

MARIE'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Four-year Miami County Foundation scholarship recipient, Marie Ewing, shared her educational journey with us:

How has scholarship and community support helped you become closer to achieving your goals?

The assistance Miami County Foundation has consistently provided me is allowing me the opportunity to pursue my ambition of starting my own pediatric occupational therapy clinic. MCF supported my educational goals with \$15,400 in educational awards the last four years, beginning with when I earned the Marjorie Lyons Netzley Scholarship (renewable) at high school graduation and the Thelma Ross Dalton Memorial Scholarship (annually).

What are some words of advice that you can share with local students who are pursuing post-secondary education?

My advice to students pursuing post-secondary education is to job shadow possible careers and majors before starting college. I recommend beginning this process early in high school to simply have the time to rule out areas of interest that may not be a fit. For example, during the first couple years of high school, I expressed interest in a variety of fields based on my perception of what those jobs entailed. Therefore, I chose to job shadow veterinarians, physicians, nurses, dentists and orthodontists, and only later, physical therapists, speech therapists and occupational therapists. It was fall semester of my senior year before I was certain that occupational therapy was the career best suited for me. I viewed this process as progress. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions to each professional that you observe as you try to visualize yourself in that field of work. School breaks are an excellent time for high school students to schedule consistent job shadowing. At the end of the day, the goal is to be passionate about your career; therefore, spending time initially to figure this out is worth its weight in gold! Also, APPLY for scholarships! It is time well spent. The more you apply, the more you will receive. Through discipline and hard work, it is very possible to get 100% of your degree paid for through scholarships if you are willing to invest the time and energy that it takes.

How do you hope to make a difference in your community, and what do you hope your future holds?

On my desk I framed the following quote: "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." For me, that is a power-packed statement and one that I yearn to attain. My undergraduate and graduate experiences have certainly



THE EWING FAMILY

encouraged self-discovery, personal growth and preparation for the field of occupational therapy. It's been said that OT creates confidence and autonomy for people to live where they are with what they have. Currently, I am developing a special needs ministry at a local church. I plan to expand this knowledge into another church during the winter months, while also working within an inpatient rehabilitation setting and pediatric outpatient setting.

As I study for my state board exam in August, I am looking forward to ultimately improving people's lives through innovation, education and research. I desire to have a career not only for an income, but also to make an impact. I'm excited to begin the next stage of my career journey working with children with special needs. I'll be getting married in the fall and moving to Indiana where my fiancé's career is currently established. We plan to pay off student loans before starting my own business, hopefully near my hometown of Troy, Ohio. I have an earnest desire to honor God in all that I do, as I pray for His direction with my new career. This has been a year full of joyful endings and anticipated beginnings.

Anything else you'd like to share?

When I think of Miami County Foundation, two words come to mind: Amazing Generosity. The consistent generosity of MCF has truly made a difference in my life. I am more grateful than words can express, and now that I have nearly reached my academic goals, I hope that the knowledge gained from my experiences will eventually be passed onto the next generation. Applying and receiving annual scholarships from MCF meant that I was one step closer to the career that I dream of. I promise to not only make wise use of these funds, but to ultimately pay it forward.

The donors made a HUGE difference in my life by allowing me to reduce work shifts to free up study time so I can focus on my education and future career, rather than repaying student debt. I am extremely grateful for the donors and Miami County Foundation, as these scholarship opportunities have been a huge blessing to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, MCF!

Marie's educational journey has included: Miami East High School/Edison State Community College, '17, Cedarville University, '19, Huntington University, '22.

"Thank you, Miami County Foundation, for the contributions you've made to both of our children's educations. MCF has minimized their overall college debt, which will in turn have a lasting effect. We truly appreciate you!" – Roger, Marie's dad

"I'm thankful that MCF encouraged both of our now-adult children valuable life skills, such as how to highlight their achievements, work ethic and experiences. More importantly, MCF has taught them the value of giving back. These scholarships ended up being about more than money – they offered encouragement, purpose and drive. It takes a village to raise our children, and I thank you MCF, for empowering our kids' academic and career goals." – Jeanette, Marie's mom

"I have immensely appreciated the contributions MCF has made toward my future. The scholarships that I received allowed me to succeed in my dream of becoming an engineer at Honda Research and Development. Those generous scholarships saved me and my family thousands of dollars in college expenses, which saved me years of college debt! I cannot thank Miami County Foundation enough." – Josh (age 26), Marie's brother

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CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP



CHRISTY BUTERA

As president of the board, it is an honor to have a humble role in the great impact that the foundation has on organizations, schools and people throughout Miami County. The work we provide and the partnerships we share in our neighboring cities enables hundreds of organizations in the area to offer support and services to others.

This past spring, I was fortunate to be a part of our successful and impressively attended grant celebration at Miami County Park District's new Heritage Hall at Lost Creek Reserve. More than 140 guests joined for the venue's first event, and we distributed \$290,000 to 84 grant recipients. I am proud that dozens of area students received 50 scholarship awards through the foundation this May as well.



SHANE CARTER

Our board of directors, comprised of colleagues and now friends, fondly said farewell to founding member Joanna Hill Heitzman who was posthumously named Director Emerita upon her passing in August 2021. Long-time member, Bradley Vath, concluded his board term with our sincere appreciation. We are excited to welcome new board members representing our local communities to strengthen our outreach and continue the good work of the foundation throughout the county. Most recently, we've welcomed the leadership, skill sets and charitable nature of new board members Erin Johnston, Shane Carter and Christy Butera.

The selfless work that I have been fortunate to witness as a board member and president of the foundation is remarkable. I look forward to our ongoing relationship with the people of Miami County, continuing to embody our motto of "People Helping People."

Michael Moore, PhD
President, MCF Board of Directors



ERIN JOHNSTON

YOUR GIFT MATTERS

Enclosed is my/our gift supporting the mission of Miami County Foundation!

- \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

Please mark my gift as "anonymous."

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2022 SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS

Miami County Foundation has exceeded \$9 million in grants awarded to local non-profits, municipalities and schools, thanks to the original investment of founder Richard Hunt and the hundreds of donors who have generously supported the foundation's outreach since. In May 2022, MCF awarded 84 grants to these groups who are comprised of "People Helping People!"

American Red Cross - Miami Valley Chapter
Bethany Center
Bethel Local Schools
Bradford Exempted Village Schools
Bradford Public Library
Community Grace Brethren Church
Covington Exempted Village Schools
Covington Fire & Rescue
Dreambuilders Group, Inc. - Clubhouse
Friends of Mainstreet Piqua, Inc.
Ginghamsburg Preschool & Daycare
Girls on the Run of Dayton
Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley
Johnston Farm & Indian Agency
Joint Fire District Pleasant Hill-Newton Township
Lehman High School
Miami County 4-H Clubs Camp
Miami County Educational Service Center
Miami County Local Food Council
Miami County Park District
Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau
Miami East Local Schools
Miami Soil & Water Conservation District
Miami Valley Veterans Museum
Milton-Union Bulldog Bags
Milton-Union Schools
Newton Early Learning Program
Ohio State University Extension
Overfield Tavern Museum
Piqua Area Chamber Foundation
Piqua Braves Baseball
Piqua City Schools
Piqua Fire Department
Richard's Chapel United Methodist Church
SafeHaven Inc.
St. John's United Church of Christ
T.L. Baseball Boosters, Inc.
The Barn Ministry-The Barn Youth Center
The Edison Foundation (Edison State Community College)
The Light Foundation
Tipp City Exempted Village Schools
Tipp City Public Library
Troy Christian Early Childhood Education Center
Troy Community FM Power 107.1 WTJN
Troy Football Parents Association
Troy Recreation Association, Inc.
Troy Senior Citizens Center
Union Township Life Squad
Upper Valley Career Center
Upper Valley Medical Center Foundation
Village of Covington, Ohio
We Love Birthday Parties
Wilderness Inquiry, Inc.

Ongoing Humanitarian grants are awarded to non-profit organizations in order to serve the basic human needs of medical, transportation, food and shelter/utilities.

Bethany Center
Covington Outreach Association
Family Abuse Shelter
FISH Union Township
GIVE (The New Path, Inc.)
Health Partners Free Clinic
Miami County Dental Clinic
New Creation Counseling Center

Partners in Hope
St. Patrick Soup Kitchen
The New Path, Inc.
The Salvation Army - Piqua
Troy Lions Charities
Miami County Continuum of Care/Rides to Work

John & Jean Dugan Family Fund:

The Family Abuse Shelter
St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen

2022 SPRING GRANT CELEBRATION

Dr. Richard Adams of Miami County Foundation presented Troy Senior Citizens Center (TSCC) with a grant award. TSCC was represented by members of the center and their new director, Ashley Herrington, who successfully wrote her first grant request. The 2022 Spring Grant Celebration was held Miami County Park District's Heritage Hall, a new venue at Lost Creek Reserve. They were also recipients of a 2022 spring grant to support the new venue. Scott Myers, executive director, and staff were present to accept their grant.



For more info on how to apply for an upcoming grant for your non-profit organization, municipality, or school, visit:

miamicountyfoundation.org/grants



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mikel Brown

I was recruited for the Thelma Ross Dalton Scholarship review committee of the Miami County Foundation by my friend Donna Favorite who served on the board, and I have volunteered for the past 10 years. Miami County has always been my home and the rural areas have been my prime interest. I live on the family farm in Washington Township where I grew up and serve as the fiscal officer for the township. I have two adult sons and five grandchildren. Following graduation from Wittenberg University, I spent several years teaching at Troy High School and later in the adult division at the now-Upper Valley Career Center. For the past 30 years I've worked in a local law office.

Serving on the Dalton review committee, I enjoy reading about teenagers' ideas and aspirations. When getting to review their scholarship applications, I am always amazed by the activities and accomplishments as well as the challenges that some face.

Thank you for your service, Mikel!



MILTON-UNION BULLDOG BAGS



When the Milton-Union Bulldog Bags program began in 2016 it served 30 kindergarteners who received weekend food every Friday. Today, the program serves 208 children from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. In addition to Miami County Foundation's grant, support comes from community members, local businesses, teachers at the school, alumni from all over the United States, churches and groups in the surrounding area. Community volunteers help prepare the food each Thursday, and children from the school help package and deliver the bags each week. School supplies and dental kits are also included. Volunteers put notes of encouragement in the bags as well. Each bag contains about a dozen items and the students love getting them. Miami County Foundation's grant provided us with funds to supply 30 of these students' bags each Friday throughout the school year.

"God has opened some amazing doors for this program. I love it because we are not only helping the kids, but we have also gotten the community involved. We receive a lot of feedback about how Bulldog Bags have helped families, and especially now with prices of all products rising. Miami County Foundation's grant has truly made sure that we have a good start with supplies and budget."

— Becky Garrett, founder of Milton-Union Bulldog Bags

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

A dozen students from Newton High School received scholarship awards from MCF at a May award presentation. Special guest, Diana (Deeter) Williams, traveled in from Wichita, Kansas to present the Don Deeter, MD Memorial Scholarship award in memory of her father. And loyal donors, Jim and Amy King, who made the J.A.K. Trade Scholarship possible for a Newton graduating senior to receive support for his/her vocational/trade school pursuits, also attended.



Doris High Scholarship recipients with Natalie Rohlf, executive director



Mrs. Williams presents Deeter Scholarship recipient

I am beyond thankful to have the honor of writing this note. Your organization has blessed me with an overwhelming total of \$8,000 through the Thelma Ross Dalton Memorial + Leland + Shirley Mott scholarships. I am honored to have been chosen as a recipient of such a gift. With your help, I am now officially able to pursue dreams I've been chasing since second grade. My family and I have been moved to tears on various occasions when we think about what you've awarded to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Miami County Foundation helps make dreams come true. God bless all of you. -Mackenzie Misirian
Troy Christian High School 2022

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Fifty scholarships were awarded this spring totaling \$138,000 to Miami and Darke County students to offset tuition expenses for their post-high school training, trade school and higher education. There were 291 applications submitted to the 12 endowed scholarships at Miami County Foundation. *Thank you to the community volunteers who thoroughly reviewed students' applications!*

Thelma Ross Dalton Memorial Scholarship

Kylie Balkcom
Hannah Beidelman
Natalie Fogt
Sophia Fong
Lauren Fonner
Allison Frederick
Paul Hinds
Morgan Kaiser
Nathaniel Kephart
Ella Kirkpatrick
Trey Kreitzer
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Mary Lins
Madailein Logan
Timothy Malott
Cade Michael
Mackenzie Misirian
William Schaefer
Clinton Shellenberger
Gretchen Stevens
Olivia Stringer
Kylie Thompson

Don Favorite Deeter, M.D. Memorial Scholarship

(Newton High School)
Ashley Evans

Miami County Agricultural Leadership

Eric Trittschuh
Clinton Shellenberger
Hailey Whitacre

Miami County Medical Society Scholarship

Alexander Prouty

Newton Board of Education/American Legion Scholarship

Hannah Beidelman
McKenna Downing
Clinton Shellenberger

J.A.K. Trade Scholarship

(Newton High School)
Clark Yoder

Leland & Shirley Mott Memorial Scholarship

Mackenzie Misirian

Marjorie Lyons Netzley Scholarship

Morgan Kaiser
Kaylee Braun

Robert E. Netzley Scholarship

Colleen O'Leary
Laura Wuebker

Richard & Doris High Scholarship

(Newton High School)

Lydia "Sage" Coker
Robert Ingle
Laci Miller
Clinton Shellenberger
Deanna Bucholtz

Dorothy Bleil Richi Scholarship

Jackson Meyer

Troy High School Band Scholarship

Shogo Nakayama