



WINTER 2026

GRANT EDITION

MERCER COUNTY CIVIC FOUNDATION

As a small community hospital, we rely on donors like you. Your investment in the future of healthcare is not only a testament to your caring nature but also a significant step towards enhancing the quality of care we provide to our community.

Your generosity will have a lasting impact on the lives of many, and we are honored to have you as partner in this important endeavor.

Julie Jacobs

**Joint Township
Hospital
Foundation**

GRANT SEASON A SUCCESS

The 2025 grant season showcased a variety of worthy organizations whose projects and programs make a significant impact on Mercer County residents. From providing food resources to the needy to delivering state-of-the-art healthcare to uplifting others through art and music, this year's grant recipients are making a positive difference throughout our county. The Mercer County Civic Foundation, with the assistance of several donor advised fundholders, were pleased to assist with financial support to the following:

GRANT AWARDS

Alzheimer's Association	Grand Lake Soundwaves
American Red Cross	Hospice of Darke County
Art's Place	House of Hope
CALL—Community Action Life Line	JTD Hospital Foundation
Cancer Association of Mercer County	Lake Area Arts Group
Celina City Schools	Lima Symphony Orchestra
Choosing Life Pregnancy Center	M.A.V. Youth Mentoring
City of Celina	Marion Township Park
Council on Aging	MED Foundation
Dolly Parton Imagination Library	Mercer Residential Services, Inc.
Family Care Options, Inc.	Private Duty Services
Ft. Recovery Area Arts Council	Sawyer Overman Memorial
Ft. Recovery Schools	UVMC Foundation
Foundations Behavioral Health Services	Van Wert Performing Arts Fund
Grand Lake Area Literature Festival	WSULC—School of Education

Check out our website at mercercountycivicfdn.org

MAV YOUTH MENTORING



MAV provides one-on-one mentoring relationships to youth through their Community-Based, After School Buddies, Lunch Club, and Supper Club programs. The After School Buddies program meets at school once per week for about 1.5 hours of homework assistance, snacks, physical/education activities, and important social time. Each week they focus on a STEM activity, teamwork activity, attitude activity, and relationship building activity. Above: Participating students at Celina Elementary School put together homeless kits for C.A.L.L. Food Pantry.

EVERHEART HOSPICE

Everheart Hospice's board-certified music therapists, Amy Pearson and Jeralayne Ruiz, hold heartbeat bears which are provided at no cost to patients and their families. These two staff members help record patients' heartbeats or special voice messages and then place the recordable in each bear that is then given to loved ones.



I want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous grant that has enabled us to replace the roof on our building. Your support continues to make a significant impact on our ability to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for the individuals in our mental health housing program.

Thank you again for your support in our mission.

Janelle Werhman

Mercer Residential Services, Inc.

MEDICAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT FDN

The Mercer Health emergency department staff pose with their new Belmont Rapid Infuser, which was paid for by MCCF and Mercer Health Fund grant dollars. The Rapid Infuser enables medical staff to quickly transfuse large amounts of life-sustaining blood products, whole blood, and fluids during critical life-saving situations.



Thank you so much for your generous grant. Our mission is to enrich lives through literature and this grant will help us bring quality authors, books, and workshops to our rural area for readers of all ages.

We are specifically excited to be offering our local schools the opportunity of an author visit so that the love of reading, writing and illustrating can become even more exciting as our area students see a book come to life through these visiting authors.

Jill R. Harris,
Executive Dir.

**Grand Lake Area
Literature
Festival**

SAWYER OVERMAN MEMORIAL



Board member, Evin Bachelor presents Abby Timmerman a check in support of the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park. The Sawyer Overman Memorial was created 4 years ago, after Sawyer gained his angel wings at the young age of 4. The park is being built in his honor. It will feature a 12-obstacle ninja course enhanced with additional play equipment, inclusive features, and a picnic area.



Check us out on Facebook for even more grant recipients.



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WSULC—School of Education



Under the watchful eyes of WSU-Lake Campus college students working toward their teaching degrees, these children participated in a series of STEM activities offered during the Mercer County Fair. Activities included building toothpick and Play-Doh towers, crafting parachutes out of pipe cleaners, dixie cups and coffee filters, and building a barn with a limited number of Legos. College students are able to translate this experience into classrooms, and the children learned that science and math are fun!