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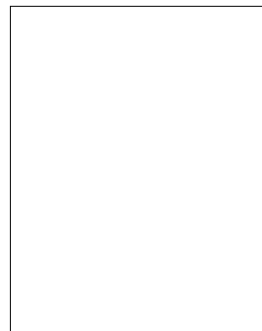


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Coty was President of the FFA, a member of the Drama Club, Student Council and Class Secretary. She was also involved with the volleyball, basketball and track teams for which she received numerous athletic awards. She also excelled academically. Her mother remarked, “I admired her intellect – she made schoolwork look easy and she had to be involved in everything!!” Once she committed to something, she would not quit. She was inducted posthumously to the National Honor Society just a few weeks after the car accident that claimed her life at age 16. Her father remarked, “Even after her death, my pride grew as she was inducted into NHS a week later.”

Her mother added, “We are so lucky to have had her as part of our lives. Now Heaven has a special little angel!” Her father noted, “She laughed easily and cared deeply for her fellow man. My baby girl could have gone far in life; so, it is only appropriate that her name is remembered helping others reach their goals.” To a future recipient



of this scholarship, he adds, “Perhaps someday, while glancing at your framed degree, you also will picture a beautiful young girl smiling, knowing she helped someone else reach for the stars.”

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It was during a casual conversation with Dr. Marlin Thompson that the couple inquired about establishing a scholarship fund through HOPE Foundation.

Perhaps it was Alice’s career as an elementary teacher that inspired the couple to leave behind a legacy of their own, assisting college students to accomplish their educational goals. The students of Darke County will benefit from the generosity of these Darke County residents through the administrative efforts of HOPE Foundation.



FRIENDS OF THE HOPE FOUNDATION THANK YOU

For the third year, fund raising for the Friends of the HOPE Foundation has been a success. Since December, Friends have contributed \$2500. We would like to recognize and thank the following for their contributions:

Don & Mary Hittle	Rodney E. Oda
Jon & Rose Hein	Krista D. Subler
Anthony Bruns	Stephan & Deborah Scantland
Steve & Eileen Litchfield	Richard & Barbara Hole
Charlotte Paugh	Larry & Marilyn Delk
Jim & Susan Troutwine	Dennis & Cathy Baker
James & Carole Stanforth	Wes & Patti Jetter
Millie & Paul Warner	Stephen R. Stenzel
Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.	Mike & Jean Louise Thieme
Lloyd Williams	Nancy & Pete Hemer

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the HOPE Foundation, donations of at least \$100 for individuals and \$250 for businesses are requested. All funds will be used to further the cause of the HOPE Foundation. Please write a check and show your support today: Friends of the HOPE Foundation, 5279 Education Dr., Greenville, OH 45331.

LET US ENTERTAIN (AND ENLIGHTEN!) YOUR GROUP

Whether it is providing scholarships to qualified students, assisting in planned giving, bringing the arts to elementary children, or a specific awareness, HOPE exists to serve many different needs in Darke County.

Please let us know if you would like a speaker for your civic organization. Our new locally produced video is 20 minutes in length and provides information about the HOPE Foundation along with a visual description of the benefits of the HOPE Foundation in our community:

Contact the Publicity Committee Chairperson, Eileen Litchfield at 937.547.0092 or elitchfield@woh.rr.com



ELLA VAN DYKE ST. CLAIR HOME FOR THE AGED/BRETHREN'S 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. Her residence on East Third Street was to be used as a home for those persons who were at least fifty years of age, a resident of Greenville, Ohio, for at least one year, of "blameless life and irreproachable character", and have a need for a home based on lack of funds and property. Many persons benefited from this generosity and the St. Clair Home continued in operation for several decades.

Over time, however, the intended use of the St. Clair Home discontinued and it ceased formal operation. Recently, the Board of Trustees of the St. Clair Home petitioned the Probate Court of Darke County for permission to transfer the monies to the HOPE Foundation. The Ella Van Dyke St. Clair Home For The Aged/Brethren's Home Residential Aid Fund was established within the HOPE Foundation with the \$303,000 fund transfer. The income from the Fund is to be paid into the Brethren's Home Resident Aid Fund under the same restrictions as originally stated in the Will of Ella Van Dyke St. Clair.

The forethought to care for her fellow citizens is being carried on in the memory of Ella Van Dyke St. Clair.

HOPE ESTABLISHES NEW GUIDELINES

Through the years of the HOPE Foundation the number of named funds established has multiplied to over 32 and the total dollars involved to 1.2 million. The resulting administrative complexity has prompted the Board of Trustees to establish new guidelines for the naming of funds.

■ Permanent endowment: \$25,000 and over

This endowment will remain in perpetuity with the income to be distributed annually to a designated charity.

■ Designated fund: \$10,000 - \$24,999

This fund will be distributed for a pre-determined number of years to a designated charity. If there is a balance remaining at the end of the number of years established it will be retained or distributed for charitable purposes as decided by the HOPE Board of Trustees.

■ Donor Advised Fund: \$1,000 and over

This fund will be distributed to charities based on the on going advice of the donor. It is a charitable holding account and remains open for further deposits from the donor.

■ HOPE Chest – any size of gift

This general account has been established through the generosity of the estate of George Trittschuh and the foundation of Corning, Inc., for the benefit of the people of Darke County. Distributions are made by the Bequest Committee of the Board to local charities. Gifts of any size may be given to this general account; they will be named for a period of time.

These guidelines now established for the naming of gifts do not affect those named gifts now in existence.

HOPE Foundation Funds

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HOPE CHEST

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.

This fund has been made possible in large part by the generous donations of Corning Incorporated and George Trittschuh.

VELMA & MERLIN APPLGATE SCHOLARSHIP

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.

TIM BEST/RONNIE KREITZER MEMORIAL

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 Kreitzer, a close friend, was instrumental in helping Mr. & Mrs. Best establish the Tim Best Memorial and upon Ronnie Kreitzer's death, the memorial was renamed the Tim Best/Ronnie Kreitzer Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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.

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 the finance/accounting field.

PAULINE WINBIGLER BALES 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 hometown and Ansonia School all of her life.

LOUISE WINBIGLER BALES MEMORIAL TRUST

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.

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.

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.

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."

J. HOWARD TRUMPART 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 High School 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.

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.

PAUL C. & HELEN D. WARNER MEMORIAL FUND

Helen always lived in Darke County and 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."

FRED MILTENBERGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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.

EDWIN, MAC & MARQUERITE 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.

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.

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.

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.

BETH WARNER - DARKE CO. HUMANE SOCIETY FUND

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 THEATER 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."

KENNETH H. AND 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 AND BLANCHE 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.

ZACHARY 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.

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 Pittsburg Church of the Brethren.

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Donors of scholarship money who gave a specific amount to be awarded in its entirety this year.

- *Darke County Bankers Association
- *Towne Squares Quilt Club
- *Darke County Bar Association



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