

# Community Foundation

LORAIN COUNTY

**FOCUSING ON 2018**

**REPORT**

**TO THE**

**COMMUNITY**



## COMMUNITY GREETING

Dear Friends,

Every day we at the Foundation celebrate small successes. However, each year there are special occasions that cause us to step back and reflect more broadly on the milestones and achievements accomplished in our community through your commitment and generosity. The Annual Meeting is one of those special occasions.

For almost 40 years, we have been living our mission of Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter. Thanks to you, 2018 was an incredible year for your Community Foundation. We are delighted to report that this year, our asset base enabled us to support over \$5.5M in grants and scholarships. The work surrounding those awards engaged hundreds of people on committees and workgroups who contributed countless hours of labor and wisdom.

Together we have made such a positive impact here in our home community, and we are poised for a focused future. We have been engaged in a substantial planning process which has benefited from valuable input provided by many of you in the community. We analyzed our work and our roles, and put everything on the table for scrutiny. We are pleased to report that, through this process, our focus and mission will remain Connecting People Who Care with Causes that Matter, and our vision is that Lorain County is a Thriving Community through Giving.

In closing, we want to thank you for your commitment and remind everyone that a community foundation is only as strong as the people who join in to make a difference. Through the power of community, we achieve so much more together than any one of us could achieve alone.

We thank you for coming together in support of Lorain County!

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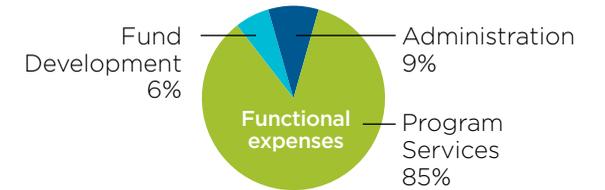
# FOCUSING ON 2018

## 2018 FINANCIAL POSITION

**\$128.6M** ..... in assets  
**\$5.7M** ..... in gifts  
**\$5.5M** ..... in grants  
 (As of 12/31/2018)

## FACTS OF GIVING

80% of our donations were \$250 or less



## HIGHLIGHTS OF IMPORTANCE IN 2018

**NEW!**  
**Lakeland Community  
 Foundation Endowment  
 \$850,000**

Endowment fund began as part of Community Foundation of Lorain County.



**School Endowments  
 \$484,000**

Helping our schools, teachers and students achieve excellence across the 15 districts in Lorain County.



**Honorarium &  
 Memorial Gifts  
 \$158,000**

Amount donated in honor or memory of loved ones.



**Scholarships  
 \$732,000**

Helping students across districts reach their dreams with scholarship support.



**Legacy Society**

As of last year, more than 74 individuals and families have included the Community Foundation in their wills and estate plans.

# AFFILIATE FUNDS

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ISSUED TO COMMUNITY IN 2018

### AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FUND

**\$29,000**

Activity highlight: This was the "Paint and Take" networking event held in July 2018 that was attended by 20+ guests at the Foundry in Elyria. The event's goal was to create awareness about the African American Community Fund and what they want to do for African Americans in Lorain County.



### THE HISPANIC FUND

**\$24,000**

Activity highlight: In October 2018, the Hispanic Fund hosted their Harvest Fiesta event where grantees were awarded funding as part of the Fund's ongoing commitment to "improve and promote socioeconomic and educational opportunities within the Hispanic Community."



### WOMEN'S FUND

**\$27,000**

Activity highlight: On November 1, 2018 powerful women from across Northeast Ohio gathered for Leadercast Women Lorain County. A portion of the audience was youth, who had the opportunity to find mentors in the crowd. Participants had the opportunity to not only empower each other, but also network with individuals across the job sector.



### THE YOUTH FUND

**\$22,000**

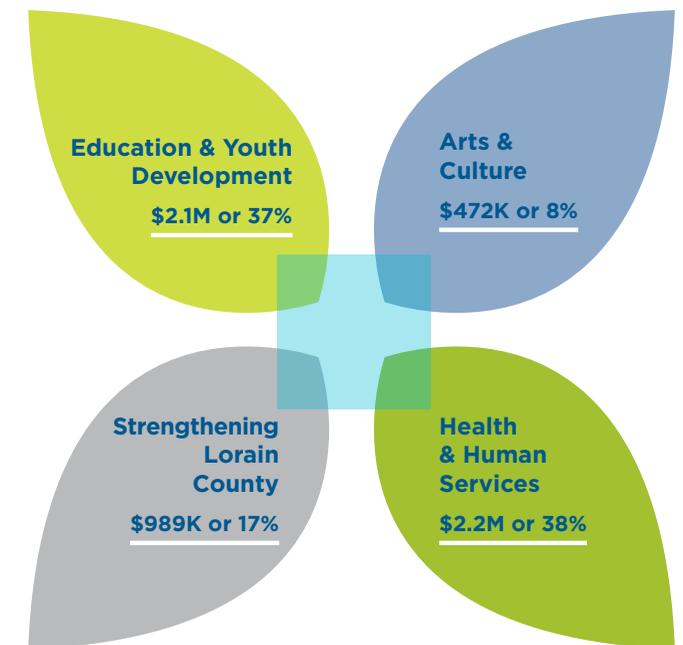
Activity highlight: The Youth Fund hosted a Youth Summit in March 2018, which focused on mental health and a youth-led approach for helping a friend or fellow student who may be suffering from psychological distress. Over 100 students, parents and school staff were in attendance.



# GRANTS

## BY IMPACT AREA

**929**  
GRANTS ISSUED



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Everyone has something to give. Whether you choose to give your time, talent, or financial resources, there are endless opportunities to help the Community Foundation work toward improving the quality of life in Lorain County.

#### GIVE

Make a gift to one of over 660 existing endowment funds OR create your own fund.

#### JOIN

Become a part of one of our four affiliate funds: The African American Fund, The Hispanic Fund, The Women's Fund, or Youth Fund.

#### VOLUNTEER

We are always looking for community volunteers to work with our committees and serve on our Board of Directors.

#### ATTEND

Come to one of our events throughout the year.

#### LEARN MORE

Give us a call at 440.984.7390 or visit our website [www.peoplewhocare.org](http://www.peoplewhocare.org).

### Interested in applying for a grant?

The Community Foundation of Lorain County has a variety of funding opportunities for nonprofits (501(c)(3) designation or tax-exempt entities) that serve Lorain County residents.

- Community Grant Cycle
- Affiliate Fund Grants
- Lakeland Community Foundation Mini Grants (monthly deadline)

For more information on our grantmaking, please email us at [grants@peoplewhocare.org](mailto:grants@peoplewhocare.org). Visit our website to learn more about the application process and deadlines.

# GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS

## GRANTS ACROSS IMPACT AREAS

### EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Grantee: Lorain Public Library Systems

**Project: Food and Fun**—“From planting seeds and harvesting vegetables to learning to cook and taking a recipe kit home, Lorain/Sheffield Lake youth and their caregivers were able to try new foods and learn new skills at the library through the Community Foundation’s support.”

-Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz,  
Chief Executive Officer/Director



### STRENGTHENING LORAIN COUNTY: ANIMAL WELFARE

Grantee: Friendship Animal Protective League

**Project: New Animal Services**—“With the Community Foundation’s investment in the Spay and Neuter Clinic, we’re able to provide low cost veterinary care for the residents of Lorain County who otherwise may not be able to afford these services.”

-Greg Willey, Executive Director



### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Grantee: Lorain County Public Health

**Project: Drug Repository Program**—“With the Community Foundation’s funding support, 3,839 prescriptions were filled as part of the Prescription Assistance Program for residents of Lorain County who are age 65 or older [and are uninsured, underinsured, and those who cannot otherwise pay].”

-David Covell, RS, MPH, Health Commissioner



### ARTS AND CULTURE

Grantee: Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra (NOYO)

**Project: 2018 Season of Support**—“Our organization has flourished these past five years from 76 members to 280 members, thanks in large part to our growing relationship with the Community Foundation.”

-Andrew Machamer, Executive and Artistic Director, Wind Symphony Director



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## Interested in giving through the Community Foundation?

### Ten reasons why

1. Local organization with deep roots in the community.
2. Broad expertise on community issues and needs.
3. Highly personalized service tailored to your charitable and financial interests.
4. Funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.
5. Wide variety of assets are accepted, and the most complex forms of giving can be facilitated according to wishes.
6. Partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.
7. Offers maximum tax advantage for most gifts under state and federal law.
8. Impact of gift dollars is multiplied by pooling them with other gifts and grants.
9. Endowment funds benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.
10. Collaborative leadership in the community that coordinates resources and creates positive change.



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## What is an endowment fund?

Imagine leaving a legacy during your lifetime that allows you and your family to witness the change in the community you care so passionately about. Community Foundation of Lorain County can help you get started.

### Here's how it works

Donors simply make a permanent, tax-deductible donation to the Community Foundation of Lorain County or charity. The amount can vary and the principal is invested to provide ongoing, sustainable funding for causes or organizations. Because only a percentage of the investment earnings are distributed as grants or scholarships, an endowment fund allows you to give far more over time than the value of a one-time gift.

### Here's what makes an endowment fund unique

An endowment fund can be personalized to fulfill any charitable goal and can be established now or at the time of passing. Funds can be created in your name or your family's name, in memory or honor of a loved one, or to benefit a specific cause or charity.

With more than 660 endowment funds valued at approximately \$130M, we wisely invest the funds' assets and distribute approximately \$6M annually in scholarships and grants to support individual and nonprofit organizations in Lorain County.

For more information, please contact us at 440.984.7390 or [www.peoplewhocare.org](http://www.peoplewhocare.org).

## Ways to Give

The Community Foundation of Lorain County can accept a variety of assets to assist you in making a donation (list is not exhaustive).

### YOUR INVESTMENT STAYS IN LORAIN COUNTY FOREVER



Cash



Real Estate



Business Interests



Retirement Plan Assets



Securities



Grain



IRA Rollover



Charitable Gift Annuity



Personal Property



Life Insurance



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