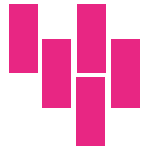


# Foundation Forum



**Oxford Community Foundation**  
Giving grants to improve our community...  
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## Eshbaugh Keynote Speaker for Annual Meeting



Dr. Hardy Eshbaugh, Professor Emeritus of Botany at Miami University, was the keynote speaker for the annual meeting on December 9, held at The Knolls of Oxford. With great enthusiasm and stunning photographs, Dr. Eshbaugh described the Bird Blind Project, initiated in December 2009, as a collaboration of Miami senior architecture major Max Streeter, and funded in part by a grant from the Oxford Community Foundation.

The bird blind is located in the Miami University Natural Area near the DeWitt cabin, off Highway 73. The structure is unique in its design, constructed mostly of natural fibers and timbers. Bird feeders, birdhouses, and plants to attract our feathered friends surround the blind. Benches are strategically placed to provide bird watchers with a panoramic window at eye height to catalog the many birds that inhabit the area. Dr. Eshbaugh noted that the bird blind is a very special feature of the Natural Areas where students, the community, and especially young children can experience birds in close proximity.



The Oxford Community Foundation is proud of its role in helping to fund a project in support of its environmental and education platforms. With spring migration arriving soon, please take the opportunity to visit this exciting new project.

## Financial Highlights



Ed Demske, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee, provided the following financial highlights for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. At the annual meeting, he stated that he was particularly pleased about the highly positive gain in the Foundation's assets—

from \$3,025,122 as of June 30, 2009, to \$3,324,720 as of June 30, 2010—a gain of approximately 9.9 percent.

The endowment investment total return for the year was 12.97 percent, slightly under the S&P return of 14.4 percent. However, the Foundation's equity portion of the portfolio was approximately 68 percent, while the remainder was in cash and fixed income holdings. The Foundation increased the distribution rate to 2.25 percent for the first half of the year for grants made from the endowment. The Investment Committee reviews the possibility of increasing the rate, depending on the portfolio's performance.

As in the past, the Foundation received in-kind contributions from the Kirsch Group, Battelle and Battelle, and the Sigma Chi Foundation, who provide our facilities on a rent-free basis.

Ed thanked the members of the Finance and Investment Committee—Phil Abshire, Tom Collins, Sarah Mabry, Deborah Saas, and Bev Thomas—for their continued hard work and for reaching consensus on the best directions for the endowment portfolio.

## Mystery Dinner Theater Raises \$26,000



Approximately 150 guests joined the Oxford Community Foundation directors and staff at Miami University's Shriver Center on October 10 to help solve the mystery of who "did in" rich old Aunt Eugenia.

"The Murder Mystery Players, Inc." put on *The Carpenter House Caper*, the first-ever event of its kind in Oxford. Many of our Oxford citizens and Foundation supporters masterfully portrayed various roles in the skit becoming the suspects in the mystery. Full of equal measures of mirth and melodrama, the audience was tasked to decide which of the several colorful "suspects" poisoned poor old Aunt Eugenia. Everyone enjoyed an evening of laughter and entertainment which raised over \$26,000 for the unrestricted fund.



The idea of separating a fund-raiser from the annual business meeting was well received and is likely to be repeated!

## President's Message by Robert A. Biggs



The Oxford Community Foundation is very grateful for the continued support of our mission by all individuals in and around our community. As a reminder, the mission of the Foundation is to improve the quality of life in Greater Oxford (defined as the Talawanda School District) by receiving, managing, and distributing gift monies; thus,

- Providing leadership in enhancing the quality of life
- Supporting natural, community, and human resources
- Acting as a catalyst in identifying and addressing evolving needs
- Providing a flexible and cost-effective way for donors to improve the community now and for generations to come

Both the generous donation of time and treasure are greatly appreciated by all directors of the Foundation.

As we begin a new year in 2011, we welcome three new directors: Jerome Conley, Lisa Dankovich, and Winifred Pearson. We look forward to their active participation in the Foundation activities. We also extend a heartfelt thank-you to three directors who completed their terms of service in December: Tom Collins, Ed Demske, and Judy Schiller. All three have contributed 27 years of service on the board of directors and they will be missed.



Moving forward into 2011, one of the major objectives of the Foundation will be to establish a new long-term plan that will guide the Foundation over the next 10 years. The plan will be called "*Oxford Community Foundation 2020*" and it will include our strategic initiatives, goal statements, objectives, and timetables. Director Ken Bogard will chair the Long-term Planning Committee that we expect will complete its task later in the fall of 2011.

In early January, we learned of Executive Director Jeanne Murphy's exciting news of her engagement to Mike Beck. We are all thrilled for Jeanne; however, effective February 28, 2011, she will resign her position as executive director in order to relocate to the Boston area. Jeanne has been very passionate and dedicated to the Foundation over the past nine years and all of us will miss her dearly. A search committee for Jeanne's successor was appointed, and we are happy to announce that the Board selected Catherine Hollins to be Executive Director effective March 1.

Thank you again to all of our donors and volunteers of the **Oxford Community Foundation** who help us work toward our mission of improving the quality of life in and around the Oxford community. Your interest in our community and the Foundation is greatly appreciated and helps us to realize our goal of "giving grants to improve our community . . . right here, right now."

## Volunteers

The work of volunteers is crucial to the successful operations of the Foundation. Volunteers serve on committees, help with Foundation mailings, perform office duties, and provide other assistance as needed.

With deep appreciation, the Foundation recognizes the following individuals:

Phil Abshire	Ann Kirby
Paul Allen	Chris Lauer
Woody Anderson	Jean Leuchauer
Pat Baugher	Warren Mason
Elayne Bleill	Bobbie Norman
Jo Anne Bogard	Winifred Pearson
Craig Cashell	Thanh Pham
Jung-Han Chen	Coe Potter
Amy Clawson	Elaine Rauckhorst
Jerome Conley	Mary Jane Roberts
Phil Cottell	Deborah Saas
John Davis	Paul Schiller
Ed DeVillez	Jane Sheard
Mary Jo DeVillez	Paula Smith
Lauren Dowd	Jim Squance
Carol Flee	Mary Ann Surface
Adele Flower	Ron Surface
Ralph Gutowski	Lisa Wespiser
Barbara Jena	Kathy Wiley
Bill Jenkins	Jessie Wilhelm
Tara Jones	Shirley Younts
Juanita King	

### Foundation Board of Directors 2011

Robert Biggs, President  
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Bev Thomas, Treasurer  
Sarah Mabry, Asst. Treasurer/Secretary

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Lisa Dankovich, Steve Flee, Valerie Hodge,  
Verda Ozden, Winifred Pearson, Betty Rogers,  
Ron Schloemer, John Skillings

Staff  
Jeanne Murphy, Executive Director  
Mary Jo Gehrum, Administrative Assistant

*"Thank you for the generous grant given in the form of student environment exploration kits (SEEK it kits). These kits will be used by thousands of students for many years. I can just picture the wide-eyed wonder in the children's faces."*

*- Janet Breeden, Environmental Mobile Unit Secretary, for grant given to Talawanda Elementary Schools*

## 2009-2010 Grant Highlights by Betty Rogers

In fiscal 2009-2010, the Foundation awarded over \$155,000 in grants to support more than 100 projects. The term “grants” refers to all disbursements, apart from operating expenses. They include those awarded by the grants committee, grants from specifically designated funds, scholarships, distributions from Oxford Youth Empowered to Serve (OYES), and mini-grants at the discretion of the executive director, as approved by the board of directors.



The major categories continue to be basic community/social needs, such as education, the arts, preservation/conservation, and enhancement. Our largest commitment this past year focused on children, specifically education, as well as need-based programs. Special projects in the Talawanda District schools and individual scholarships totaled over \$35,000. In addition, school children benefited from grants awarded indirectly or in conjunction



with other organizations, examples being McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital, the Oxford Community Art Center, Family Resource Center, United Way, Environmental Mobile Unit, Junior Achievement, LifeSpan, and Miami University. Through grants from the Foundation, there was also support for nursery school scholarships, after-school arts and sports programs, school libraries, gardening camp, school supply kits, and more. Children represent the future of the community. As such, we are investing in tomorrow.

There were also several new areas of support: the bird area/banding site at Hueston Woods and the bird blind construction projects, the Oxford Bicentennial celebration, the Dog Park, and assistance to the homeless through the Oxford Area Assistance Coalition.



I wish to thank the members of the grants committee: board members Steve Flee, Valerie Hodge, Sarah Mabry, Ron Schloemer, and John Skillings, and community volunteers Tara Jones, Warren Mason, and Winifred Pearson. We would also like to thank you our donors for making all this possible. The Foundation is much like a family business: we look at our income and decide how much we can safely spend, we discuss how to allocate wisely that fixed amount, and then we stay within our budget. The amount of that budget is ultimately decided by your generosity. We appreciate your support.

*I would like to thank you for selecting me as the recipient of the Oxford Community Foundation Technical/Vocational Scholarship. I will use it wisely at the University of Northwestern Ohio. - Jonathon McCartney*

## Scholarship Recipients

Pictured below are the recipients of scholarships awarded this past year.



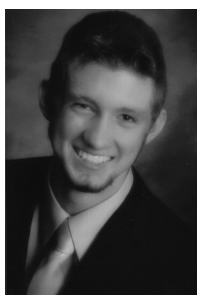
**Charles Warren Scholarship**  
Melanie Richardson



**Charles Warren Scholarship**  
Emily Wade



**Robert & Mary Lou Bogan Scholarship**  
Megan Koberman



**David Osborne Scholarship**  
Connor Smith



**Gene Burton Minority Scholarship**  
Zamir Rivera



**Tammy McCartney Scholarship**  
Daniel Beckett



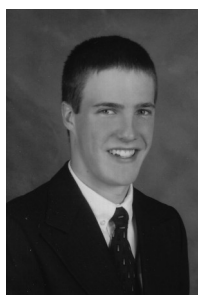
**Talawanda Parent Initiative "Service Matters" Scholarship**  
Ryan Schwab



**Guy Potter Benton Spiritual Award**  
Justinn Eddie



**Guy Potter Benton Spiritual Award Honorable Mention**  
Kate Mathers



**Technical/Vocational Scholarship**  
Jonathon McCartney



**Charles & Virginia Teckman Outstanding Teacher Award**  
Marianne Marconi

## Grants 2009 – 2010 Fiscal Year

### **Ryan Boyd Larson Adryan Memorial Fund**

- Oxford Community Arts Center toward 2010 Gardening Camp

### **Muhammad Ali Fund**

- Family Resource Center toward United Way School Supply Kits

### **Guy Potter Benton Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Justin Eddie
- Honorable Mention-Kate Mathers

### **James and Ann Ruder Bever Family Fund**

- Community Counseling & Crisis Center in Honor of David Scotford
- Family Resource Center for Lifespan Family Advocacy Program
- Oxford Community Arts Center
- Rotary of Oxford Dictionary Project

### **Ernst Bever Old Mile Square Fund**

- Mile Square Improvement Project

### **J.K. and Tripti Bhattacharjee Fund for Needy Children's Education**

- Christian Co-Operative Nursery School toward Nursery School Scholarships

### **Bicentennial Fund**

- Bicentennial Celebration

### **Robert and Mary Lou Bogan Scholarship**

- 2010 Recipient-Megan Kobermann

### **Brad A. Burke & Christy L. Burke Fund**

- Oxford Community Arts Center toward After School Art

### **Gene Burton Memorial Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Zamyr Rivera

### **Quincy and Jean Butterfield Endowment Fund for the Oxford Museum Association**

- Annual Distribution to Oxford Museum

### **City of Oxford Assistance Fund**

- Audubon Miami Valley Community Bird Blind
- Bogan Elementary JA Bizztown Economics
- Environmental Mobile Unit Student Environment Exploration Kits
- Family Resource Center toward United Way School Supply Kits
- Miami University-Botany Department Field Guides for Natural Areas
- Oxford Area Assistance Coalition-Homeless Assistance
- Oxford Chamber of Commerce-Wine and Arts Festival
- Oxford Community Arts Center-Media Capacity Building Project
- Oxford Community Arts Center toward 2010 Gardening Camp
- Oxford Parks & Recreation July 3rd Bicentennial Parade
- Oxford Parks & Recreation 2010 Bicentennial Kickoff
- Talawanda Bantam Football Association Freezer Replacement Project
- Talawanda School District Kramer Carnival
- Talawanda Middle School toward History Day

### **Laura and Jack Cohen Fund**

- THS Parent Initiative Team toward After Prom and Film Festival

### **Community Counseling and Crisis Center Fund**

- Annual Distribution

### **Joe and Barbara Cox Family Fund**

- Milford Township Fire Department toward Fire Prevention Materials

### **Demske Family Fund**

- Oxford Senior Citizens toward Opening Minds Through Art

### **Des Fleurs Beautification Fund**

- Des Fleurs Garden Club for Uptown Hanging Baskets

### **John E. and Grace C. Dome Memorial Endowment Fund**

- Audubon Miami Valley Hueston Woods Important Bird Area
- Boy Scout Troup 930
- Christian Co-Operative Nursery School toward Nursery School Scholarships
- Des Fleurs Garden Club Children's Garden Potting Shed
- Family Resource Center toward Holiday Gift Program
- Family Resource Center Oxford Senior Dental Assistance
- Marshall Elementary School toward Classroom Amplification System
- McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital for IT Training
- Miami University toward Miami Connections
- Milford Township Fire Department toward Fire Prevention Materials
- Oxford Area Community Theater OxAct Sponsorship
- Oxford Boy Scout Troup 930 70th Anniversary Celebration
- Oxford College Corner Clinic Medication Assistance
- Oxford Community Arts Center Improvisational Possibilities
- Oxford Community Arts Center Creative Sounding Board
- Oxford Community Choice Pantry Purchase of Refrigerator
- Oxford Community Choice Pantry Holiday Food Program
- Oxford Museum Association toward Replacing Oxford Township House Flooring
- Oxford Running Club State-to-State Half Marathon
- Oxford Senior Citizens toward Opening Minds Through Art
- Oxford Talawanda Community Service/FRC Oxford Community Garden
- Oxford Visitors & Convention Bureau toward 2010 Summer Music Festival
- St. Mary Vincent DePaul Society toward Talawanda Power Pack Program
- Talawanda Middle School toward Leveled Library
- Talawanda Middle School toward History Day
- Talawanda Middle School toward Braves Bucks
- Talawanda Parent Initiative Team toward After Prom and Film Festival

### **Duke Energy Corporation Flow-Through Fund**

- Oxford Chamber of Commerce Wine and Arts Festival

### **Environmental Mobile Unit Fund**

- Annual Distribution

### **Family Resource Center Organization Endowment Fund**

- LifeSpan for Family Advocacy Program

### **Ralph N. and Bonnie C. Fey Family Fund**

- McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital toward Step Up for Good Health

### **First Financial Bank Learning Links Fund**

- Talawanda School District Learning Links Projects
- McGuffey Foundation School Learning Links Projects

### **Joyce & Gil Gordon Fund In Memory of their Parents, Joseph & Mary Masura and Walter Gordon**

- Kramer Elementary School toward ELMO Presenter and Projector System
- Oxford Fraternity Headquarters Fund for Youth Development
- McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital toward Step Up for Good Health
- Talawanda Parent Initiative Team toward After Prom & Film Festival

#### **Ju Family School Libraries Fund**

- Talawanda Middle School toward Leveled Library

#### **Kelley Dental Health Fund**

- Family Resource Center Oxford Senior Dental Assistance

#### **David L. & Sallie A. Killian Fund**

- Kramer Elementary School toward ELMO Presenter and Projector System

#### **Tammy McCartney Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Daniel Beckett

#### **McDonald's of Oxford Fund**

- Marshall Elementary School toward Classroom Amplification System

#### **Edwin & Eve Morgan Fund**

- St. Mary Vincent DePaul Society toward Power Pack Program
- Oxford Community Arts Center toward After School Art

#### **Robert W. and Jeanne L. Murphy Fund**

- THS Parent Initiative Team toward After Prom and Film Festival

#### **David R. Osborne Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Connor Douglas Smith
- Talawanda Athletic Boosters Field of Dreams

#### **Oxford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Travis Pater

#### **Oxford Community Arts Center Fund**

- Annual Distribution

#### **Oxford Community Foundation Technical/Vocational Scholarship**

- 2010 Recipient-Jonathon McCartney

#### **Oxford Community Foundation for The Three Valley Conservation Trust**

- Toward Environment Conservation Project

#### **Oxford Community Foundation Unrestricted Fund**

- Des Fleurs Garden Club Purchase of Tables for Community Events
- Greater Miami Valley YMCA Activate Butler County Ohio
- Hefner Fund (Rotary) Oxford Rotary Golf Sponsorship
- Kiwanis Club of Oxford Pancake Day
- Miami University toward Miami Connections
- Oxford Lions Club Golf Sponsorship
- Oxford Community Arts Center Spring Gala Sponsorship
- PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA toward Support CASA Volunteer
- Riley Township Historical Society Window Treatments for Hammond House
- Talawanda Athletic Boosters

#### **Oxford Dog Owners Group (OXDOG) FUND**

- Northside Dog Park

#### **City of Oxford Police Department Fund**

- Oxford Community Pig Roast

#### **Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc.**

- Annual Distribution

#### **OYES! (Oxford Youth Empowered to Serve) Fund**

- Family Resource Center toward United Way School Supply Kits
- Family Resource Center Oxford Community Garden
- Christian Co-Operative Nursery School toward Nursery School Scholarships

- Oxford Parks and Recreation After School Bowling
- Oxford Visitors and Convention Bureau Toddler Dash State-To-State Marathon
- McGuffey Foundation School Martin L. King Park Project
- THS Parent Initiative Team toward After Prom and Film Festival

#### **Paul G. and Winifred C. Pearson Fund**

- Community Counseling and Crisis Center
- Family Resource Center
- McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital Trust
- Oxford Community Arts Center
- Oxford Community Foundation
- PUSH (People United for Self Help)

#### **Pi Sigma Epsilon Fund**

- Talawanda Middle School toward Braves Bucks

#### **Martha Lee Pulley Flow-Through Fund**

- Talawanda School District KNOW Program

#### **Red Brick & Ivy Fund**

- City of Oxford for Park Maintenance

#### **Thomas Rein Literacy Fund**

- Oxford Literacy Team for Jump Start Program

#### **Kenneth G. and Rita Kelly Robinson Fund**

- Oxford Senior Citizens toward Opening Minds Through Art

#### **James and Charleen Rohr Fund**

- PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA toward Support CASA Volunteer

#### **Phillip R. Shriver Fund**

- Talawanda Middle School toward History Day

#### **Square D/Schneider Electric Company Fund**

- Family Resource Center toward Holiday Gift Program

#### **William Baynes & Frances Holmes Summers Family Assistance Fund**

- St. Mary Vincent DePaul Society toward Talawanda Power Pack Program

#### **Talawanda Parent Initiative Team "Service Matters" Scholarship Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Ryan Schwab

#### **Talawanda Unity Fund**

- Oxford Community Arts Center toward After School Art

#### **Harry & Virginia Teckman Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Marianne Marconi

#### **Tolerance Fund**

- Oxford United Methodist Church Giving Our Hearts Away
- Campus Ministry Center Food for Thought

#### **Charles Warren Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- 2010 Recipient-Melanie Ann Richardson
- 2010 Recipient-Emily Wade

#### **Milton White Fund**

- Oxford Visitors & Convention Bureau toward 2010 Summer Music Festival

#### **Mary E. Woodworth Fund**

- Oxford Museum Association toward Replacing Oxford Township House Flooring

#### **WOXY-FM Listeners Fund**

- St. Mary Vincent DePaul Society toward Talawanda Power Pack Program

#### **Edwin M. Yamauchi Lectureship Fund**

- Oxford Bible Fellowship Lectureship

## From Jeanne Murphy Executive Director



As I reflect on the past year, I am pleased to report that the Oxford Community Foundation continues to be a successful grant-giving organization in the Oxford community. We thrive on building partnerships with donors, grant recipients, community organizations, and the City of Oxford. These partnerships bring life to the Foundation.

We value our relationship with our donors, both longstanding and new, that support our cause. We reached out to more corporate and business partners, sharing our mission and requesting their support. The Foundation recognizes the value in seeking larger sources of philanthropy to meet the ever-increasing needs in our community. This year, we raised over \$26,000 at our Mystery Dinner Theater, largely through sponsorships. We also received a \$5,000 grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to update our donor management software and purchase new computers. Through our collaboration with the Talawanda School District, we applied for corporate grants that will improve science and math education and drug and alcohol awareness in our schools.

With their administrative support, we have an invaluable partnership with the City of Oxford. We handled two new funds this year: the Bicentennial Fund that provided a year of celebrations for all citizens, and the OxDog Fund, successfully building a new dog park for the community's enjoyment with their favorite canine. Through the City of Oxford Assistance Fund, we administer grants for worthy projects, whether it is social welfare, education or arts and culture. Consider buying a brick for that special someone through our Red Brick and Ivy Fund; this remains a joint project between the City and the Foundation.

The Oxford Community Foundation offers a service to the community for donors to fulfill their philanthropic wishes one donation at a time or by setting up a fund to give in perpetuity. This can be to a specific cause or widely diverse. In turn, the Foundation is a source of revenue for grant seekers. We look forward to receiving your ideas for projects and programs to better our lives through education, arts and culture, the environment or physical improvement, as well as offering assistance to the many social welfare issues facing us today. Together, we form a partnership of generosity and giving back, thereby improving and enhancing the quality of life in the greater Oxford area.

As reported by President Biggs, as of February 28, I will be stepping down as the Executive Director of the Foundation. The Foundation has been my passion along with raising my three children after the death of my husband to lung cancer. I volunteered over twelve years ago and then came back as an employee in 2002. The Foundation provided the flexibility I needed as a single parent. As the Foundation grew, so did the hours needed from me as a part-time employee. My community involvement through my children assisted in bringing aware-

ness of the organization to a wider audience. My position at the Foundation gave me knowledge of the organization and connection with its donors. As the Executive Director since 2009, I have truly enjoyed the challenges of fundraising and fulfilling the mission of the Foundation.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Foundation, my office mate, Mary Jo Gehrum, and the many volunteers and community connections that have enriched my life. I hope you will continue to support the Foundation. I know it will remain close to my heart, as will my friends in the Oxford community.

### Farewell Reception Planned

The Special Events Committee is putting together a farewell reception to honor and thank Jeanne Murphy for the enormous contribution she has made to further the objectives of the Oxford Community Foundation.

Tuesday, February 22

Knolls Clubhouse

5:30-7:30 PM

Wine and hors d'oeuvres provided

All are invited.

RSVP to Mary Jo at 523-0623.

### New Funds in 2010

#### Unrestricted funds: serve wherever the need is greatest

- Tim and Sally Myers Fund

#### Advised Funds: donors advise the Foundation as to how funds should be spent

- Amanda Drake Fund
- Luna Cares Fund-to provide support for women suffering from cancer

#### Flow-through Funds from which the principal must be spent:

- Butler County Bar Foundation Fund
- Talawanda Parent Initiative "Service Matters" Scholarship Fund

### The Oxford Community Foundation

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## Locust Street House Home To New Occupant



The house at 338 Locust Street, purchased in the spring of 2009 through the efforts of the Oxford Community Foundation's Mile Square Initiative Committee, the City of Oxford, and the Neighborhood Housing

Services of Hamilton, has a new occupant who is currently renting the property with an option to buy. In keeping with the plan, the house has been completely refurbished by both contractors and community volunteers donating their time, talent, and professional services to create a showpiece family residence within Oxford's mile square.

Unless and until the current occupant exercises the purchase option, the house remains available for sale under very favorable terms. It is a unique opportunity, which has the potential to build community spirit, as well as to improve housing stock. Anyone interested should contact Coe Potter at 839-1344.



## Why Give through the Oxford Community Foundation?

People give through, not to, the Oxford Community Foundation which serves as a partner in philanthropy for those who want to establish a permanent yet flexible vehicle for charitable giving. Donors who do their giving through the Foundation want the impact of their contributions to be felt today and in the future.



Individuals, corporations, organizations, and associations choose the Oxford Community Foundation as their partner because it offers:

**Expertise** in charitable fund administration and investment management

**Assistance** in identifying and evaluating opportunities for giving and positively impacting our community

**Leverage** in pooling gifts with other Oxford Community Foundation donors

**Peace of Mind** because the Foundation has demonstrated that it is a trusted steward of charitable funds.

## Career Based Intervention Scholarship

The Foundation is pleased to announce that Christian Jones has been selected as the first recipient of the Career Based Intervention Scholarship. In his letter of recommendation, Randi Thomas wrote, "Christian is a talented, competent and skilled young man who continues to excel both academically and athletically despite family circumstances that are outside of his control."



An anonymous donor started this scholarship in June 2009. The purpose of this fund is to provide a monetary incentive for a Talawanda Middle School eighth grader to achieve academic success at the high school level.

The Scholarship Committee reviewed recommendations from teachers and counselors of eighth grade students who were enrolled in the Career Based Intervention Program and intended to enroll in Talawanda High School. The students also filled out an application and provided one letter of recommendation. Upon selection, the Board of Directors of the Foundation approved the recipient.

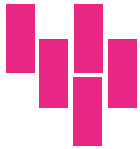
Christian will be expected to maintain a B average, be involved in some extra-curricular activity and meet regularly with the selection committee during his career at Talawanda High School. Upon high school graduation, the scholarship award will be sent to his college of choice each year for four years as long as he is enrolled in a degree program and in good standing. The Foundation is proud to administer this award and grateful for the innovation of a generous donor. We invite you to contribute to this worthy scholarship and future success of an "at risk" student.

*I just wanted to thank everybody who made it possible for me to get this scholarship. I will make sure I do my best to keep it and use it. I just wanted to thank you.*

*- Christian Jones*

## Memorials

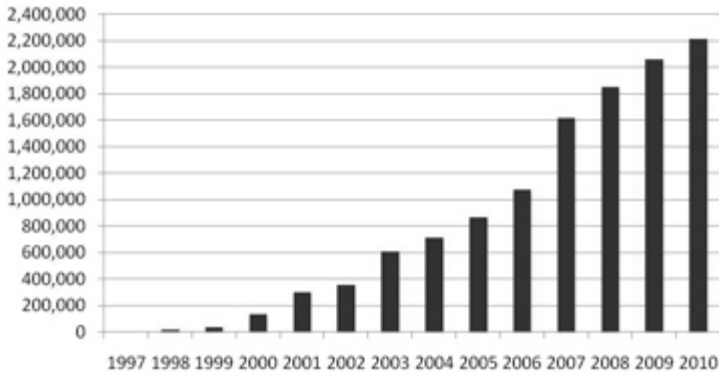
You can honor or memorialize a relative or friend and also benefit the people of Oxford with a gift to the Foundation. If you provide us with an address, we will send a card acknowledging your tribute (but not the amount). If you need a depository for your memorial gifts, please contact the Foundation. We can deposit memorials in a special account until you are able to think clearly about a designation.



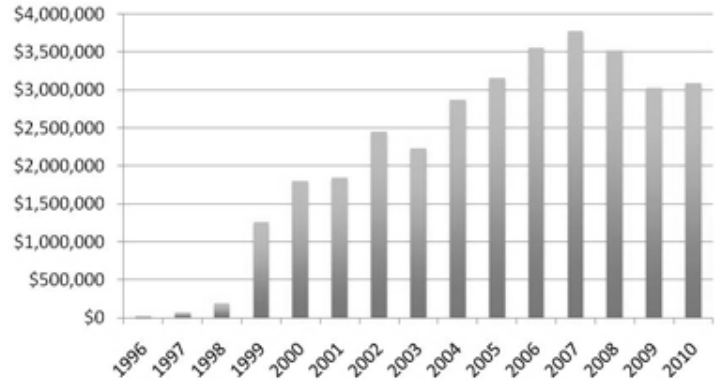
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