



A YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024

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FISCAL
YEAR
2024

Every building starts with a good foundation.

Annual Report

Since 1969, over \$19.9 million has been given back to the Bryan area in grants & scholarships!!

399 Funds

\$285,557 in Scholarships Given to 98 Students

\$42.1M Foundation Assets

\$1,789,972 in Grants Given to 87 Nonprofits

When the Bryan Area Foundation embarked on Fiscal Year 2024 last July, we did so with the theme “*Building for the Future*” woven throughout our plans, goals, and objectives.

The theme was easy to select, because of our planned involvement in so many building projects. In August, we moved our office to a permanent home on Bryan’s historic square, and in September we broke ground on building the Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground. Through the fall and winter, we granted over \$500,000 from our Community Impact Project fund for re-investment in multiple historic buildings in downtown Bryan. In addition to physical building projects, we remained focused on our mission, to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of our area

now and for generations to come by building community endowment, addressing needs through grant making, and serving as a leader, catalyst, and resource for charitable giving. This annual report will highlight the Bryan Area Foundation’s financial achievements and our programs focused on *Building for the Future*.

BRYAN AREA FOUNDATION

330 FUNDS

\$1,696,933
GRANTS AWARDED

\$173,244
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

\$34,616,915
TOTAL ASSETS

EDON AREA FOUNDATION

18 FUNDS

\$38,133
GRANTS AWARDED

\$61,300
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

\$3,861,804
TOTAL ASSETS

MILLCREEK-WEST UNITY FOUNDATION

22 FUNDS

\$30,548
GRANTS AWARDED

\$12,500
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

\$1,356,972
TOTAL ASSETS

MONTPELIER AREA FOUNDATION

29 FUNDS

\$24,358
GRANTS AWARDED

\$38,513
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

\$2,302,834
TOTAL ASSETS



2024 Fiscal Year

Foundation Highlights

“It is not the beauty of a building you should look at; it’s the construction of the foundation that will stand the test of time.” This quote from David Allan Coe reiterates that a community only flourishes with thriving businesses, a strategic vision, inclusive accessibility, and effective public, private, and nonprofit leadership as its foundation. In the past year, the Bryan Area Foundation has continued to successfully build the framework necessary to help Northwest Ohio financially, purposefully, and fundamentally. And listed below are many of the programs and projects completed this past year.



- ◆ Moved into our new building at 124 South Lynn Street; our forever home with room to grow in future years.
- ◆ Hosted open houses for our members and for the community to see our new office.
- ◆ Awarded \$27,200 to six local nonprofit organizations through the Power in the Purse (PIP) women’s giving circle.
- ◆ Presented two Howard C. and Mary Allene Hawk Good Citizen Awards to William (Bill) G. Martin (2023) and Jim Tucker (2024).
- ◆ Fundraised over \$730,000 to construct and open the Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground at 301 East Butler Street alongside City of Bryan Parks & Recreation.
- ◆ Project Next membership increased by hosting a social event during the year, and the group boosted their collective giving by hosting a golf outing raising over \$7,000.
- ◆ Established the first 419 Day, a nonprofit governance training, with 58 attendees.
- ◆ Completed a strategic plan refresh, identifying new Foundation projects and programs for 2025-2026.
- ◆ Partnered with the Bryan Development Foundation to invest over \$500,000 in downtown buildings to increase occupancy, address safety issues, and improve building aesthetics.
- ◆ Engaged community members by participating in the Sweet Life and Chocolate Walk.
- ◆ Added “Sweet Life” merchandise to the www.visitbryanohio.com website and improved the interactive map.

Donations Received in 2024: \$1,387,627

Community Impact Project Fund

Fiscal year 2024 was a busy year for the Bryan Area Foundation Community Impact Project Fund! Over \$500,000 was invested in four building projects located within Bryan's historic downtown. The grant funding was disbursed through the forgivable loan program created in partnership with Bryan Development, a 501(c) 3

organization whose charitable intent is restoration of historic buildings and economic development of small businesses in Bryan, Ohio. The funding provided is currently at work getting these four buildings restored for enhancing and/or adding new businesses and services in downtown Bryan. Recipients in fiscal year 2024 include

AJAV's Salon and Just Liv Boutique, Saunders Movie Theater, Eclipse Ice Cream, and Gallery 317. Total investment in downtown Bryan from the Community Impact Project Fund to date is over \$1.1M since its creation in 2021.



Thank you for partnering with the Foundation to fulfill your philanthropic wishes!

Three new
funds were
established in
2024!!

Bryan Civic
League
Fund

Frederick
C. Lamont
Community
Fund

William F.
Metz II
Community
Fund

Community & Field of Interest Funds

Thank you to all Bryan Area Foundation donors who have established community and field of interest funds. The Foundation uses funding generated to address the most urgent needs in Williams County through our competitive grant-making process. Individuals interested in donating to a community or a field of interest fund may contribute to one of our 176 existing community or 14 field of interest funds in any denomination or start their own named fund. A full list of community and field of interest funds can be found on our website at www.bryanareafoundation.org/funds-of-baf.

Community & Field of Interest Funds made these grants possible in 2024!!!



Black Swamp Area Council Boy Scouts
Camp Lakota Lodge & Dining Hall Project - \$25,000



Bryan Athletic Boosters
**Capital Improvement Project:
Phase 2 - \$200,000**



Bryan Development Foundation
Christkindl Market Expansion - \$20,000

“Williams County Habitat for Humanity is delighted to share this year’s exciting home-build status. We have been greatly blessed with the many donations from our community, including the grant funding made possible through the Bryan Area Foundation! This financial assistance allows our organization to purchase the materials necessary to build a home and engage an approved family in a 20-year mortgage. We are on track to have the family residing in their new home before the year-end holiday season. We are lucky to have families from recent habitat builds volunteering to provide resources and skilled labor to move our project forward. Our mission is twofold; to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing and to engage the community throughout the year. We believe the heart of this community is demonstrated greatly through the giving of time, talent, and treasure as we coordinate resources each year and provide stable housing for our families. Thank you, Bryan Area Foundation, for helping us succeed in our mission!”
-Wms. Co. Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Mary Ann Peters



LifeWise Academy - Bryan
Vehicle Purchase - \$25,000



Williams County Habitat for Humanity
2024 Build - \$33,000



Founders Grant

Founders Grants, which are grant requests of \$2,500 or less, have an abbreviated application and faster approval process than traditional competitive Bryan Area Foundation grants. This past fiscal year, we received and approved ten Founders Grant requests, offering nonprofit organizations the opportunity to further their mission to serve Williams County.



Bryan Swim Team Association
Diving Board Replacements - \$2,500



Bryan Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
Bear Bag Program - \$2,500



CPC Womens' Health Resource
Earn While You Learn Program - \$2,500



Fountain City Festival
Newsies the Musical - \$2,500

Kate's Kart, Inc.
Parkview Bryan Hospital: Pediatric Book Gifting - \$2,500



City of Bryan Parks & Recreation
Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground
Grand Opening - \$2,500

(Photo by Doug Hinebaugh, courtesy of the Ability Center of Greater Toledo.)



Wms. Co. Habitat for Humanity
Flooring for New Build - \$2,500



Sarah's Friends
Office Lighting - \$2,500



Wms. Co. Humane Society
Cat Program - \$2,500

"The Founders Grant of \$2,500 to the United Way of Williams County was instrumental in bringing former NBA player Chris Herren to Bryan. Chris spoke to students from all seven high schools in Williams County about his battles with drugs and alcohol. However, the unique aspect of the one-hour talk was that Chris made it about the students and people through the years who have impacted him with their drugs, alcohol, vaping, and bullying battles. The United Way of Williams County heard from all seven schools reporting examples of students coming to a teacher or a guidance counselor to talk about their journey or a family member dealing with their demons. The community impact was immense on these students, and we will make this a yearly event with a different speaker each year."
-United Way of Williams County Executive Director Andy Brigle

Affiliate Community Grants



- American Legion Dept. of Ohio Charities, Inc. -
Hometown Hero Banners - \$5,000**
- Edon Ministerial Association -
Programming Support - \$377.50**
- Edon Summer Ball League -
Program Enhancements - \$1,000**
- Friends of the Edon Library -
Library Renovations - \$5,000**
- Village of Edon -
Walz Park Playground - \$6,000**



- Brady Township Fire Department -
Hose Roller, Battery-powered Tools, MARCS Mobile and Portable
Radios - \$6,000**
- Brady Township -
Ring's Cemetery Improvements Phase Two - \$5,000**
- Hilltop Athletic Boosters -
Press Box - \$10,000**
- United Way of Williams County -
Speaker Chris Herren - \$2,500**
- Village of West Unity -
East Park Gazebo - \$4,000**



- Bryan Area Foundation -
Lincoln Park Inclusive Playground - \$2,500**
- Friends of the Montpelier Parks, Inc. -
Bean Days - \$1,500
Tie Dye Program - \$900**
- Hands Helping Hands Ministry -
Hope Covered Program - \$900**
- LifeWise Montpelier -
Shuttle Wrap - \$3,500**
- Montpelier Exempted Schools -
Skilled Trades Program - \$4,000
Unpaid Lunch & Elementary Library Accounts - \$900**
- Montpelier Public Library -
Wonderbooks - \$1,050**
- United Way of Williams County -
Speaker Chris Herren - \$2,500**



Designated Grants

Academic Booster Club
 ACRES, Inc.
 American Cancer Society NW Region
 American Heart Assoc. - Williams County
 Bryan Area Foundation
 Bryan City Band, Inc.
 Bryan City Schools
 Bryan Music Boosters, Inc.
 Center Township
 Christian & Missionary Alliance Church
 City of Bryan Parks & Recreation Dept.
 Edon Northwest Schools

Thank you to our donors who build and strengthen our community by establishing Designated Funds. The Foundation currently manages 45 Designated Endowment Funds, which benefit the organizations listed below.

Edon United Methodist Church
 First Presbyterian Church
 Friends of West Unity Library
 Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio
 Millcreek West Unity Local School District
 Montpelier Exempted Schools
 National Audubon Society - Audubon, OH
 Presbyterian Church USA-Ministries
 St. Patrick Catholic Church
 St. Patrick Catholic School
 Taylor University
 The First Church of Christ

The Share Foundation
 Village of West Unity
 Wesley United Methodist Church
 Williams County 4-H
 Williams County Fair Foundation
 Williams County Historical Society
 Williams County Humane Society
 Williams County Public Library
 Williams County Senior Support Fund
 Williams County Veterans Memorial, Inc.
 Williams County YMCA

Organizational Grants

Organizational Funds provided these 24 nonprofit organizations an annual grant to support their mission. Thank you to these organizations for their work in our community.

Academic Booster Club
 ACRES, Inc.
 Black Swamp Area Boy Scouts
 Bryan Rotary Foundation
 David Betts Double Play Diamond
 First Presbyterian Church
 Four County Career Center
 Montpelier Fire Department
 Montpelier Rotary

Montpelier School Athletic Dept.
 Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center
 Stryker Schools Foundation
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 United Way of Williams County
 Wesley United Methodist Church
 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 Sportsman's Ed. Assoc.
 Williams County Veterans Memorial, Inc.
 Williams County YMCA

Total Grants Awarded by Area



Arts & Culture - \$48,374



Community & Economic Development - \$602,093



Education, Youth, & Sports - \$821,530



Environment - \$86,651



Health & Human Services - \$120,604



Religion & Other - \$110,720



Scholarships - \$285,557

Fiscal Year 2024
\$2,075,529
 Grants
 (Including
 Scholarships)



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Since 2016

More Than \$213,000 Given

Our Power in the Purse (PIP) members know how to have fun while raising awareness and funds for Williams County non-profits. Now in its ninth year with 96 members and 8 sponsors, this all-women's giving circle has given more than \$213,000 to 38 nonprofit projects.

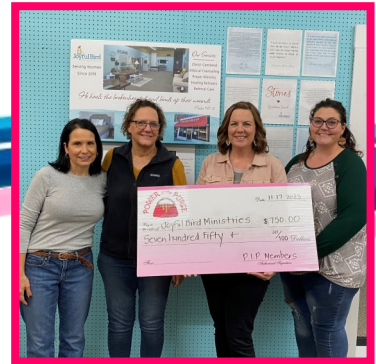


Bryan Bear Bags

Food for BCS Students/Families - \$6,275



Bryan Swim Team Association
New Heating Equipment - \$750



Joyful Bird Ministries
Construction of Joy's House - \$750



Kaleb McLaughlin Ride to Remember
Aid to Organ Transplant Families - \$6,675



Operation Clean Duds
Laundry Events & Supplies - \$6,275



Sanctuary Homeless Shelter
Operating Expenses - \$6,475

PIP Endowment Balance:
\$58,860

Thank you to our Sponsors:



“Bear Bags operates solely through the generosity of others. During the 2023-2024 school year alone, the program was able to pack and distribute 2,488 bags with the goal of helping Bryan students have the food they need to supplement their weekends and holiday breaks. The Power in the Purse grant provided us with the needed resources to pack over 650 bags, which equates to over 8 weeks of complete funding for our program. We were so appreciative that PIP was willing to partner with us in positively impacting the lives of students and families in our community.”
-Bear Bags' Team Member Brian Cummins