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Greater Toledo Community Foundation — a public, charitable foundation — exists to improve the quality of life in the region by:

- Providing a flexible, informed, effective means for donors to achieve their charitable goals in perpetuity
- Addressing the changing needs of the region through efficient, prudent, high impact grantmaking
- Serving as a source of information about and as a catalyst in shaping the region’s response to those needs, and
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Message from the President

K E I T H B U R W E L L

Dear Friends,

When I began my work at Greater Toledo Community Foundation 20 years ago, I envisioned a Foundation that played a larger leadership role in the community. Today, GTCF oversees more than \$448 million in assets, and over 1,000 donor funds. More importantly, our community now turns to us for more than funding; it recognizes that the Foundation can make change happen.

These accomplishments are in no way self-accolades. Every single thing that we have accomplished in the past 20 years was the result of hundreds of people. My list of people to thank as I retire far exceeds the number of our donor funds. I am grateful for each person or family who created a fund with the Foundation. I am thankful for those who've selflessly provided their leadership and business and community acumen. That includes members of our board of directors and the myriad of community leaders who continue to step up, often before we even ask. I have been blessed with an incredible staff who diligently complete all the behind-the-scenes tasks to ensure donors and nonprofits receive the service they deserve. I appreciate the crucial groundwork my predecessors completed, including Robert Knight, Miriam Bixler and Pam Howell Beach.

It has been 20 whirlwind years. Together, we weathered a major recession and a global pandemic. We transformed brownfields into solar fields and connected kids to meals not just during the school year, but all year round. We supported an initiative to improve birth outcomes that is now a national entity. The list goes on.

But as you know, the Foundation has never been one to spend time looking back. We have an outstanding community due to the progressive and strategic planning of so many people. They are bold and ingenious thinkers, planners and doers that make the Toledo region a better place through inspired philanthropy. I do not know what my future holds, but I know I have been blessed these past 20 years with an incredible opportunity to support the finest community foundation around. I thank each and every one of you who has been on this journey with me.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Burwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Keith Burwell

President, Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Foundation Quick Takes

Foundation Elects 2024 Officers and Welcomes New Trustees

The Greater Toledo Community Foundation Board of Trustees recently elected officers and welcomed three new members.

The elected officers are Mike Gibbons, Chair (President & CEO, Mainstreet Ventures, Inc.); Jay Morgan, Vice Chair (COO, ReNew); Tiffany Cavanaugh, Secretary (Magistrate and Court Mediator); and Brandi R. Carson, Treasurer (Director of Finance & Accounting, La-Z-Boy, Inc.).

The new trustees, who began four-year terms in March are Nathan Anderson, president, InSitu Foods, Inc.; Elizabeth LaValley, attorney, LaValley, LaValley, Todak & Schaefer, Co., LPA; and Eugenio Mollo, Jr., clinical assistant professor of law, The University of Toledo.



▲ Nathan Anderson



▲ Elizabeth LaValley



▲ Eugene Mollo, Jr.

Save the Date – Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards

Mark your calendars for Greater Toledo Community Foundation's Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards ceremony and breakfast on Thursday, October 30, at the Pinnacle, 1772 Indian Wood Cir, Maumee, OH.



The Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards honor and recognize outstanding nonprofit organizations and their achievements in our community.

This year, awards will be given to three nonprofit organizations, one in each of the following categories:

- ★ Excellence in Collaborative Programming
- ★ Excellence in Strategic Action
- ★ Excellence in Organizational Operations

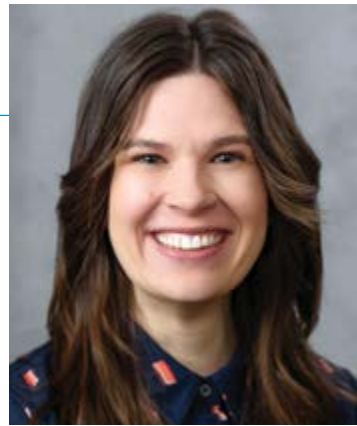
Winners will receive a one-of-a-kind glass award, a \$7,500 unrestricted grant from Greater Toledo Community Foundation and a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from The Andersons, plus a half-page ad in The Blade. The Blade and Greater Toledo Community Foundation, in partnership with The Center for Nonprofit Resources, are pleased to sponsor the Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The Andersons are the generous breakfast sponsors.

RSVP your attendance starting on September 3, 2024, at: toledocf.org/apply-now-excellenceawards/



BCSN Scholar of the Year

Taleen Boman from St. Ursula Academy was named the 2024 BCSN Scholar of the Year. BCSN honors eight students throughout the academic year in the Buckeye Broadband viewing area with a one-time scholarship of \$1,000. They then select one of the eight recipients to be Scholar of the Year. Taleen received a \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year), renewable for four years, as Scholar of the Year. GTCF is proud to administer this program on behalf of Buckeye.



▲ Sarah Ronau

Meet Sarah Ronau

Sarah Ronau has joined Greater Toledo Community Foundation as the new Director of Marketing & Communications. She will report to Abby Aldrich, executive vice president of operations and special projects. Sarah joined the Foundation on February 12th.

Sarah was previously the Director of Marketing at This Dot Labs, a remote global tech consultancy that prioritizes diverse community building and advancing the web. She worked closely with tech companies to develop and execute marketing strategies for developer tools and services. Additionally, she played a key role as a member of the company's strategy team, contributing to business strategic planning.

Sarah holds a Master of Education from the University of Toledo and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English with a Minor in Creative Writing from the University of Toledo.

"I am delighted to welcome Sarah to our team," said Abby. "She will be a great asset to GTCF, and we look forward to working with her on our upcoming marketing projects. Sarah's skills and expertise will help us reach new heights of success."

Keith Burwell

Twenty Years of Philanthropic Leadership

“Building a better community.” The phrase has become a mantra for Keith Burwell, who announced his retirement as President of Greater Toledo Community Foundation after 20 years at the helm. Granted, you can measure success in investments and number of donors, both of which have grown tremendously throughout Keith’s leadership. The Foundation now has over \$448 million in assets and more than 1,000 donor funds to support community and nonprofit programs. For Keith, however, the more accurate barometer for achievement is how the community views GTCF.

“When I joined the Foundation, I wanted it to become a stronger leader in the community,” he said. “I wanted the Foundation to take on more initiatives, build more alliances, and be a beacon for a more diverse donor base of people.”

“I think we have been able to do those things because we have had great leaders on our board and in our business community,” he said. “We don’t bring people on the board and train them to be leaders. They come on board with astute leadership and incredible forward-thinking skills.”

Collaborative efforts have also buoyed the work of the Foundation. “We find ways to collaborate in nearly everything we do,” he said. “We created early childhood education initiatives that strategically aligned organizations with common missions. We had dozens of major players help build a solar field that stands in the old Jeep neighborhood, generating both power and funding.”

“The nonprofits understand that they need support through strategic alliances and formulas that allow them to prosper. Who could have imagined that one day First Tee and the Boys & Girls Club would partner on programs? They do now.”

“A community foundation should do more than fund programs,” he said. “Over the years we have analyzed and determined what the community needs are. And there has never been one formula for meeting those needs. We work together to determine how to best sustain and grow northwest Ohio.”

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—Keith Burwell

Likewise, there is also not a typical donor in northwest Ohio.

“Our community is a reflection of the melting pot of America,” said Keith. “We recognize that we are not a community with dozens of Fortune 500s and billionaires,” he said. “The Foundation has been attracting donors all across the spectrum. We have teachers, farmers, small businesses—the average citizens who recognize that they have been blessed and they want to create a fund to build and grow our community.”

“How do I say thank you?” Keith asked. “There are more than a thousand people who have created funds. I’m grateful for each one. Our board has been phenomenal. They are risk takers and never hesitated to take a chance on something. They always do the right thing. Our community business leaders have stepped up whenever necessary. It has been one wonderful collaboration after another.”

“If I can leave saying we have helped build a better community, that is enough for me. This job has been 20 years of joy.”



Keith Burwell addresses the audience at Promenade Park during the Foundations' 50th Anniversary celebration, "The Soundtrack to Summer," which featured a summer concert series sponsored by the Foundation for the community.

A volunteer citizen water testing program is providing environmental organizations and community leaders with a “big picture” view of water quality in the Lake Erie region. Local nonprofit Partners for Clean Streams, Inc. received a \$51,452 Community Impact grant from GTCF for a pilot project, Community Water Action Toledo (CWAT). The project is designed to improve water quality monitoring programs through citizen training, shared equipment and access to Water Reporter, a cloud-based data-sharing platform.

The project is a result of the Great Lakes One Water (GLOW) partnership created in 2018 with the goal of accelerating the work to create a sustainable water future for all communities in the Great Lakes. The partnership resulted in 27 community foundations working in six teams to advance a new era of water management.

One of those teams became a Lake Erie consortium of community foundation leaders in Toledo, Buffalo, Detroit and Cleveland who chose to work with the Cleveland Water Alliance (CWA) to coordinate work in the Lake Erie region.

Community foundation involvement makes strategic and logistical sense

“The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo joined the Great Lakes One Water Partnership because of our commitment to steward environmental resources in the context of climate resilience,” explained Allie Urbanski, senior program officer at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

“As a proud Great Lakes City, we acknowledge the vital significance of Buffalo’s freshwater resources, yet understand that safeguarding them requires collective action,” she said. “Community foundations serve as pivotal agents of change and proponents of sustainable practices, adept at convening diverse stakeholders, fostering dialogue and mobilizing resources. Addressing Great Lakes issues demands collaborative efforts across diverse sectors, stakeholders and communities across the Basin, which was precisely the focus of the regional initiative of the Great Lakes One Water Partnership.”

GTCF Impact Grant Supports Community Water Action



▲ Partners for Clean Streams

Partnering with the Cleveland Water Alliance has provided the Lake Erie team with valuable resources and successes.

“CWA fostered a collaborative environment where the program continued to grow. Their exceptional project management skills ensured timelines were met and the program progressed smoothly, despite the challenges of working in different communities across the Lake Erie Basin,” said Allie.

Locally, Greater Toledo Community Foundation’s funding of the Community Water Action Toledo helps provides a standardized approach and eliminates duplication of water testing efforts, according to Kat Kieffer, water quality monitoring coordinator for CWAT who was hired in 2022 to oversee the project.

Area organizations support scientific water quality analysis

“We are working with Metroparks Toledo, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and the Toledo Zoo’s Zoo Teens who provide volunteers to collect water samples,” said Kat.

“This is a boots-on-the-ground approach that gives local and regional leaders a pulse on water quality and helps create ways to protect local water resources across the Lake Erie Basin,” said Kat.

“We train local citizens to use a standardized water sampling protocol to monitor sites on the Maumee River, Ottawa River, Swan Creek and Portage River,” said Kat.

With an easy-to-use multiparameter probe, citizens collect water data.

They test pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity and temperature in the streams. This data is uploaded into the Water Reporter data system and the information is also shared with Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network.

“Water quality is crucial to more than just the environment,” Kat said. “Our rivers, streams and Lake Erie play a large role in recreation and commerce in our region.”

Volunteer efforts have broad benefits

“Using local citizens to collect water quality samples has numerous benefits,” said Max Herzog, deputy director for programs and partnerships, Cleveland Water Alliance (CWA).

“It provides volunteers with hands-on STEAM learning, and they also become stewards and champions of conservation and help educate their peers about the importance of our water quality.”

“We have been so excited and pleased to work with our Toledo partners,” said Max. “Greater Toledo Community Foundation and the local participating organizations are the best examples of the impact of a broad collaboration.”

The Cleveland Water Alliance works with 20 groups like CWAT across the region through the Lake Erie Volunteer Science Network.

“The more data we collect and analyze, the greater our ability to see trends in water quality and make data-driven decisions,” said Max.

“These collaborations will also allow us to look at the data across the Great Lakes and bridge the gap between statewide and local groups.

The data gives us the capacity to build a larger network and create a community of practice for the conservation and enrichment of our Great Lakes.”

Community foundation partnerships promote regional impact

“The Community Impact grant from GTCF is doing just that—allowing us to make an impact across the community,” said Jesse Stock, executive director, Partner for Clean Streams. “We anticipate the Community Water Action Toledo growing with even more partners and volunteers so that our impact locally, and ultimately, Lake Erie, continues to grow.”

Regionally, community foundations continue to see the added value of the GLOW partnership.

“Central to the success of the Great Lakes One Water Partnership has been the cultivation of relationships and collaboration with other community foundations across the Great Lakes,” said Allie. “Through ongoing partnerships, such as joint federal grant applications, we continue to amplify our impact and drive meaningful change at scale, especially in the face of complex challenges like climate change.

“The Great Lakes One Water Partnership stands as a compelling example of how strategic regional initiatives can serve as force multipliers, demonstrating the power of unified action in safeguarding our shared natural resources for current and future generations.”

Affiliate Foundation Profile: **Ottawa County Community Foundation**

Ottawa County Community Foundation is one of six affiliated Foundations of Greater Toledo Community Foundation. The affiliated Foundations have built assets and make grants—in their local communities—while taking advantage of Greater Toledo Community Foundation's administrative structure and oversight.

"Ottawa County Community Foundation was established in 1999 to improve the quality of life in Ottawa County," said Shea McGrew, executive director of the Foundation. "It has built its asset base to \$12.5 million, consisting largely of 106 permanent funds established by generous individuals, couples, families and organizations. The Foundation has distributed more than \$8 million in grants and scholarships.

"Our relationship with Greater Toledo Community Foundation is strong, productive and complementary," said Shea. "Over the years, OCCF has become a partner with Ottawa County governmental leaders, civic organizations, economic development agencies, school districts and social service agencies in addressing the needs of the area and its citizens. Improved health, increasing levels of educational attainment and workforce development are just a few of the priority needs of Ottawa County that OCCF is impacting through its giving."

Congratulations to the Ottawa County Community Foundation on its 25th anniversary!

Julene Market **Ottawa County Community**

Julene Market's roots run deep in Ottawa County. Her commitment to the area's growth and vitality is evident in her work on the Miller Boat Line and her position as a board member at the Ottawa County Community Foundation. When Julene created a donor advised fund at the Foundation in 2018, it was a natural extension of her passion and dedication to the area her family has called home for six generations.

"Our family has footprints throughout Ottawa County, including Put-in-Bay, Marblehead, North Bass Island, Middle Bass Island and Rattlesnake Island," said Julene, who oversees the family-owned Miller Boat Line with her brothers, Billy and Scott Market along with several nieces and nephews. Her parents, William and Mary Ann Market, purchased the company in 1978. "Throughout the generations, our family has worked as commercial fishermen, ferry

boat captains, and vineyard owners, along with many other jobs in this area."

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to come."***

—Julene Market

Today, Julene oversees the William E. and Mary Ann Market Family Fund, created in 2007 after her father's passing, and her personal fund, the Julene M. Market Foundation, Affiliate Fund of Ottawa County. Both are donor advised funds.

"Our parents had a deep love for the communities of Ottawa County," said Julene. "They instilled in us the importance of giving back to the places we grew up and worked in. They also wanted to make sure the legacy they left would provide funds into perpetuity."

Creating a donor advised fund helped Julene discover the plethora of dedicated nonprofits and people in Ottawa County.

"I have learned so much about how Ottawa County Community Foundation works and how diverse the area nonprofits are," she said. "The organizations meet so many needs, right here in our own backyard. For 2024, the OCCF awarded 34 grants including assistance with interactive nature displays, American veteran outings, food pantries and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which builds and delivers beds

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to children in need of a bed and a safe place to sleep. Together, these organizations make sure our communities have the help and resources they need.”

Julene’s donor advised fund has aided organizations dedicated to a variety of causes, including STEAM programs, scholarships and women’s initiatives.

“Working with Ottawa County Community Foundation has been seamless,” said Julene. “I have great confidence as a fund holder in working with them on my investments and gift giving throughout the year.”

“I appreciate how the Foundation helps oversee the giving process and I like knowing that this fund will outlast me,” she said. “It will be our family’s legacy for generations to come.”

Julene joined Ottawa County Community Foundation as a board member in 2022.

“I have met some of the finest and most dedicated people intent on growing and sustaining the work of the Foundation,” she said. “We are helping to educate everyone in our community about the types of needs out there and what we can do as a Foundation—and a community—to make sure we meet those needs.”



▲ Julene Market (center) with her brothers Billy and Scott.





Foundation Dollars at Work

Grants Recently Awarded

Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth

An \$8,000 grant from the Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth is helping the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry with their weekend food bag program for families in the Anthony Wayne School district. The volunteer-run organization provides non-perishable and fresh food to about 100 need-based Anthony Wayne area families. The Anthony Wayne Food Ministry was one of eight nonprofits that received a total of \$47,600 from the Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of young people under the age of 18. In particular, the fund supports programs with an emphasis on serving children with developmental disabilities or those who have been abused. Preference is given to nonprofits that serve residents of Waterville and the Anthony Wayne Local School District.

Funding was also awarded to:

- **Advocating Opportunity – \$8,000**
To support trauma-responsive legal assistance and social service programming for youth who have been victimized by human trafficking.
- **Courageous Community Services – \$7,900**
To support the Courageous Acres Peer Buddy Summer Camp program.
- **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center – \$4,000**
To support the Children's Advocacy Center.
- **Nature's Nursery – \$3,700**
To support wildlife and conservation education programming for elementary school students in Monclova, Waterville or Whitehouse, Ohio.
- **Riverbend Equine Therapy Services, Inc. d.b.a. H.O.O.V.E.S – \$4,000**
To support an equine-assisted healing program that helps young people build self-esteem and communication skills.
- **The Ridge Project – \$7,000**
To support a skills-based film and character training program for juvenile offenders at the Lucas County Youth Treatment Center.

- **Toledo Zoo – \$5,000**

To provide memberships to qualifying families from the Anthony Wayne School district.

Oswald Supporting Organization

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio recently received a \$20,529 grant from the Oswald Supporting Organization to support The Empowering Future Leaders (EFL) program. EFL focuses on four youth development areas (aka Pillars): Life Skills, Leadership Development, Cultural Competence, and Career Development. These pillars provide participants with the necessary tools to make better life decisions, enhance their educational experience and career readiness, and interact positively in diverse environments. This data-driven program is offered in-school, after school, and six weeks during the summer.

Participants receive evidence-based training through educational activities and meet community members, business leaders, and local government officials who provide speeches or conduct activities centered around one of the program's four pillars.

The Oswald Supporting Organization was created by the late Joan and Chuck Oswald in 2000 to support projects in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan that enable families to develop skills to nurture each other and to promote the advancement, self-sufficiency and intellectual, social, emotional and cultural growth of woman and children. The grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Ohio was one of 10 grants awarded to 10 nonprofits totaling \$166,954. Other recipients were:

- **The D.O.V.E. Fund (Development of Vietnam Endeavors) – \$5,100**

To support the Ban Cua Ban Agent Orange Relief program.

- **Children's Theater Workshop of Toledo – \$25,000**

To support the year-apprentice jobs program for youth.

- **Grace Community Center – \$13,125**

To support the Grace Garden Co-Op project.

- **Imagination Station – \$13,200**

To support the Family Reunification program.

- **Mom's House of Toledo – \$10,000**

To support Laurie's Place.

- **Partners in Education – \$23,000**

To support the College & Career Ready program.

- **The Victory Center – \$12,000**

To support non-medical therapies and supportive services for cancer patients and their families.

- **Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts – \$20,000**

To support the Community Music Lessons program.

- **Toledo Zoo – \$25,000**

To support the Teens Understanding Research Techniques and Learning Ecology (T.U.R.T.L.E.) program.

Community Funds Impact and Builder Grants Programs

The Monarch Grief Center was one of nine organizations that recently received funding totaling \$443,696 from the Community Funds Impact and Builder Grants programs. The Monarch Grief Center received a \$15,000 grant to support specialized grief counseling services for those experiencing early life spousal loss, LGBTQ+ partner loss, sibling or child death or loss due to addiction or other circumstances. Other recipients include:

- **Habitat for Humanity, Maumee Valley – \$85,833**

To support a new neighborhood-oriented strategy to address housing needs that features deeper collaborations with grassroots organizations.

- **Partners for Clean Streams – \$45,761**

To support the Community Water Action in Toledo project, a multi-agency collaboration that engages residents to collect information and monitor water quality in the Lake Erie basin.

- ***The Cocoon* – \$52,102**

To expand court-based domestic violence advocacy services in Wood County.

- ***The Fair Housing Center* – \$50,000**

To support the Housing Conditions and Reinvestment program, which provides legal advice and representation to Toledo-area tenants living in unsafe or unhealthy homes.

- ***The Program, Inc.* – \$25,000**

To support the Family Enrichment program.

- ***Toledo Design Collective* – \$25,000**

To support the Vacant Lot Reclamation project.

- ***Toledo School for the Arts* – \$120,000**

To support the Community Portal program designed to engage the public in arts-related projects.

- ***Toledo Tomorrow* – \$25,000**

To expand the college access program.

Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund

\$22,400 in grants from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund went to eight area nonprofit organizations. One of the organizations was Bittersweet Farms who received a \$2,000 grant to support staffing and activity expenses that support recreational respite and social skills for individuals with autism. Grants from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund are made to nonprofit organizations to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of young people under the age of 21.

Other recipients include:

- ***Black Swamp Conservancy* – \$3,000**

To support an outdoor education learning program to benefit Otsego and Eastwood students by hosting six workshops for teachers.

- ***GreaterGenerations* – \$3,000**

To support a youth work experience program, primarily for high-risk youth.

- ***Leading Families Home* – \$3,000**

To support youth that are temporarily residing in a family shelter by covering the cost of extra-curricular activity fees, equipment and supplies.

- ***Mountain Mentors* – \$3,000**

To support a mentoring program for at-risk teens that culminates with a week-long backpacking trip in New Hampshire.

- ***Ohana Project* – \$3,000**

To provide general operating support for a program that provides basic needs, mental health and support for youth who have aged out of the foster care system.

- ***Open Arms Transformation Living* – \$3,000**

To cover staff and mentor expenses to develop a teen-to-teen date rape prevention education program.

- ***The Salvation Army* – \$2,400**

To provide scholarships for five Wood County youth to attend a week-long outdoor and team building camp in Carrol County, Ohio.

Fund for Islamic Understanding, Education and Dialog

While many children receive assistance with food during the week, the weekends are often overlooked. The Islamic Food Bank helps bridge that gap of food insecurity by distributing Weekender Food bags. The Islamic Food Bank recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Fund for Islamic Understanding, Education and Dialog to support the Weekender program. The bags, distributed on Fridays, contain enough to feed each recipient throughout the weekend. The Fund for Islamic Understanding, Education and Dialog supports projects, programs or services that provide educational opportunities that promote greater understanding of Muslims and the Islamic faith awarded grants. The Fund also awarded \$3,000 to Habitat for Humanity—Maumee Valley to support its 2024 Faith Build project.



Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League

Grants from Corporate Funds

Helping Hens Fund

Without structured activities, the summer months can be challenging for area youth. The Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League (PAL) provides athletic and recreational programs that give youth a healthy outlet for physical activity while promoting mutual respect with the police. The Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League recently received \$6,000 in funding from the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club Helping Hens Fund to support its summer baseball league. The positive influence of structured programs like summer baseball can counter gang influence and potential violence that can occur in the under-served areas of the community. PAL was one of 19 area nonprofit organizations that received funding totaling \$138,966 from the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club Helping Hens Fund.

Grants from the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club Helping Hens Fund are made to nonprofit organizations to promote overall fitness and wellness of children during warm weather months and capital projects designed to maintain or construct new sporting venues.

Grants were also awarded to:

- **Ayersville Athletic Boosters – \$20,000**
To purchase and install outfield fencing, scoreboards, bleachers and dugout upgrades in Defiance, Ohio.
- **Bible Temple Daycare – \$6,381**
To construct an outdoor playground and purchase baseball supplies.
- **Bittersweet Farms – \$7,000**
To construct an accessible play area to benefit individuals with autism.
- **Courageous Community Services – \$6,650**
To purchase pool supplies for a youth summer camp that benefits youth regardless of ability.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Strategic Alliance Partnership	September 15, 2024
Solar Toledo Neighborhood Foundation	September 16, 2024
Walleye Wishing Well	October 1, 2024
The Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) Foundation Donor Advised Fund	October 15, 2024
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation	October 31, 2024
Elderly Services Field of Interest Funds	October 31, 2024
Mental Health Field of Interest Funds	October 31, 2024

The Foundation encourages nonprofits to contact them with questions before submitting a grant application. To learn more about GTCF's various funding opportunities and to apply online, please visit toledocf.org/grants-2/.

- **GCW Charities – \$6,000**
To cover youth summer camp registration and T-shirt expenses.
- **Girls on the Run of Northwest Ohio – \$4,725**
To support a positive self-esteem program for girls by purchasing running shoes.
- **Avenues for Autism – \$5,000**
To support a family counseling and service coordination program for youth with autism and their families.
- **Imagine For Youth Foundation – \$2,500**
To support a one-day youth football camp.
- **Monroe Street Neighborhood Center – \$5,000**
To support Freedom School 2024.
- **Mountain Mentors – \$2,500**
To support a youth week-long hiking trip to promote teamwork and reduce negative influences.
- **Redeemed By Fitness, LLC – \$4,710**
To support a youth fitness and wellness program.
- **Spectrum Sailing – \$5,000**
To support a specialized recreational boat sailing program for youth with autism.
- **St. Paul Lutheran School – \$5,000**
To support the replacement of an outdoor playground in Ann Arbor.
- **Stranahan Elementary PTA – \$25,000**
To support the construction of a barrier-free playground.
- **Swanton Local Schools – \$15,000**
To support the construction of a new softball and baseball field.
- **The Ability Center of Greater Toledo – \$5,000**
To support a family fun day to promote inclusiveness, fitness and wellness.
- **The First Tee of Lake Erie – \$5,000**
To support the Girls Golf summer program.
- **TJ Carrie Foundation Player's Philanthropy Fund – \$2,500**
To support participants from northwest Ohio to attend Camp Carrie, designed for families and children diagnosed with heart disease.

The Margaret Toth Fund

The Humble Beginnings of a High-Impact Legacy

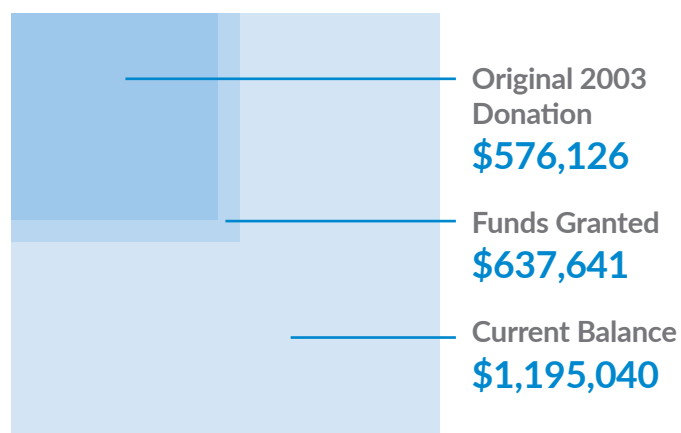


The Margaret Toth Fund, created in 1985 at Greater Toledo Community Foundation, is one of the best examples of the ease and value of creating a lasting legacy. Margaret Toth, an office worker, and her husband, Frank, whose first language was Hungarian and who worked at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, lived simply in a modest home in Toledo's south end near Wixey's Bakery. The couple, who did not have children and didn't drive, used public transportation throughout their lives. There was nothing pretentious about the hard-working Toths; in fact, when Margaret set up the Margaret Toth Irrevocable Trust in 1985, she brought the savings to the bank in a brown paper bag. Proceeds of the trust were later used to establish the Margaret Toth Fund.

The Toth's stipulated that proceeds from the Fund were to be restricted to programs and institutions aiding with the blind. While GTCF does not know if Mrs. Toth or any of her family members were blind or sight impaired or her reasons for stipulating use of the Trust assets, it does know the fund balance has more than doubled since its inception. The Margaret Toth Fund began with \$576,126 and now has a balance of \$1,195,040. To date, the Fund has awarded \$637,641 in grants, more than the original amount of the fund.

A legacy gift like the Toth's can begin in many ways, including a bequest of cash or property, such as interest in real estate, or tangible personal property such as vehicles, art or jewelry. The gift can also be funded through insurance policies or retirement plans including an IRA, tax-sheltered annuity or profit-sharing plan. Regardless of how it is funded, a legacy gift will provide enriching support for the community for generations to come. If you have questions, or are ready to create a fund, contact Kurstyn Loeffler, vice president of philanthropic services at 419.241.5049 or Kurstyn.Loeffler@toledocf.org.

Margaret Toth Fund Performance 2003-24





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The Center *for nonprofit resources*

The Center for Nonprofit Resources is a capacity building resource for local nonprofit organizations. If you are involved with a local nonprofit organization, be sure to familiarize yourself with the resources provided at c4npr.org, including the grant resource center, workshops and professional development opportunities, and other resources and tools to help your organization grow in its mission. If you have any questions about the services provided by The Center, contact Milva Valenzuela Wagner, director, at 419.241.9513 or email Milva.Wagner@c4npr.org.



▲ Photo of 2024 MEL Cohort L to R: Tyneka Forrest, Hyfah Hilou, Tramain Rayford, Deborah Eastern-Hall and Fonda Royster.

Apply for the Minority Leadership Program

Applications for the next Minority Executive Leadership (MEL) Certificate Program open on September 1, 2024, and close on September 30, 2024. Program activities start in January 2025.

MEL supports emerging and current minority nonprofit leaders through courses in leadership, nonprofit board and volunteer development, fundraising and financial statements. Participants include executive directors, staff, board members and volunteers interested in learning more about nonprofit leadership and management. This program builds skills and strategies that enhance organizational sustainability and strengthen communities. Each MEL participant is matched with an experienced mentor providing recommendations and guidance to help protégés expand their professional skills and serve as a resource for professional development.

Apply for the Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program

Applications for the next Nonprofit Management Certificate Program open on September 1, 2024, and close on September 30, 2024. Program activities start in January 2025. The Nonprofit Management Certificate Program is a 12-month program that focuses on the skills, knowledge and abilities of professionals, board members, and volunteers working in the nonprofit field. Participants build a network of peers in the sector and nonprofit organizations increase their capacity. The program includes a hybrid learning model with online courses and facilitated cohort meetings.

Upcoming Workshops

The Center continues to offer high-quality professional development opportunities designed with the nonprofit professional in mind.

Workshops being offered this fall include:

Cultivating Connections: Leveraging Relationship Marketing for Nonprofit Growth

September 8, 2024

8:30 am to 4 pm

Transform Your Vision: Building a Winning Fundraising Roadmap

October 23, 2024

8:30 am to 4 pm

Financials for Nonprofit Organizations

November 12, 2024

8:30 am to 4 pm



Did You Receive Your Annual Report?

Greater Toledo Community Foundation mailed its 2023 Annual Report in July. If you did not receive your copy or would like additional copies, please contact Laura Sams, administrative assistant, at 419.241.5049 or email Laura@toledocf.org.

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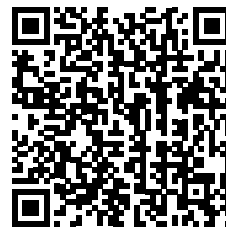
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Solar Toledo Neighborhood Foundation Grant Information



The Solar Toledo Neighborhood Foundation was created to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in Toledo. The Fund serves the city of Toledo with a particular emphasis on the neighborhoods surrounding the Overland site including the Old West End, Englewood, Ottawa, Five Points/Library Village, Lagrange, Totco and Warren Sherman.

Grants support organizations with programs



in the areas of land reuse, neighborhood improvement, job preparation, safety and youth engagement. Scan the QR code here to learn more.