



Lois E. Snyder Estate Establishes Scholarship Fund

Lois E. Snyder, born and raised in Jamestown, North Dakota, was a longtime resident of Greenville, Ohio. For over 47 years, she babysat and lovingly cared for over 300 children. Lois cut and displayed newspaper clippings on her fridge of the children she cared for, and she kept track of everyone. Prior to her child care career, Lois worked for the Department of Agriculture in North Dakota as an auditor. Her husband, Harry, was an agricultural inspector, and they traveled the country. She had amazing stories of her travels with her husband.



Lois had a strong faith and a great sense of humor. Many years ago she wrote, "Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much but the retirement plan is out of this world." It was Lois' love of children and her interest in their education that led her to establish a scholarship fund with the HOPE Foundation.



With checks in hand, Versailles High School graduates show their excitement at receiving scholarships from the HOPE Foundation. Story on p. 4.

Community Fund for Agriculture Started by Kremer Family Farms

Kremer Family Farms and State Line Agri, Ansonia, have established an endowment fund for the benefit of Darke County residents and the land on which they live. Owner Rick Kremer hopes the fund will create greater awareness and showcase agricultural life in Darke County. The fund will support educational programs or events in Darke County that promote agricultural-environmental awareness, water and soil pollution control, and water and soil conservation. Non-profit organizations that encourage and organize these types of programs are eligible for grants beginning in May 2012. For more information on applying for a grant, contact the HOPE Foundation at 548-HOPE.



Rick Kremer, left, of Kremer Family Farms and State Line Agri, stands with his son Justin and Justin's son Ben on their farm outside Ansonia.

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HOPE Foundation Awards Ami McClurkin Community Grants

Friends and family of Ami McClurkin gathered at the Brethren's Retirement Community in September to honor her birthday and celebrate a legacy of community giving. Each year, the **Ami McClurkin Community Fund** awards a total of \$5,000 to organizations that are dedicated to enriching the lives of Darke County residents.

The 2011 recipients include **Ansonia Elementary School**, which will use its grant to provide art instruction to students in grades 5-7. The grant to **Darke County United Way** will help buy postage to send children monthly reading books provided by the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. **St. Marys School** in Greenville is using its money to buy technology equipment for the classroom. The grant to **Strides 'n Stirrups Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center** will help provide equipment for riders with special needs.

Ami's parents, Verd and Gini Stuckey, and her sister and brother-in-law, Torri and Mike Brown, all of Greenville, feel that the grants are the perfect way to create a tribute to Ami and the community she loves. The family set up the fund in honor of Ami, who was severely injured in an automobile accident in 1985 and remains a quadriplegic. Any non-profit group serving Darke County is eligible for these grants. The applications are available in April each year by calling the HOPE Foundation at 548-4673.



Ansonia Elementary: Celebrating the grant for Ansonia Elementary School is (from left) Principal Krista Stump, Ami McClurkin, Ami's mother Gini Stuckey, Ansonia Elementary art teacher Chrissy Cox and daughter Vera Cox.



St. Mary's School: St. Mary's School Principal Vern Rosenbeck (left) receives a grant from Ami McClurkin and HOPE Foundation President Christy Praker.



Darke County United Way: Verd and Gini Stuckey (left), stand next to their daughter Ami as they present a grant to Darke County United Way's Hattie Hunt (board member) and Lauren Henry (executive director).



Strides 'n Stirrups Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center Front: Ami McClurkin. Back: Verd Stuckey, Anita Carr (Strides 'n Stirrups executive director), Torri Brown (Ami's sister), Shelley and Mike Meckes (Strides volunteers).

Marlin Thompson Fund Reaches Endowment

More than 280 contributions totaling over \$35,000 were made in honor of Dr. Marlin D. Thompson, founder of the HOPE Foundation, who died in April 2010. This extraordinary outpouring creates a lasting tribute to Dr. Thompson, who was a champion for education and community giving in Darke County. The HOPE Foundation can now award a scholarship and community grant every year in Dr. Thompson's name, carrying on his spirit of leadership and character. The foundation is deeply grateful to the following individuals and businesses who made one or more contributions to this fund:



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The first \$1,500 scholarship from the Dr. Marlin D. Thompson Founder's Fund was awarded to Mark Barga, Univ. of Dayton student and Ansonia H.S. graduate.

2011 Scholarship Recipients

The HOPE Foundation of Darke County recently awarded college scholarships totaling \$73,600 to 49 graduates of Darke County high schools. Money for the scholarships comes from 35 HOPE funds that were established by individuals, families and businesses in Darke County. Many of the funds are endowed, which means they will provide scholarships indefinitely, creating a lasting legacy in honor of a family, organization, or someone special. For information on starting a fund for a scholarship or community grant, contact Christy Prakel at 548-HOPE or visit HOPE's website at www.hopedarkecounty.com. The scholarship donors and recipients are as follows:

Ansonia Area Jaycees Fund: Emily Berger, Bowling Green State Univ. (Ansonia H.S.)

Velma and Merlin Applegate Fund: Emily Berger, Bowling Green State Univ. (Ansonia H.S.)

Pauline Winbigler Bales Funds: Tyler Kinner, Univ. of Toledo (Ansonia H.S.); Josh Overholser, Otterbein Univ. (Ansonia H.S.)

Tim Best/Ronnie Kreitzer Fund: Mindy Didier, Univ. of Findlay (Versailles H.S.)

Irene Bolen Fund: Kent Moneysmith, Univ. of Dayton (Mississinawa Valley H.S.)

Robert and Iris Bolen Fund: Kyle Bueter, Ball State Univ. (Mississinawa Valley H.S.)

Darke County Engineering and Sciences Fund: Kent Moneysmith, Univ. of Dayton (Mississinawa Valley H.S.)

Regina K. Delk Fund: Landon Bundenthal, Cedarville Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.)

Lindsay Donadio Memorial Fund: Stephen Kell, Wright State Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.)

Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Eva Fisher Fund: Tyler Kinner, Univ. of Toledo (Ansonia H.S.); Kate Schmitmeyer, Case Western Reserve (Ansonia H.S.); Kayla Young, Ohio State (Ansonia H.S.); Landon Bundenthal, Cedarville Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.); Brittasha Oswalt, Wright State Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.); Jacqueline Tomlin, Wittenberg Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.); Danielle Bankson, Ball State Univ. (Greenville H.S.); Benjamin Scott, Wright State Univ. (Greenville H.S.); Kyle Bueter, Ball State Univ. (Mississinawa Valley H.S.); Bryce Hile, Ball State Univ. (Mississinawa Valley H.S.); Kent Moneysmith, Univ. of Dayton (Mississinawa Valley H.S.); Adriana Finkbine, Wilmington College (Tri-Village H.S.); Perry Fraylick, Bowling Green State Univ. (Tri-Village H.S.)

Kenneth & Virginia Flory Fund (All from Arcanum H.S.): Zach Brandon, Univ. of Toledo; Natallie Branham, Berea College; Dustin Byers, Ohio State; Colton Ritz, Ohio State; Jessica Tuco, Univ. of Findlay; Jessica Allen, Ohio State; Nicolas Buhrman, Wright State Univ.; Kayla Johnston, Bowling Green State Univ.; Katelyn Shellabarger,

Univ. of Dayton; Jessica Sink, Miami Univ.; Cora Wayman, Univ. of Toledo; Ian Werts, Wright State Univ.

Galen and Blanche Fourman Fund: Jonathan Payne, Univ. of Dayton (Greenville H.S.)

Greenville National Bank Fund: Kate Schmitmeyer, Case Western Reserve (Ansonia H.S.); Trent Heitkamp, Ball State Univ. (Mississinawa Valley H.S.)

Jeanie and Jeff Hawley Fund: Bradley Spettel, Bowling Green State Univ. (Greenville H.S.)

Eleanor J. Hughes Fund: Benjamin Scott, Wright State Univ. (Greenville H.S.); Bradley Spettel, Bowling Green State Univ. (Greenville H.S.); Perry Fraylick, Bowling Green State Univ. (Tri-Village H.S.); Amy Willcox, Wright State Univ. (Tri-Village H.S.); Bethany Ahrens, Wilmington College (Versailles H.S.); Valerie Barga, Wright State Univ. (Versailles H.S.); Caylee Billenstein, Univ. of Dayton (Versailles H.S.); Mindy Didier, Univ. of Findlay (Versailles H.S.); Michael Heft, Xavier Univ. (Versailles H.S.); Amanda Marchal, Univ. of St. Francis (Versailles H.S.); Keith Schlater, Univ. of Cincinnati (Versailles H.S.); Danielle Williams, Col. College of Art & Design (Versailles H.S.)

Ami McClurkin Fund: Holly Bruner, Otterbein College (Greenville H.S.); Ambrosia Davidson, Anderson University (Greenville H.S.)

Fred Miltenberger Fund: Cora Wayman, Univ. of Toledo (Arcanum H.S.)

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Road Less Traveled Fund: Brittasha Oswalt, Wright State Univ. (Franklin-Monroe H.S.)

J.C. and Alice Schafer Fund (All from Ansonia H.S.): Emily Berger, Bowling Green State Univ. ; Tyler Kinner, Univ. of Toledo; Hannah Linebaugh, Wright State Univ.; Josh Overholser, Otterbein College; Kayla Young, Ohio State; Kylie Knick, Ohio State, Ashley McEldowney, Wright State Univ.; Lindsay Skiles, Wright State Univ.

Schipfer Family Fund: Cody Brunswick, Univ. of NW Ohio (Versailles H.S.); Michael Puthoff, Owens Community College (Versailles H.S.)

Edwin, Mac & Marguerite Stoltz Fund: Benjamin Scott, Wright State Univ. (Greenville H.S.)

J. Howard Trump Art Fund: Danielle Williams, Col. College of Art & Design (Versailles H.S.)

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Paul C. and Helen D. Warner Memorial Fund: Danielle Bankson, Ball State Univ. (Greenville H.S.); Jonathan Payne, Univ. of Dayton (Greenville H.S.)

Matt Wuebker Memorial Fund: Max Kindell, Univ. of Dayton (Versailles H.S.)

Unrestricted Fund: Jonathan Payne, Univ. of Dayton (Greenville H.S.)



Ansonia recipients, front: Kate Schmitmeyer, Kylie Knick, Kayla Young, Ashley McEldowney, Hannah Linebaugh, Lindsay Skiles. Back: Tyler Kinner, Josh Overholser, Emily Berger, Jean Young (HOPE board chair).



Greenville recipients, front: Holly Bruner, Ambrosia Davidson. Back: Ray Laughlin (HOPE board member), Jonathan Payne, Bradley Spettel. Not pictured: Danielle Bankson, Benjamin Scott.



Arcanum recipients, front: Carrie Blinn (HOPE board secretary), Dustin Byers, Jessica Tuco, Jessica Sink, Katelyn Shellabarger. Back: Ian Werts, Colton Ritz, Zach Brandon. Not pictured: Natallie Branham, Jessica Allen, Nicolas Buhrman, Kayla Johnston.



Mississinawa Valley recipients: Kyle Bueter, Kent Moneysmith, Christy Praker (HOPE president), Trent Heitkamp, Bryce Hile.



Tri-Village recipients: Susan Schepis (HOPE board member), Amy Willcox, Adriana Finkbine, Perry Fraylick.



Franklin-Monroe recipients, front: Jacqueline Tomlin, Brittasha Oswald. Back: David Kepler (HOPE board member), Stephen Kell, Landon Bundenthal.



Versailles recipients, front: Kaylee Billenstein, Mindy Didier, Valerie Barga, Amanda Marchal, Danielle Williams, HOPE President Christy Praker, Cody Brunswick. Back: Michael Heft, Max Kindell. Not pictured: Bethany Ahrens, Keith Schlater.

HOPE Foundation Donors Present Their Scholarships



Joyce Bruns Memorial Scholarship for continuing education in nursing. From left: Kelley Hall (Darke County Nursing Education Council), Michel Ferguson (scholarship recipient), Christy Praker (president of the HOPE Foundation).



Sarah Whittaker Memorial Scholarship. From left: Josh Whittaker, Allen Whittaker, Katelyn Crandall (recipient), Karen Whittaker, Jacob Whittaker.



Darke County Bar Association Scholarship. From left: Christy Praker (president of the HOPE Foundation), Nicole Harrison (DCBA Secretary/Treasurer), Matthew Pierron (scholarship recipient), Travis Flieman (DCBA President), Nathan Hosek (DCBA Vice President).



Schipfer Family Scholarship for Versailles graduates. From left: Dan Schipfer, Cody Brunswick (recipient), Michael Puthoff (recipient), Marty Schipfer.



Lori Michelle Williams Scholarship for healthcare studies. From left: Bruce Williams, Andrea Boyer (scholarship recipient), Mary Williams.



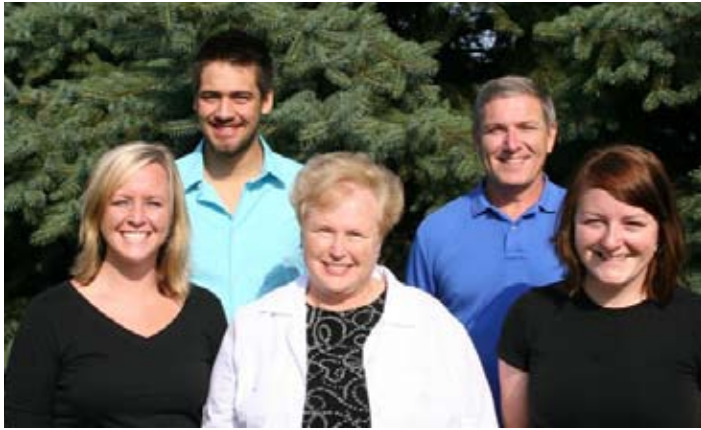
Greenville National Bank Scholarship. From left, Jean Young (chairman of the HOPE Foundation), Kate Schmitmeyer (Ansonia recipient), Rose Phlipot (Greenville National Bank), Trent Heikamp (Mississinawa Valley recipient).

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Robert and Iris Bolen Scholarship. *Iris Bolen of Greenville presents a scholarship to Kyle Bueter, graduate of Mississinawa Valley High School.*



Regina K. Delk Memorial Scholarship. *Landon Bundenthal, 2010 Franklin-Monroe graduate and Cedarville Univ. student, receives his scholarship from Brian Delk, who established the Regina K. Delk Memorial Fund in memory of his wife.*



Lindsay Donadio Memorial Scholarship. *Members of Lindsay Donadio's family, Laura Donadio, Janell Claudy and Sarah Depoy (front row), present a scholarship to Stephen Kell (back left), 2010 Franklin-Monroe graduate and Wright State Univ. student. Also shown is Mike Gray, HOPE Foundation board member.*



Ami McClurkin Scholarship. *From left: Christy Praker, president of the HOPE Foundation; Holly Bruner, 2010 graduate of Greenville High School and Otterbein Univ. student; Gini and Verd Stuckey, presenters of the Ami McClurkin Scholarships; Ambrosia Davidson, 2007 GHS and Anderson Univ. graduate.*

New Fund: Faith + Justice Initiative

The HOPE Foundation of Darke County recently received a donation to create a new fund entitled "Faith + Justice Initiative." This donor-advised fund supports local education, crime-prevention and wellness programs based on traditional Biblical principles.

"Active participation from community groups and individuals in supporting rehabilitation programs is essential to reducing crime," said Judge Jonathan Hein, who helped establish the fund with private donations. "Supporting groups that teach sobriety programs and budgeting skills will reduce criminal recidivism," he added.

The fund will assist non-governmental entities in using a faith-based approach to conduct programs like substance-abuse prevention, parenting education and budget education. The fund will also be used to subsidize training costs for peace officer certification for members of the Darke County Sheriff's Auxiliary.

"Many volunteer law enforcement officers help keep Darke County a safe place to live. Supporting their need for training is crucial to receiving their service," said Judge Hein.

In keeping with the mission of the HOPE Foundation of Darke County, the Faith + Justice Initiative is committed to improving the health and well-being of Darke County residents.

Community Grants Make Darke County a Better Place to Live



The Greyson James Steyer Memorial Fund provided a grant to Ansonia Early Childhood Education for classroom supplies. Teachers, left, receive check from Mindy, Gibson and Matt Steyer, right.



The Greyson James Steyer Memorial Fund provided a grant to help build a children's garden and playground at EUM Church.



Mindy, Gibson and Matt Steyer visit the children's garden and playground at EUM Church.



Jean Louise Thieme Children's Theatre Fund. Darke County Center for the Arts board of directors gather to receive the annual distribution from the Jean Louise Thieme Children's Theatre Fund.



Low Vision Support Group Fund. FAME (Financial Assistance for Medical Emergencies) receives its annual distribution from the Low Vision Support Group Fund.



The Ami McClurkin Community Fund provided a grant to Darke County United Way to help send free reading books to Darke County school children.



The Beth Bolen Warner Fund presents its annual distribution to the board of directors of the Darke County Humane Society.

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Mandy Green Memorial Scholarship Fund held its annual fun run & 5K race on Sept. 17, 2011, in memory of Mandy Green, Greenville Class of 2013. The annual event attracted nearly 400 runners and raised money for scholarships for Mandy's classmates at Greenville High School.



Ami McClurkin Community Fund awarded a grant to Strides 'n Stirrups Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center. Strides student Hennie van der Walt enjoys a ride with volunteers RuthAnn Riffle and Ed Cornell.



Second National Bank made a donation to three funds at the HOPE Foundation: the Friends of HOPE Fund, the Dr. Marlin D. Thompson Founder's Fund, and HOPE Chest unrestricted fund. Pictured is Christy Praker, president of the HOPE Foundation, and John Swallow, president of Second National Bank.



The Shawn Stebbins Memorial Fund presented a grant to Camp Bearable for Grieving Children, sponsored by State of the Heart Hospice of Darke County. Pictured is Tiffany Stebbins and her son Chase presenting a check to the staff of State of the Heart.



The Shawn Stebbins Memorial Fund presented a grant to Greenville FFA. Front row: Christy Praker, president of the HOPE Foundation, Jalena LeMaster, Sarah Spears, Alyssa Garber, Tiffany Stebbins with son Chase. Back row: Regan Garber and Thomas Shaw.

HOPE Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Terry May has recently joined the HOPE Foundation as a member of the board of trustees. Terry entered the financial services business in 1976. He became a CLU in 1985 and completed the Chartered Financial Consultant designation in 1988. Terry has gained



his knowledge not only through educational means, but also through years of business experience. Since entering the business he has furthered his education in the areas of investment planning, estate planning, retirement planning, cash management, economics, employee benefits, and pension planning. Terry is married to Jane Ann and they have three children and eight grandchildren. The May's are very active in their church, Bible Fellowship, where Terry serves as a Deacon and board chairman.

Travis Fliehman, attorney with Donadio, Wagner and Fliehman, Greenville, has joined the HOPE Foundation board of trustees. Originally from Clinton County, Travis graduated from Ohio State University and the University of Dayton School of Law.



Before moving to Darke County, Travis worked in the litigation department of a Cincinnati-based law firm. Today, Travis' practice involves business and corporate matters, estate planning and administration (wills, trusts, and probate), elder and family law, and various civil litigation, including product liability, business litigation, and personal injury cases in state and federal courts. Travis is married to the former Kelly Crotcher, a graduate of Versailles High School, and they have a daughter, Lexi.

What does the HOPE Foundation Do?

The HOPE Foundation of Darke County receives, manages and distributes charitable gifts for the benefit of Darke County residents. Donors may support scholarships or community grants to non-profit organizations through donor-advised funds (\$5,000 and over), designated funds (\$10,000 and over) and endowment funds (\$25,000 and over).

Please Support Our Annual Friends of HOPE Drive in December 2011

Look for a special mailing from the HOPE Foundation next month! Please renew your membership or become a first-time member and help the HOPE Foundation strengthen its mission of enriching the lives of Darke County residents. Your annual gift enables us to award more scholarships and community grants in Darke County each year.

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