (rents, costs, mortgages), utilities, taxes, health care, and services. This demographic information will be derived from 2020 census data.

The Glen Helen Association: Restarting the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center ($12,843) – A Foundation grant helped the GHA cover 49% of the cost of installing new fire doors at the Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center lodge, as well as at Hickory and Sycamore dormitories. This project will help serve about 2500 people.

The Fearless Campaign and Outdoor Facilities Capital Campaign helped fund an all-weather track and running surface, field event equipment, and venues for the YS Schools track.

The Excellence Award presented by Kathryn Hitchcock of the Greater Springfield Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

From the President

Lisa Abel

YSCF 2021 ANNUAL REPORT
2021 Grants by Area of Interest

2021 Gifts by Area of Interest

Grants Summary

$863,246 total

Grants summary
- $108,182 Grants from General Grants
- $17,130 Grants from YSEE
- $32,016 in Scholarships to 11 students
- 40 Student Millers Employed during 2021
- 4 Encore Millers Employed
- $87,000 in Miller Hours provided to 18 Host Nonprofits
- $20,000 Collaborative Grants

General Grants

21 grants, $108,182 total

General grant highlights
- $4,500 James A. McKee Association, Yellow Springs Cost of Living Study
- $3,905 Yellow Springs Senior Center, Fireplace Room / Art Gallery Upgrades
- $8,400 The Yellow Springs News / The 365 Project, The Yellow Springs People of Color Docu-Series
- $2,658 Laura Curliss / Yellow Springs Arts Council Community Afro-Caribbean Drumming Class

Yellow Springs Education Endowment (YSEE)

3 grants, $17,130 total

General grant highlights
- $1,400 YS Schools: Geometry, Construction, Transformation & Symmetry
- $730 YS Schools: Geometry, Construction, Transformation & Symmetry
- $15,000 YS Schools: Track, Fearless Campaign & Outdoor Facilities Capital Campaign

Scholarships

11 students, awarded $32,016

Scholarship highlights
- $7,500 50th Reunion Leadership Scholarship
- $3,000 James A. McGee Memorial Scholarship
- $5,016 Kay Corbin Memorial Scholarship
- $1,000 Lauren Heaton Memorial Scholarship
- $1,000 GEM Award
- $500 Yellow Springs High School History Scholarship

Giving Tuesday

370 gifts, $25,500 in donations, to 36 nonprofits

General grant highlights
- All donations distribution: 80% for today’s needs, 20% endowed planning for tomorrow

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Financial Summary

**Total Assets**
$22,053,961

**Assets summary**
- 10% growth in total assets; $22M
- 9% of funds are managed Local Agency Funds; $2M
- 2,100 donations
- Love of Community Fund Gifts; $72K
- $1.6M in overall gifts
- 29% expenses to administrative cost (target <35%)
- $0.07 Spent for $1.00 received from fundraising (target <10%)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Endowment & Fund

This newly established fund grew out of an urgent need as we witnessed individuals’ lives changed and insecurities magnified by the effects of the pandemic. Our collective purpose is to fill the gaps needed to change the course of these community members’ lives. Our financial goal is to build this new endowment fund to at least $1.5 million, established by a lead donor, matched by the Foundation, and tripled by your support. A new grant committee is busy working to establish the process for these grant funds to support those who need it most. We will keep you informed of our progress with this exciting new fund.

Foundation Friday Newsletter

You asked…We answered. The YSCF connects with more than 1400 donors, nonprofits, volunteers, and community members every Friday through our Foundation Friday newsletter, in which we highlight the work of generous donors and grantees, the community-building work of local nonprofits and productive volunteers, and everything related in between. This is a great way to learn about the impressive quality and breadth of commitment in a zip code of about 5000 people. Catch us online and weekly in the YS News. We will continue striving to do our best work on your behalf. Together we can do more. Join us! yscf@yscf.org

For the Love of Community Fund

The YSCF serves as a catalyst for change. This vital unrestricted fund provides money that is immediately available to support current grants for the community. While the YSCF sometimes issues grants from endowment funds, it is the unrestricted funds that allow the greatest flexibility. For the Love of Community signifies the important work of the Foundation, and encourages our community to help provide a broad base of support for an immediate impact. Our guiding principle is that it is not the size of your gift that is important, but the size of your heart. Always give from your heart. And here’s how you can give: online at yscf.org and by mail at P.O. Box 55, Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

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