

Ottawa County Community Foundation
Celebrating Our Tenth Year
Winter 2009 Newsletter



The Ottawa County Community Foundation was established in 1999 as a public charitable organization created by the citizens of our community to improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Ottawa County area.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Sunday, September 19, 2010
Schedel Gardens, Elmore, Ohio
PLEASE JOIN US!

FUND DONOR FOCUS
JOAN M. HUDAK

A long time and highly respected resident of Ottawa County, Joan Hudak is known for her generosity and philanthropic spirit. Whether it is her church, her residential area, or projects to benefit her fellow man, Joan has always been a ready volunteer. As an elementary educator for thirty-five years, she gave freely of her time and talent to the many students under her tutelage.

A fundamental principle of helping others, a strong work ethic, and the importance of education were instilled in Joan for as long as she can remember. She speaks with pride of her foreign-born grandparents who came to this country speaking very little English and with basically no education, but determined to create a better life. They laid a firm foundation for the next generation to graduate from high school and succeeding generations to graduate from college and beyond. While her mother had to leave high school and go to work during the Great Depression, her father, being raised by a widowed father and then an aunt, managed to become college-educated during that difficult time. For Joan and her brother, discussions of education always centered on “**when** you go to college” rather than “**if** you go to college.” Joan completed eight years in a Catholic school, graduated from Danbury High School, and spent three years at Sienna Heights College in Adrian, Michigan, before transferring to Bowling Green State University where she completed a Bachelor of Arts degree and later a Master of Arts. Retired from teaching since 1993, Joan continues to work with third graders at Jefferson School to help them prepare for the Ohio Achievement Test.

When Joan’s father died in 2002, she reflected on his love of learning, the value he placed on education, and the fact that he was always a champion for the underdog. She asked herself, “What better way to honor him than to establish something that would give forever to a student in need of financial support?” A scholarship fund with the Ottawa County Community Foundation was the perfect answer. She used memorial contributions as seed money for the Joseph J. Kristernak Memorial Scholarship Fund and then added to that amount to bring the yearly scholarship gift to the level she desired.

In 2007 while in the process of setting up legal documents to manage her estate, Joan again thought of her father and the idea of giving a young person the opportunity and encouragement to better oneself and move forward. As a highly successful teacher, she clearly understood the importance of student recognition, and it occurred to her that she would like to do something while living so that she might enjoy watching the benefits of an educational gift. Pleased with the ease and control she had in establishing her father’s fund, she again turned to the Foundation. The Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education Scholarship Fund was established and Joan has the pleasure of selecting the recipient as well as making the award at the yearly Port Clinton High School scholarship assembly.

Like Joan Hudak, you too can ensure that charitable causes that are important to you continue to be supported after you are gone. In addition to scholarships, numerous fund options are available. Any board member can direct you to a professional advisor who will assist you in establishing a fund in any amount exactly as you want it. There is no fee and your fund documents may be changed any number of times over the years, also with no fee. You create the fund, you name the fund, and the Foundation then ensures that your charitable intentions are carried out. Doing Good. Forever.

THREE QUESTIONS

1. Have you visited our website? Check us out at ottawaccf.org.
2. Do you know someone who should be added to our mailing list? Please contact any board member with name and address.
3. Did you know that a contribution to any of OCCF’s fifty-two funds is totally tax deductible? Please keep us in mind the next time you want to honor or remember someone.

ATTENTION GRANT SEEKERS

Plan to attend the *Grant Seekers Workshop* on January 28, 2010, at the Oak Harbor Library, from 8:30 - 11:00 AM. Check our website (ottawaccf.org) and watch the news media for further information.

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2009-2010 Ottawa County Community Foundation Scholarship Information

Each year deserving and talented Ottawa County high school graduates are awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to help them attend the college or technical school of their choice. Many of the scholarships are offered on a year to year basis to applicants that meet specified criteria. A second type of scholarship is administered by the Ottawa County Community Foundation and given in perpetuity to applicants meeting the criteria established by the fund donors. **Scholarship sponsors interested in converting from annual to scholarships in perpetuity are urged to contact any member of the OCCF Board of Trustees.**

Student	Amount	H.S.	College	Fund
Paul Carman	\$500.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Ann Marie Gonzales	\$500.00	PC	Miami University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Kayla Castillo	\$500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Toni Rust	\$500.00	PC	The Ohio State University	Lenore Petersen Blackburn
Jacob Batt	\$1,000.00	PIB	Bowling Green State University	John Blatt, Mayor of Put-in-Bay
Morgan Price	\$2,089.74	OH	University of Findlay	Linda Kaiser Carsten
Jessica Schenk	\$1,000.00	PC	Kent State University	Catawba Island Club
Megan Slomsky	\$1,000.00	OH	Kent State University	Catawba Island Club
Kelley Folger	\$270.00	PC	Otterbein College	Catawba Island Club
Matthew Kessler	\$270.00	SMCC	Xavier University	Catawba Island Club
Margaret Smith	\$270.00	SJCC	Ferris State University	Catawba Island Club
Robert Bascone	\$335.15	PC	Terra Community College	Catawba Isl. Vol. Fire Dept. Auxiliary
Wendy Peters Bruner	\$1,147.32	ETS	Eden Theological Seminary	SueAnn Van Rensselaer W. C.
Matt Manley	\$500.00	PC	Owens Community College	Dolores Gutkowski "Mrs. G" Memorial
Andrea Behm	\$1,055.42	OH	University of Akron	Jo Ann Hablitzel Memorial
Rebecca Heilman	\$601.24	PC	Blue Heron Academy	James Jacob Lee "Jake" Hefflinger Memorial
Kelsey Gahler	\$350.00	OH	Ohio State ATI	Hellwig-Clements Family
Paul Carman	\$576.02	PC	Baldwin Wallace	Joan M. Hudak Teacher Education
Seth Blankenbecker	\$351.75	PC	Bowling Green State University	Kent Johnson Family/Grandma Theo
Joseph Nicholas Passabet	\$480.11	PC	Tulane University	Lester J. Klenk
Brittany Wells	\$500.00	DHS	Bowling Green State University	Joseph J. Kristernak Memorial
Meredith Mooney	\$1,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
Ben Bacak	\$1,000.00	PC	Hocking College	James W. Longe
Ann Marie Gonzales	\$1,000.00	PC	Miami University	James W. Longe
Alexis Dunfee	\$1,000.00	PC	The Ohio State University	James W. Longe
William Derivan	\$904.78	PC	Bowling Green State University	Thomas W. Maher
Charles Hurt	\$904.78	PC	The Ohio State University	Thomas W. Maher
Alyssa Diefenthaler	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Oak Harbor Rotary
William Durivage	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Lindsey Rodenhauer	\$1,000.00	OH	The Ohio State University	Oak Harbor Rotary
Brian Sandwisch	\$400.00	OH	Capital University	Joshua D. Priddy
Daniel Leidhieser	\$500.00	PC	Academy of Art University	Priscilla Rhiel
Elizabeth Gruber	\$1,000.00	OH	Mount Union College	Marvin & Alice D. Rohloff
Kristen Brahier	\$500.00	PC	University of Dayton	Jean C. Rutan Port Clinton High School
Brian Baranek	\$5,000.00	PC	University of Akron	Peter B. Rutan and Jean C. Rutan
Chelsea Garza	\$1,000.00	OH	Tiffin University	Rollie W. Sidell Memorial
Sarah Harder	\$1,427.19	OH	The Ohio State University - ATI	Les and Barb Sprouse
Lindsey Balduf	\$1,239.98	PC	Tiffin University	George and Lois Svehla
Kathleen Bechtel	\$1,054.39	OH	Youngstown State University	Arthur Van Rensselaer
Paul Carman	\$500.00	PC	Baldwin Wallace	1999-2004 Port Clinton Walleye Festival