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COUNTY FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2017



# DEAR FRIEND

Thank you for another amazing year in Athens County! You understand how important it is to give back to your community. With your support we were able to continue our work to promote economic vitality, build thriving communities and improve the health and wellbeing in Athens County.

## Because of YOU,

### We are GROWING...

- James and Rosanne Krager established a fund to support their passion for helping those who help animals!
- Ismael and Barbara Ghazalah chose to support the Athens community by establishing a fund at the Athens County Foundation.
- The family of William Beale will continue his legacy in our community through the Beale Legacy Fund which will invest in direct carbon footprint reduction innovations, including start-ups, discrete projects and services.



### We are GIVING...

- This year your donations supported \$376,173 in grants to Athens County non-profits.
- With the rise in opiate and heroin use and deaths in our region, the Athens City-County Health Department used their grant of \$4,500 to start the Syringe Exchange Program.
- Reuse Industries' grant of \$8,000 was used to support emerging entrepreneurs at the Athens Maker Space.
- We help build community vitality through our support of four local institutions: the Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Stuarts' Opera House, Factory Street Studio and the Athens County Historical Society, totaling \$135,000.

- And, through the generosity of guests, sponsors, and partners (Osteopathic Heritage Foundation & Sister's Heath Foundation), the Fourth Annual Bounty on the Bricks (2016, grant award in 2017) raised \$90,000 to fight food insecurity in Southeast Ohio. Last year, Bounty funds enabled the Southeast Ohio Foodbank to expand their warehouse, purchase a large freezer, and better serve area food pantries by seeding those pantries accounts with funds. And, this past year with Ohio Health O'Bleness taking the lead, over \$105,000 was netted for the Foodbank!

**We are a LEADING CHANGEMAKER...**

Your support and passion challenges us to bring together individuals across disciplines and communities to co-create real solutions in Athens County. This past year we continued to facilitate the work of the Athens Farmer's Market Taskforce to secure a new permanent home for the market. Because they trust our process and commitment to open, civic dialogue, the Athens City School Board invited us to guide the Athens City Schools' Facilities Steering Committee towards a long term facilities plan for the district.

**We are HERE TO STAY...**

Because of you we remain a viable and significant community foundation. We focus on solving problems together as partners. We invite you to join a special group of community-minded people whose generosity helps support one of Athens County's most respected and responsible institutions – The Athens County Foundation.

With Sincere Thanks,



Kerry Pigman  
*President*



Susan Urano  
*Executive Director*



## BOARD AND STAFF



Front Row (L to R)

Jesse Stock *Program Director*, Andrea Reik, Cindy Strausbaugh *Finance Director*, Ann Fox, Claudia Hale

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Reverend Peter Galbraith *Secretary*, Mayor Steve Patterson, Mark Seckinger, Scott Robe *Treasurer*, James McDonald

Not shown: Cheryl Sylvester

## MISSION STATEMENT

We invest in local strategies to empower Athens County residents and build on strengths of our region, now and for generations to come.

## VALUES

The Athens Foundation believes that a healthy, inclusive community is one that:

values local input

solicits diverse perspectives

stewards valued resources

encourages self-assessment and continuous learning

promotes shared values of trust, respect, honesty, and openness.

recognizes the inter-relatedness of community development and economic development



Ellen and Kim Jones at Spring Donor Reception

## FUNDS

The Athens Foundation manages a variety of fund types established by donors for the benefit of our community. Choose the one that's right for you. It's a great way to always be involved with and remembered for your community investment.

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

You can maintain ongoing involvement through the use of your gift.

When you establish a donor-advised fund, you will work with our professional staff to identify ways to use dollars from the fund you create to address issues and needs you care about most. We will submit your recommendations to the Athens Foundation Board for approval; we then distribute the awarded grant dollars.

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Your gift can address ever-changing community needs — including needs that cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. When awarding dollars from unrestricted funds, we evaluate all aspects of community well-being — arts and culture, economic development, education, environment, health and human services, neighborhood revitalization, and more. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables the Athens Foundation's grants committee to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

You can target your gift to address needs in an important area of community life: Arts, Education, At-Risk Youth, etc. You identify your personal interest area when making your gift. Our board awards grants to community organizations and programs that are making a difference in the area you select.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS or ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENTS

You can direct your gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose.

Help provide ongoing funding for your favorite nonprofit charitable organization. Creating a designated fund through the Athens Foundation is an excellent way for nonprofit organizations to build their endowments and enhance their ability to accept large and complex gifts. Or, contribute directly to one of the organizational endowments managed by the foundation: Rural Action, Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, the Birth Circle.

### Turning Retirement Accounts into Charitable Good

There is good news for those in their 70's—and for the communities and causes they care about. A recent law makes it possible to give individual retirement account (IRA) assets to a charity, free from federal tax, annually. This could be an attractive giving option for you if you are: \* Over 70½ and now receiving minimum IRA distributions—but do not need the extra income and are interested in making a significant lifetime gift to positively impact your community. Using IRA assets to make a gift during your lifetime, as opposed to giving via a bequest in your will, enables you to experience the joy of making a major gift.

For more information concerning any of the foregoing options, please contact the Athens Foundation.

## BE A LEGACY GIVER

### MAKE THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

You are invited to join a tradition of extraordinary generosity by adding your legacy to others who realize the importance of giving back to their community. Your membership is a priceless gift that will last well into the future.

The simplest form of a legacy gift is a bequest to the Athens Foundation in your estate plan. Decide what matters most to you. Consider your hopes and dreams for our area and the causes and organizations that inspire your passion. Then contact the Athens Foundation. We can share knowledge of our community's needs and the organizations working to meet our region's priorities.

Talk with your professional advisor to determine which type of planned gift is best for you. Arrange your estate plan to create a personal legacy with a bequest or planned gift for the Athens Foundation. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and/or your advisor at any time.



Community Food Initiates at Work

# FUNDS

The Athens Foundation is composed of a variety of fund types established by donors for the benefit of our community.

## Unrestricted Funds Endowed

Athens Bar Association Fund  
Athens Foundation General Fund  
Carlsen Family Fund  
Carolyn Clutter Fund  
James and Sara Gilfert Fund  
Ismael and Barbara Ghazalah Fund  
Ohio Realty/Wharton Family Fund  
O.U. Greek Community Fund  
Dr. Bruce R. Paxton Fund  
John and Betty Laverne Peterson Fund  
Claire O. Ping Fund

## Field of Interest Funds

Bobbie Britton Fund  
Ann Fox Education Fund  
Leadership Athens Fund  
SEPAN Fund  
R. Craig Copeland Fund  
Alvi and Dean McWilliams Fund

## Organization Funds Endowed

Athens Habitat for Humanity  
Birth Circle Fund  
Rural Action

## Donor Advised Funds

Athens Jaycees Senior Fund  
Athens Professionals for Philanthropy  
Beale Legacy Fund  
Keller J. Blackburn Fresh Start Fund  
Intermediate Circle of the Child  
Conservation Fund  
Wendy Jakmas Fund  
Christine Knisely Fund  
Thomas and Barbara Kostohryz Fund  
James and Rosanne Krager Fund  
Robert E. Pitts for Appalachia Fund  
Rocky Community Improvement Fund  
Shukla/Chase Fund  
Mark and Rita Snider Fund  
Solly and Sammy Fund for Peace  
Women's Fund

## Designated Funds

Rebecca Dale Fund  
Long Term Disaster Recovery Fund  
Howard M. Walton Fund  
Athens Area Stand Down Fund



# NEW FUNDS

## Barbara and Ismael Ghazalah Fund

Barbara and Ismael Ghazalah established a new fund through the Athens County Foundation to give back to the community in which they have called home for almost 50 years. The couple met while attending University of California, Berkeley and married four months later.



Barbara has her Bachelor's in Social Work and Master's degree in Education. She spent her professional career educating at all grade levels, but the majority of her career in Athens was teaching English. Ismael was a Professor of Economics at Ohio University.

Their passion is supporting education, specifically undergraduate students. She knows that affordability is a major deterrent for those wanting to get a college education and her hope is that she will one day be able to give some a chance see what this world is about.

Barbara and Ismael are now retired, living in Athens with their dog, Domino.

## James and Rosanne Krager Fund

James and Rosanne Krager, originally from Painesville, OH and Cincinnati, recently established a fund at the Athens County Foundation to support organizations that help animals.



The Krager's have been members of the Athens community for over 30 years. Rosanne spent the last 25 years as a special education teacher, most recently in the Integrated Preschool at Athens City Schools. This summer she opened - The Calm Companion K9 Training. James has owned Athens Kitchen & Bath since 2000, a full service design, installation, and construction company.

Rosanne previously spent many years helping animal rescue organizations, including Pound Rescue in Athens County. When asked about the decision to create a fund at the Athens County Foundation, the Krager's said they want their investments to stay local and want to give input on allocations. Their goal is to improve or maintain a good quality of life for animals in Athens County.



## NEW FUNDS

### William Beale Legacy Fund

The family of William Beale has created the William Beale Legacy Fund at the Athens County Foundation. The new \$150,000 fund will be used for investment in direct carbon footprint reduction innovations, including startups, discrete projects and services.

William Beale was a lover of planet earth, a WWII veteran, avid reader, lifelong inventor, and philosophizer. He was an alumnus of CalTech and while in grad school at MIT in 1958, he met his wife Carol, then a graduate student at Harvard. The couple moved to Athens in 1961 and raised their three children: Faith, Dan and John.



In 1964, Beale invented the free-piston Stirling engine, which led to his founding Sunpower, Inc. The company, still based in Athens, is dedicated to engineering innovation in renewable-energy-derived power. There he spent over 35 years continuing his research and development until his retirement in 2011.

In his active retirement, Beale invested philanthropic dollars to local groups engaged in carbon footprint reduction innovation, research and outreach; to regional non-profits dedicated to community development and environmental conservation; and to multiple individual technology start-ups.

## ATHENS JAYCEES SENIOR FUND

On 2 December 2014, the Housing for Athens Senior Residents Board generously donated \$1 million dollars to the Athens Foundation to establish the Athens Jaycees Senior Fund to support organizations and programs in Athens County that work to improve the lives of seniors. The funds came from the sale of Heritage Commons Senior Housing at the beginning of the year.

Heritage Commons, a 45-unit apartment building that cost \$1.6 million to build in 1981, was the brainchild of the Athens Jaycees. They set up the non-profit Housing for Athens Senior Residents to develop and own the project.

To date the Fund has awarded nearly \$70,000 to local projects! This year the Senior fund supported four organizations including Athens County Historical Society, Goodworks Inc., Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, and United Seniors of Athens.

## FOSTER B. CORNWELL AWARD

**The Athens County Foundation recognized Ada Woodson Adams for her lifetime of service to the community and to philanthropy by selecting her for this year's Foster B. Cornwell award.**

Adams was born in Nelsonville, Ohio, and is an alumna of Ohio University where she earned a B.S. in Education. Early in her adult life, she taught school, worked in management, and owned her own business. Adams and her late husband, Alvin (who was the first Black graduate of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism), were also active in the Civil Rights Movement in the South. They raised 2 children in Illinois before returning to their home in Athens County.

Adams is deeply involved in preserving the history of this country, particularly the history that is too often gone untold. She is the co-founder and president of the Multicultural Genealogical Center in Chesterhill, Ohio, and is widely acknowledged as an historian and genealogist. Adams provided numerous guided history tours related to the Underground Railroad and worked with students at all levels with school history projects.

Adams was a co-founder of the Ohio University Community and Campus Days which brought university and communities together from surrounding counties. She was also a past board member at the Athens Foundation. She currently serves on the Athens County Public Libraries Board, the Southeast Ohio History Center Board of Directors, and works as a member of the board of directors of the Mount Zion Baptist Church Preservation Society to save the historic site. When asked about her years of service, Adams said this "If you put yourself out there and you give to whatever cause you feel passionate about, it will come back and grab you in ways you can never imagine."



**Ada Woodson Adams (center) and family**

The Athens County Foundation Foster B. Cornwell Awards are named for the local attorney who was instrumental in the growth of the Foundation and philanthropy in Athens County. His bold gifts to six local organizations demonstrated his vision and care in providing for many generations to come. Each year individuals with similar vision and dedication to the Athens County Community are recognized by the Foundation.

## WOMEN'S FUND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Janalee Stock was recently named the 2017 Woman of the Year by the Women's Fund of the Athens County Foundation.

Stock a retired Athens City Schools nurse and community activist was nominated by Rebecca Robinson – Miller and Andrea Reik. She received the Woman of the Year award for her courageous voice. She makes a difference in the lives of women and girls in Athens County.

Stock's biggest impact was during her tenure a school nurse in Athens. In addition to countless other duties, she was committed to educating girls and young women about their bodies, having respect for themselves and teaching them how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Stock volunteers for with many organizations in Athens County including: the International Women's Day celebration, Big Brothers/Big Sisters (BB/BS) of Athens County and Dancing with the Athens Stars to benefit the local Red Cross.

Stock is currently leading efforts to start a local Women for Recovery project to bring services and housing to the area for women transitioning from treatment back in to the community

Stock cares deeply about the environment and is heavily involved with anti-fracking, Stroud's Run cleanup efforts, as well as, organizing and getting training on road clean up.

Stock is a long time participant, supporter and advocate for exercise and living a healthy lifestyle. She ran alongside elementary cross country teams and attended sporting events to support students she worked with while still a school nurse.

Other nominees for this year's award were: Heather Cantino, Roxanne Groff, Kari Gunter-Seymour, Patti McSteen, Loralen Morgan, Laura Post, Andrea Reik, Wenda Sheard, Jennifer Siefert, Melissa Wales, and Lois Whealey.

The mission of the Women's Fund of The Athens County Foundation is to promote philanthropy among women, and to establish a permanent fund which will provide funding to programs and projects in Athens County which empower women to achieve their full potential. Each year the Women's Fund awards grants to Athens County non-profits which benefit women and girls. The 2017 recipients are:



**Janalee Stock**

## ATHENS PROFESSIONALS FOR PHILANTHROPY

Athens Professionals for Philanthropy's annual Peanut Butter & Jelly 5K/10K, held every Father's Day, has consistently raised thousands of dollars for Athens County Children's Services' PB&J project, which supplies Athens families with much-needed food over the summer months when school lunch programs aren't available. This year, the Athens community, business sponsors, and APP came together at the Eclipse Company Store, raising \$2,700 for the ACCS project. The APP board's newest campaign – the Athens County 100 for 100 – has also actively engaged Athens Professionals for Philanthropy while raising money for a local non-profit working in the field of youth development.



Natalie Kruse and son Wilder

## ART OF HOSTING

In January, 24 people from around the state participated in the first Art of Hosting training in Athens. This three-day training was geared toward understanding the connection between personal and community benefit. Workshop participants engaged in meaningful conversations leading to action. They explored both the “knowns” and “unknowns” about leadership, collaboration and community.

Those who joined this intensive workshop learned participatory practices and essential conversations that lead to shifts at all levels: from the kitchen table to the classroom, boardroom, and town hall.

They explored specific methodologies for engaging in conversations aimed at taking thoughtful action together. Along with core methodologies, participants learned mental models and strategies for leading collaborative work as well as learning how to make a change in themselves, organizations and communities. There was time for deep personal reflection as well as tools for hosting collaborative conversations.



An Art of Hosting practitioner group meets monthly at the Athens County Foundation to support our work in leading community change, facilitating important conversations and supporting our own growth.

# CHILDREN CONVERSATION LEAGUE

Intermediate Circle of the Child Conservation League (CCL) was established in 1947 when a group of women gathered at the home of Mrs. Kermit Blosser to support child development and understanding.



**Rebecca Robison Miller at spring donor lunch**

The seven founders of the organization included Betty Barstow, Mildred Blosser, Betty Clifford, Kate Cornwell, Blanche Nunamaker, Betty Pryor, and Doris Tom. The group was comprised of women who had children in the pre-school to junior high age range and focused on projects to aid in children's welfare in Athens.

From the first year the group existed there was a focus on raising money to donate to children's charities. In 1947 the group held a rummage sale,

donated money to The Education Fund and helped a needy family at Thanksgiving. The meetings of the early years were held monthly at the homes of the women in the group and consisted of business and social activities. Over the years the league completed various activities to raise money, including a bridge game held at the Berry Hotel on Court Street in Athens. In 1958 the women in the organization decided to hold an annual ball as their chief money-raising event, the Starlight Ball, still being held each December.

Since 1970, CCL has donated over \$200,000 to children's charities in Athens County and has approximately 40 members.

In 2014 the board of the CCL established two funds at the Athens County Foundation to continue their work in



**CCL grant helped Paper Circle's Circle Round the Square participants**

# HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Judy Weaver**

Ellen Hart  
 Bill and Liz Turman  
 Patricia Merriell  
 Kathleen Weaver  
 Kelly Nold  
 Dawn Worley-Sims  
 Jane Santangelo  
 Patricia Burger  
 John Hammitt  
 Judith Lawson  
 Eleanor Cegan  
 Rose Heckert  
 Goldie George

**Fred Cluff and Judy Weaver**

Marsha Cluff

**Suzanne Apple**

David and Jeanne Heaton

**Bill Malcom**

Jeff Connor and Jenny Byers  
 Martin and Anne Paulins

**Rosemary "Terri" Rogers**

Ruth Whitaker

**William and Sallie Roberts**

Sallie Roberts and Bob Lazuka

**Douglas J. Bennett**

Rita Bennett

**Jack Knable**

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Knable

**Bill Day**

Mary Day

**Wesley Peterson**

Alice Peterson

**Robert Belock**

Anonymous

**Dr. Reuben Flores**

Norma Flores

**Jan Griesinger**

Nancy Pierce

**Janalee Stock**

John and Kim Valentour

**Avanelle Conrath**

Conrath Family Dental Care

**Rebecca Miller**

Donna Robison



Spring 2017 Grant Recipients

## LEADERSHIP ATHENS COUNTY

Cat Russell, a 2017 graduate of the Leadership Athens County program, is a young human resources professional at Ohio University who joined the program expecting a traditional leadership program. What she did not expect was a renewed sense of pride in her community. Cat stated that the program helped her to realize how she could use the leadership qualities she already had to become a change agent in her community.



This year 24 people from various backgrounds shared in this learning journey around important issues in Athens County. They explored the area's economic, political, social and cultural landscapes through discussions, tours, simulations, and conversations with community leaders.

The class of 2017-2018 has joined the ranks some 222 LAC alumni who've embarked on this nine-month leadership program. Culminating another successful year, participants, their families and employers celebrated success at graduation held at the Inn at Hocking College, generously sponsored by Hocking Valley Bank.

Highlights of this years' class experience were building a Habitat for Humanity house, riding with City of Athens enforcement officers, exploring unconscious bias with Winsome Chunnu Campbell and Tom Costello and a tour of a local coal reclamation site.



## BOUNTY ON THE BRICKS

The Athens Foundation, in partnership with the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations and the Sisters Health Foundation, awarded \$90,000 to the Southeastern Ohio Foodbank and Kitchen, a division of HAPCAP. The funds are a result of the fourth Bounty on the Bricks Fundraiser held in Athens on August 13th, 2016.

Southeastern Ohio Foodbank used the funds raised through Bounty on the Bricks 2016 to seed accounts for 45 local food pantries in a ten county area. The Foodbank determines distribution of funds, by determining the number of people in poverty for each county and then how many individuals in poverty each agency serves.

Katie Schwitzer, Director of the Southeastern Ohio Foodbank says this "The Bounty on the Bricks gift shows how caring and supportive our community is. Putting together such an amazing event to help feed the over 50,000 food insecure individuals in our service area is something to be proud of. Our member agencies and the Southeastern Ohio Foodbank could not be more grateful for the support."

Over the last four years, the Bounty on the Bricks signature event has raised over \$315,000 to fight food insecurity in Southeast Ohio. The brainchild of Athens native and small business owner, Cheryl Sylvester, Bounty on the Bricks grew in popularity and impact since its conception five years ago. When asked about the project, Cheryl said "Bounty has allowed our community to come together for four years, raise money for food insecurity and really bask in all that is our Athens. It was hard work yet I wouldn't trade it for anything as I worked with and met so many caring community members. Thank you to each and every committee member, chef, farmer, volunteer, sponsor and diner."

Funds raised through the Bounty on the Bricks were matched 1:1 by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville and Sisters Health Fund to continue this program called "Bounty in the Pantries" to enhance the capacity of local food pantries and feeding programs to serve more and healthy foods to those in need.

"The significance of Bounty on the Bricks extends well beyond an evening with friends - it represents a community, philanthropy and a dedicated group of volunteers coming together to provide greater access to healthy foods for vulnerable families and children in the region" commented Terri Donlin Huesman, Vice President, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation. The Osteopathic Heritage Foundations advance programs and services designed to improve health and quality of life in southeastern Ohio through strategic funding priorities, initiatives and collaboration.

"The Sisters Health Foundation is pleased once again to partner with the Athens Foundation and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville to aid hungry families in the Southeast Ohio region through the Southeast Ohio Food Bank Purchasing Program. This program increases access to healthy foods, especially for low-income vulnerable populations. Funds provided through Bounty in the Pantries strengthen the pantries ability





to purchase a variety of vegetables, meats, proteins, pasta and fruits and to introduce new items like kids packs for those providing backpacks. The Purchase Program has resulted in more than 500,000 pounds of food being distributed to those in need!" – Sister Molly Bauer. Sisters Health Foundation promotes healthy and sustainable communities by providing resources, strengthening collaborative relationships, and supporting initiatives that impact people in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

The Athens Foundation provides administrative leadership for the program. "as a part of a unique partnership with the community and other funders in the region, we have come together to support local food pantries and feeding programs. This funding compliments larger community effort to measurably increase access to healthy foods, especially for low-income vulnerable populations" said Susan Urano, Executive Director.

**At the Athens Foundation we invest in local strategies to empower Athens County residents and build on the strengths of our region, now and for generations to come.**

# DONORS

## **Athen Bar Association Fund**

## **Athens Jaycees Senior Fund** Ric and Mary Abel

## **Women's Fund**

Dana Anderson  
Anonymous  
Chuck and Susan Barga  
Eva Bloom  
Lee Cibrowski  
Micah Covert  
David Descutner and  
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## **Athens Professionals for Philanthropy**

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Tmartin Design, LLC  
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## **The Solly and Sammy Foundation for Peace**

Carol and George Adkins  
Anonymous  
Joan Mickelson  
Milena Miller  
Helen Swaim

## **Leadership Athens Fund**

Anonymous  
Athens Area Chamber  
of Commerce  
Brenen's Cafe  
Carpenter and Associates  
James and Barbara Gaskell  
Hocking Valley Bank  
Vipin Koshal and  
Bela Bhatt-Koshal  
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## **Thomas and Barbara Kostohryz Fund**

## **Children Conversation League**

## **Shukla/Chase Fund**

## **Habitat for Humanity Fund of SEO**

Carpenter and Associates  
Peter Coschigano

## **Bounty on the Bricks**

Athens Dental Depot  
Athens Kitchen and Bath Inc.  
Bagel Street Deli  
Chuck and Susan Barga  
Robert and Marianne Barnes  
Leanne Bechter  
Hannah Bechtold  
Michael Boyd and  
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Jessica Minor-Baetens  
Athens Minuteman Press  
Ann Moneypenny and  
Michael Kleinman  
Kate Fetterolf-Mass and  
Paul Mass  
Brenda Nofitz  
Russell Norris  
O'Neil Hartman Insurance  
Art and Michelle Oestrike  
OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital  
Osteopathic Heritage  
Foundation Of Nelsonville  
Ohio University Credit Union  
OU Real Estate III Inc.  
Steve and Connie Patterson  
Martin and Anne Paulins  
People's Bank  
Tim and Diane Pfaff  
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Lisa Quinn and Charles Smith  
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David and Jennifer Simon  
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Solveig Spjeldnes  
Douglas Stanley  
Jack Stauffer  
Sisters Health Foundation  
Jesse and Robin Stock  
Ann Stott  
Jordan Stotts  
Shawna Stump-State  
Farm Insurance  
Polly Sumney  
Matthew Sweeney  
Natalie and Will Tevis  
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**Wendy Jakmas Fund-Athens Area Chamber of Commerce**

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Ellen Hart  
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Dawn Worley-Sims

**Athens Stand Down Fund**

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Athens Amvets Riders  
Chapter 76  
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No. 285, F&A  
Corinthian Lodge  
No. 111, F&AM  
EERC - Casual Day Fund  
First Presbyterian Church  
Christine Luehrman  
Paramuthia Lodge #25 F&AM  
People's Bank  
Sons of the American  
Legion, K.T.  
Sons of Amvets Post 76  
Andy Trout  
US Veterans MC - Athens  
Veterans of Foreign  
Wars of Ohio C  
VFW Post 5299 Auxiliary  
Webb Lodge No. 252, F&AM

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**Mr. and Mrs. James Krager Fund**

**William Beale Fund**

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Arthur Woolley  
Louis and Karin Wright

# GRANTS BY FUND

## Athens Foundation General Fund

Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$220	Youth Against Misogyny and Sexism
Athens Area Arts Alliance	\$1,500	Educational programing/Community Outreach
Athens City-County Health Dept.	\$4,500	Athens City-County Health Dept. Syringe Exch.
Athens County Sheriff Office	\$1,167	D.A.R.E program
Athens County Sheriff Office	\$2,167	Project Lifesaver
Athens Photographic Project	\$3,442	Athens Photo Project - Uptown Art Installation
Athens Village	\$4,965	Patient Advocate
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens Inc.	\$5,980	Mentor Appalachia Program
Bishopville Church of Christ Food Pantry	\$4,500	Commercial Generator
Community Food Initiatives	\$157	Retail Readiness Project
Community Food Initiatives	\$2,500	Southeast Ohio FOODLINK: Operational Support
Dairy Barn	\$10,000	Capital Improvement
Factory Street Dance Studio	\$3,000	Building Maintenance: New Roof
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	\$5,000	New Marshfield Women Blitz Build
Integrating Professionals for Appalachia	\$600	Sponsorship of Professional Conference
Live Healthy Appalachia	\$3,000	Healthy Cooking
Live Healthy Appalachia	\$4,000	Healthy Eating and Active Living Education
Nelsonville York School District	\$140	N-Y Band
Ohio University	\$800	Diabetes Institute Sponsorship
Ohio University Foundation	\$1,000	Alvin Adams Journalism scholarship
Ohio Valley Summer Theater	\$1,500	Enhance Professional Performance Workshops
Philanthropy Ohio	\$1,000	General operating support
Reuse Industries	\$8,000	Athens Maker Space start-up
Ronald McDonald Charities	\$1,000	Helping Hands Program 2017
Rural Action	\$4,046	Climate Action through the Zero Waste Pledge
Rural Action	\$3,250	Youth Environmental Stewardship Project
Stuart's Opera House	\$10,000	Capital Improvement
Stuart's Opera House	\$3,250	Appalachian Music Program
Village of Amesville	\$2,500	Arts for Amesville
WOUB	\$2,500	General Support

## Athens Bar Association Fund

Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$93	Youth against Misogyny and Sexism
Athens County Child Advocacy Center	\$545	Athens County Child Advocacy Center Medical
Athens Photographic Project	\$79	Athens Photo Project - Uptown Art Installation
Ohio University	\$81	Diabetes Education for School Nurses

## Dr. Bruce Paxton Fund

Bishopville Church of Christ Food Pantry	\$500	Commercial Generator
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## Women's Fund

Athens County Child Advocacy Center	\$2,366	Athens County Child Advocacy Center Medical
Birth Circle	\$2,365	Best Practices to Better Support Young Mothers
My Sisters Place	\$2,366	Shelter needs

## Howard M. Walton Fund

Herbert Wescott Memorial Library	\$9,635	Library support
Wellston Public Library	\$9,635	Library support

## SEPAN Fund

Athens Photographic Project	\$1,479	Athens Photo Project - Uptown Art Installation
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## **Thomas and Barbara Kostohryz Fund**

Live Healthy Appalachia	\$500	General sponsorship
Live Healthy Appalachia	\$3,300	Downtown Athens Flag project
The Old Gallery, Colorado	\$1,000	Donation for operating expenses
Parkersburg Art Center	\$500	General donation
Stuart's Opera House	\$1,000	Donation for next generation support
Tides, Inc.	\$500	General donation

## **James and Sara Gilfert Fund**

Athens County Child Advocacy Center	\$2,033	Athens County Child Advocacy Center Medical
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## **R. Craig Copeland Fund**

Athens County Child Advocacy Center	\$1,556	Athens County Child Advocacy Center Medical
Ohio University	\$4,500	Kids on Campus summer 2017 camp meals
Friends of Dog Shelter	\$5000	Operation Fix the Shelter

## **The Rocky Community Improvement**

Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$3,000	Ally Healthy Relationships Training
Big Brother Big Sisters Association of G	\$3,176	Weekend camp for Athens and Hocking youth
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens Inc.	\$4,000	2017 Nelsonville Community Match project
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens Inc.	\$2,990	Caring Mentorship for Nelsonville Youth
Factory Street Dance Studio	\$1,000	Nelsonville neighbors outreach: Dance Classes
Factory Street Dance Studio	\$2,000	Nelsonville Neighbors Summer Outreach
Flying Horse Farms	\$1,000	2017 Volunteers at Family Weekend Camps
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	\$3,000	Tiny Home - Logan Ohio
Health Recovery Services	\$2,160	Seeking Growth
Lutheran Social Services	\$3,500	LSS Athens County mobile food pantry
Meigs United Methodist Cooperative	\$1,750	Food for Meigs Cooperative Food Pantry
Millcreek Elementary Southern Local	\$5,000	Millcreek Playground Fund
Nelsonville Food Cupboard	\$15,000	Backpack program
Nelsonville Food Cupboard	\$2,468	The Egg Money Project
Nelsonville Library	\$6,055	Public Fountain and Water Education Project
Nelsonville York School District	\$1,700	Technology
Nelsonville-York Art Department	\$2,005	Carving out a niche for young artists
Nelsonville-York City Schools	\$2,385	Buckeye Yearbook Camera Equipment
Nelsonville-York Elementary School	\$1,780	Barton Reading & Spelling
Ohio University	\$5,000	Kids on Campus Summer 2017 camp meals
Senior Citizens Club of Nelsonville	\$2,225	Senior Citizens Access Ramp
Trimble Local Textbooks & Supplies Fdn.	\$3,000	2018-19 Trimble Fountain Project
York Township Fire Department	\$5,000	York Township Christmas Baskets

## **Ohio Greek Community Fund**

Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$274	Youth Against Misogyny and Sexism
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## **Rebecca Dale Fund**

Center for the Creation of Cooperation	\$3,614	Operating
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## **Mary Carolyn Clutter Fund**

Community Food Initiatives	\$2,163	Retail Readiness Project
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## **Athens Professional for Philanthropy Fund**

Athens County Children's Services	\$3,414	Peanut Butter and Jelly Project
Tomcat Bridgebuilders	\$740	Program Support
Athens County Children's Services	\$2,700	Peanut Butter and Jelly Project

# GRANTS BY FUND

<b>The Solly and Sammy Foundation for Peace</b>		
Nelsonville Church of the Nazarene	\$250	Assist with indigent burial costs
<b>Robert E. Pitts Endowment for Appalachia Fund</b>		
Ohio University	\$1,046	Diabetes Education for School Nurses
<b>Children Conservation League Fund</b>		
Athens County Child Advocacy Center	\$3,685	Athens County Child Advocacy Center
Health Recovery Services	\$3,000	Teen Institute Youth Leadership Academy
Live Healthy Appalachia	\$2,000	Healthy Eating and Active Living Education
Paper Circle	\$2,300	Circle Leadership
<b>John and Betty Laverne Peterson</b>		
Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$4,819	Youth Against Misogyny and Sexism
<b>Athens Jaycees Senior Fund</b>		
Athens County Historical Society	\$16,360	Elevator
Good Works	\$2,000	Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio	\$3,500	Age In Place Critical Home Repair Program
United Seniors of Athens	\$7,140	Out of County Transportation Project
<b>Athens Foundation Operating Restricted</b>		
Hocking, Athens, Perry CAP	\$90,000	2016 Bounty on the Bricks
<b>The Ann Fox Education Fund</b>		
Appalachian Peace & Justice Network	\$594	Youth Against Misogyny and Sexism
<b>Athens Area Stand Down</b>		
American Legion Post 21	\$3,000	Event Costs
American Legion Post 21	\$812	Event Costs
American Legion Post 21	\$1,550	Event Costs
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$376,172</b>	

The following grants were made in FY 2017 from 2016 allocations:

<b>Bobbie Britton Fund</b>	\$864	Glouster Depot Accessible Bathrooms
<b>Dr. Bruce Paxton Fund</b>	\$2136	"
<b>Dr. Bruce Paxton Fund</b>	\$864	Ohio University Press
<b>Ohio Realty/Wharton Family Fund</b>	\$221	"
<b>Claire O. Ping Fund</b>	\$628	"

# FINANCIALS

## ATHENS FOUNDATION, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016

ASSETS:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 117,753	\$ 70,153
Certificates of deposit	150,049	74,974
Contributions receivable	2,000	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>269,802</b>	<b>145,127</b>
Fixed Assets:		
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	25,393	25,393
Leasehold improvements	2,320	2,320
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(21,127)	(17,725)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>6,586</b>	<b>9,988</b>
Investments:		
Investments (at market value)	6,712,980	6,248,285
Interest in limited partnerships	24,838	25,000
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>6,737,818</b>	<b>6,273,285</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,014,206</b>	<b>\$ 6,428,400</b>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 21,576	\$ 3,585
Grants payable	-	2,000
Organization endowment funds held for others	107,710	97,357
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>129,286</b>	<b>102,942</b>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	4,475,753	4,081,144
Temporarily restricted	1,987,791	1,822,938
Permanently restricted	421,376	421,376
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>6,884,920</b>	<b>6,325,458</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,014,206</b>	<b>\$ 6,428,400</b>



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