Do you ever wonder how the Bryan area has so many treasures? Treasures such as the YMCA that is being renovated and will be an extraordinary facility that will enhance our community for years to come. Consider all the sporting opportunities and venues, like the Mose Isaac Field House, the soccer field that soon will install field lights, the softball and baseball fields and the stadium press box. Think about the Bryan Senior Center, the Williams County Public Library, the Williams County Humane Society or the quality of our parks and the volunteers who came together to build the Imagination Station. All of these projects have something in common….faithful volunteers as well as generous donors who have invested in the Bryan Area Foundation, like Tom and Susan Herman.

Tom and Susan began calling Bryan home in 1958; Tom originally from Edgerton, Ohio and Susan from Oxford, Ohio. They became college sweethearts at Miami University. Did you know that Tom left college to play professional baseball for the Washington Senators for two years? Upon advice from his bride-to-be, Susan, Tom decided finishing college might be a better path than baseball. And so it was; Tom and Susan were married in 1955 while Tom was serving in the U.S. Army. Following his service, Tom returned to Miami University, graduating in 1958. They were blessed with five boys: Craig, Bruce, Steven, Timothy and Andrew.

Tom and Susan are one of the Foundation’s many generous donors that have invested in the community through the Foundation with a scholarship fund in memory of their son Andy. They also established a designated fund that benefits the YMCA and fulfills Tom and Susan’s passion for the mission of the YMCA. Tom states “The Foundation is the only place we can make certain our funds get to the right place….to the community. Think back, the Foundation continually gives. The Foundation has been a part of many good things in the community.”

What’s your passion? What’s your passion? What’s your passion? What’s your passion?

What’s the one cause that compels you to action, inspires and motivates you to give? Maybe it’s youth, animals or the arts. Perhaps you received a scholarship and you would like to pay-it-forward. Maybe your dream is to honor a loved one by leaving a legacy in their name. Do you have a favorite charity or church that has enriched your life or an organization that is making strides on a topic that touches your heart?

The Foundation’s mission is “to enhance the quality of life for all citizens, now and for generations to come.” Our commitment is to assist you in achieving your charitable goals and to create a customized giving plan that will support the causes that inspire you.
Grant money is available to nonprofit organizations through the Bryan Area Foundation Community Grant program to help meet the evolving needs of the community.

**Over $280,000 Available for Community Grants!**

Grant applications and guidelines can be found at www.bryanareafoundation.org under Grants.

We are happy to meet and answer any questions you may have regarding the grant application process.

Call Jack at 419-633-1156.

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The next grant application deadline is **September 30, 2017**.

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**Continuing Education Scholarships Awarded**

The Foundation presents the **Harlan and Ernestine Spangler Continuing Education Scholarship** for $2,000 each to three Williams County residents. Pictured from left is Tom Turnbull, representing the scholarship committee; Courtney Montagu is a media production student at Bowling Green State University; Heather Clark is a business health management student at Western Governor’s University; and Aaron Hill is studying to be an equine science master at Meredith Manor. The scholarship is awarded to adults who are returning to school to complete their education.

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Mary Thaman presents the **Chris and Mary Thaman Scholarship** for $700 to Tanner Clingaman. Tanner is attending Defiance College majoring in accounting. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed at least one year of college and is working to support their college education.
A Year in Review
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Making an Impact

Thank you to our donors who have partnered with the Foundation to fulfill their philanthropic wishes. In 48 years the Foundation has grown to over $25.8 million and administers 321 funds with endowed balances of $21.2 million. We have truly made a difference in the community by granting over $10.8 million to the Bryan area in grants and scholarships since 1969.

Last year we were pleased to award $388,226 to 64 nonprofit organizations to support specific projects and programs that are dear to the hearts of our donors, along with $171,200 to 117 area students pursuing their educational dreams.

Foundation Totals

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GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS BY AREA SERVED

- Animal Welfare - 1% $ 7,922
- Religion - 4% $ 24,517
- Human Services - 7% $ 41,417
- Arts and Culture - 3% $ 18,345
- Health - 17% $ 94,069
- Scholarships - 31% $171,200
- Community Development - 3% $ 15,556
- Education - 9% $ 52,262
- Agriculture - 4% $ 21,906
- Youth - 20% $108,635
- Other—1% $ 3,597

Thank you to our donors who have supported the students.
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.

If you are 70½ or older, 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.

Currently, while individuals may roll over up to $100,000 from an IRA directly to a qualifying charity, the law prohibits direct roll overs to a donor advised fund. For more information call Jack at 419-633-1156.

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