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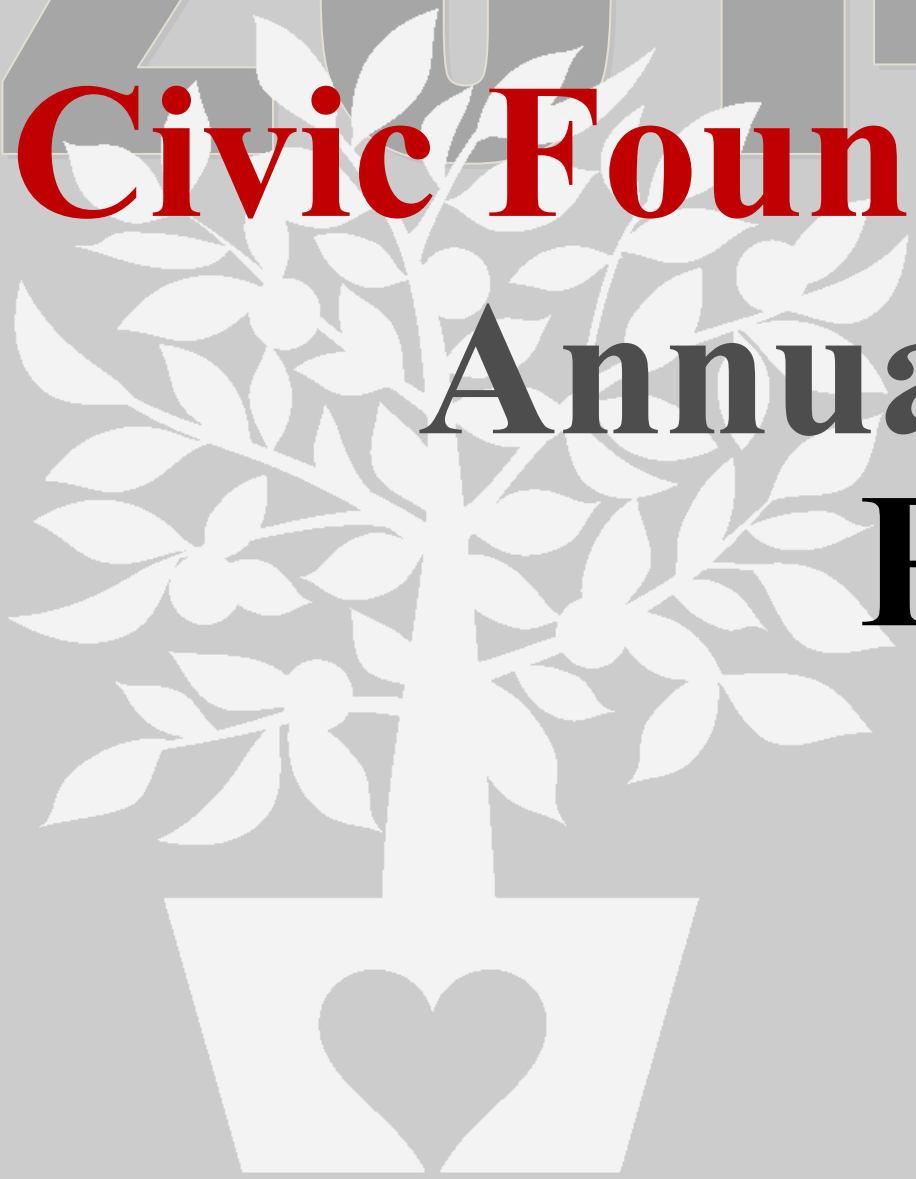

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To Enhance the Quality of Life for the People of Mercer County, Ohio, by Cultivating, Managing, and Disbursing Charitable Resources.

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After much thought, I have officially retired as executive director of the Mercer County Civic Foundation, effective February 1, 2015. Just know that I have met many new friends in my 7+ years in this experience, and I will truly miss the working relationship we have had together.

You are kind and compassionate clients whose generosity has humbled me beyond my greatest dreams, and I have very much enjoyed serving you. Goal number one has been to connect you with worthy causes, but the greatest joy for me has been in the day to day interaction and work we have done together. Truly you are our best ambassadors, and I have had the privilege to actually know you on a personal level.

This is a gift that I will treasure for years to come, and I look forward to greeting you when we meet. I have learned so much from all of you, and I care what happens in each of your lives. I wish to thank the Board of Directors for putting us together face to face.

Thank you all for allowing us to serve you.

Glenn H. Hux

From the Director . . .

It is because of you, our generous and compassionate ambassadors, that this foundation stands so prominently in our community.

As I take over the position of Executive Director, graciously passed to me by the legacy and the force that is Glenn Hux, I find myself awestruck by the breadth of his wisdom and influence through this organization. His expertise is surpassed only by you, our donors, and your benevolence, kindness, humility and giving. I must also recognize the silent, dedicated members of the Board of Directors, whom I've already grown to admire and appreciate, and whose contributions helped guide Glenn in his leadership of this foundation for the last seven years. Mercer County is a better place because of all of your combined service. I am honored and humbled to be able to continue this fine tradition.

In my previous career, I was "Mrs. Hone," teacher, lover of literature, grammar guru, and hopefully, a source of inspiration to thousands of students over the years. As I evolve into this new role as Carol Hone, executive director, I am committed to guiding this foundation with integrity, diligence and energy. My audience and subject matters move beyond children, literature, and curriculum best practices, to philanthropy, community impact, and enduring investments of our talents and riches, no matter how great or small.

Yet, the career similarities are both striking and familiar. Within this foundation, just as in education, we all strive together—to fulfill the passions that exist within us, the ideas that inspire us and the passion we share for serving the public good. I pledge to serve this broader community and help you discover and develop avenues for your compassion.

Literature's timeliness and wisdom will always be a part of who I am, and I approach this new journey inspired by a quote from A. A. Milne, author of *Winnie-the Pooh:* - "When you see someone putting on his Big Boots, you can be pretty sure that an Adventure is going to happen." I praise all of you for making a difference in our community, a direct outgrowth of your adventurous and generous spirits. Your acts of giving produce incredible results, as you will view in this annual report.

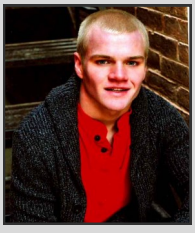
Making philanthropy a lifetime-priority changes lives. With you, I welcome the adventure and look forward to the amount of good we can accomplish together.

From our office to your homes and hearts, we say thank you.

Carol Hone, Executive Director

"There is not enough room on this card to express my gratitude for your Scholarship. As a 19 year old kid it's hard to grasp the concept of paying for college."

-Jack Hinders, recipient, Ken Esmonde Sr. Scholarship, Celina High School



CIVIC FOUNDATION FUNDS ~ Each of our nine fund categories fulfills a special charitable purpose.

This gives our donors the opportunity to reach their charitable objectives in ways that are most appropriate to *them.*

Scholarship Funds

Dan Hollinger (1982)	Agriculture studies at Marion Local
W.J. Staugler & V.H. Cooper (1985)	Agriculture major at Fort Recovery
Virginia B. Franke Music (1989)	Music program participant at Fort Recovery
Paul Moorman (1990)	Varsity letter & NHS at Celina High School
Dewey & Ruth Dawson (1992)	Celina High School graduate
Terry Bidlack Memorial (1993)	General Education at Fort Recovery High School
Eastview 3-3 Basketball (1993)	Celina High School student
Paul Lefeld Family Memorial Sch. (1993)	Agriculture majors in Tri-Star
Celina Class of 1959 (1994)	Anonymous Donor for Celina graduates with honors
Betty Dabbelt (1994)	Academic achievement in general education at Celina High School
Esmonde Memorial Scholarships (1998)	3 scholarships at Celina HS - Athletics, Business, & Technology
Marian F. Abrams (2000)	Mathematics, Accounting, or Business majors for Women at Celina HS
William & Patsy Dawson (2000)	Elem. Education, Veterinary Science, or Nursing at Celina High School
Parkway Retired Teachers (2000)	Education majors at Parkway High School
Jim & Marilyn Werling (2003)	General education at St. Henry High School
Coldwater Eagles (2005)	Any area high school, Eagles member in the family
Angus Purdy Scholarship (2006)	Engineering at ONU, graduate at Parkway or Center Township
Houts Celina & Mercer County (2007)	General education - one recipient at each County School
Dietrich Scholarship (2008)	Agriculture or 2-4 year Vocational major at Parkway,
Kathy Schenking Memorial (2008)	Education or Engineering at Coldwater High School
Mercer County Retired Teachers (2010)	Education, one recipient at any of the Mercer County Schools
Fern Moorman (2011)	General education at Parkway High School
Randy Griesdorn (2012)	Tri-star student majoring in auto, diesel mechanics, technology, etc.
Joe Werling (2012)	Agriculture Scholarship at St. Henry
Chris Reichert Memorial (2013)	Athletics, for persistence and hard work at Celina High School
Celina Insurance (2014)	Insurance related field, Mercer Co. or child/grandchild of Employee
Davis McNutt (2014)	General scholarship, based on need or academics at Parkway H.S.
Droesch & Mueller Memorial (2014)	Clergy or Education major at Troy Christian School
Joe Meiring (2014)	Education or Nursing major at Ft. Recovery High School

Agency Funds

- MED Foundation Fund (2011)
- OUR Home Fund (2011)
- Mercer Residential Services Fund (2002)

Scholarship Loan Funds

- C.M. & Mabel Montgomery (1963)
- Walter Mersman (1964)
- Celina Business & Professional Women's (1966)
- Chocrane-Chrispin (1968)
- C.A. & Belva Stubbs (1968)
- Mersman Brothers (1970)
- Physicians (1976)
- Clista & Hugo Fahncke (1981)
- Henrietta Logan (1983)
- Ollene & Simon Straley (1984)
- Bair, Wyckoff & Ross Pharmacy (1989)
- Combined Loan (1999)
- Eugene & Mary Dieringer (2007)
- Houts Celina & Mercer County (2007)
- Zehringer Family (2011)

Katie Elking received one of the twelve Zahn Scholarships available for Marion Local Seniors.

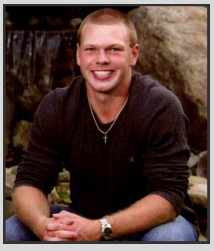
Pictured with her proud parents, Sheila and Kevin, Hannah Tumbusch received Coldwater Eagles Scholarship.

Designated Funds

- Homer Yaney Funds (4) (1977)
- Elizabeth Kable Crippled Children (1982)
- Rotary Club (1982)
- Celina-Coldwater Bikeway (1986)
- Paul Yocum YMCA (1986)
- Mercer County 4-H (1989)
- Mercer County Historical Society (1989)
- Hannah Hattery (1993)
- Celina Community Promotional (1995)
- 4-H Camp (1997)
- Richard & Catharine Sharp (1997)
- Ila Mae Rice (1998)
- Boost the Park (1999)
- Long Range Fairground Improvement (1999)
- Urban & Irene Zahn Memorial (1999)
- William & Patsy Dawson (2001)
- Mercer Co. Crippled Children & Adults (2002)
- Mercer County Home (2002)
- Bob Heckman Memorial (2004)
- Junior Fair Building (2007)
- John & Ruth Houts YMCA (2007)
- Montgomery Field (2007)
- Richardson-Bretz Memorial Building (2007)
- Mercer Co. Historical Society Maintenance (2008)
- Dr. Robert & Addie Brandon Riley (2008)
- Lightning Safety & Awareness (2009)
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library (2009)
- Cavalier Athletic Improvement (2010)
- Expanding Horizons (2010)
- Franklin Township.Natural & Recreation Area (2010)
- Thomas A. & Ann K Knapke Art (2010)
- Bates (2011)
- Ethan James (2012)
- Mercer Dads (2012)
- St. Henry Amphitheater (2012)
- Meyer (2014)
- Weitz—Council on Aging (2014)
- Weitz– Public TV (2014)

"I often find that in life, knowing the right thing to do is simple. However, simple isn't always easy; it is often the hardest route to take. Over the years, I will continue to serve others and help benefit society in some way. It has always been my deepest desire to somehow find a way to change the world around me. I want you to know that this scholarship will truly help me on my mission to accomplish this."

-Jason Brunswick, recipient, Zahn Scholarship, Marion Local High School



Shown at left are participants in the 5K Run on Memorial Day Weekend, sponsored by the "Let Your Colors Fly Fund" and benefitting charities in Mercer County.

Tasting the treats are Celina H.S. students enjoying the International Market Trip in Cincinnati Ohio, sponsored by the James Field Trip Fund.

Unrestricted Funds

- Ralph E. Heffner Fund (1977)
- Henry & Louise Drake Fund (1978)
- Trenary-Andrews Fund (1979)
- Gertrude Einfalt Fund (1993)
- George G. & Esther Jetter (1993)
- Clista & Hugo Fahncke Fund (1993)
- Riley Memorial Fund (1999)
- Walter & Aileen Bernard (2000)
- Werling Unrestricted (2000)
- Houts Fund (2008)
- John Schenking (2009)
- Robert Beougher (2011)
- George Jetter Memorial (2012)
- First Financial Bank (2013)
- Unrestricted Unendowed (2014)

Donor Advised Funds

- Anonymous Donor (1998)
- Ralph & Jane Stuckman (1998)
- Edward Werling Charitable (2003)
- Robert J. Bornhorst Memorial (2004)
- Francis & Joan Pax Family (2004)
- Collin & Paula Bryan (2006)
- Parker & Margaret Snyder (2008)
- Mercer Health Care (2008)
- Glenn & Sylvia Hux (2009)
- Robert & Peggy Bollenbacher (2009)
- James Dippold Youth Charities (2010)
- Polio Support (2010)
- Ken Gelhaus (2011)
- Ethan & Laura James (2011)
- V.J. & Marilyn Westerheide (2011)
- Jerry Andrew (2012)
- Dave & Nancy Bredemeier (2012)
- Thelma Pax (2012)
- Bruce Strohl (2012)
- Celina Eagles (2013)
- Sharon & James K. Jennings Family (2013)
- Let Your Colors Fly (2013)
- Magdalene Weitz (2014)

Field of Interest

- Hattery Health Fund (1977)
- Hattery Life Fund (1991)

Operating Funds

- General Fund (1963)
- Friends Fund (2002)
- Richardson-Bretz Fund(2007)

Project or Non-Permeant Funds

- Celina Concert Series (1995)
- Community Needs (1990)
- Giving Thanks (1999)
- Grand Lake Arts Center (1999)
- Skateboard Park (2005)
- Agriculture & Industrial Heritage (2008)
- Grand Lake Dog Park (2008)
- Grand Lake Symphony (2008)
- ASAP (2010)
- Grand Lake St. Marys Improvement (2010)
- House of Hope (2014)
- Holiday Lights (2014)

"This scholarship will help alleviate much of my financial burden of college. Thank you for this Paul Lefeld Scholarship and for helping with furthering my education."

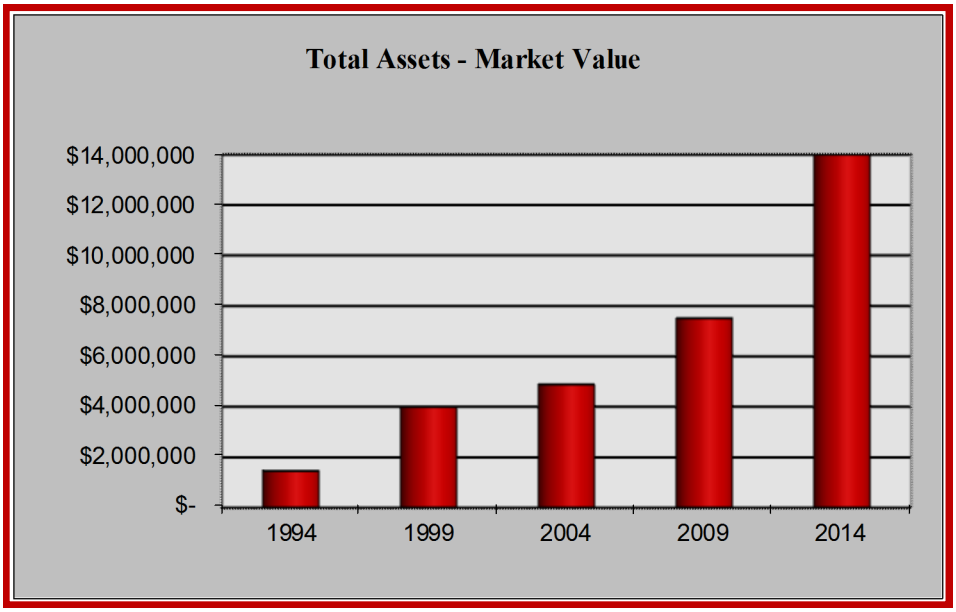
- Andrew Albers, recipient, Paul Lefeld Agricultural Scholarship, Minster High School

Annual Luncheon

In April, 2014, at our **Annual Luncheon**, guest speaker, **Todd Reigelsperger,** was introduced by his employer and fund-holder, V.J. Westerheide. Todd gave an inspiring account of his life which included his teenage goals, dreams, activities and desires. Unfortunately, a tragic accident his senior year of high school left him paralyzed. He shared his fresh outlook and purpose in life and his incredible resilience in overcoming hardships and physical obstacles as a result of this life-changing experience. What an inspiration he is to all.

This luncheon allows us to share our progress as well as our appreciation for the **Friends** and **Fund Holders** who not only support us financially, but also make us known to others.

THANK YOU, friends and fund holders—your continued support is invaluable to the foundation.



What does the Civic Foundation do?

Provides information and support for the non-profit community in Mercer County.

Offers flexible, tax advantaged giving arrangements for donors.

Encourages local giving for the improvement of the Mercer County area.

Answers questions and provides information for donors about giving opportunities. Our services include assessing the best use of your charitable dollars, as well as handling all administrative details of the gift fund.

For more information, ask for our **Donor Information Folder** - It's free!

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"Thank you for honoring me as a recipient for the Chris Reichart Scholarship. It is great to see that my hard work ethic and determination have paid off and I was well-respected by my peers and coaches as well."

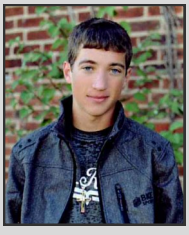
- Kourtney Fark, recipient, Chris Reichert Memorial Scholarship, Celina High School

Balance Sheet

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash in Checking	$269,061.29	$172,495.97
Invested Funds - Market Value	13,841,323.58	11,445,850.24
Scholarship Loans Receivable	196,291.42	195,842.30
Land	20,000.00	20,000.00
Building & Fixtures	180,000.00	180,000.00
Accumulated Depreciation	(36,923.04)	(32,307.66)
Total Assets	$14,469,753.25	$11,981,880.85
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Fund Balance	$14,469,753.25	$11,981,880.85
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	$14,469,753.25	$11,981,880.85

Income Statement

	2014	2013
INCOME		
Gifts	$2,473,589.43	$1,715,179.84
Income from Invested Funds	368,348.73	321,326.83
Realized Gain (Loss)	232,315.66	146,408.95
Total Income	$3,074,253.82	$2,182,915.62
EXPENSES		
Grant Disbursements	$917,444.86	$590,148.33
Investment Management Fees	34,412.31	28,574.04
Operating Expenses	81,648.39	78,771.80
Total Expenses	1,033,505.56	$697,494.17
Increase (Decrease) in Market Value - Trust Assets	$447,124.14	$1,183,446.43
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure	2,487,872.40	2,668,867.88
Beginning Equity Jan. 1	11,981,880.85	9,313,012.97
Ending Equity Dec. 31	$14,469,753.25	$11,981,880.85



"Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It sounds like Mr. and Mrs. Houts were hard workers. I will honor their gift by working hard in college and later giving back to the community of Mercer County. Thank you for your financial help."

- Joe Gonzalez, recipient, John & Ruth Houts Scholarship, Ft. Recovery High School

Truly a Year of Giving . . . *The Mercer County Civic Foundation was blessed in 2014 by your generosity; annual donations near $ 2.5 million certainly speak volumes about YOU.*

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"This is a brand new chapter in my life. I am excited and terrified at the same time. Money was one of the things I was most concerned about. So thank you so much for the scholarship. It means the world to me."

- Sasha Jenkins, recipient, Chris Reichert Memorial Scholarship, Celina High School

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Local artists and the Lake Area Arts Group's ad hoc committee of the Knapke Art Fund, promote the arts at Java Nation event.

"I want to give a sincere thank you to all the donors of the MCCF. It could not be possible to assist so many young people without the humble generosity of all the donors. I am proud to have grown up in this area with respectful morals and strong roots."

- Matthew Bertke, recipient, Zahn Memorial Scholarship, Marion Local High School

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