

THE VISIONARY AWARD OF THE SHELBY FOUNDATION

"It's not the amount, but the meaning."

Our history is filled with great philanthropists, like Ralph Phillips, who inspired and improved the community we love. Every fall, in recognition of our history of selfless good deeds, The Shelby Foundation selects a noteworthy individual to receive the Visionary Award; a person whose altruism, vision, and drive set an example for future generations. People who, much like the foundation itself, light the way to a brighter tomorrow.

Mr. J. George Williams was the recipient of the inaugural award. He was chosen for the honor for the all the good works he has done for the community, including many he's done anonymously.

Congratulations, Mr. Williams! Thank you for everything you've done for the community and your part in shaping a stronger, brighter future.

OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER TO DATE

On Saturday, September 23rd, donors, businesses, organizations, and community leaders came together to raise dollars for the Shelby community and surrounding areas. An Evening with The Shelby Foundation: For a Brighter Tomorrow was the most successful fundraiser to date, raising **almost \$117,000** to be invested back into the community through the foundation's grant-making abilities.

Thank you!

Mr. Williams gives
a short speech
after receiving the
Visionary Award at
our annual fundraiser

Visionary
AWARD

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Thanksgiving is when we take a step back, reflect on all of the wonderful things and events we're grateful for, and give thanks to those people who played such a key role in helping us achieve them.

At this Thanksgiving, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to give thanks to all of the people who have been so charitable and supportive of The Shelby Foundation over the past year. It is because of our generous donors the foundation is able to have a positive impact on peoples' lives, which gets us one step closer to our ideal community. I hope the holidays bring you much joy.

Gratefully,
Cody Albert
Foundation Chair





NEW TWIST ADDED TO ANNUAL DONOR CELEBRATION

Each year, The Shelby Foundation awards on average \$70,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Normally, our donors do not have the opportunity to meet the young people whose lives were improved through their generosity, but, this year, things changed. This year, the foundation brought recipients and benefactors together at the annual donor appreciation reception on May 22nd. The students were very excited to meet their benefactors, and many of the donors found the experience immensely rewarding as well. The foundation is always grateful for the generous people who support the foundation and the investment in our community's future!

2017 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

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| Chelsea Barnd | Savannah Howard |
| Jaimie Blunt | Alexandria Hurst |
| Sidney Conn | Karli Ingle |
| Katherine Davis | Konnar Lamb |
| Zach Eldridge | Michael Mayer |
| Rachel Ensman | Kristen Means |
| Madalyn Fidler | Zacory Mosley |
| Hannah Finnegan | Kaylee Payne |
| Danny Friebel | Warren Rehberg |
| Jackie Garrett | Cameron Smedley |
| Faith Gosser | Raychel Sorgenfrei |
| Elizabeth Gregory | Morgan Vogt |
| Jack Gregson | Brianne Wagoner |
| Sarah Harding | Sidney Wolfe |
| Emma Hlad | Allison Workman |
| Haylee Holbrook | Claire Yetzer |
| Jacob Holloway | |

THE FOUNDATION CONTINUES TO GROW

Donors make charitable gifts to the foundation for many reasons, and some choose to establish funds so their giving can go on for generations to come. In 2017, two new funds were established at the foundation.

Director Carrie Kemerer said, "It's an honor to have such highly regarded leaders in our community collaborate with The Shelby Foundation for their giving needs. Donors recognize the positive impact the foundation has on our community and want to be part of something lasting."

Bernice Griffeth Scholarship Fund of The Shelby Foundation

Bernice Griffeth was a well-loved, well-respected staple at the Sportman's Den. Working in the family business into her nineties; she instituted a strong work ethic in her children. Ensuring her memory will be remembered in perpetuity, the Griffeth family established an annual scholarship in her name. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2018 to a graduating high school senior.

Shelby Community Support Fund of The Shelby Foundation

A local donor, who has chosen to remain anonymous, wanted to have a positive impact on the Shelby community now, and long after he is gone, so he established a donor-advised fund: The Shelby Community Support Fund of The Shelby Foundation.

The fund's purpose is to benefit local nonprofits that serve Shelby residents. Working through the foundation on an annual basis, the donor will suggest a local charity that he believes is worthy and in need of financial assistance.

A donor-advised fund is a program of a public charity that allows donors to make contributions to a charity, such as The Shelby Foundation, and make recommendations for distributing the funds to qualified nonprofit organizations.

SHELBY FOUNDATION AND YMCA PARTNER TO BRING DAY OF FUN TO KIDS

Shelby kids had something to celebrate on February 20th besides Presidents Day. This year, school age children, kindergarten through eighth grade, enjoyed a fun day at the Shelby YMCA sponsored by The Shelby Foundation.

The Shelby Foundation instituted Family Fun Nights several years ago by partnering with Seltzer Pool when it saw a need for all families, regardless of their financial position, to have access to area recreation. Since the summer events have been so successful, the foundation board decided to expand fun days into the winter months.

Director Carrie Kemerer said, "Winter can be a bleak time; the days are short and outdoor activities are limited by our cold Ohio weather. The foundation board was unanimous in its desire to boost children's spirits. Partnering with the YMCA was a natural fit since they already provide great activities for kids."

WOMEN'S FUND INSPIRES ALL AGES

WOMEN'S FUND OFFERS LECTURE SERIES AGAIN IN 2017

Since the launch of the "Let's Talk: Woman to Woman" lecture series in 2016 was so successful, the Women's Fund Advisory Committee decided to offer the series on issues relevant to adult women again this year.

Over the course of three events, a hundred women came to The Vault Wine Bar to listen to local experts speak on topics pertinent to their lives, such as: "The Doctor Is In", "Securing Your Future, One Penny at a Time," and "Peace of Mind; Love Your Body." The response from those who attended was overwhelmingly positive.

Dr. Theresa Roth, Women's Fund Chair, said, "It's empowering to see women of all ages and professions come together for an evening of camaraderie and personal development. That was the intent of the lecture series, and it's gratifying to see how the ladies in our area are embracing it."



WOMEN'S FUND TAG-TEAMS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS AND GOLD TO COMBAT BULLYING

Girls Owning Lives of Dignity (GOLD), a group for the empowerment of young women, decided to start the school year off on the right foot by taking a proactive stance against bullying. Fortunately, GOLD wasn't acting alone; The Women's Fund of The Shelby Foundation supported GOLD's anti-bullying campaign. Carrie Kemerer, foundation director, stated, "The Women's Fund is about promoting self-confidence and self-respect and harassment has no place for the ideals we are trying to instill. GOLD and Shelby School District have our support in making the school an environment for learning, not fear."

On Wednesday, September 6th, the Women's Fund, GOLD, and schools combined forces to bring in child and adolescent therapist Jim Bisenius who developed the program "Bullet-Proofing Youth." Mr. Bisenius provided a 90 minute presentation to Shelby Middle School in the morning, a roundtable discussion amongst district administration at lunch, and a second presentation to high school students in the afternoon and with the day ending with professional development and training for district educators.

"...I'm encouraged by the level of support by the foundation and the efforts put in place by GOLD. Families choose our school district for many reasons, and having a safe learning environment is one of them," said Tim Tarvin, superintendent.

ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FUND

The Shelby Foundation established a Women's Fund to empower women in this area to achieve their full potential. Proceeds will be distributed to fund programs in and around Shelby to promote intellectual, physical, emotional, social, economic, and cultural growth for women. The moral support of the community, coupled with the financial generosity of its citizens, will provide endless possibilities for the women in the greater Shelby area.

Year IN REVIEW

2017 FOUNDATION INITIATED PROGRAMS

- Family Fun Night at Seltzer Pool
- Kids Day at the YMCA
- Spring Cleaning Seminar for Seniors
- Third Grade Fieldtrips to Marvin Memorial Library
- Combat Bullying Assemblies Sponsored by the Women's Fund
- Women's Fund Lecture Series

2017 GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Camp Invention STEM Camp
- First Lutheran Church
- North Central State College
- Richland Academy of the Arts
- Sacred Heart School
- Shelby City Schools
- Shelby Community and Senior Center
- Shelby Home and Public Health
- Shelby Safety Town
- Shelby Salvation Army
- Siegfried Park
- Trinity Shining Lights Preschool



TOGETHER, WE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

The Shelby Foundation was established to give donors like you the opportunity to impact the future of Shelby. Your support, along with that of other generous donors, will help provide the financial resources necessary for success and to allow The Shelby Foundation to continue its mission – to build a legacy of community giving by connecting generosity with community needs.

At The Shelby Foundation, we make it as easy as possible for people to use their money to help this community. The foundation understands this community; knows where there is the greatest need, and where we can have the greatest impact. By donating to The Shelby Foundation, not only are you reaping end-of-year tax benefits, but helping the community you care about as well.

As you know, giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what the foundation is able to accomplish.

If you would like more information about year-end giving, contact Director Carrie Kemerer at 419-342-3686 or carrie@theshelbyfoundation.org.

SHELBY FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Shelby Foundation welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors. Ann Downs and Steven Curry have been elected to serve a three-year renewable term.

The foundation's board members are responsible for overseeing and approving the distribution of grants and scholarships, guiding the organization's proactive community improvement programs, and advocating the foundation's mission of connecting generosity with community need.

"Ann and Steve bring unique perspectives and insights to an already strong, eclectic board. Both of these appointments are dedicated to this community, and I am pleased to see them sitting around the table," said Cody Albert, chairman.

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