

# OUR VOLUNTEERS *rock!*

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and the Foundation was pleased to express our overwhelming gratitude to the 118 volunteers who share their expertise, energy and time with the Foundation to make all of the work we do possible. Volunteers serve on a variety of committees ranging from Grant and Scholarship Review to Real Estate and Investment. On April 26th, volunteers, staff and friends gathered at Homestead Beer Co. in Heath to celebrate our outstanding volunteers.



Mareion Royster, Emily Cook and Jessica Royster stopped by after leaving their offices at Park National Bank. Mareion serves on our Grant Review Committee, and Emily serves on Scholarship Review Committee.



Jennifer Roberts, Administrative Director of the T.J. Evans Foundation and Newark Campus Development Fund with LCF board member David Trautman, President & CEO of Park National Bank and Janet Schultz, A Call To College's Director of College Prep & Success. Jennifer serves on our Education Grant Review Committee, and Janet is a member of the Scholarship Review Committee.



Connie Hawk with Doug Helman and Janet Procida. Doug, Executive Director of Kendal of Granville, serves on our Scholarship Review Committee. Janet, an architect with Procida Design, serves on our Scholarship Review Committee and is a member of Team Sullivan.

**\$160,000** IN TRAVEL GRANTS  
*awarded to 83 area educators since 1999.*

*In 2015, Ashley Dugan received a travel grant to journey to Egypt, Jordan and Israel to enrich her 6th grade social studies and language arts curriculum at Granville Intermediate School.*

"I am so excited to share with my students everything I saw, heard and touched! It was an amazing experience with several tours of ancient sites and ruins." – ASHLEY DUGAN

Granted from the Tibbie Leslie Fund



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# News



**\$5,000 TO MID-OHIO FOODBANK**

*to support fresh produce acquisition for the expansion of the Food Pantry Network of Licking County's Produce Market program.*

"Your support will provide an additional 25,000 additional pounds of produce to those who are struggling with hunger in Licking County. To the individuals we serve in partnership with the Food Pantry Network, these fruits and vegetables mean a meal and so much more." – MATT HABASH, PRESIDENT & CEO, MID-OHIO FOODBANK

Granted from the Unrestricted Fund

**\$1,665,211**

IN APPROVED GRANTS

*awarded to  
89 non-profits  
so far in 2016*

**\$13,000 TO LICKING COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY**  
*to support a full-time Volunteer Coordinator position which would be responsible for training, feedback, acknowledgement and support of the organization's 1,000+ volunteers.*

Granted from the Unrestricted Fund

Susanne Reeb joined the LCHS staff in February. She and her husband fell in love with, and adopted Cash in April.



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# News

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## 60 Years of Philanthropic Leadership



**F**arsighted civic leader Everett D. Reese had a vision of ensuring that the quality of life in Licking County would continually improve. To do this, he initiated the effort to establish a public community foundation for Licking County. Mr. Reese was a rare individual whose life and achievements were based on his belief in helping others. On November 21, 1956, the Licking County Foundation's declaration of trust was drafted and filed by J. Gilbert Reese, Mr. Reese's son. The original Governing Committee members included Everett D. Reese, Harold L. Ballinger, Francis P. Kennedy, Robert H. Flory, Games Slayter and Howard LeFevre.

Since that time, the Licking County Foundation has grown to \$82.2 million in assets through generations of gifts made by caring donors; and has changed the lives of countless people through \$44.4 million in grants and scholarships to dedicated nonprofits and deserving students. Over the last 60 years, Licking County's continuous generosity has ensured that Everett D. Reese's philanthropic legacy of advancing our community will continue far into the future.

Everett D. Reese, left;  
J. Gilbert Reese, right.



**\$44,000,000**

IN GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS  
*awarded since 1956*



# 322 TEACHERS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

*and \$100,000 in grants to support their classrooms since 1966.*

LEADERS FOR LEARNING AWARD PRESENTED TO AMY OBHOF

*Amy was among 14 teachers recognized this year.*

Amy is an excellent teacher who builds great relationships with her students. As a part of the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program, she strives to help create a safe, respectful and welcoming school atmosphere and encourage positive student behavior.

Granted from Lindorf-Warner Memorial Fund



## THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER HAS BEEN extended for good!

On Dec. 18, 2015, legislation was passed making the charitable IRA rollover permanent. People aged 70½ and older have a special tax-free opportunity to make a meaningful charitable gift annually.

If you are at least 70½, the law allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 of your IRA assets directly to a qualified public charity such as the Licking County Foundation. Since the assets you transfer will not be recognized as income, they will not trigger federal income taxes today or estate tax in the future. If you are married, you and your spouse can each transfer up to \$100,000 per year.

Unlike a one-time gift to an individual charity, your tax-free charitable IRA rollover to the Licking County Foundation can leave a lasting legacy in the community. You can use your gift to add to an existing charitable fund—or start a new fund which can support your favorite causes and charities or college-bound students, forever in your name. At LCF, you have several charitable options for a charitable IRA rollover, including:

- Designated funds to support one or more nonprofit organizations of your choice
- Field-of-interest funds to support a particular area of your interest within Licking County, such as the arts, education, or the environment
- Scholarship funds to invest in the academic endeavors of students at your alma mater or in a chosen field, school or geographic area
- Unrestricted funds to meet our community's most critical, unmet and ever-changing needs

### PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

- Only IRA withdrawals qualify for IRA charitable rollover treatment. They cannot come from any other type of retirement plan, nor do they qualify for any additional charitable deduction.
- Charitable IRA rollovers cannot be made to donor advised funds, charitable gift annuities, or charitable remainder trusts, nor do they apply to private foundations and supporting organizations.
- Transfers must be made directly from IRA administrators to qualified public charities, such as the LCF. Checks must be made directly to the Licking County Foundation to qualify as a rollover.
- In order to complete the gift by year-end, you must contact your IRA administrator.
- Please consult with your tax or financial advisor to assess your specific situation.

To learn more about transferring IRA assets or starting a charitable fund, please contact Connie Hawk at 740-349-3863, x105 or [connie@thelcfoundation.org](mailto:connie@thelcfoundation.org).

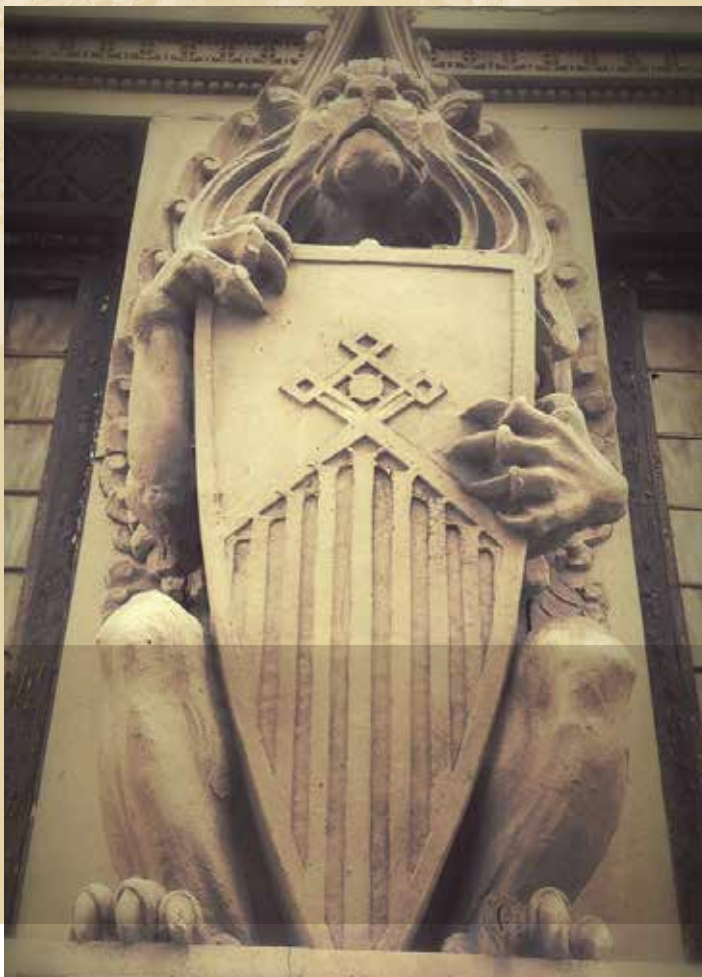
## Sullivan BUILDING RESTORATION UPDATE

### REIMAGINE & REUSE:

#### Partnering with Explore Licking County

The Licking County Foundation and Explore Licking County are pleased to announce that a partnership has been formed to reimagine the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark as a starting point for visitors and residents to experience all of the great sites and attractions that Licking County has to offer. Explore Licking County plans to relocate the visitors center and their offices currently at the Newark Earthworks in Heath to the Sullivan Building in downtown Newark after its restoration is complete (projected for late 2018).

Explore Licking County's Executive Director, Dan Moder stated, "Residing in the Sullivan Building fits and furthers Explore Licking County's core mission of helping our community and visitors find their way to a one of a kind Licking County experience. We're looking forward to telling the story of this architectural treasure and using it as a jumping off point for telling the stories of many other Licking County attractions and destinations. Ideally located on downtown Newark's Courthouse Square, the building was a prominent site in 1915 as the Home Building Association Bank and it remains so today, joining many other revitalization initiatives nearby."



Licking County Foundation Director, Connie Hawk said, "We are excited that this unique community asset will be stewarded by our area's tourism experts to bring fresh insights, new programming and another generation of people who appreciate the remarkable genius of Louis Sullivan. One of the goals for this ongoing partnership will be to develop specific tourism and outreach programs for the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark and engage other partners in these endeavors."

### RENOVATE:

#### Taking the first step

The first step in renovating the Sullivan Building will be to preserve and rehabilitate the building's historic basement spaces which will start in June 2016 and finish in October 2016. Danis Construction Company has been retained to oversee this work which will be conducted in coordination with the City of Newark's utility/streetscapes project schedule.

Louis Sullivan had an unusually small (but significant) parcel of land to work with in Newark. This coveted and compact 22' x 60' parcel was the former site of the City Drug Store and was purchased for \$26,250 by the Home Building Association Company for its new building in 1913. As a result, the basement of the Sullivan Building was designed specifically to house public areas (e.g., publicity department, safe deposit boxes, locker room, restrooms, etc.)—which makes the area historically pertinent. These basement spaces will be preserved by replacing the existing sidewalk structural deck; adding new waterproofing, insulation and drainage; and installing new steel beams and concrete slab. The rehabilitated portion of the basement will serve as an important foundational step in the building's restoration. This work will commence in June and is scheduled to be complete by Fall.

### SUPPORT:

#### Funding a new beginning for "The Old Home"

Funds are still needed to complete the planning process and the basement rehabilitation in 2016. The cost for this portion of the project is estimated to be \$636,150; \$430,750 has already been secured; and \$205,400 remains to be raised. The Licking County Foundation received a grant of \$27,250

## CONTRIBUTE

After serving the Newark community for the past 100 years, the Sullivan Building is poised for its next evolution and ready to be reimaged for the next 100 years. To sustain this project's momentum, \$205,400 in funds are needed to preserve the basement spaces, complete the Historic Structure Report and prepare the restoration plan. To make a gift: please send a check payable to the Licking County Foundation (with Sullivan Fund on the memo line) to PO Box 42121, Newark, OH 43058-4212 or visit [www.thelcfoundation.org](http://www.thelcfoundation.org) and click on "Donate Now".



to support the preparation of a Historic Structures Report from the Jeffris Family Foundation, a Wisconsin-based funder dedicated to the Midwest's cultural history and heritage through preserving regionally and nationally important historic buildings. Generous local donors, committed to the revitalization of our downtown and the continued growth of our county, have already contributed \$403,500. Gifts and pledges have been received from the Jerry McClain Companies, the LeFevre Foundation, Park National Bank, the McConnell Fund, the Lindorf-Warner Memorial Fund, the Cecil L. Mauger Trust, the Port Authority Charitable Fund, the Alford Family Fund, Mortellaro McDonald's, the Havens Family Fund, the Reese, Pyle, Drake & Meyer Community Fund, Southgate Corporation, and Denison University.

At the end of 2016, a master plan and an estimate will be in place for completing the restoration of the Louis Sullivan Building of Newark, commonly known as "The Old Home" in 1915. In 2017, a capital campaign will be launched to raise funds for transforming the building as the new home of Explore Licking County by late 2018.

## COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS... *the key to success*

### LICKING COUNTY NONPROFIT ENRICHMENT SERIES CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Helen Keller was truly correct when she affirmed, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." The Foundation and United Way of Licking County fully embraced that mantra during the past year as we collaborated on a number of impactful projects for the community. Throughout 2015, our two organizations partnered with Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations to offer the Licking County Nonprofit Enrichment Series. The series afforded Licking County nonprofits the opportunity to participate in a host of robust, low-cost trainings aimed at sharing best practices, taking a "deep dive" into key topics, and ultimately strengthening participating organizations. Here's some positive feedback from these organizations...

"The workshop was fantastic. Should be required for all new Executive Directors."

"All of it was beneficial. As Executive Director, I did not have resources for how and what our organization should be doing and be compliant with."

"I learned a lot about boards and leadership that I never knew!"

Generous support for this capacity-building workshop series was also provided by Licking Memorial Hospital (continental breakfast) and TrueCore Federal Credit Union (community room use).

### COMMUNITY BLUEPRINT PARTICIPATION

Foundation staff members were also among dozens of volunteers who worked on the United Way-led Community Blueprint survey process. A collaboration of committed individuals, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, businesses and funders worked together to assess the needs of the community and create a movement to inspire change to address our most pressing identified needs: behavioral health; children, youth and families; and poverty. For a copy of the 2016 Community Blueprint Summary Report, please contact Megan Evans at 740-349-3863, x101 or [megan@thelcfoundation.org](mailto:megan@thelcfoundation.org).

*At the United Way of Licking County's annual meeting on April 7th, the Foundation was honored to be recognized with their 2015-2016 Partner Award.*

