Howard and Laurena (Dehnke) Arnos were residents of Williams County their entire lifetimes and lived in Bryan since 1937. They were married in 1929 and were blessed with two children Marilyn and Richard. Laurena was a homemaker. Howard was a contractor who built many homes in the area and he was also a proficient wood crafter. Together they were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan.

In 1994, Laurena established three endowment funds through the Bryan Area Foundation as a memorial to her late husband as well as a means to permanently support the community and the causes that were near and dear to them.

Following in their footsteps, their daughter Marilyn also has a strong commitment to the community and has served many organizations in varying positions. Marilyn currently volunteers at the CHWC Gift Shop, the Church Women United Thrift Shop, the Williams County Library and Northwestern Federal Credit Union. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Bryan Area Business Women Club and Power in the Purse.

Marilyn and her late husband Bill lived in Bryan all their married lives. Marilyn has one daughter Barbara who resides in California with her husband Dan and son Curtis. During warmer weather you will find Marilyn at Riverside Greens where she previously organized a lady’s golf league for 20 years. Marilyn established the Marilyn J. Scott Community Fund in 2006 to benefit the community forever.

The Power of Endowments!

Endowment gifts have been described as “the gift that keeps on giving.” This graph demonstrates how a gift of $25,000 will make an impact by giving back to the community or your designated charity for many years to come. Within 50 years, the fund will give back over twice its original donation and still grow to $47,000.

Endowment funds are invested to grow over the long-term. The principal remains intact and only the earnings on the fund are used to make charitable distributions each year. Endowments allow our donors to provide a permanent or perpetual funding stream to support causes and organizations in the community.
Welcome to my first BAF newsletter as your Foundation’s Chairman. Inside you’ll find exciting information on our recent grant to 4-H Camp Palmer, the ongoing success of our Power in the Purse (PIP) program, the impact of endowments shown through the Arnos funds, and our November grant workshop.

I’d like to send one final shout out to Bill Martin for the wonderful job he did during his past two years of service as Chairman of the Bryan Area Foundation. Bill did a great job focusing on workforce development, and his enthusiasm is such an asset to our community. Many thanks Bill!

As I begin my two-year term, I would like to help the Bryan Area Foundation not only focus on continuing to grow that developed work force in Bryan, but even more importantly, enticing that work force to live in and contribute to our community. I have adopted three words to be my motivation, Arrive….Thrive….Stay!

Arrive. Thrive. Stay. So what do I mean by that?

Arrive – How do we get people to return or relocate to Williams County?
Thrive – How do we help people succeed and want to raise their families here?
Stay – How do we get both current generations and next generations to want to stay and contribute to our community?

The Foundation can have a huge impact on facilities and programs that makes Williams County an appealing destination to the next generation of leaders looking for a great place to raise a family.

We have the people who can not only make a difference, but care about making a difference. Combine that with the resources the Bryan Area Foundation brings to the table and I know we can find a way to make our community a place to arrive, thrive and stay….for a lifetime!

Pam Bard Steel
Chairman of the Board

Congratulations!

Thanks Dean and Connie for 20 Years of Service!

Dean Spangler and Connie Tipton were recently recognized for their 20 years of dedicated service to the Foundation and the community. Dean has served on numerous Foundation committees and was BAF Chairman from 2010-2012. Connie has served the Foundation as a trustee for three terms and currently serves as the chair of the Grant Committee.

We applaud Dean and Connie for their dedication and service in the community!
Making an Impact!

Thanks to our donors who have partnered with the Foundation to fulfill their philanthropic wishes. Over 49 years the Foundation has grown to over $27.2 million and administers 333 funds with endowed balances of $21.8 million. We have truly made a difference in the community by granting over $11.5 million to the Bryan area in grants and scholarships since 1969.

Last year we were pleased to award $560,277 in grants to 75 nonprofit organizations to support specific projects and programs that are dear to the hearts of our donors, along with $179,050 in scholarships to 106 area students pursuing their educational dreams.

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Fiscal Year 2018
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018
$739,327 in Grants and Scholarships
“Adventure awaits when you leave the classroom or worksite behind and take the CHALLENGE! Reach beyond your comfort zone, discover your individual strengths, communicate, plan, solve problems – learn by doing it on the Team Building and High Ropes Course” describes the new high ropes challenge course on 4-H Camp Palmer’s website.

“The community’s support will help us continue our mission of engaging youth and adults as they build life skills, in a community living environment”.

-Bill Goodson
Ex. Director 4-H Camp Palmer

On June 23, 2018, 4-H Camp Palmer dedicated the Chuck Wurth High Ropes Course. The course was named in honor of Chuck Wurth, a 42-year staff member of 4-H Camp Palmer, who was the project manager and leader of the project. The original 1990 course was built in the trees, and because of tree growth the cables and platforms needed to be continually adjusted. The new course, built with telephone poles, will be much easier to maintain. It has 15 physical elements located 25 feet in the air, includes two zip lines and a central spiral stairway to accommodate more participants.

4-H Camp Palmer is a place to meet the challenge....build confidence....increase your skills....set goals....and achieve your aspirations through experiential education.

This project was constructed debt-free through community support and a grant from the Bryan Area Foundation of $12,000.
Montpelier Area Foundation

The Montpelier Area Foundation recently awarded $3,000 to the Hilltop Athletic Boosters for a sound system for the Hilltop football and track athletic complex.

L to R: Vicki Schaffner Treasurer Hilltop Athletic Boosters, Harold Carder President Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation, Tim Clark President Hilltop Athletic Boosters, and Scott Maneval Vice President Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation.

Edon Area Foundation

The Edon Area Foundation recently awarded a grant of $1,852 to the Village of Edon towards construction of a new basketball court at Walz Park.

Cody Best (L) representing the Edon Area Foundation presents a check to Edon's Mayor Duane Thiel.

Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation

The Millcreek-West Unity Area Foundation recently awarded $500 to the Friends of the Montpelier Parks for Trick-or-Treat at the Main Street Park.

The Hilltop Community Little League is the beneficiary of a $2,500 grant to rebuild and repair the dugouts at Memorial Park in West Unity.

L to R: Eleana VanArsdalen, Bart Westfall Millcreek West Unity Area Foundation, Bruce VanArsdalen Hilltop Community Little League President, and Harold Carder Millcreek West Unity Area Foundation President.
Three worthy organizations were nominated. First drawn was the Bryan Swim Team Association for their campaign to purchase new starting blocks and a scoreboard. The equipment is 35 years old and is unsafe and outdated. The starting blocks will have the ability to be used at the Moore Pool and the YMCA.

The second organization drawn was the Williams County Community Theater. Their facility is in need of repair work. Through an Eagle Scout project the labor will be donated, however they need to raise money for materials to complete the repairs.

Lastly, the Joyce Reader Foundation, established to honor Joyce Reader and her love of music, presented on their support of the Bryan School music program. Their goal is to purchase some new instruments and to assist students with private lessons.

After the votes were tallied, the Bryan Swim Team Association was chosen as the recipient of our quarterly donation!

A special thanks to Jade Scott from Just for Kickz, last quarter’s recipient, for sharing her mission to give new shoes and socks to those in need. At the ripe old age of almost 14, Jade is changing her corner of the world and truly making a difference!
Since 2016,...
PPIP has donated
$65,825 to
charitable organizations
in Williams County!

2018 PIP Recipients

1st Quarter Recipient
Shalom Counseling
& Mediation Center - $5,925
Client Services

2nd Quarter Recipient
Just for Kickez - $5,925
Shoes & Socks

3rd Quarter Recipient
Bryan Swim Team Association
$6,225
Starting Blocks & Scoreboard

2018 Grant Totals
$18,075

Power in the Purse
WOMEN’S GIVING CIRCLE

Thank You Sponsors!
Anderson & Vreeland, Inc.
AmeriMade Reality
Bard Family Foundation
Bryan Ford Lincoln
F & M Bank
Spangler Candy Company
Trinity Lutheran Church

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Turn your individual retirement account (IRA) into a tax-saving charitable gift through an IRA Charitable Rollover. In 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover became permanent. People 70 ½ or older are allowed to transfer up to $100,000 annually from their IRA accounts directly to a charity, without first having to recognize the distribution as income.

The Foundation can help you support your charitable interests by offering several fund options: a community impact fund, designated fund, scholarship fund or a field-of-interest fund. The law prohibits direct rollovers to a donor advised fund.

Planning today can ensure the causes you care about will continue to be supported beyond your lifetime.

To learn more, please contact Jack Brace at 419-633-1156 or email jbrace@bryanareafoundation.org.