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### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION POSITIVELY IMPACTS LIVES** **TOTAL \$5.3MILLION GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1997**

This past year was one of the most successful in the history of the Community Foundation of Delaware County. More than \$1.2 million was donated to charitable funds at the Foundation.

Although Delaware County is often seen as one of the best, healthiest and most livable county in our state and country, there continues to be needs throughout the community. Some of these needs are funded through grants from charitable funds.

Thousands of lives will be touched as a result of nearly half million dollars awarded in grants and scholarships from the Community Foundation of Delaware County in 2011.

The number of people impacted by cancer either personally, as a relative, or friend is seemingly endless. One of the Community Foundation's new grantees, the **Cancer Support Community**, will use its first-time grant to create an awareness, prevention and support program for men, their families and friends. Called "Shoulder To Shoulder", it will be a network for men in Delaware County through nutrition, exercise and healthy lifestyle programs. The program will include working with the Center's Wellness Chef on healthy food and recipes, an exercise specialist, medical experts and involvement from cancer survivors.

**Heritage Day Health Center's** grant will provide days of care for elderly in the day program at Willow Brook in Delaware. The results of the daily actives positively impact the participants as well as their families and caregivers.

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The **Literacy Coalition of Delaware County** will continue its joint effort with the Williams Street United Methodist Church and Delaware's Willis Intermediate School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. "Each year, they demonstrate their work improves and helps maintain students' educational gains through their after school homework help program," says Marlene Casini, President of the Community Foundation of Delaware County.

The **Delaware Speech and Hearing Center** will use their grant from the Community Foundation for a summer 2012 literacy group for children ages 5 through 7.

The program will take place at Woodward Elementary School in Delaware and is open to students throughout the county.

The **Central Ohio Symphony** funding will support educational programs and partnerships leading up to their March 2012 performance. The spring concert will feature a U.S. premier, Ohio premiere and expand the "Ohio Composers Project." Activities will include writing workshops, an exhibit by world-recognized astronomer and photographer Jose Francisco Salgado, and appearances by NASA Scientists in the Schools Program. The Symphony attracts audiences from throughout Delaware County and the surrounding counties.

**Andrews House** will provide free nutritious and complete dinner meals for those in need on the second Friday of every month. The Second Friday program combats "food hardship" for those affected by the economy.

**People in Need** helps individuals and families in crisis. With their grant, People in Need will help children and adults of Delaware County who are uninsured or underinsured obtain eye exams and prescription eye glasses.

Nonprofit organizations receiving grants in 2011:

- **Alpha Group**
- **Andrew's House**
- **Cancer Support Community**
- **Canine Companions**
- **Central Ohio Symphony**
- **Chamber Music Connection**
- **Delaware City Schools**
- **Delaware County Speech and Hearing**
- **Delaware County Cultural Arts/Arts Castle**
- **Family Promise of Delaware County**
- **Friends for Life Fund of the Delaware General Health District**
- **Genoa Township Parks Improvement**

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- **HelpLine of Delaware and Morrow Counties**
- **Law Enforcement Foundation**
- **Liberty Community Children’s Center**
- **Ohio Wildlife Center**
- **People In Need**
- **Safe Harbor Peer Support**
- **Stratford Ecological Center**

In addition to grants to nonprofit organizations, 115 scholarships were awarded to graduates of the Delaware County school systems for more than \$190,000. Students are attending 38 colleges and universities in and outside of Ohio. The Community Foundation has 15 scholarship funds.

Since the Foundation first started awarding grants in 1997, more than \$5.3 million has been given to the community.

“We are extremely grateful for those members of the community who choose to give back through the Community Foundation of Delaware County, says Casini. “For those who are no longer with us, we continue to carry out their charitable legacy.”

A complete list of grantees can be found at [www.delawarecf.org](http://www.delawarecf.org) and are highlighted on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Community-Foundation-of-Delaware-County-OH>.

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