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The **Mercer Health Care Fund** originated in 1979, working diligently to bring medical facilities to Celina. Their success is evident, as the medical building on Pro Drive serves our community well and is associated with multiple health care facilities. In 2006, the MHC funds were combined with our Civic Foundation, and together, we support medical and non-medical grant requests yearly. Since 2011, their fund has made disbursements of over \$800,000 to medical related requests.



Mercer Health Care Fund (MHCF)
Board Members, Rick Ramsey
and John Irmischer



Mammograms can be exciting! Joint Township Hospital Staff shares enthusiasm about their new 3D Mammography Unit with Tomosynthesis. Funds for this grant were supplied by the **Mercer Health Care Fund** and the **Mercer County Civic Foundation**. Pictured left to right: Marilyn Lammers, Mammography Technician; Lana Hinders, Director of Emergency & Ambulatory Care Services; Lisa Roettger, Mammography Technician; Dr. Ravipati, Radiologist; and Denise Pugh, Medical Imaging Manager.

Words of Encouragement from
Foundation Friends:

"Every year we
seem to get
"re-energized"
by the Mercer
County Civic
Foundation when
we attend the
spring luncheon.

Thank you!

Kip & Mary
Wright "

2018 Grants totaling \$92,050 Awarded To:

Our Foundation addresses the most pressing needs through the Unrestricted Grants process. Together with the Mercer Health Care Funds, we continue improving our special corner of the world. Receiving grants are:

- A Park 4 All Abilities
- American Red Cross—West Central
- Arts Place
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Cancer Association of Mercer County
- Cheryl Ann Group
- Choosing Life pregnancy
- Council on Aging
- Foundations Behavioral Health Services
- Girl Scouts of Western Ohio
- JTD Hospital Foundation
- MED Foundations
- Mercer County EMS
- O.U.R. Home Family Resources
- Private Duty Services—Adult Day Care
- St. Anthony Dinner Theater

2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS ARE SHOWN BELOW:





The grant for the West Central Ohio Chapter of the **American Red Cross** assists in replacing the blood-services van which is vital to Mercer, Allen, Auglaize and Van Wert Counties. "Nothing replaces human blood except human blood," said Red Cross officer, Jeff Redfield, who accepted this grant check in November. Just like those who donate blood, we donated to provide help and hope to those in need by supporting the vehicle purchase .



Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization coordinates Lunch Clubs and After School Buddies Programs & Mentoring in our county schools. Developing positive relationships with children, volunteers, families, and the community proves successful, with over 300 matches this year.





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Local kids even got involved in creating bowls to be used at the spring meal sponsored by Our Home (at left) in hopes of bringing community awareness to local hunger needs.

Our Home Family Resource Center's grant assists in empowering people to grow from crisis to hope. At right is marketing/development director, Deb Simon Heinfeld, coordinating their "Empty Bowls" inaugural event.

