

2007 HOPE Funds Listing

Friends of HOPE

Established to meet the overall needs of the HOPE Foundation to provide administrative support for the organization. This fund allows for the administrative fees charged to each fund to remain at the lowest level of the Miami Valley region of community foundations. Therefore, a portion of all of the funds held by the HOPE Foundation benefit from this fund.

HOPE Chest - Unrestricted Funds

Established to meet the future diverse needs of our community, donors may establish accounts, in their names, that will provide support where needed in our county. The Board of Directors of the HOPE Foundation will review requests to determine where these unspecified funds would most benefit our county each year; only the interest would be distributed. As with all funds, gifts to the HOPE Foundation may be in the form of real or personal property, such as appreciated stock or other investments. Gifts would receive the maximum tax benefits allowed by law.

Permanent Non-Profit Endowment Accounts

Ella VanDyke St. Clair Home..Brethren Home Resident Aid Fund

In the 1920's, Ella Van Dyke St. Clair wanted to help citizens of Greenville, who needed a place to live. In her will, she established the Ella Van Dyke St. Clair Home For the Aged, located on East Third Street in Greenville. Over time the intended use of the Home discontinued and it ceased operation. The Probate Court granted permission to have the remaining monies transferred to the HOPE Foundation, with the income therefrom to be paid into the Brethren's Home Resident Aid Fund to provide housing assistance to those in need at the Brethren's Home.

Darke Co. Humane Society Fund-Beth Warner

Upon her death in 1996, Beth Bolen Warner provided a bequest for the yearly earnings to be distributed to the Darke Co. Humane Society. Mrs. Warner was born in Union City, IN and resided in Darke Co. all of her life. She was married to Glenn Warner, who formerly served as the Clerk of Courts for Darke Co. for 24 years and preceded her in death in 1983. Mrs. Warner served as the organist at the Presbyterian Church.

Jean Louise Thieme's Children's Theatre Fund

A lifelong interest in and support for the arts led Jean Louise Thieme to establish a Children's Theater Fund in 1987 for the purpose of "assuring that the children of this rural county shall always have the opportunity to experience high quality professional programming."

Darke County United Way Endowment Account

The United Way of Darke county exists to support the annual needs of the social service programs in the community;. The proceeds of these funds are distributed annually at the discretion of the existing United Way Board of Directors for the benefit of Darke County only.

Designated Non-Profit Accounts

Low Vision Support Group for FAME (Financial Assistance for Medical Emergencies)

The members of the Low Vision Support Group in 2006 donated these funds upon their disbanding as an organization to be used for the benefit of Darke countians through FAME (Financial Assistance for Medical Emergencies). A donation of \$1,000 will be made annually to FAME until the account is depleted. Additional monies may be added to this fund to grow it to a permanent endowment level.

Permanent Scholarship Endowments

Ansonia Area Jaycees

Upon disbanding, the Ansonia Area Jaycees desired to leave money in the community from which it was generated. The HOPE Foundation was chosen to be custodian of their remaining assets to be used for scholarships for students graduating from Ansonia High School.

Velma and Merlin Applegate

Velma and Merlin Applegate directed that the interest would be used annually to promote scholarships to Ansonia High School graduates. The couple graduated from Ansonia High School in 1940.

In 1990, the 50th year after their graduation, they arranged for scholarship grants for future graduates of Ansonia High School as a way of saying "thank you" to the Ansonia community.

Louise Winbigler Bales Scholarship Fund

Louise McKinney Winbigler was a newspaper heiress from Macon, Georgia. She met and married Goddard Winbigler from Ansonia, a brother of Pauline Winbigler. Louise recalled and shared memories of playing tennis on clay courts at Ansonia High School/Darke County Normal School. Louise was an ardent supporter of the Ansonia United Methodist Church and chose to use The HOPE Foundation to support Ansonia High School graduates in their pursuit of more education, and in honor of her sister-in-law, Pauline Winbigler Bales; thus the living memorial, Louise Winbigler Bales Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Pauline Winbigler Bales Trust Scholarship

Miss Pauline" taught and served as High School Principal during her 27 year tenure at Ansonia. She attended college at the University of Cincinnati after graduating from Ansonia High School in 1915, and taught music in addition to other academic areas. Former students show their admiration and respect for "Miss Pauline" to this day. The Winbigler ancestry was French. Pauline Winbigler married L. L. Bales and lived in the Ansonia Community. "Miss Pauline" lived and supported her home-town and Ansonia School all of her life.

Tim Best/Ronnie Kretzer

Tim Best lost his life in an accident while attending Wright State University. Mr. & Mrs. Best established Tim Best Memorial Scholarship Fund for any boy or girl in Darke County having participated in baseball, cross country, wrestling, or dirt bike racing. Ronnie Kretzer, a close friend, was instrumental in helping Mr. & Mrs. Best establish the Tim Best Memorial and upon Ronnie Kretzer's death, the memorial was renamed the Tim Best/Ronnie Kretzer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Irene Bolen Memorial Scholarship

Given by her daughter, Beth Bolen Warner, in memory of her mother, this scholarship is for the benefit of a student from Mississinawa Valley H.S yearly. Mrs. Bolen was a teacher for many years before working at the Farmers State Bank in Union City.

Robert and Iris Bolen Memorial Scholarship

Robert and Iris Bolen grew up in the Union City area and wanted to enrich the life of a student pursuing college from Mississinawa Valley High School. Before retirement, Robert Bolen operated insurance and real estate agencies in both Union City and Ansonia, while his wife was the Assistant Vice President of Union City Body Company. Established in 2004, the Bolen's commented, "Having no children and good jobs, and realizing what a good education means, we wanted to help someone else. " Through the HOPE Foundation and the income they earned on the fund they established, distributions will be made annually to a student from Mississinawa Valley High School in the Bolen's name.

Joyce Bruns Memorial Scholarship

Joyce Bruns, RN, BSN, was a dedicated nurse in Darke County who died in April 1998. She was an active board member of Hospice for 13 years and a proponent of Hospice among the nursing and medical community. She was a nurse at Wayne Hospital for 18 years before serving as director of nursing at the Versailles Care Center. She became ill with brain cancer in 1997 having just completed her bachelor's degree in nursing. With a commitment of time and energy and family support to earn her degree, she felt the continuing education gained expanded her views of nursing and made her a better person as she met the challenges of family, work, and school. Her dedication to the nursing profession will live on through this scholarship for nurses continuing their education.

C. Michael Crawford Outstanding Teacher Mentor of Darke County

C. Michael Crawford was a longtime employee of the Darke County Educational Service Center who left a legacy of support for educators and children in Darke County. Due to Mike's foresight, Darke County had an established mentorship program for teachers a full ten years before the State of Ohio saw the benefit and mandated such a program for all Ohio schools. Through a fund established through contributions of his family and friends upon his sudden death in May, 2002, each year the fund will recognize, with a plaque and a stipend, an outstanding teacher mentor in Darke County in Mike's name. In this way, the teachers of Darke County will continue to benefit from the life and work of this very special person.

Darke County Bar Association

The Darke County Bar Association is in the midst of building their scholarship fund up to the level of an endowment. This account will provide funds for scholarships for local students who are presently in law school. At this time the account is growing to endowment level and no scholarships are being issued. Occasionally as funds are available, the Bar Association offers a one-time scholarship through the HOPE Foundation.

Regina K. Delk Memorial Scholarship

Working a teacher's assistant at Anthony Wayne, Regina was also very involved with the Arcanum High School Band Boosters and the Senior High youth at the Castine Church of the Brethren. Those around her were touched by her life, and faith in Christ. The family desired to establish a memorial in her honor to benefit students through a scholarship to a Christian college.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard (Eva) Fisher Scholarship

Howard & Eva Fisher lived west of Ft. Jefferson, where they were both involved in farming until they retired. They raised hogs, chickens, and dairy cattle. They also raised corn, hay, and oats for the livestock. Not having children of their own, but having a great interest in them, they realized that by giving to The HOPE Foundation they would be able to help not one or two, but many young people to get started in their life's work.

Kenneth H. & Virginia Marie Flory Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Flory's left their entire estate for charity or scholarships. Marie Flory was born in Kentucky and moved to the Dayton area in the 1930's. Her husband, Kenneth, was raised in the Arcanum area and after marrying, their professions led them to Chicago. They retired in 1980 to Arcanum, where Kenneth died a year later. Marie was very community minded and a faithful church member. She served as a trustee of the Arcanum Public Library. Prior to her death, Marie had directed that 40% of the estate be used for scholarships for graduates of Arcanum High School pursuing advanced degrees, to be managed by the HOPE Foundation.

Galen & Blanch Fourman Scholarship Fund

Galen and Blanche (Olwine) Fourman, owners of Fourman's Inc., a clothing store in downtown Greenville, were both graduates of Greenville High School and lifelong supporters of the community. They had established in their last Will and Testament that a percentage of their estate would go to the "Greenville Dollars for Scholars" program at Greenville High School. As the program is no longer in existence, their niece, Barbara Hole and her family, determined to carry out the Fourman's intent, established this fund. The Fourmans were involved with the Eastern Star and supporting downtown Greenville and always Helping Other People Excel.

Kenneth J. Gibboney Memorial

Mr. Gibboney lived in Bradford from the age of three until his death. He was a Navy veteran, a welder at Meteor Motors in Piqua, an owner and operator of a small sawmill, and enjoyed life.

Greenville National Bank

The Citizens Bank of Ansonia donated \$5,000 toward a new Medical Facility in Ansonia. The Ansonia Medical Center was sold and all donations were returned at which time the Citizens Bank became part of Greenville National Bank. Greenville National Bank chose to leave money in the Ansonia Community via a scholarship for an Ansonia High School graduate majoring in finance and or accounting.

Jeanie Hawley Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jeanie Hawley wanted to make a difference. As a teacher at Greenville High School for twenty years, she loved the students and always wanted to help them. Jeff Hawley and his three children, Bob, Dan, and Tiffany, established this scholarship in loving memory. Jeff hopes that all of the scholarship recipients work hard as Jeanie would want them to do.

Eleanor J. Hughes Scholarship Fund

Eleanor Hughes, born in 1917 in Western PA was a resident there most of her life. She had a career with Bell Telephone and was also an accomplished seamstress and artist. After 52 years of marriage, her husband passed away and she relocated in Greenville to be near her sister, Ruth Osborne. It was during her 10 years of residency in Greenville and her strong belief in the value of formal education that she chose to use the HOPE Foundation as a vehicle to help high school graduates in the Darke Co. area. She passed away in 2003.

Fred Miltenberger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Fred Miltenberger, a fisherman, worked 45 years at General Motors in Dayton, Ohio, and Ruby his wife, who also worked 40 years at General Motors; lived on a 43 acre farm on Sweet Potato Ridge Road in Montgomery County, Ohio. They sold their farm in 1937 and moved to a lovely home on North Main Street in Arcanum. He died in 1988 and she died in 1990

Virginia Nischwitz Scholarship Fund

The Virginia Nischwitz Scholarship Fund has been established to continue the legacy and dream of Miss Nischwitz to help worthy Darke Co. students with financial aid. The Four Shra Nish Foundation was established in 1970 by Virginia Nischwitz and her father, Lawrence Nischwitz. Mr. Nischwitz was a long-time fifth and sixth grade teacher in the Monroe building, now part of the Franklin-

Monroe School District. The Arcanum Lions assumed the responsibilities and established directors of the Foundation in 1986. When established, the Foundation was set to last 30 years. Many non-profit organizations were residual beneficiaries of the Trust. The new scholarship fund was set up with the assistance of Wayne Hospital, the YMCA of Darke Co., The Four Shra Nish Foundation and the Pitsburg Church of the Brethren.

Norton Family 4-H Scholarship

Miriam M. Norton, a former school teacher in the Bradford Schools established the "Norton Family 4-H Scholarship" in June of 2002. Being especially appreciative of the values held and leadership activity opportunities provided by 4-H Clubs of Darke County in the past, Miriam wanted to promote the continuation of these 4-H activities by rewarding a scholarship to a 4-H member. In addition to having been a 4-H member in Darke County, the successful applicant will have projects completed and demonstrated leadership skills.

J.C. & Alice Schaefer Scholarship Fund

J.C. Schaefer joined Second National Bank in 1943 following a merger with Farmers National Bank in Greenville, Ohio. He served as Vice President and Loan Officer and remained on the Board of Directors of Second National until 1978. J.C. was a member of the Rotary Club in Greenville for nearly fifty years. J.C.'s wife, Alice, was an elementary school teacher. The couple lived on a small farm just north of Greenville during J.C.'s banking career. They spent their final years at the Brethren's Home. J.C. and Alice, not having had children of their own, bequeathed part of their estate to HOPE Foundation to establish a scholarship.

Edwin, Mac and Marguerite Stoltz Memorial

Edwin Stoltz was an athletic-coach and teacher at Greenville High School from 1928 to 1942 and from 1947 to 1957. At one time he coached all four sports; football, basketball, baseball and track. His major area of academic preparation was mathematics; minor areas were English, French and history. He was a mathematics teacher at the time of his retirement in 1957. His brother, Mac, whose interest was in engineering, was called upon from time to time to substitute teach.

Mac's wife, Marquerite Bigler Stoltz, began her teaching career on Indian reservations from 1928 to 1937. She also taught English in Darke County schools. She was a lifetime student, having attended over 50 Elderhostels before her death in 1994.

J. Howard Trump Art Scholarship

Howard Trump was born October 18, 1916 on a farm 1 1/2 miles northeast of West Manchester, Ohio, just south of the Darke County line. After several moves, his family settled in Greenville when he was a freshman in high school. He graduated from Greenville HS in 1934.

He began his career as a printer's apprentice in 1934 in Columbus, Ohio. In 1961, after fourteen years as superintendent of a printing company, he became a free-lance commercial artist, specializing mostly in illustration and design. He retired from commercial art in 1980 and devoted the rest of his life to his watercolors (numbering approximately 1,000) and golf. He was married to the love of his life, Pauline, for over 50 years when he passed away on August 29, 1986.

United Way--Ira James Troutwine Estate

Ira James Troutwine was a life long resident of Darke County, born in 1901 in Adams Township. He grew up in the country on Hollansburg-Sampson Rd. in Darke County, but lived in Arcanum most of his 84 years. Mr. Troutwine was President of Arcanum Federal Savings and Loan in Arcanum (now Second National Bank) for many years; had numerous farms around Darke County and also was interested in community service. The original bequest was to the Darke County United Way,

which transferred the funds to the HOPE Foundation for the creation of a perpetual endowment. Mr. Troutwine wanted to leave a legacy of good will to his life long friends of Darke County.

Paul C. & Helen D. Warner Memorial Fund

Helen always lived in Darke County and She taught school for 35 years. One year she was an exchange teacher in Tasmania, Australia. She married Paul in 1957 when he was principal of the high school in Greenville. They did a lot of traveling together in the U.S.A. and in Europe.

Helen retired to the Brethren's Home Retirement Community, an "exceptionally nice place for spending one's last years."

Lori Michelle Williams Memorial

The family of Lori Williams established this fund to perpetuate Lori's memory. "Her bubbly personality, smile, laughter, energy, and love of life are some of the things we hope people will remember about her." Lori, a graduate of Greenville High School, was very involved in school and community. She gave of herself to others through her volunteer work. She chose a career in nursing as an extension of her desire to help others when they need it the most. She was going to be a senior at the University of Cincinnati in nursing. Lori's parents commented that Lori always set goals and strived to achieve them. In endowing this scholarship, they hope to help others achieve the goals that Lori had set for herself

Matt Wuebker Memorial Scholarship

Matthew Wuebker aspired to a career in finance and law while a student at Ohio State University. His spirit of cooperation and dedication to the high school basketball program at Versailles awarded him with the "Mr. Team Award" which, along with scholastic success, is a prerequisite for receiving the "Matthew Wuebker Mr. Team Scholarship."

Designated Scholarship Accounts

Coty M. Frady Memorial Scholarship Fund

Initiated by her parents, a fund has been established in memory of Coty Frady, a bright, beloved and involved student and leader at Ansonia H.S. Coty was President of the FFA, a member of the Drama Club, Student Council and Class Secretary. She was also involved with the volleyball, basketball and track teams for which she received numerous athletic awards as well as academic awards. She was inducted posthumously to the NHS just a few weeks after the car accident that claimed her life.

Mandy Green Class of 2013 Fund

Jesse and Tammy Green established this fund in memory of their daughter, Mandy, to reflect and pay back the loving support Mandy received from her classmates and friends throughout her struggle with cancer. The fund will provide college scholarships to graduating seniors in the year 2013, with preference to students who attended Woodland Heights Elementary. This is the class with whom Mandy would have graduated from High School.

Ami McClurkin Scholarship Fund

Honoring their daughter, Ami Michelle McClurkin, was the goal of Hgini and Verd Stuckey of Greenville. These devoted parents of Ami established a scholarship fund to recognize their daughter's past musical accomplishments and scholarships, while in turn help other students go to college today. Ami was an accident victim in 1985 and is a quadriplegic resident at the Brethren Retirement Community's (BRC) medical unit. The scholarship is designated for a graduate of Greenville H.S. who has been involved in their Marching Band.

Donor Advised Funds

Zach Garbig Memorial Fund

Zachary was a fifth grader at Arcanum Elementary School when his congenital intestinal disease suddenly worsened. Zachary received a liver/small bowel transplant at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska on December 2, 1998. According to his parents, Phil and Karen, "He fought an extremely hard battle but passed from this earthly existence and gained eternal life on June 25, 1999." His experience gave much needed knowledge to the medical professionals for future transplant recipients. Zachary's family has established this fund to promote organ and tissue donor awareness. They believe we can make the best of an unfortunate situation by donating our organs and tissue and blessing someone else with health, hope and the promise of life.

William "Will" Robertson Memorial Fund

Will served as a patrol officer for the Versailles Police Department when he tragically lost his life in a motorcycle/car accident in 2003. His friends describe him as a man who was always willing to help others. Following his death, friends have raised funds for projects and programs with which William was and would be proud to be associated. They have raised funds for many projects including the city of Versailles Police safety bike rodeo, Camp Bearable's grief counseling camp for children and the Boy Scouts of America to name only a few.



Patty Lavy, President, Bruce & Mary Williams, Jordan J. Rindler, recipient, and Kathy Ordling, Lori Michelle Williams Memorial Scholarship.