The SEED

In 1969, a small group of Bryan citizens decided to pool their resources to support community projects promoting a high quality of life for all residents. Their initial donation - $250 in small bills hand delivered to the bank - was the seed that eventually grew into the tree that today is the Bryan Area Foundation.

“Dreams are the seeds of change. Nothing ever grows without a seed, and nothing ever changes without a dream.”

Debby Boone

Your Foundation at Work

Over the years the initial seed of $250 has grown to over $24 million through the power of collective giving. So how does the Foundation work for our community? Donors establish endowment funds that are invested and then only the earnings are spent, ensuring the Foundation is a sustainable resource for community funding for many years to come.

Donors to the Foundation, along with many other community partners, have been the catalysts behind numerous projects in the area, from the Imagination Station to the Senior Center, the Field House to softball fields and city parks.

Community philanthropy is at the heart of what makes our community a great place to live and work today and for many generations to come. Turn the page and see how many of these projects you recognize that have been made possible through your community support.
48 Years of Giving Back

320 FUNDS

4,650 GRANTS AWARDED

$10,300,000 TOTAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS INVESTED IN OUR COMMUNITY

How Do ENDOWMENTS WORK?

ENDOWMENTS

1. An endowment fund is established with a gift from a generous donor.

2. The endowment fund grows and produces investment income.

3. The principle is held, while a percentage of the investment income is paid out each year.
Affiliate Foundations

Edon Area Foundation
- Florence Township
- Fire Department
- Edon Public Library

Montpelier Area Foundation
- Montpelier
- Balloon Festival
- Williams County
- Historical Society

Millcreek–West Unity Area Foundation
- West Unity
- Public Library
- Millcreek
- Kissell Community Center

Thank You Donors

- Williams County
- Veterans Memorial Building
- Williams County
- Williams County

- Jaycee Pavilion
- BHS Press Box
- Park Rotary Pavilion
- Performing Arts Center
Seeking Nominees for the Benedict Family Outstanding Educator Award in Memory of Greg Benedict

This prestigious award, endowed through The Bryan Area Foundation, by the Benedict family in memory of Greg Benedict, is presented annually to one of Bryan’s outstanding educators.

To qualify for the award you must be employed as a teacher, administrator or counselor of the Bryan City Schools for 3 years, model competency and character and make continuous and outstanding contributions to the education of students.

The nomination forms may be picked up at the Foundation office or online at www.bryanareafoundation.org.

The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2017.

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

Don’t Miss Out!

Organizational Endowment Fund 20% Match Program Ending June 30th, 2017

For more information call Jack at 419-633-1156