

CONNECTING GENEROSITY WITH COMMUNITY NEED

OVER \$350,000 IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED THIS YEAR THROUGH FOUNDATION FUNDS - PROOF THAT **GENEROSITY CREATES CHANGE!**

ONE FOUNDATION. SO MANY WAYS TO CARE!

Whether giving from the heart or with a focused purpose, The Shelby Foundation helps donors turn passion into lasting impact through a variety of meaningful funds.



The Shelby Foundation proudly stewards 70+ funds—each created by donors who believe in building a stronger, brighter community. View a full list of funds housed at the Foundation.



BUILDING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

The Shelby Foundation has expanded its investment in downtown Shelby with the purchase of 66 W. Main Street, known locally as the Melody Within building.

With support from the entire Board, the Foundation previously purchased the former Dick's Furniture building (62/64 W. Main St.), the Sutter's Home Furnishings building (70/72 W. Main St.), and the adjacent parcel at 65 Wall St. in March 2024.



COMING SOON



“Our focus is on making sure these spaces are put to use in ways that **build and benefit the community.**”

- JASON MCCOY, BOARD CHAIR



FOLLOW OUR PROGRESS AS WE BUILD A BRIGHTER TOMORROW!

EMPOWERING *Women*

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Grants in larger amounts that benefit women and children often come out of the Foundation's Women's Fund. This year, a \$15,000 grant was awarded to Taking Root Farms, a farm-based day habilitation program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

100+ WOMEN FOR SHELBY

100+ Women for Shelby channels the strength of collective giving to create lasting change for women and children in our community.

This year, over \$13,000 in grants were awarded:

- **Acts 4 Love**
Creating comforting capes for children at Akron Children's Hospital.
- **Domestic Violence Shelter**
Supporting families through the Safe Start program.
- **Shelby Girl Scout Service Unit 814**
Hosting a fun and empowering Girl Scout Summer Day Camp.
- **Shelby Help Line Ministries**
Providing free summer lunches for local children.

Join the Movement

The "100+ Women for Shelby" membership drive is happening now. For more information call 419-342-3686 or visit www.theshelbyfoundation.org/womens-fund/



100+ Women for Shelby Steering Committee Members Lois Robertson and Jen Sautter present a \$6,000 grant to Shelby Help Line for their summer lunch program.



AN EVENING WITH
THE SHELBY FOUNDATION

FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER

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Thank You!

The Foundation's annual fundraiser, An Evening with The Shelby Foundation: For a Brighter Tomorrow, held on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Kehoe Center, brought the community together for a night of generosity — and record-breaking impact. Total proceeds from the evening stand at an incredible \$193,000.

"To see this level of generosity and excitement is inspiring. Our donors know their contributions have a real impact," said Carrie Kemerer, director.

VISIONARY AWARD

A Round of Applause!

Longtime community leader Frank Benham was honored with the Visionary Award during the annual fundraiser for his well-known generosity, support of Shelby School District and as a dedicated champion of The Shelby Foundation.

Left: 2025 Visionary Award recipient Frank Benham and his wife, Debbie.

GET IT, GIRL!

Executive Director Carrie Kemerer was named an Ohio State Mansfield Distinguished Alumna earlier this year—recognizing her leadership and community service. She's also been honored in the SHS Hall of Distinction and as a Richland County "10 Under 40."



Carrie pictured with the other inductees Steve Oster and Bertha Villa Bishop

STEWARDSHIP IN MOTION

Jason McCoy assumed the role of board chair for The Shelby Foundation in April. A lifelong Shelby resident and steadfast supporter of the Foundation, McCoy brings deep community roots, extensive board experience, and a passion for strengthening the future of all who call Shelby home.



Since joining the Board in 2018, McCoy has served in several key leadership positions, including committee chair, treasurer, and vice chair. Director Carrie Kemerer noted, "Jason has an exceptional aptitude for numbers and a strong business acumen. As we navigate the revitalization of our downtown properties, he is the ideal leader to guide the Foundation forward."

Nathan Sautter was appointed vice chair earlier this year. Since joining the Board of Directors in 2021, he has distinguished himself as an engaged and dedicated leader, contributing his expertise through service on both the Distribution Committee and the Downtown Building Committee. Nathan and his wife, Jen, are the owners of F.E. Krocka & Associates.



WELCOMING OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

“The Foundation’s strength comes from the diversity of voices around the table,” said Carrie Kemerer. “We seek board members who reflect our community — with different backgrounds, ages, and perspectives — to help drive the Foundation forward.”

Carli Bailey is a sixth-generation owner of Barkdull Funeral Home & Crematory and a lifelong Shelby resident.

Heather Gies serves as a director in Gannett’s Enterprise Project Management Office, overseeing strategic initiatives across national media brands including USA Today.

Christopher Vogt is the plant manager at Phillips Tube Group, where he has spent his entire career.

GIVING TUESDAY

DON’T FORGET!

Giving Tuesday is an annual day of giving held on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving and this year, it will be held on December 2, 2025. The Foundation will provide matching dollars to programs that help those in need. Donations received from November 23rd through December 31st will be sent directly to local agencies to purchase items.

Every dollar makes a difference and every kit sponsored makes someone smile. Learn how you can support the Foundation’s Giving Tuesday campaign at <https://www.theshelbyfoundation.org/>

SHARE THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

Celebrate the season with a gift to The Shelby Foundation in honor of someone special. Whether joining 100+ Women for Shelby or supporting a loved one’s favorite cause, your generosity brings hope and opportunity to our community. Learn more or give at [theshelbyfoundation.org](https://www.theshelbyfoundation.org) or call 419-342-3686.

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