Classroom to Community

Classroom to Community kicked off in January with students in grades K-5. Through a series of presentations, students are being introduced to what it means to be a community advocate and how together we make our community a great place to call home!

Jade Scott who started a nonprofit Just For Kickz, at the age of 9, shared her mission to collect shoes and socks for those in need. This was a very powerful message to see a young philanthropist in action.

BAF members read the Giving Tree or the Rainbow Fish book to students, giving them another perspective on giving. In March the students will learn about the building of the Imagination Station playground and how our community came together to support this worthy project.
Message from our Chairman

Am I the only one who blinked and suddenly it was 2019?

It showed up faster than I expected, but I can’t think of a better way to start the New Year than with our Dream Big Classroom to Community program. Bryan City School students in grades K-5 learned about philanthropy from Jade Scott. You’re never too young to start thinking about giving back!

And 2019 will only get better! Be sure to mark your calendars for the next nonprofit workshop taking place on April 17th, which will focus on strategic planning. Also, you’ll want to make plans to join us for a special evening on July 16th with Danny Wuerffel. Danny played quarterback for the University of Florida Gators and won college football’s coveted Heisman Trophy in 1996. You won’t want to miss hearing about the lessons he learned along his journey and the work of Desire Street Ministries.

Although it’s fun to look ahead, let’s not forget the impact of the 12 Dream Launcher Grants awarded and the 11 new funds established. Thank you for all you do to make Bryan a place for future generations to Arrive, Thrive and Stay!

Until next time,

Pam Bard Steel
Chairman of the Board

Marketing Workshop

On February 20th, 36 representatives of local nonprofits braved the cold and snow to learn about “Marketing on a Shoestring Budget” with speaker Mark Cardwell, Executive Director of the Ohio Marketing Association. Mr. Cardwell addressed how to develop and implement a marketing process.

Join Us!

Strategic Planning workshop on April 17, 2019

More details on the enclosed flyer!
The community is invited to attend “Dream Big...Live Big” with Danny Wuerffel on Tuesday, July 16th. Who is Danny Wuerffel? Danny Wuerffel, an outstanding quarterback for the University of Florida, set many records and won the highly acclaimed Heisman Trophy in 1996. He went on to play professional football for seven seasons in the NFL. When Danny played quarterback for the New Orleans Saints, he first learned about Desire Street Ministries.

Desire Street Ministries is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1990 in New Orleans. Their ministry strives to revitalize under-resourced neighborhoods across the southeastern United States through spiritual and community development. When volunteering for Desire Street, Danny spent time with neighborhood kids and developed a passion to see all neighborhoods become a desirable place to live. In 2006, Danny was named Executive Director of Desire Street Ministries.

Danny also has a connection to Bryan through his wife Jessica Krause Wuerffel, a graduate of Bryan High School. They have three children and currently live in Atlanta, Georgia. Danny’s inspirational story, woven with life-shaping football experiences and faith, is sure to be a memorable experience.

**Dream Big...Live Big**

Danny Wuerffel, 1996 Heisman Trophy winner and Executive Director of Desire Street Ministries

**Save the Date**

July 16, 2019
Bryan High School

**Free Event!**

Follow Facebook & Instagram for upcoming details!
Dream Launcher Grants

*To celebrate the Foundation’s 50th Anniversary, $50,000 has been allocated for the special Dream Launcher Grant Program. Nonprofit organizations operating programs that benefit Williams County residents are eligible. Dream Launcher Grants range between $1,000 and $2,500.*

Twelve organizations were recognized for receiving a Dream Launcher Grant during halftime of the BHS boys basketball game, Friday, February 22, 2019

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Pictures not available*

Community Advocates for Healthy Families - $2,500 - Event Speakers  
Four County Career Center - $2,500 - Trauma Kits  
Bryan City Band, Inc. - $2,500 - Instruments  
Bryan Girls Softball Association - $2,500 - Batting Cage Improvements  
Williams County Habitat for Humanity - $2,500 - Material Costs

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St. Patrick Catholic School
$2,500
Chrome Books

CPC Women's Health Resource
$2,500
Volunteer Training

Cancer Assistance of Williams County
$2,500
Gas Cards

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Open Hands Caring Hearts
Food Pantry
$1,596
Computers and Software

Fountain City Festival
$2,000
Costumes

David Betts Double
Play Diamond
$1,760
Softball Pitching Machine

CONGRATULATIONS!
The Bryan Area Foundation exists to serve its donors by administering charitable gifts in accordance with their wishes. Additionally, only earnings on endowments are spent, ensuring the Foundation is a sustainable resource for community funding for many years to come.

The Foundation is the best choice for donors of all kinds whose shared goal is to make an impact in the local community and promote a high quality of life for residents. Gifts of all sizes are encouraged, appreciated and important.

Thank YOU for Investing in the Future!
Montpelier Library Receives Grant

The Montpelier Area Foundation recently granted $1,000 to the Montpelier Library. Raegan Jacob is pictured with the library books and display.

MAF Grant - Hope Center for Renovations

MAF granted $8,000 to the Hope Center for kitchen renovations and improvements to the facility. The Hope Center is a community center in Montpelier for youth and family programming, such as a weekly community dinner, an afterschool program and many other activities.
Pictured L to R: Scott Benedict, Jackie Boyd, the 2018 Outstanding Educator with Ike, Mark Miller, and Diana Savage.

Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Educator!

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

You may download the nomination application on our website at: www.BryanAreaFoundation.org

The deadline for nominations to be considered for this year’s award is **March 15, 2019**. Please submit the nomination form to the Foundation office or mail to PO Box 651, Bryan, Ohio 43506.