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FUNDING OUR FUTURE

The start of a new school year brings excitement to many. New friends, new schools, and new adventures. For the Springfield Foundation, the start of a new school year means checks, and lots of them. Three hundred and eighty five to be exact.

As the final step in the long scholarship season, and the favorite among the scholarship recipients, The Springfield Foundation has been hard at work, sending well-earned scholarship awards to colleges and universities around the country. With more than 100 scholarship funds managed by the Springfield Foundation, the 2017-2018 scholarship application cycle yielded an impressive 317 applications from local high school seniors and graduates.

Thanks to our army of donors and supporters, 385 scholarships totaling \$536,725 were awarded for the upcoming school year. Of those scholarships, 170 were new awards, 128 were renewable and 87 scholarships were awarded through external committees.

If you, or someone you know are interested in learning more about our scholarship program, please visit our website at www.springfieldfoundation.org or contact Suzie Carey, Director of Grants and Scholarships at 937-324-8773.

Merit Scholars Ian Waggoner (left), and Daniel Detrick with foundation trustee Jeanne Lampe



FROM A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Bryce Baumgardner

I would like to thank the Springfield Foundation for everything they have done for me. I was born and raised in Springfield. At age 7, I lost my father to a heart condition and, at age 8, my mother left. My brother and I were left in the care of our great-grandparents.

I attended the remainder of elementary, middle and high school in their care. I worked diligently to keep my grades up and this May, I graduated. I finished my time at Springfield High School with a 4.5 GPA and I was accepted into many universities.

Even though I had overcome many of the challenges that faced me, I was left with one more: paying for college. I did not want to leave college with debt, and had limited access to funds to pay for college. Therefore, I need to thank the Springfield Foundation.

The scholarships I gained through the Springfield Foundation have made it possible for me to attend The Ohio State University, and obtain no debt through my studies.

— Bryce Baumgardner

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The Foundation recently completed our 2017 scholarship cycle. The scholarship cycle tends to be a lot of work

all at once, but it is very gratifying to be able to carry out our donor's wishes by making awards to nearly 300 worthy students. This year, the Foundation distributed over \$530,000 and has distributed more than \$5.7 million since our inception.

The Springfield Foundation partners with local organizations that are working on projects to improve our community. The Foundation acts as a fiscal sponsor and allows these organizations to use the Foundation's charitable status. The work being done by the Master Gardeners, the Kiwanis and Hollandia Botanical Gardens are an example. These organizations are working together to build a wonderful garden that will be a showcase for Springfield.

This year the Foundation welcomes four new trustees and you can read more about them in this newsletter. As with any not for profit, it is critical that new board members be brought on board that can replace those trustees whose terms have expired. It is also critical to have new board members that can bring a different perspective. We are grateful for our new trustees and welcome their enthusiasm and insight.

As always, thank you for your interest in the Springfield Foundation, we are *your* community foundation!

A TRUE COMMUNITY MAN

A native of Cleveland, Fred Leventhal came to Springfield, Ohio at the ripe age of eighteen to purchase the Vining Broom Company along with his brother Harry. Through their hard work and business savvy, their business, renamed O'Cedar, eventually grew to be one of Springfield's largest employers.



A World War II veteran and philanthropist, Fred worked tirelessly to make the Springfield community a better place for all to live. Fred worked to enact social change in our community and to make Springfield a place where all people, regardless of faith, race or creed were welcomed and could prosper.

"When I came to Springfield, probably the greatest hurt I had was that I could not join the Junior Chamber of Commerce because I was Jewish." Fred's emphasis on inclusion has helped Springfield become a place where religious beliefs no longer exclude an individual from civic engagement.

Fred's civic spirit was evident in the numerous boards and organizations he served on and volunteered for, including City/Community Hospital, Clark State, Wittenberg University, Mental Health Levy, CHIEF, the Springfield Foundation, Rocking Horse, United Way and Temple Shalom.

Knowing he wanted to continue to bless our community long after he was gone, Fred established the Fred and Maxine Leventhal Scholarship fund to benefit Springfield High School students wishing to further their education at Clark State Community College. Because of his foresight, Fred's passion for the community lives on.

WELCOME NEW FUNDS

Helen Parsons Iler Fund

Established through a gift from the Helen Iler Trust, this scholarship fund provides tuition assistance to graduates of Graham High School in Champaign County attending a two or four-year college, university or technical institute.

Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum Project



Established for the ongoing support of the Snyder Parks Gardens and Arboretum. Concerned with maintaining the long history of our community, the gardens will incorporate historic artifacts from Memorial Hall and Snyder Park.

Deeded as greenspace, the vision for the former golf course is to create a public garden in Clark County that will be a destination for our growing tourism base.

Kiwanis Club Children's Garden Fund



Kiwanis
Springfield

Established by the Springfield Kiwanis Club in partnership with Hollandia Gardens for the ongoing support of the Kiwanis Children's Garden located inside Snyder Parks Garden and Arboretum.

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Blake Shaffer



A lifelong resident of Springfield, Blake is a graduate of Kenton Ridge High school and earned his BS in accounting/finance from Wright State

University. Blake is an entrepreneur and owner of LWS Tax and Accounting and Vanguard 937. He is actively involved in the community through various volunteer positions and has served on the board for Clark County Developmental Disabilities.

Rachel Wilson, Ph.D.



A Business Professor at Wittenberg University since 2012, Rachel earned her B.S. in Economics from Miami University and her M.A. and

Ph.D. in Economics from Middle Tennessee University. She is a former reviewer for the Journal of Economics and Politics and has served as trustee for the Ohio association of Economic and Political Scientist, Southern Finance Association, Society for Case Research and served as the Treasurer for the Citizens for a Stronger Springfield. Rachel volunteers for Junior Achievement, Clark County Young Life, AMICUS international student exchange program and Fellowship Christian Church.

Brian Smith

A lifelong resident of Springfield, Brian is a graduate of Kenton Ridge High School and Urbana University. He currently works as the President of the New Carlisle Federal Savings Bank and has pro-



vided banking expertise to the Springfield and Clark County region for the past fifteen years. Brian serves on the Clark County Mental Health Board as well as Rocking Horse Community Health Center.

Greg Flax



A partner with Martin, Brown, Hull and Harper since 2014, Greg earned his Bachelors in Agriculture from The Ohio State University, and his Law

degree from the University of Michigan. Greg was born and raised in Eastern Clark County where he serves on the Board of Education for Southeastern Local. Greg is a member of the Clark County Republican Party Executive Committee, a trustee for Plattsburg United Church of Christ and for Opportunities for Individual Change (OIC).

Sunna Bass



A Springfield Resident and local small business owner, Sunna serves on the board for Springfield Promise Neighborhood, the Breast Cancer

Endowment Fund and is a member of the Springfield Chapter of the LINKS. Sunna is a founder of the Bass Smith Connection, a local nonprofit that provides scholarships for local college bound students.

HOMER C. CORRY SOCIETY HONORS ANDY BELL



Homer C. Corry, a local attorney in the mid nineteenth century, served as the first President of the Springfield Foundation. Named in his honor, the Homer C. Corry Society was established to recognize outstanding commitment and leadership in former Springfield Foundation trustees. For consideration into the society, an individual must demonstrate exemplary volunteer service as a trustee of the Foundation, while also exhibiting extraordinary commitment to the Clark County community.

This year the Foundation board and staff recognized Andy Bell for his commitments and inducted him as the newest member of the Homer C. Corry Society. Andy has served multiple roles at the Foundation, having served on development, distribution, executive, finance and investment committees. Andy has served as the chair of the development, executive and finance committees, as well as the Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Board. Andy has and continues to be a wonderful asset to the Foundation and the community as a whole.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications to apply for the Springfield Foundation's scholarship cycle will be available online beginning December 22, 2017. Completed applications are due no later than February 23, 2018. For more information, please visit www.SpringfieldFoundation.org.

For questions, or inquiries please contact Suzie Carey, Director of Grants and Scholarships, at 937-324-8773



LEAVING A LEGACY

For individuals and couples who want to create a legacy beyond their lifetime, The Springfield Foundation's Legacy Society ensures donors that their charitable dollars are used in the way they intended. If you have made provisions in your will to include the Foundation, you are already eligible to join. If you would like more information, please contact Victoria Richards, Director of Development and Marketing, at 937-324-8773.