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# COMMUNITY Catalyst

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Grantee Spotlight —

## A NEW LOOK FOR ELDERLY UNITED



**ELDERLY  
UNITED SENIOR SERVICES**  
Active | Involved | Independent

Elderly United is an important resource for Clark County, managing more than 30 different programs that enhance the lives of our older citizens, and help them live independently as long as they are able.

Since 1968, Elderly United has existed in Springfield, Ohio to meet the needs of citizens age 55 and

older. This year, a new name, Elderly United Senior Services, has been introduced along with an updated logo. The new look reflects the diversity of ages, needs, and services available to help people in the second half of life to be active, involved and independent.

The Springfield Foundation has a special relationship with Elderly United Senior Services of Clark County. Through the generosity of donors Sig and Ilse Sander, the Foundation provides funding to Elderly United for its annual Holiday Dinner for Springfield residents. Elderly United is an important resource for Clark County, managing more than 30 different programs that enhance the lives of our

older citizens, and help them live independently as long as they are able.

An important outreach to the community is the RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) of Clark County, administered by Norma Knowlton of Elderly United. RSVP provides volunteer placements for seniors who wish to serve our residents in programs such as Meals on Wheels, Income Tax filing, school tutoring, or in a great variety of other service opportunities. Most volunteers are retirees who have a desire to give their time to others in the community. RSVP provides an opportunity for many to explore new activities, or return to an earlier interest that they put aside for work and family obligations. RSVP helps to keep our retirees active in vital roles in our community.

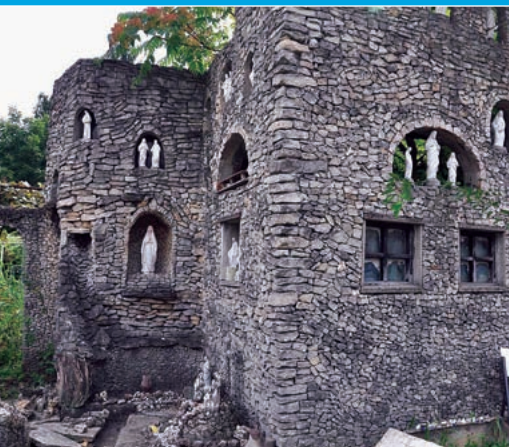
To learn more about Elderly United Senior Services, visit the website at [www.elderlyunited.org](http://www.elderlyunited.org).

## FOUNDATIONS AND MUSEUM PARTNER TO PRESERVE LOCAL FOLK-ART LANDMARK

The Hartman Rock Garden, located at 1905 Russell Avenue in Springfield, has been restored by The Kohler Foundation, a Wisconsin organization that began restoration in May 2009 on the Depression-era handiwork of H.C. "Ben" Hartman. A new group representing the Springfield Foundation, the Turner Foundation and the Springfield Museum of Art accepted the deed to the home and surrounding property December 8, 2009 under the name "Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden."

An endowment fund to maintain the property has been set up at the Springfield Foundation, and tax-deductible donations to the "Friends of the Hartman Rock Garden" may be made by anyone. A dedication is being planned at the Garden on Saturday, June 26, 2010.

If you would like additional information about the Hartman Rock Garden, you may find their Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/hartmanrockgarden](http://www.facebook.com/hartmanrockgarden)) or blog ([blog.hartmanrockgarden.org](http://blog.hartmanrockgarden.org)) helpful.





## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Things continue to be busy at the Foundation. The Scholarship cycle has just begun, and staff and volunteers are busy reviewing over 250 applications. The Foundation plans to distribute over \$260,000 in scholarships this year. The scholarship process could not be completed without the efforts of the staff, trustees and wonderful volunteers.

I am continuously amazed at the level of commitment this community has to philanthropy. In the fall of each year we conduct our annual Partners in Philanthropy drive, and I am pleased to say that, despite the economy, 236 individuals donated over \$37,000, which was a record! Over \$9,000 of the funds were used to help create a new Merit Scholarship Fund that will honor students that have excelled academically.

This newsletter also features some of the activities the Foundation is involved in as well. One is the Hartman Rock Garden which the Foundation owns along with the Turner Foundation and the Art Museum. Another highlights the creation of the new Women's Partnership Funds which will bring concerned individuals together to address issues facing women and girls in our community.

I would also like to thank Cindy Barnett for her many years of service as a Trustee at the Foundation and welcome Cathy Crompton and Bill Brougner on board as new Trustees. It is heartwarming to be a part of such a great community and all of us at the Foundation truly do enjoy working with all of you to make our community a better place.

## GRANTS AWARDED

At its December 4, 2009 meeting, the Springfield Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$2,189,336 in grants to local projects of non-profit organizations. These grants were given from Discretionary, Designated, Agency, and Donor Advised Funds of the Foundation.

Discretionary Grants are chosen by the Foundation's Distribution Committee, with oversight of the Board of Directors. These grants go to community non-profits to address the most important needs of our time. Typically, grants are given to organizations in six different categories: Arts & Culture; Civic Affairs; Education; Environment, Conservation & Animal Welfare; Health; and Human Services. This year, seventy-six (76) discretionary grants were awarded for a total of \$480,280.

[For a complete list of grants awarded for programs taking place in 2010, go to the Springfield Foundation website and click on the "Grants" tab.](#)

## HORIZON FUND – A NEW WAY TO GIVE

Now it's even easier to support local charitable causes AND build up a lasting, personal fund with the creation of the Springfield Foundation's new Horizon Fund program. Donors of all means can begin to make a big difference in our community with a small amount of money. Horizon Funds allow donors to build charitable endowments the same way individuals build retirement plans . . . through regular contributions over time. Horizon Funds are started with a gift in the amount of your choice. Over time, continue making tax deductible contributions of any amount and once your Horizon Fund has reached \$10,000, it becomes a permanent endowment fund matched to your interests.

[Visit our website to learn more about this exciting new opportunity.](#)

## WOMEN'S PARTNERSHIP FUNDS ESTABLISHED

The Springfield Foundation has launched an exciting new initiative – the Women's Partnership Funds of Clark County! A group of Foundation Board members, staff, and committed volunteers have been working for more than a year to lay the groundwork for this new affiliate of the Springfield Foundation. The Women's Partnership Funds will serve as a permanent source of funds for programs that promote the well-being and growth of local women and girls.

[Watch our website and future newsletters for more information about the Women's Partnership Fund of the Springfield Foundation.](#)

## THANK YOU, PARTNERS!

Our annual Partners in Philanthropy campaign wrapped up on December 31 and through our Partner's support, our membership reached 236 and a record \$37,180 was raised for support of the Foundation! In addition, a portion of this past year's Partners contributions were added to our new, permanent Merit Scholarship Fund. Due to this year's overwhelming support, \$9,180 has been added to this new Fund which will make its first award of \$1,000 this year. This year's award, and the Fund's growth, would not have been possible without the support of our Partners in Philanthropy! **Thank you!**

# WELCOME NEW FUNDS

The **John J. Corbitt Memorial Scholarship Fund** was established to assist graduating seniors of Southeastern High School to further their studies at an accredited two or four-year college or university.

The **Glen Helen Association Raptor Center Endowment Fund** was established by the Glen Helen Association to provide unrestricted support of the Glen Helen Raptor Center presently operated by the Glen Helen Ecology Institute of Antioch College.

The **Hollandia Botanical Gardens Endowment Fund** was established to support the operation, maintenance and care of the gardens and structures as provided by the organization.

The **Richard and Ann Rice Family Fund** was established in celebration of their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary and will support charitable causes as advised by the family now and for future generations.

The **Gary Edwin Stevenson Memorial Scholarship Fund** was created by family and friends in memory of Gary and will provide scholarship assistance to Shawnee High school students pursuing technical or vocational education.

The **Women's Partnership Funds**  
See story at left.

*To establish a fund or to make a contribution to an existing one, please call the Foundation at (937) 324-8773.*

## NEW AND DEPARTING TRUSTEES



We would like to welcome to our Springfield Foundation Board of Trustees, Dr. Catherine (Cathy) Crompton (top left) and Mr. William (Bill) Brougher (bottom left).

Dr. Cathy Crompton has been a resident of Clark County for the past twenty years and has a dental practice in Springfield. Cathy enjoys living a healthy lifestyle, and you may often see her walking her Chocolate Lab, Mac. Cathy is passionate about giving back to the community. She has served in the "Big Brothers Big Sisters" program for the past five years, serves on several local boards, and she and her husband, State Representative Ross McGregor are both actively involved in the betterment of Springfield and Clark County.



Bill Brougher has been a lifelong resident of Springfield and has been President of Eagle Tool & Machine Company since 1999. He has served as a board member and president of the Springfield Family YMCA and was on the Financial Planning and Supervision Commission of the Springfield City School District. He currently serves on the Clark County Mental Health Foundation board and the Business Advisory

Council to the Springfield City Schools. Bill and his wife Deanna have three children, Nick, Jessica and Sam.

Cindy Barnett (right) has completed a ten year term as Board Trustee at the Springfield Foundation. She has been an invaluable asset to the Foundation through her service on various committees. Her expertise will continue to be utilized in her role as a member of our Development Committee. Thank you Cindy for your many years of faithful service to the Springfield Foundation!



## "SAVE THE DATE" – 2010 AACF GALA

The African-American Community Fund Advisory Committee will be hosting their 6th Annual Gala on **Thursday, June 10, 2010**. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Library Resource Center on Clark State Community College's Leffel Lane Campus. This year's gala is made possible through the generous support of First Diversity Management Group.



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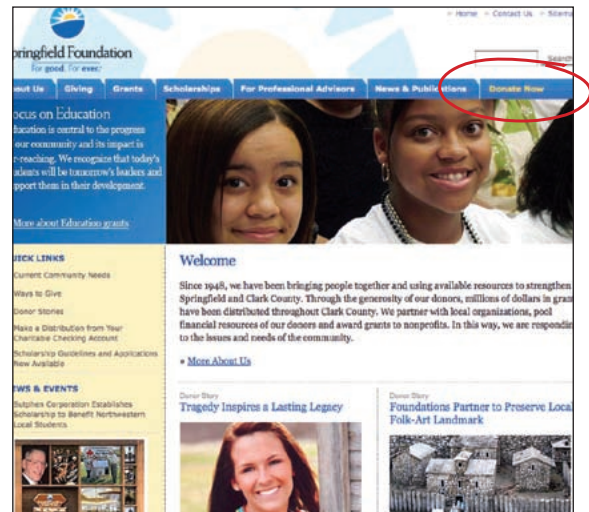
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Now you can contribute to the Foundation directly from our website. Simply visit our website at [www.springfieldfoundation.org](http://www.springfieldfoundation.org) and click the "Donate Now" button in the top right section and you'll be on your way to our secure PayPal account. Once there, you can contribute by credit card or through an electronic funds transfer from your bank. Either way, this is a simple, convenient option for those wishing to make memorial/honorary contributions or to add to any Fund of the Foundation.



## SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS UPDATES

**Scholarship:** This past March, the Springfield Foundation received 250 Scholarship Applications from high school, college and non-traditional (adult) students. Volunteers, staff and Foundation Board members will read, score and evaluate the applications in order to choose recipients for over \$300,000 available from over 50 different funds. Scholarship awards will be announced in mid-May.

**Grants to Non-Profit Organizations:** Grant applications will be available from our website in early May, 2010. Completed applications will be due in our office by August 13, 2010.