



FALL 2024

## GRANT EDITION

MERCER COUNTY CIVIC FOUNDATION

*I cannot thank you enough for your GENEROUS grant that will allow my students to attend the state conference! What a game changer for them! Moments like this will shape their education and their passion for teaching and making stellar classrooms someday. You're causing a true ripple effect for years to come through the work of these future educators. From my heart - thank you for making this possible.*

*Mindy Fulks*

*Wright State  
University*

### GRANT SEASON A SUCCESS

With help from our generous donors, we were able to grant \$408,100 to support the many organizations and programs that enrich Mercer County. From better health to education to preserving history, grantees are actively creating opportunities and solving problems that are unique to Mercer County. We are honored to help provide the financial resources to make it happen.

### GRANT AWARDS

Alzheimer's Association  
American Red Cross  
Art's Place  
Cancer Association of Mercer County  
Carthagen Park  
Celina City Schools  
Choosing Life Pregnancy Center  
Council on Aging  
Family Care Options, Inc.  
Ft. Recovery Area Arts Council  
Ft. Recovery Schools  
Foundations Behavioral Health Services  
Grand Lake Area Literature Festival  
Grand Lake Soundwaves  
Hospice of Darke County  
House of Hope  
JTD Hospital Foundation  
Lake Area Arts Group

Lima Symphony Orchestra  
M.A.V. Youth Mentoring  
Marion Local Athletic Boosters  
MED Foundation  
Mercer County EMS  
Mercer County Fairgrounds  
Mercer County Historical Society  
Mercer Residential Services, Inc.  
OUR Home Family Resources  
Parkway Local Schools  
Private Duty Services  
Ronald McDonald House—Dayton  
St. Marys Art Center  
Tri Star Education Class  
Van Wert Performing Arts Fund  
Venturelinx  
WSULC—School of Education

## LAKE AREA ARTS GROUP

The Lake Area Arts Group (LAAG) is expanding their presence. Left: A local artist enjoys a plein air opportunity to showcase her talents, and right: Two ladies take advantage of one of the many classes open to the public. This one featured no-needle knitting.



## ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE & RELATED DISORDERS



These volunteers for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association smile for the camera knowing their hard work will someday lead to a cure. The Association has increased their presence in the country through education and support.

*Because of your generosity we will be able to achieve our mission—enriching lives through literature. We will inspire children and adults with activities related to reading and writing. Most importantly, we are able to offer a unique event in our area. Thank You!*

*Chris Noble*

*Grand Lake Area Literature Festival*



Check us out on Facebook for even more grant recipients.



## CANCER ASSOCIATION OF MERCER COUNTY

Each year, Dave Penno and his family donate proceeds from their Corn Maze and Petting Zoo to the Cancer Association of Mercer County. The Mercer Health Fund, through MCCF, proudly supports this organization with grant dollars, as well.



## VENTURELINX



Venturelinx opens a world of opportunities for people with disabilities seeking employment. Below several students pose in their recycling facility. For a small fee, community members can drop off their items for recycling. Students learn important skills while helping to save the planet.

*On behalf of the entire team at Grand Lake Rehab and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous gift and belief in our mission. Your support is crucial in helping the children of our community receive the care and rehabilitation they need to thrive. Your kindness and commitment to the health and future of our community's children is truly inspiring. Thank you for being a vital part of our community's journey toward better health and brighter futures.*

Julie Jacobs

JTD Hospital  
Foundation



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**FT. RECOVERY AREA ARTS COUNCIL**

Representatives from the Fort Recovery Area Art Council share a smile with board member, Dave Kaiser. Grant dollars will be used for the Morvilius Opera House restoration project. When the space is completely restored it will provide a unique gathering space.



**LIMA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Liz Muether, director of the Mercer County District Library, and MCCF Board president hands a grant check to Joyce Tracy, director of development, Lima symphony Orchestra. These dollars support the Orchestra's popular Symphony Story Time and Candlelight Symphony programs in Mercer County.