Donors build and strengthen our community by establishing Designated Funds that provide support to nonprofit organizations for projects and causes they value. The Foundation currently manages 41 Designated Endowment Funds, which benefit the organizations listed below. If you would like more information on how to establish your own designated fund, please contact the Foundation office at 419-633-1156.

American Cancer Society NW Region
American Heart Association-Wms County
Bryan Area Foundation
Black Swamp Audubon Society
Bryan City Band, Inc.
Bryan City Schools
Bryan Music Boosters, Inc.
Center Township
Christian and Missionary Alliance Church
City of Bryan Parks and Recreation Dept.
Defiance College
First Church of Christ
Taylor University
First Presbyterian Church
Friends of West Unity Library
German ME Church Preservation Assoc.
Millcreek West Unity Local School District
Montpelier Athletic Boosters
Montpelier Exempted School
National Audubon Society
Northwest State Community College
Presbyterian Church USA-WW Ministries
Share Foundation
St. Patrick Catholic Church
United Way of Williams County
Village of West Unity
Wesley United Methodist Church
Williams County 4-H
Williams County Fair Foundation
Williams County Historical Society
Williams County Public Library
Williams County Senior Support Fund
Williams County YMCA
IRA Charitable Rollover

On December 18, 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover became permanent allowing taxpayers age 70½ or older to transfer up to $100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to a charity without first having to recognize the distribution as income.

NOW PERMANENT

Please consider making a direct distribution from your IRA to the Bryan Area Foundation. The Foundation offers a number of fund options for you to choose from including a community fund, designated fund, scholarship fund or field of interest fund.

For more information call Jack at 419-633-1156

Continuing Education Scholarships Awarded $5,750

The Foundation recently awarded three $1,750 scholarships from the Harlan G. and Ernestine B. Spangler Scholarship and $500 from the Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship Fund. The Spangler scholarship is awarded to adults returning to school after being in the workforce for at least five years and the Thaman Scholarship is awarded to a student working while attending college.

Pictured L to R: Mark Miller Scholarship chair, Spangler recipients are Christie Stotz, Allison Geiser, Sindy Hukill-Rigg, and Laura Eckhardt Scholarship committee. Not pictured, Kaitlin Roushia, the recipient of the Thaman Scholarship.

STRENGTHENING Your Non-Profit Board

This fall the Foundation was pleased to partner with the United Way of Williams County and Shalom Counseling and Mediation Center to host leadership training for local non-profits. Beth Short, from the Ohio attorney general’s office, provided very enlightening insights on the duties and fiscal responsibilities for non-profit board members along with addressing board governance issues. The seminar was attended by 66 representatives from 20 different nonprofit organizations. Future non-profit training is being planned for next fall.
Friends of Montpelier Parks
$500
Trick or Treat in the Park

Williams County Agricultural Society
$5,000
Fence and Gate Project

Montpelier Exempted Schools
$1,500
Nurses Discretionary Fund for Needy Children

First Club Inc.
$2,180.40
Recondition/Repair 5th—6th Grade Football Helmets

Friends of Montpelier Parks
$1,500
Summer Program

Organizational Funds
Receive $39,400

We thank these 26 organizations for putting their trust in the Bryan Area Foundation and its affiliates as stewards of their endowments. These organizations, listed below, recently received annual distributions totaling $39,400 and are experiencing how the power of endowments provide on-going capital to further their mission. Impact the community by supporting these organizations.

Academic Booster Club of Bryan City Schools
David Betts Double Play Diamond
Black Swamp Audubon Society
Black Swamp Area Boy Scouts
Bryan Rotary Foundation, Inc.
City of Bryan Senior Center Building
Four County Career Center
Montpelier Athletic Boosters, Inc.
Montpelier Fire Department
Montpelier Rotary
Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center
First Presbyterian Church
St. Patrick Catholic Church
Stryker Schools Foundation
Trinity Lutheran Church
United Way of Williams County
Wesley United Methodist Church
Veterans Memorial Building
Williams County 4-H
Williams County Fair Foundation
Williams County Historical Society
Williams County Humane Society
Williams County Parks
Williams County Senior Center
Williams County Sportsmans
Williams County Family YMCA

Montpelier Area Foundation

Organizational Endowment Fund
20% Match Program

The 20% match program has been extended through June 30, 2017. It is a tremendous opportunity for local non-profits to build their endowment funds to provide future income for their organization.

The Foundation will provide a 20% match to any donation to a BAF Organizational Fund up to $2,000 per fund. Last year 11 organizations took advantage of the 20% match program and received over $14,000 in matching funds to their endowment funds.
**Seeking Good Citizen Nominees**

This prestigious award, endowed by the Hawk family in memory of their parents, Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk, is presented annually to one of Bryan’s outstanding citizens.

Each nominee must be or have been:
- A resident of Bryan for at least 20 years.
- Active in unpaid positions in organizations providing services to Bryan.
- An officer or director of a nonprofit organization.
- Associated with at least one outstanding accomplishment for the Bryan community.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Foundation Office or downloaded on the website: www.bryanareafoundation.org.

The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2017.

Completed nomination forms may be dropped off at the Foundation office or mailed to:
P.O. Box 651, Bryan, OH 43506

**Holiday Hours**

The Foundation office will be closed on:
Monday, December 26
Monday, January 2

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**