



The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio offers a way for donors and community partners to collaborate on causes they care about.

The Foundation is weaving stories of hope and promise for the region's future. Herein you'll find some of those stories, charitable causes and dreams. Please regard this report as our personal invitation to join the Foundation to help tell the stories of our region's success.

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This year we lost two regional leaders who were like sentinel trees in an old growth forest.

Both were towering individuals, and their influence was a vast canopy over Appalachian Ohio, transforming lives and communities. Their long history of giving and caring radiated outward and culminated in extraordinary lives and achievements.

Along with their legacies to a grateful region, they leave behind new possibilities, evident in the communities transformed, lives enriched, places celebrated and stewardship manifested by their commitments and deeds. We celebrate and honor these timeless gifts and dedicate this 2005-2006 Report to the Region to their memory.



ORA EATON ANDERSON, (October 5, 1911 – August 16, 2006) Born in Hendricks, Kentucky, Ora was a renowned local philanthropist for regional arts. He was honored as an outstanding

philanthropist in 2004 by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and numerous sponsors of the Annual Philanthropy Day Luncheon and Celebration. A strong supporter of the arts, he encouraged many local artists and students by allowing them to create works of art in the fields and woodlands of his farm. He received many honors including the Eusebia Hunkins Award for Life Time Support of the Arts in 1994, the Ohio Designer Craftsman Outstanding Achievement Award and Ohio Arts Council Governor's Award for the arts in 1999. A former board member of the Ohio Arts Council, he and his wife were instrumental in the preservation, restoration and development of The Dairy Barn in Athens.



RAYMOND W. THOMAS, (August 25, 1916 – June 23, 2006) Born and raised in Muskingum County, Ray exuded an intelligence and energy in the many roles he undertook—a cabinetmaker,

veteran, entrepreneur, community leader, artist and philanthropist. As the Founding President of the Muskingum County Community Foundation, he was dedicated to improving the quality of life of the community, ensuring that families would benefit for years to come. His artistry in wood expressed in inlaid plates and Federal-style furniture is a visible legacy of a man who produced master works only as gifts to charities for charitable auctions. Ray gave so much of himself in so many ways. Ray was an agent of change who excelled in his ability to inspire and work with others to better the community. Among his many good works, he established endowed scholarships and funds that will benefit generations to follow. Ray often said, "If you treasure your community, you create a community treasure."

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Dear Friends of FAO,

During the past six years, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio made giant strides forward on behalf of the 29 counties in Appalachian Ohio. For this, we are proud. However, the more we accomplish, the more we need to accomplish to fulfill our mission and vision for the organization. Yes, we've "come a long way." Because of the progress we have made, we clearly recognize the challenges of the future, and continue to focus on those challenges we feel are significant opportunities!

To look forward, it is necessary to look back, see where we are, then set our goals for the future. Let's do a quick review of our finest moments in 2006:

- * Confirmation of Compliance for FAO as one of the first community foundations in Ohio to meet the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations by the Council on Foundations, in recognition of our organizational and financial practices
- * Establishing the *I'm a Child of Appalachia*TM program, and announcing the first three recipients of this honor: Dr. Nancy Zimpher, President of the University of Cincinnati; Bob Evans, nationally recognized restaurateur and philanthropist; and Mike Brooks, President and CEO of Rocky Brands, Inc.
- * Awarding of \$100,000 in grants, including mini-grants to 33 recipients selected from 118 requests submitted through collaboration of FAO with the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville and the Ohio Children's Foundation

- * Active participation in the 3rd Annual "Stories of Philanthropy" event
- * Expanded visibility of FAO through billboards in the region, made possible by the generosity of Bob Kessler, promoting *I'm A Child of Appalachia*TM
- * Awarding of a \$10,000 Mardi Gras Reverse Raffle prize as a part of a successful fundraising endeavor
- * Establishing the Wayne F. White Memorial Scholarship Fund, through the generosity of Bob and Jewell Evans, with the ability to provide the first four scholarships of \$500 each. Total amount of scholarship money awarded this year reached \$15,000.
- * Expansion of the FAO Board to broaden our representation throughout the 29 Appalachian counties
- * Continuing emphasis on Fostering Access to Opportunity, while focusing on the importance of post-secondary education

Through the combined efforts and commitment of our FAO Staff and Board of Trustees, these are only a few of our accomplishments this past year. You'll find more details on these and other achievements as you read this 2005-2006 Report to the Region. To have continued success, we need the moral and financial support of the total 29-county community. We hope you will join us in this effort.

Sincerely,

Marianne B. Campbell

Board Chair

Leslie Lilly President/CEO

University of Cincinnati president Nancy Zimpher

(center) is presented with her I'm a Child of Appalachia™ poster at the event. Also pictured,

from left to right: Ohio University President Roderick McDavis; Ohio Governor Bob Taft;

Ohio University First Lady Deborah McDavis;

FAO Board Chair Marianne Campbell



Fifth Anniversary Celebration Declared a Success

FAO celebrates past, looks toward future

on September 27, 2005, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio marked its 5th anniversary in Margaret Walter Hall at Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. Those who attended were enthusiastic and enjoyed an inspiring program. Ohio University President Dr. Roderick McDavis welcomed Ohio Governor Bob Taft, who spoke at the event.

The Foundation announced the first three individuals honored as *I'm a Child of Appalachia*TM participants: Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher, first woman President of the University of Cincinnati and Gallia County native; Robert L. "Bob" Evans, nationally recognized restaurateur from Gallipolis and founder of Bob Evans Farms, Inc.; and Mike Brooks, President of Rocky Brands, Inc., based in Nelsonville, Ohio. The introductions and unveiling of the promotional posters for these three outstanding Appalachians provided a moment to long remember as a milestone for FAO.

Foundation Awarded Compliance with National Standards

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio was recognized as one of the first community foundations in Ohio found to have organizational and financial practices in accordance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. The Council on Foundations and leaders in the community

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aid community foundations in establishing legal, ethical and effective operational practices.

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National Standards in 2000 to



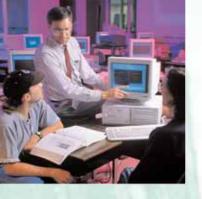
I'm a Child of Appalachia™ honoree Mike Brooks addresses the crowd after being presented with his poster

In order to achieve Confirmation of Compliance with the National Standards, community foundations must undergo an extensive review of their organizational and financial policies and procedures. The review is performed by trained, experienced community foundation practitioners and is the same for all foundations, regardless of size. Of the 700 community foundations in the United States, more than 200 community foundations have been found in compliance with the standards to date. At the time of FAO certification, only 10 other Ohio community foundations

have achieved compliance. They include The Columbus Foundation, The Greater Cincinnati

Foundation and The Cleveland Foundation.

"Adopting and adhering to high standards is the best way we can demonstrate our ongoing commitment to maintaining the trust of our donors and the entire region," said Leslie Lilly, president/CEO of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. "As we continue to grow, we are committed to maintaining the high legal, professional and ethical standards that this certification requires in order for FAO to be nationally recognized. Appalachian Ohio is deserving of no less."









The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) is a regional community foundation founded in 1998 to mobilize resources for a long-term, comprehensive approach to addressing our most pressing issues. One in eight Ohio children lives in Appalachia. One in five Appalachian Ohio children lives in poverty. Meeting genuine, present needs and shaping a better future by building philanthropic and economic resources inspires all of us.

The Region We Serve

The region's uniqueness is a well-spring of present as well as future opportunity. Think about it: a century-old heritage of craft and fine arts; the cultural heritage of our communities; the historical architecture of our industry, towns and villages; the natural beauty and bounty of our hills, valleys, forests and rivers. Vision, strength and creativity have led to accomplishments by our citizens, for which the region receives worldwide recognition. But we have a challenge. We know much more needs to be done to further the region's success.

Our Challenge

Nearly two-thirds of all children and families in Appalachian Ohio live in rural areas, small towns and villages, nestled along miles of curving two-lane roadways and rivers. Many believe the region has social and economic assets upon which to build a more positive future. Philanthropy can be a catalyst to help accomplish this goal.

Our History

In 1998, regional leaders, acting on this belief, succeeded in attracting an unprecedented commitment of public and private dollars to start

the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, a 501(c)(3) public charity serving the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio. Our mission is to foster access to opportunity for the region's families through the power of charitable giving. We attract private and public contributions for programs and endowment, make grants for charitable and civic purposes and provide and support leadership on behalf of regional initiatives to address issues of long-term, positive change. In five years, the Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in grants to community initiatives throughout the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio.

Our Mission

The Foundation is building a positive future for Appalachian Ohio. We believe for this work to be successful, it must engage the time, talent and financial resources of those who care deeply about the future of this special place. Your participation helps to nurture and grow the seeds of the region's future success by helping the Foundation foster access to opportunity. The Foundation is building a legacy for Appalachian Ohio that will last forever. This is the power of philanthropy and what a dream can do. And, this is why the Foundation is here to help.



Visualize the Foundation as a door through which greater access to and for the region's quality of life can be sought. By encouraging powerful ideas, attracting committed donors and finding resourceful partners, we help invite and forge important new alliances to leverage charitable investments. These relationships, in turn, create unprecedented opportunities for the region's families and children.

We are Sharing the Region's Stories of Success



"The people have ancestral roots and their stories, parables and music are keyed to a long and stable relationship to the land around them."

Appalachian author Jim Branscome

What does it mean to be a Child of Appalachia?

The Foundation developed the *I'm a Child of Appalachia*TM campaign to combat the culture of low expectations, common to our region, and build broad public awareness about the importance of post-secondary education to the future well-being of the region's citizens and communities. The Foundation looked to outstanding individuals in our region, whose engagement authenticates with their voice and experience a powerful message of regional challenge. These are individuals who are making a difference in their community and the world; people who are proud of their Appalachian roots; people who know firsthand the importance of educational opportunities to life, business and community achievement. Growing home is about telling the stories of success in our region.



2005 "I'm a Child of Appalachia"™ Honorees



Access to education enabled **Dr. Nancy Lusk Zimpher** born in Gallipolis, Ohio, to follow her dream to become an educator herself. Today, Nancy is the first woman President of the University of Cincinnati.

"Since my mother was a teacher at my high school, I learned, early on, the value of higher education and chose to take advantage of every educational opportunity."



Robert L. "Bob" Evans used his secondary and college education to fuel his entrepreneurial spirit. The 12-stool diner he established in Gallipolis, Ohio to market his own sausage has grown to 589 restaurants in 20 states.

"As a former member of the Ohio Board of Regents, I know the importance of education to open the minds of our youth in Appalachia. A college education is crucial to future job success."



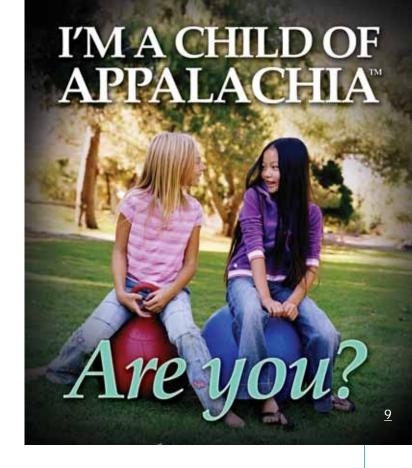
Mike Brooks grew up one block from his father's shoe factory in Nelsonville, Ohio, graduated from a footwear design and pattern engineering school in Milan, Italy, then returned to the family business in 1975. With annual net sales of nearly \$300 million, Nelsonville-based Rocky Brands, Inc. is internationally recognized.

"Growing up in Nelsonville taught me to appreciate the importance of educational opportunities to ensure the success of our region's families and hometowns."

This is a time when the region needs the help of people like you who care about the uniqueness of Appalachian Ohio: community leaders and residents who are proud of their connection to this place—former residents who want to give back and make a difference for a new generation—people who come together because the deep roots they share in Appalachian Ohio compel their concern for the region's future.

Whether you were born in Appalachian Ohio or your kinship is traced through ties of business, family or personal history, when you become a member of the Foundation's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*TM Network (ICAN!), you join with individuals who believe it's a family matter when it comes to improving our region's quality of life.

So claim your place at the table where others are gathering to promote positive change. Stay connected to and informed about the communities and issues that beckon you home. Resolve to make a difference regionwide with your participation. Receive special invitations to Foundation events and learn through periodic updates how the Foundation fosters access to opportunity through the power of charitable giving. With your membership in the Foundation's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*TM Network, you'll experience again the joy of coming home to a family, proud of who you are and where you're from, who know how important it is we stay in touch.



When you join the Foundation's I'm a Child of AppalachiaTM Network, you help the Foundation to:

- * CHALLENGE the stereotypes eroding expectations for student success
- *** ENCOURAGE** young people to make informed choices after high school
- * ADVOCATE life-long learning to improve skills, earning and employability
- * INCREASE availability of scholarships and other direct financial assistance to support college access and success
- * STRENGTHEN our region's charitable investment to reach these goals.

Think about what it means to be a Child of Appalachia, while looking toward the future of our region. Education has never been more important, and together, we can make dreams come true.

We are growing a stronger culture and practice of regional giving

By celebrating the traditional generosity of the Appalachian culture, the Foundation Dencourages the practice of organized philanthropy to accomplish long-term improvement throughout the region. Annual lunches on National Philanthropy Day bring people from across the region together to recognize the outstanding philanthropists of Appalachian Ohio.

Third Annual Philanthropy Luncheon Inspiring

Each year, the Foundation provides a leading role by sponsoring and participating in an annual event to acknowledge and thank community leaders who give back their time, talent and resources to Appalachian Ohio. The third Annual "Stories of Philanthropy" luncheon attracted an enthusiastic audience and very appreciative and responsive recipients on Monday, October 10, 2005. The event was held at the Brass Ring Golf Club in Logan, Ohio. As an ongoing participant, the Foundation nominates individuals for the award, and nominations are also sought by members of Appalachian Ohio Giving, a collaboration of grantmakers investing in the region, and The Ohio State University Extension.

Following a buffet luncheon, Terri Donlin-Huesman of the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and Cece Cugliari, Ph.D., of the Schooler Family Foundation, made brief comments before the honorees were introduced.

Nine individuals and/or couples were honored for their generous and noteworthy contributions to their communities. Each was introduced by their nominator, and after a brief review of their philanthropic efforts, those present were



Philanthropy Day Luncheon honorees

honored with a memento of the occasion. The Foundation's nominees were Bonnie Huffman, a former FAO trustee who serves on a number of other regional charity boards; Alan Stockmeister, who tirelessly encourages business development and growth in his Jackson County; and Dr. Sergio Ulloa, who established the Ulloa Scholarship at the Foundation in memory of his wife, Ariana, who moved to Athens from Mexico in 1986. She began working for the Hocking College Department of International Programs in 1990, eventually moving into the position of Director. Ariana passed away in December 2002 but left a legacy of her extensive work with international students.

In addition to the printed program, a copy of the publication "Stories of Philanthropy: 2005 Outstanding Philanthropists," detailing the philanthropic deeds of each honoree, is available for distribution.







Alexandra Clark



Christa McCluskey



Julian Rich

Carrying on the tradition

Winners of former OACHE director Wayne F. White's Scholarship Fund announced by FAO

Christa McCluskey of Sciotoville, Ohio, was chosen as one of the initial four \$500 Wayne F. White Scholarship winners.

"I wasn't sure how I was going to pay for college at all," McCluskey said. "It was a complete surprise but I'm very excited to receive (the scholarship). I never thought I would get it."

McCluskey, 18, will attend West Liberty State College near Wheeling, West Virginia, this fall to study theater and music education.

The three other Wayne F. White Scholarship winners are: Justin Allen of West Portsmouth, Ohio; Alexandra Clark of Cincinnati; and Julian Rich of Quaker, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. (Jewell) Evans made the initial gift of \$25,000 to establish this memorial scholarship. Bob Evans, the nationally recognized restaurateur and philanthropist, was a longtime friend of White and an early supporter of OACHE. Before his death, White served for 11 years as executive director of the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE)—a consortium of public colleges and universities within Appalachia that work to make higher education accessible.



The scholarship program was established to honor Wayne F. White's memory and legacy by his friends, family and countless others who took joy in his life and accomplishments. During his lifetime, he was universally loved and respected as a homegrown, nationally recognized champion of higher education throughout Appalachian Ohio and beyond.

"Wayne was so proud of his heritage. What he accomplished during his 40 years of service and his leadership promoting higher education for both youth and adults is a true legacy."

We are investing with grants to foster access to opportunity

AO serves as a door through which greater access to quality of life may be discovered. We do not wait for opportunity to knock. Rather, we work proactively to invite powerful ideas, committed donors and resourceful partners. Our partners are willing to mix, match and leverage the resources needed to bring unprecedented access to opportunities benefiting the region. The Foundation fosters access to opportunity through various grantmaking initiatives, including its Mini-Grants program, scholarships and donor-advised funds.

Regional Nonprofits Receive Foundation Mini-Grants

What do programs to mediate conflict resolution, assist hungry families, educate students about information technology and build houses for low-income families all have in common? Each program received a grant award from the Appalachian Ohio Mini-Grants Program in 2005-06, a grantmaking partnership of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) with the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (OHFN) and the Ohio Children's Foundation.

"It's amazing how much even a modest grant can mean to an organization's progress," said Jennifer Simon, FAO trustee and chair of the FAO Grants and Programs Advisory Committee.

Simon said a total of \$93,487 was awarded by FAO in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per grant. Grants were awarded to community programs and projects addressing access to opportunity and quality of life issues within the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio.

"This year, we were overwhelmed with an amazing number of grant requests and look forward to the success of those projects receiving the awards," Simon said.

Simon also noted future grant and scholarship opportunities will be announced on FAO's Web site.

Ann Day, FAO program director, said 118 grant proposals were received from area nonprofits, community agencies, public schools and post-secondary institutions throughout Appalachian Ohio, totaling more than \$326,000 in requests for funds.

President of the Ohio Children's Foundation, Barbara Miller, said this was the first year it has partnered with FAO and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville for the grants initiative.

"The Ohio Children's Foundation congratulates the organizations that received the 2006 mini-grants in a very competitive field," Miller said. "Our partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville in this project has helped to enhance the lives of children in Appalachian Ohio, an important goal for the Ohio Children's Foundation."

The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville has a history of investment in the region and this is the second year OHFN has participated in the joint funding effort with FAO.

"The overwhelming response to the program presented the Grants Advisory Committee with a number of worthy programs to potentially support, as the requested amount far exceeded the initial investment of the partner foundations," said Terri Donlin Huesman, Heritage Foundation program director.

Youth Camp Gets Participants Fired Up

Foundation helps region's teens jump start firefighting careers

"I want to risk my life to save others," said Jason Campbell, a high school student and junior fire-fighter. Though it seems like a lofty statement coming from a 16-year-old, for Campbell it's only natural—firefighting is in his blood.

"My uncle is a firefighter, and my cousin came to this camp before," Campbell said. "He told me how much fun it was, and I've always wanted to be a firefighter, so here I am."

Campbell was one of more than 50 junior and cadet firefighters ages 14-18 who attended OYFETA, Ohio Youth Fire and EMS Training Academy, June 9-15, 2006. The weeklong residential camp draws participants from four states and is hosted by the Ohio State Firefighters' Association Youth Programs Committee and sponsored by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. The Foundation provided grant money for camp operational expenses and scholarships for youth from their 29-county target region in Southeast Ohio.

This is the third year the camp has been held at Hocking College in Nelsonville, and each year's class continues to impress Jerald Miller, an OYFETA volunteer and firefighter for the Lore City Fire Department.

"The challenge is to teach them the essentials in the classroom to prepare for the hands-on training outside," Miller said. "They absolutely love being out here."

Youth Programs Committee Chairman Todd German, chief at the Northern Union County Joint Fire and EMS District, said while they can teach participants the skills needed to become firefighters, teenagers are more likely to succeed if they arrive with a strong interest in the field.

"They already have a passion for firefighting when they come here," German said, and added



the financial support the camp has received from organizations like the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio have helped it to grow from its humble beginnings with a few participants in Union County. "We couldn't do it without all of our sponsors," he said.

Clermont Counseling Center Receives Grant Award

A micro-enterprise program developed by Phoenix Place and operated by the Clermont Counseling Center, received a \$3,000 grant award from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio in support of the program. Clermont Counseling Center was founded in 1973 as the first community mental health center serving Clermont County.

Anne Combs, the chief operating officer for the Center, said, "Clients work on recovery from serious mental health issues, and this grant will help support activities to restore vocational skills, often a major part of restoring confidence and self-esteem."

According to Combs, Phoenix Place developed a small business with clients to create greeting cards, comfort socks and "boo boo" bunnies, marketing them to the general public. The grant provided by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio will help grow the business through purchase of a computer, additional supplies to create product, marketing materials and assistance in development of business expertise.



2005-2006 Grant Awards

Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America
Friends of Kennedy Stone House, Salt Fork State Park
Planning Adams County's Tomorrow Inc
YMCA of Cambridge \$2,000 To support the YMCA of Cambridge's Capital Campaign
Habitat for Humanity of Belmont County, Inc
Turning Point Applied Learning Center, Inc
Morgan County Improvement Corp\$2,000 <i>To assist in the marketing, including the signage and creation of a Web site for the artists and orchardists of Hickory Ridge</i>

Parent Teacher Organization. \$2,000

To purchase playground equipment for the expansion

and rebuilding of the Rainbow Child Care playground

Rainbow Child Care Center

Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc. \$1,000
To purchase supplies and postage and to assist with phone and travel expenditures for the Faith in Action Caregivers program, which provides access to health care and provides informal care-giving services to the elderly and disabled in Belmont County

Holmes County Historical Society \$1,990 To assist with costs for supplies, advertising, phone, musicians, and staff involved in special performances that highlight "Pop" Farver's and the Traditional Old-Time Appalachian Music Heritage of Holmes County

Nelsonville Food Cupboard, Inc. \$2,000 *To assist with the purchase of food for the Summer Bread and Milk Voucher program for needy families*

Main Ave. Methodist Church After-School Program\$2,000

To purchase school and office supplies, computer hardware and software, Internet access, a library cart and supply cabinet for the free After School Program for local elementary school children

Morgan County Habitat for Humanity . \$1,800 To purchase office supplies, computer, printer, and phone, and to assist with advertising costs for a new program office that will provide a series of educational/training workshops to potential Habitat families

Morgan County Sheriff's Office DARE Foundation	Riverwoods Animal League \$2,000 To fund the architectural plans for the Monroe County Animal Shelter	
Women's Tri-County Help Center \$2,000 To purchase office supplies and materials, and to assist with advertising, postage, phone and travel costs for the new "Conduct for Manhood" youth educational	Community Mental Health Care, Inc \$2,000 To rent a van and hire a driver in order to provide transportation to and from the Summer Day Camp, a social work interventions program, which serves at-risk children	
Morgan County United Ministries \$2,000 To purchase martial arts mats and pads, uniforms, and other athletic equipment necessary for the free self-defense martial arts program for youth	Felicity Initiative for Neighborhood Excellence \$2,000 To purchase building supplies to assist elderly and disadvantaged in painting and repainting their homes and beautifying the community	
Ohio State Legal Services Association . \$2,000 To provide staff training and review of materials in the creation of "Plain Language" custody packets, which will enable low-income families access to custody/	University of Rio Grande	
Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization \$2,000 To provide assistance to homeless or low-income individuals and families in the form of deposits for access to public utilities, transportation, and food pantries	Ohio Valley Economic Development Institute\$2,000 To provide supplies and postage and to assist with advertising costs for workshops and training provided by the Entrepreneurship Education and Business Development Service program	
Riverbend Arts Council	Marietta Community Foundation, Inc 3,000 For the purpose of creating a community charitable fund designated for the benefit of Noble County	
Marietta Memorial Hospital \$2,000 To purchase teaching materials for the End-of-Life employee training program	Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action	
Adams-Brown Diabetes Education Task Force	Cambridge Little League \$250 To support the Cambridge Little League program GMN Tri-County Community Action Committee \$800	
Ultimate Recycling Center DBA ReUse Industries	To support the GMN Healthy Smiles Dental Clinic, which provides comprehensive oral health care and education to low-income and uninsured families in a three-county area	
	Cambridge Little League-Babe Ruth \$1,600 To support the Cambridge Little League program/ Babe Ruth League	
Southern Ohio Museum	Cambridge Little League \$500 To sponsor the Handicap Youth Softball Tournament	
the Cirque d'Art Theatre, a residency program that provides arts education for physically and mentally challenged youth	American Cancer Society \$250 To support the efforts of the American Cancer Society	
Camp Fire USA Tayanoka Council \$500 To help establish a Teens in Action service-learning club by purchasing program books and supplies for low-income members	Linda Cook/Mason Grade School \$5,000 To assist Ms. Cook in attending a professional development conference on diagnosing and understanding dyslexia and ADD/ADHD in children, to purchase related resources, and to develop classroom tools	

Hopewell School	Nelsonville Food Cupboard, Inc \$2,000 <i>To provide an extra loaf of bread and gallon of milk in the summer on vouchers to families with children</i>
Nelsonville High School Restoration Foundation \$1,500 To support the State of Ohio Old Time Fiddler's Championship held during the Parade of the Hills in Nelsonville	Trimble Local Textbook & Supplies Foundation
Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital \$10,000 To support the hospital's effort to better research, diagnose and treat cancer American Red Cross \$500 To support the Red Cross' Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief effort Mason Elementary School \$3,000 To enhance the Mason Grade School Accelerated Reading program by expanding and upgrading reading materials for school and classroom libraries; and for the students' celebratory trip to a theme park Mason Elementary School \$6,060 Purchase two interactive whiteboards	Appalachian People's Action Coalition. \$2,500 For the renovation and conversion of a one-room schoolhouse to a wood shop, to be used for the development of woodworking and business skills for underemployed/unemployed residents Athens Co. Prosecuting Attorneys Victim Assistance Program \$1,895 To purchase computer equipment and for restitution and compliance activities City of Nelsonville Recreation Committee \$3,000 To purchase an inflatable playground to promote healthy and active lifestyles for low-income families in Nelsonville
Mason Grade School Teacher Award \$5,000 Differentiated instruction initiative Cambridge Little League \$250	Beacon School
To support the Cambridge Biddle Football League Guernsey County Foundation \$3,000 To assess potential for growing charitable assets in Guernsey County and increasing those assets to build a stronger community and improve the region's economic opportunities	The Athens Foundation
OSU Extension, Hocking County \$3,000 To assess potential for growing charitable assets in Hocking County and increasing those assets to build a stronger community and improve the region's economic opportunities	Chatfield College
Thursday Music Club \$2,000 To support the Annual Messiah Oratorio Concert	Ohio Valley Resource Conservation \$5,000 To promote the local culture through a Share Your Heritage Grant
Adams Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc\$3,000 Provide funding to the Individual Development Account program to help low income families/individuals increase their household income to acquire assets and gain self-sufficiency and greater financial security Appalachian Peace and Justice Network	Community Mental Health Care, Inc \$3,000 To assist with intervention/prevention program and day camp for Carroll County children at-risk for academic failure
	Clermont Counseling Center \$3,000 To expand a small business created by mentally ill clients, including purchase of a computer and supplies computer
mediation program from Coolville Elementary School	Catholic Charities Regional Agency \$3,000 To assist in the purchase of a van to transport domestic violence shelter residents to medical and legal appointments

For prescription assistance to low-income residents

Coshocton County Health Department . \$3,000 To provide head lice treatment assistance and prevention education to income eligible families and school children	Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library \$3,000 To support a 3-day literary festival, showcasing local authors, to nurture literacy	
First Step, Family Violence Intervention Services, Inc\$3,000 To provide a legal advocate for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and similar crimes in the justice process	Marietta City Schools \$3,000 To instruct high school and college students in all phases of Cable TV broadcast at summer media camp	
	Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education	
Cambridge City School District \$4,792.87 To establish a scholarship in the name of Mary Arnold	(OACHE)	
Cambridge Little League \$4,300 Multiple grants for recreational activities	Information Technology Alliance of Appalachian Ohio \$2,315	
Highland County Community Action \$3,000 <i>To provide parent education classes to improve the well being of children and lower the rate of child abuse</i>	To produce one issues of SO I.T. to educate area youth and college students about information technology (print and PDF version for Web site) to encourage students to pursue I.T. careers in the region	
Holmes County Health District \$3,000 To help fund a program that assists needy individuals with prescriptions, diagnostic testing and durable medical items	Union Township Volunteer Fire Association	
Ohio University Southern Regional Campus	Appalachian Ohio Zane State College	
White Chapel Wesleyan Church \$3,000 To assist in the reopening of a food pantry in Meigs County to provide 300 families with food and necessities	Parade of the Hills	
Monroe Arts Council	Shepherd's House, Inc	
	Guernsey County Senior Citizens Center . \$500	
	Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Fund \$500	
	Byesville Rotary Foundation \$500	
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Zanesville \$3,000	Mary Kackley-Brill Scholarship \$500	
To expand a school-based mentoring program to at-risk Morgan County youth	Madison High School Alumni Scholarship	
Kennonsburg United Methodist	Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship \$500	
Church	Appalachian Studies Association \$500 <i>Sponsorship of Appalachian Studies Annual Conference</i>	
Storytellers of Central Ohio \$3,000	Leadership Guernsey \$500	
To support a storytelling festival by recruiting nationally known storytellers and providing free admission to students	Cambridge High School Class of '57 Scholarship Fund \$500	
Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc		

Scholarship Giving 112122

In Appalachian Ohio, the absence of economic opportunity has often meant lack of educational opportunity. High school graduation rates fall generally below statewide graduation rates, and the number of adults who have any college or technical school education beyond high school is generally 30 percent below the state average for Ohio.

Tuition in Ohio has reached an all-time high. The cost of access is likely to drive college enrollment rates in the wrong direction, an outcome that portends deepening economic crisis in a region long characterized by its prevalence of poverty, unemployment and under-employment. Strategies of choice to respond to these new challenges underscore the need and importance of "last dollar" scholarships, mentoring of educational leaders, and development of community capacity to support educational improvement and attainment. The stir of energy evidenced by these present and emerging leadership initiatives can be catalytic.

As a regional community foundation, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is uniquely positioned to help build regional commitment to educational improvement. In addition, the Foundation provides multiple roles of leadership and advances tools and strategies to further these interests.

Foundation for Appalachian Ohio Provides Scholarships and Awards to Further Education

As a result of the generosity of those who seek to increase educational opportunities for students in the region, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio provided more than \$15,000 in scholarships and awards in the spring of 2006. The recipients of the Bachtel Scholarship, the Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship, the Mason Teacher Award and the Mason Grade School Award were recently recognized for their academic, athletic or teaching achievements.

Four seniors receive Bachtel Scholarships

Dr. Harry Keig grew up to become a successful physician and surgeon in the Omaha area but never forgot his hometown or the teachers who educated him. He also never forgot the life-shaping influence of his friend, Forest Bachtel, long-time teacher and coach at Middleport High School in Meigs County. When

Dr. Keig passed away in 2003, his bequest created a \$500,000 endowed fund at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio in honor of his friend, Coach Bachtel, to provide college scholarships for Meigs High School students. Each scholarship recipient receives \$2,500 to assist with college education.

The recipients of this year's Bachtel Scholarships for Academic Achievement are:

Miranda Beha. Miranda was an active member of the band, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, National Honor Society president and a Special Olympics volunteer. Miranda plans to attend Marietta College to study social work.

Jacob Venoy. Jacob was involved with National Honor Society, Foreign Language Club, Drama Club and Environmental Club. He also served as captain of the varsity golf team. Jacob plans to major in pre-pharmacy at the University of Charleston.

The recipients of this year's Bachtel Scholarships for Athletic Achievement are:

Joey Haning. Joey played varsity softball (team captain, two years), basketball (team captain, one year), and volleyball (team captain, one year). She also was senior class treasurer and a member of the Environmental Club. Joey plans to attend Ohio Valley University.

Eric VanMeter. Eric played football, basketball and baseball during his four years of high school. He also served as team captain for each sport. Eric was the Blood Drive assistant for Meigs High School Student Council. He will major in pre-physical therapy at Ohio University this fall.

School awards improve teaching techniques, technology

Dr. Keig also established a \$200,000 endowed fund through his bequest to support teachers and students at Mason Elementary School in Mason County, West Virginia. The Teacher Award is a merit award for teachers demonstrating innovative curriculum development, outstanding instructional technique and excellence in student motivation. The School Fund Award provides support to purchase educational materials and/or equipment to enrich the school's curriculum.

The recipients of this year's Mason Grade School Teacher Award:

Ann Parker and Stacy Bissell. Ann and Stacy shared the \$5,000 award for successfully utilizing the principles of Differentiated Instruction in the school's reading program. Parker and Bissell describe Differentiated Instruction as an approach by which "instructional methods and materials are chosen based on the needs of the individual students, rather than attempting to fit the students into a pre-molded curriculum."



Forest Bachtel scholarship winners with Board Chair Marianne B. Campbell

On behalf of the school, this year's Mason Grade School Fund Award was accepted by:

Angela Roach, Technology Integration Specialist. The \$6,060 grant will be used this year to purchase four interactive Whiteboards. Angela noted, "Whiteboards are used in conjunction with data projectors and computers, which allow the teacher or student to not only present material, but to collaborate and exchange information with the entire class."

International Studies Student Receives Ulloa Scholarship

The Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship Fund was established at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to honor the legacy of its namesake, Ariana Ulloa, a native of Mexico. Ariana moved to Athens in 1986 and began working for the Hocking College Department of International Programs in 1990, eventually moving into the position of Director. She had a reputation for her kind and encouraging nature and was known to many students as "Mamá Ariana."

Ariana passed away in December 2002 but her legacy continues through this endowed scholarship fund, set up at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and created through the contributions of Ariana's family, friends and students. In keeping with her work in International Programs, the scholarships are offered to international students or students pursuing a degree in international studies.



2006 Ulloa Scholarship winner Bernini Elizabeth Goitte

The recipient of this year's Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship:

Bernini Elizabeth Goitte. Bernini, a native of Venezuela, moved to the United States in 2004 at just 17 years of age. She currently studies International Business at Hocking College. After she graduates with an associate's degree in June 2007, she plans to pursue her bachelor's degree at Ohio University in International Business.

Upon hearing the news of receiving the scholarship award, Bernini expressed much excitement and gratitude: "My older sister was a student here at Hocking College and personally knew Ariana. This award has special meaning to me."

2005–2006 Scholarship Awards

Ariana Ulloa Scholarship	\$500
Forest Bachtel Scholarship	\$2,500
Wayne F. White Scholarship	. \$500
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University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters College – Alexandra Clark	
Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Fund Marietta College – Kyle A. Winland	. \$500
Cambridge High School Class of 1957 Scholarship Waynesburg College – Jeffrey Canning	. \$750

Donor-Advised Fund: A personal approach to giving

Opening a Donor-Advised Fund allows you to make a gift to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, then remain actively involved in suggesting uses for your gift.

Huffman Family Fund supports cherished region

For Bonny Huffman, CEO and an officer of both Sands Hill Coal Co., Inc. and Clinton Stone, Inc., establishing a donor-advised fund with FAO seemed like the natural next step in her relationship with the region.

"My husband and I have lived, went to school and worked in Appalachia all our lives. We have run a successful business and been blessed by a tremendous, dedicated workforce," Huffman said. "The region has been good to us. Giving back is one way to show our appreciation."

Bonny and Jack Huffman established the Huffman Family Fund in December 2002. While a portion of their annual gift goes toward FAO operational expenses, the Fund also supports several capital campaigns for regional nonprofits. Huffman is a former trustee for the Foundation.

"Serving on the FAO Board made me keenly aware of the numerous needs in the Appalachian region and how FAO could make a difference," Huffman said. "I like the idea of setting aside money each year and being able to fulfill a charitable need when it arises."

Committed to the economic development of the region and the promotion of one of its greatest resources, Huffman has served on numerous boards in the coal industry and on the Board of Directors for Jackson County Economic Development. She is a former chairperson of the United Fund in Jackson County. Huffman also is committed to education and her church, and has served in several capacities in each realm.

We are creating community partnerships to benefit the entire region.

AO believes partnerships with other community organizations are crucial in adding to the success of the region. In 2005-2006, the Foundation continued building bridges with local groups by supporting and participating in a number of community events and workshops.



Arts Business Institute workshop

The Foundation joined with Hocking College and many others to sponsor and host a business assistance workshop for local artists, gallery owners and related small businesses or suppliers on April 1 - 2, 2006. The workshop was presented by the Arts Business Institute (ABI), a professional, nonprofit training organization for small-scale business operations. More than 100 area artists and business owners attended the three-day event.

Appalachian Scholars Program

The Appalachian Scholars Program is an unprecedented partnership between Ohio University and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, working together to accomplish a stronger, more highly traveled bridge between our region's communities and Ohio University's vast educational resources.

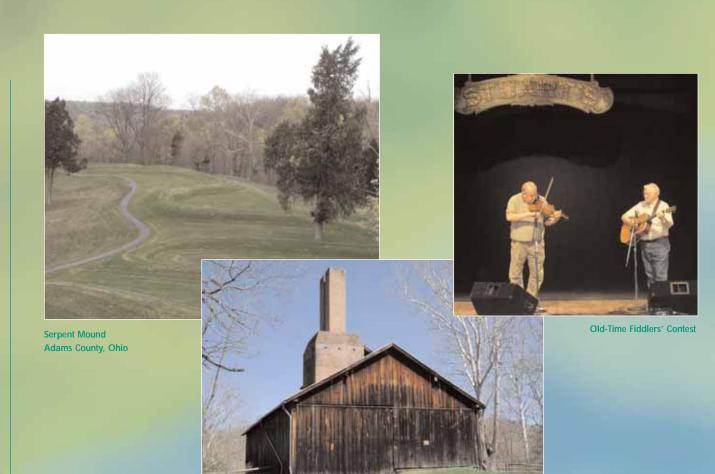
All six Ohio University campuses will participate in this program. Students from the 29 counties in Appalachian Ohio are eligible for scholarship support if they demonstrate enthusiasm, motivation to succeed, academic achievement and financial need.

Nonprofit Summit Tackles Key Issues

Nonprofit Congress: A Town Hall Meeting was held on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at the Athens Community Center to benefit nonprofit organizations of all types and sizes. Sponsored by the Ohio Association of Nonprofit Organizations (OANO) and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, attendees had an opportunity to come together as a sector to address concerns such as: funding, impending regulation, budget cuts, building networks, articulating organizational vision and other issues with possible significant impact on Ohio's nonprofit organizations.

Workshop Focuses on "The Corridor: Ohio's Finest Hour"

During the last three years, Appalachian Ohio Regional Investment Coalition (AORIC) has been active in supporting entrepreneurship in the region. As the group's lead funder and fiscal agent, the Foundation, alongside AORIC, has supported numerous efforts to promote arts, heritage and cultural tourism in Appalachian Ohio. In 2006, the Foundation and AORIC invested in a workshop focused on establishing a new, self-guided tour along State Rt. 32.



Former coal furnace located along "The Corridor"

Leaders from throughout Ohio came together July 25 and 26 for the Share Your Heritage "Realizing the Dream of the Appalachian Highway" Workshop, a strategic planning event to discuss developing heritage tourism and marketing strategies for Southern Ohio. The workshop was hosted by the Ohio Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council and was held at OSU South Centers in Piketon, Ohio.

Fiddlers Contest helps Nelsonville Stay in Tune

Historic Stuart's Opera House was the site of the Original State of Ohio Old-Time Fiddlers' Championship on August 18, 2006, during Nelsonville's 57th Annual Parade of the Hills. The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio was a sponsor for the contest, which brought fiddlers from all corners of the state and nation to compete for a shot to perform in the National Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest, held annually in Weiser, Idaho. The fiddlers competed in front of a packed house in three different age categories: 18 and under, 19-54 and 55 and older.



Senator Voinovich at office opening in Nelsonville Growing Home

A local artisan at Parade of the Hills

We are working with donors to achieve their charitable dreams.

In Appalachian Ohio, a continuity of life flows from child to parent to grandparent and great-grandparent. People here are concerned about their families and communities. They want their children's grandchildren to be able to see and share in a future where they live. Our donors tell us of the rewarding experience they enjoy when they give to priorities that touch their hearts, express their values and improve their communities.

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The need for philanthropy in Appalachian Ohio is well-documented. Encompassing one-third of the State's 88 counties and home to 14 percent of all Ohioans, Appalachian Ohio holds less than 2 percent of the State's foundation assets. The region's capacity for self-help depends in large measure on having the means to invest in itself.

To eliminate this philanthropy gap, Appalachian Ohio needs permanent sources of charitable giving to encourage communities to work together for the benefit of the entire region. Charitable giving and permanently endowed funds can play a powerful role in maximizing opportunities for positive change.

Field of Interest Funds

Arts, Heritage, and Culture—The Yellow Root Fund Children Youth & Families Fund **Economic & Community Development Fund**

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A copy of the complete audited FY 2005-2006 financial statements, as well as the most recent IRS Form 990, are available upon request.

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Agift to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is a gift with enduring value. By donating to our permanent endowment, your gift grows each passing year as it continues to benefit families in our region. In addition to annual donations, there are other options for giving. For more information about giving to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, please visit our Web site at www.appalachianohio.org.

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You can establish a fund at any time during your lifetime or through estate planning documents defining how to use your gift now and after your death. The Foundation has several options available to provide current tax and estate planning benefits while helping you to invest in the region.

TYPES OF FUNDS YOU CAN CREATE

The following funds may be established separately or combined, depending on your personal philanthropic goals. The funds vary greatly in terms of flexibility but all are centered on the principle of building permanent endowment.

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Donor-advised Fund. You work with our professional grantmaking staff, identifying ways to use dollars from your donor-advised fund to address the issues and needs you care about most.

Unrestricted Funds. You can use your gift to meet ever-changing regional needs—including future needs, often not anticipated at the time your gift is made. The flexibility of your unrestricted gift enables our local program experts to respond to the region's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow.

Designated Funds. You can direct your gift to a specific agency or purpose. Help provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum, church or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization. You identify the recipient you wish to benefit through your gift; our staff manages the annual distribution of funds.

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Our Mission

Enrich the current and future quality of life in the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio by fostering access to opportunity.

Our Vision

Through the power of charitable giving, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio seeks to achieve a thriving economy, educational excellence and cultural enrichment, while recognizing the region's unique heritage and traditions.

Our Goals

- * Attract private and public contributions for programs and endowment
- * Award grants for charitable and civic purposes
- * Provide and promote leadership for collaboration in local and regional initiatives

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