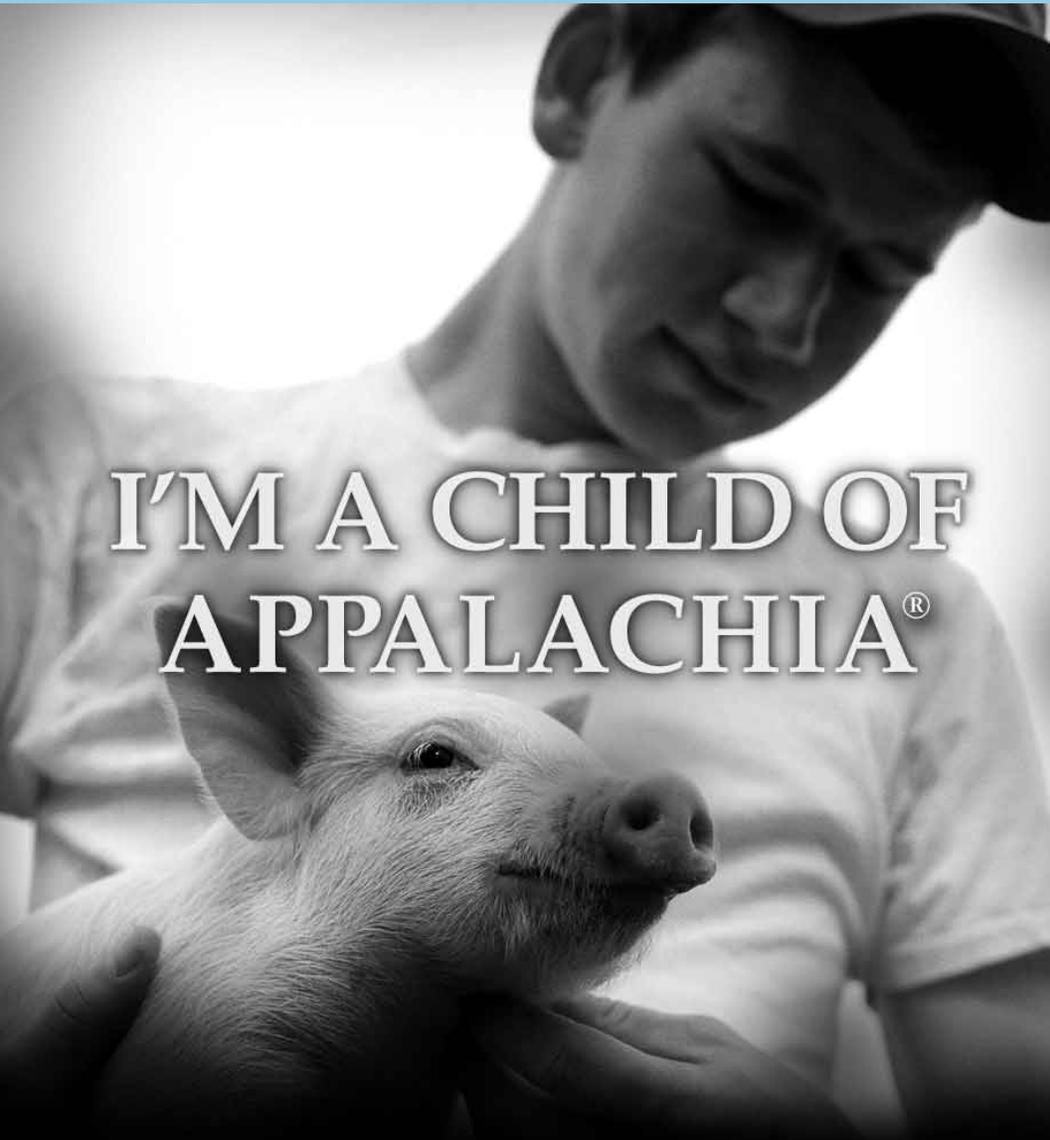


# CELEBRATING OUR REGION'S SUCCESS

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio: 2006 – 2007 Annual Report



# DEDICATION – Bob Evans



## I'M A CHILD OF APPALACHIA®

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This report is dedicated to the memory of Robert L. "Bob" Evans, a Child of Appalachia. A nationally recognized entrepreneur, philanthropist, conservationist, farmer and supporter of improved access to higher education, Bob was a true friend of FAO. He and his wife, Jewell, established the Wayne F. White Scholarship Fund as a living legacy to his longtime friend, Wayne White, following Wayne's death in 2004. Scholarships from this growing fund are now awarded each year.

After Evans passed away on June 21, 2007, the family designated FAO to establish the Bob Evans Memorial Fund for Scholarships. Gifts continue to be received and can be made to the Foundation to honor Bob's leadership and philanthropic role in the region.

Evans will be greatly missed but always remembered. His legacy of service to his community, region, state and nation will live on. Bob's dedication to education is clearly expressed in his own words: "I know the importance of education to open the minds of our youth in Appalachia. A college education is crucial to their future job success."

FAO is eternally grateful to Bob Evans for the inspiration, generosity and belief in our Foundation so clearly demonstrated by him and his family. He was a true visionary, always looking to a brighter future, sharing ideas and projects to make Southeastern Ohio and the surrounding area a better place. Those who were privileged to know and work with Bob through the years will always remember his dedication and treasure his friendship.

# JOINT LETTER FROM FAO BOARD CHAIR & CEO

*Dear Friends of FAO,*

What makes for success in our region and how do we celebrate those successes? The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio marks 2006-2007 by sharing our accomplishments and our focus for the future. In this annual report, you'll read how people aged 9 to 90 from the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio – donors, honorees, professional advisors, grant recipients, partners, students, FAO board and staff – are living FAO's mission of Fostering Access to Opportunity.

Celebrations are a time of rejoicing and also a time for respectful commemoration. Through the national and international award-winning *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® campaign, we continue to champion people who share a kinship with our region and whose extraordinary accomplishments demonstrate the importance of access to and success in post-secondary education. As we listen and preserve their personal stories and honor their efforts, we invite a new generation of donors to partner with FAO to ensure greater access to educational opportunity is put in place forever through charitable endowment.

We also celebrate the promise of our youth. In her 2006 *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Essay, 7th-8th grade essay contest winner Katie Lambert from Pike County said that the most important thing that makes Appalachian Ohio so special is, "The people here who support me...I will succeed because I'm from Appalachia Ohio."

Your support to the Foundation this year has provided resources for new and continuing scholarships and grants that translate ideas into action. As the assets of the Foundation continue to grow, we are together realizing "access to opportunities" that change lives for the better and help our children's dreams for the future come true.

2007 brings a change in long-time leadership at FAO. While this letter is a joint message, as board chair I want to recognize the vision and passion for positive change of our president and CEO Leslie Lilly, who has led FAO since its inception in 1998. Many of FAO's accomplishments in grantmaking and asset building are the

result of her initiative, drive and ability to bring people and partners together through the power of charitable giving. With the fondest farewell, we wish her good luck as she returns to her home state of Florida and joins the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties as vice president for programs. The region will miss Leslie's exceptional intelligence, heart and leadership. We also thank her for her significant role in launching the *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® campaign.

Friends of the Foundation can rest assured FAO is also well-positioned for the future! We have put in place a thoughtful, seamless leadership transition and are particularly pleased to name Cara Dingus Brook as FAO's President and CEO, beginning October 2007. Most recently Cara served as a district representative for United States Senator George V. Voinovich in Southeast Ohio. Previously, she worked with FAO and also led Appalachian Ohio Giving, promoting philanthropy as a community and economic development tool. Many of you, like us, already have worked alongside Cara and know she brings a deep knowledge of and devotion to our region and its people.

We believe the growth of FAO is at a "tipping point." FAO's board and staff hope the sharing of these positive, personal stories and solid accomplishments reflects our shared commitment to even greater service to the region as we move forward. Young Katie said it so well, "Most important – the people here who support me." So it is with a child, a family; a business; a town; a foundation; and a region. With our ongoing dedication fueled by your enduring support, we will succeed *because* we're from Appalachian Ohio. That's something to celebrate!

Sincerely,



RON STRICKMAKER  
Board Chair



LESLIE LILLY  
President and CEO  
1999–September 2007



Ron Strickmaker  
Board Chair



Leslie Lilly  
President and CEO  
1999–Sept 2007



Cara Dingus Brook  
President and CEO  
October 2007

# GROWING HOME – FOSTERING ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY



## Increasing Philanthropy in our Region

As of 2003, one in five Appalachian Ohio children lived in poverty. However, our region has many untapped resources – and most importantly, we have communities and people who care deeply about our future. By connecting people and leveraging resources, FAO helps create access to the opportunities our region's families and children need most.

## The Region We Serve

The uniqueness of Appalachian Ohio paves the way for future opportunity. From the beautiful and storied rolling hills of the landscape to our strong cultural heritage, Appalachian Ohio is a place steeped in history but looking forward. As we draw renewal by sustaining the best of our past, we are utilizing technologies of the future to increase access to opportunity. Today, Southeast Ohio is at a crossroad – and the Foundation is looking to those concerned about the region's future to help us lead our communities toward new prosperity.

## Our Challenge

Our region, though rural and without a history of capital investment, has social and economic assets upon which to build a more positive future. FAO provides our region a unique asset: an infrastructure for giving. As such, the Foundation empowers us to make Appalachian Ohio a better place to live. Our challenge is to use the Foundation to create access to opportunity in Appalachian Ohio today while growing FAO to ensure opportunity is also a reality for our region far into the future.

## Our History

In 1998, regional leaders succeeded in attracting an unprecedented commitment of public and private dollars to establish the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, a 501(c)(3) public charity serving the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio. The Foundation has awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants to community initiatives and programs and provided scholarships to students throughout the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio. We promote and build permanent endowment for charitable and civic purposes for the future of our region.

## Our Mission

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio exists to enrich current and future quality of life in the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio by fostering access to opportunity. We accomplish this mission through the power of charitable giving – by attracting private and public contributions for programs and endowments, making grants for charitable and civic purposes and providing leadership for long-term, positive change.



# THE *I'M A CHILD OF APPALACHIA*® CAMPAIGN



In Appalachian Ohio, story telling is a time-honored tradition. *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® is about telling the region's stories of outstanding individuals who are making a difference in their community and the world; people who are proud of their Appalachian roots; and people who authenticate the importance of educational opportunities in life, business and community achievement. The campaign encourages our region's communities to invest in our students, so they can succeed in attaining post-secondary education.

Through individual stories, the campaign encourages positive alternatives. *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® promotes greater investment in the region to increase student access and success in higher education. The *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Network (ICAN!) is a family of individuals who believe they can make a difference in the lives of our region's young people. While their ties to the region may differ, they share a common goal – to improve the future of Appalachian Ohio through educational opportunity.

The *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® campaign has been recognized as a ground-breaking communications and public policy effort through national and international awards. In 2007, the campaign earned a Wilmer Shields Rich Award for Excellence in Communication from the Council on Foundations in the public policy campaign category. Also, the flagship ICAN! publication received an honorable mention in the 13th Annual Communicator Awards 2007 Print Competition. Most importantly, *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® continued touching the lives of people in our region; encouraging young and old alike to dream big while attracting continued investment in scholarships and grants to increase access to educational opportunity.

## 2006 *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> Essay Contest Excerpts:

*“What makes this place so special to me is the beautiful scenery, the excitement it brings to the soul to live here, the opportunities one has, and most importantly, the people here who support me ... I will succeed because I'm from Appalachia Ohio.”*

**Katie Lambert**  
7th – 8th grade winner  
Pike County

*“The life lessons of perseverance and peacefulness, and the appreciation of simple beauty and song will go with me wherever I go. I might leave this land, but Appalachian Ohio will always welcome me home.”*

**Layne Gerbig**  
4th – 6th grade winner  
Tuscarawas County

## New initiatives, honorees announced at annual *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> event

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio held its second annual celebration and friend-raising event Wednesday, November 1, 2006, to announce the new *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> honorees and several other major initiatives.

The 2006 honorees were David Wilhelm of Athens County, Wayne F. White (deceased) of Lawrence County and Leona Hughes of Oak Hill.

Wilhelm, an Athens High School, Ohio University and Harvard University graduate, is current president of Woodland Venture Management, a \$140-million company that focuses on creating and supporting business and economic opportunities in rural areas. Wilhelm served as campaign manager for President Bill Clinton's 1992 campaign and then became the youngest chairman ever appointed by the Democratic National Committee.

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2006 honorees  
David Wilhelm  
and Leona Hughes

## New initiatives, honorees announced at annual *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® event continued



Family of the late Wayne F. White, a 2006 *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® honoree

When accepting his award, Wilhelm discussed the mosaic of people who make up Appalachian Ohio and the importance of education to the future success of the region.

“Education is the vision upon which this region was built,” Wilhelm said. “For the entrepreneurial future for Appalachian Ohio to be realized, we’ve got to understand that our greatest asset doesn’t lie under the ground, but in the minds and energy of the people who live here.”

White, founder and former executive director of the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE), passed away in 2004 and was honored posthumously. During his life, White dedicated himself to helping

others. An educator for more than four decades, White worked to change the landscape of education in Appalachian Ohio, fighting for equal funding for rural schools and encouraging young people and adults to pursue higher education. Wayne 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 works to make higher education accessible. Under his leadership, OACHE became a national model for success, increasing participation of Appalachian students in post-secondary education. The program has been replicated in seven states and was a winner of the prestigious Innovations in American Government

Award from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

“Wayne would be so proud to be honored,” said his wife, Neomia White. “The family is very honored as well. Wayne cared deeply about education for these students.”

Leona Hughes’s generosity has made her a renowned figure in regional and educational philanthropy. Hughes has supported higher education for students from her Oak Hill High School alma mater through several scholarship initiatives, including Ohio University’s Cutler Scholars program.

“I think if given the opportunity, these students will surprise us,” Hughes said. “I am so proud of each and every one of them.”

The Foundation also announced the two winners of the first *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Essay Contest, Layne Gerbig of Dover and Katie Lambert of Latham. The contest asked regional students to write about what it means to grow up in Appalachian Ohio.

During the event, the Foundation received several gifts, a \$25,000 donation from AEP Ohio and a \$50,000 personal donation from Mike and Pam Brooks. Mike is the president/CEO of Rocky Brands, Inc. Both gifts will be utilized to help the Foundation further educational opportunities in the region.



*“The story of Appalachian Ohio is a story of boom and busts and chicken coops, but it is also a story of people who cared a great deal about education... who placed education right at the center of their dreams for this region. I think we come out of the southeastern Ohio hills with some lessons in life that give us a competitive edge.”*

David Wilhelm, Child of Appalachia



*“I think if these students are given a chance, they will surprise us. There is talent, there is interest, there is willingness to give back. You take a chance on every one of them. It’s the ones who succeed you have to pay attention to because they can make the beginning of a change.”*

Leona Hughes, Child of Appalachia



*“Through three and a half years of high school, I never had any idea that college could be for me. There are lots of Wayne Whites out there... and ponder just how many students we have who have ability but are intimidated and need a little additional support to be successful.”*

Wayne White (1942-2004), Child of Appalachia

## I’m a Child of Appalachia® Network (ICAN!)



**JOIN NOW!**

by making an online donation at [www.appalachianohio.org/ican](http://www.appalachianohio.org/ican)

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® Network (ICAN!), you join a group of individuals who believe it’s a family matter to improve our region’s quality of life.

As an annual member of the Foundation’s I’m a Child of Appalachia® Network, you help the Foundation:



**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

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## *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> Network (ICAN!) continued

An interactive section on the Foundation's Web site, [www.appalachianohio.org/ican](http://www.appalachianohio.org/ican), also is helping to connect members to the campaign's cause and each other. The section provides a place for ICAN! members to learn about honorees, find out how to join and send electronic greeting cards about membership to their friends. The section also encourages members to tell their own stories about Appalachian Ohio and read essays submitted by the region's students in the Foundation's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> Essay Contest.

FAO would like to give a very special thank you and credit to **Jim Celuch** for many of the wonderful photos used in our *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> campaign. For more information about his work and Celuch Creative Imaging, visit [www.celuch.com](http://www.celuch.com).



## ICAN! Member Profile

### *I'm a Child of Appalachia*<sup>®</sup> – Jim Fuller, Athens Snider, Fuller, Porter & Associates

*For Athens resident Jim Fuller, joining the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's I'm a Child of Appalachia<sup>®</sup> Network (ICAN!) was a decision based on his life-long connection to and belief in the potential of the region.*

*Here, Jim shares his thoughts on the importance of membership and education in Appalachian Ohio. He recounts his own experiences growing up and then raising a family in Athens near Ohio University. It's a story of life, love, professional success in Appalachia – and the dream of an office on Court Street.*

"I feel ICAN! is an important and much needed entity within our region. I believe I still have a responsibility – a mandate – to educate and assist, in any manner possible, the children of Appalachia. We also need to educate those outside the region about how special we, as a culture and people, truly are.

I am a Child of Appalachia. I was born at Sheltering Arms Hospital in Athens, September 20, 1954. As a child in my third grade class, I was told the world would become smaller yet in constant conflict; fossil fuels would become a burden on our demand for energy; and poverty and hunger would continue to plague our world. But I also was taught if I got involved, if I became educated, I could influence and minimize these harbingers of our future.

To many, it would seem our children do not have the opportunity other children in society have, due exclusively to the unfortunate circumstance of being born into an impoverished region with limited educational resources. Yet, through the development of a vision and the promise of enlightenment, we can help each one grow to have a meaningful and productive life. That's the promise of ICAN!, and what being a member is really all about."

## Current ICAN! Members

### HOMETOWN HEROES

American Electric Power Ohio  
Mike and Pam Brooks

### FIRST FAMILIES

James C. and Sara Gilfert  
Glenn L. Youngs

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Gayle McLaughlin  
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Guy Spriggs  
Wholesale Beer & Wine  
Association of Ohio  
Maribeth Wright

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Jim Mahoney  
Lynn Helbling Sirinek and  
Larry Sirinek

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Wil Chandler  
Ann and Don Day  
Mary and Fred Deel  
James and Berry Dilley  
Gifford Doxsee  
Matt Elli  
Sandy Evener  
Jim and Kathleen Fuller  
Donna Sue Groves  
Brenda Haas  
Amanda Hughes  
Barry and Cathy Hughes  
Virgie Lee McLaughlin  
Sheila and Shane Meadows  
Bruce and Susan Mitchell  
Dan Neff  
Eric and Jane Nord  
Rep. Mark Okey  
Paul and Debra Prater  
Don & Joy Padgett  
Phil and Carol Roberts  
Karl Runser

Vic and Janet Shaffer  
Stephen Simko  
David and Jennifer Simon  
B. J. Smith  
Norma Smith  
Jan Thaler  
Mark Weinberg  
Neomia White

### WELL-WISHER

Roy and Sara Boyd  
Ralph and Janet Izard  
Scott and Karen Rawlins  
Lucy B. Shaw  
Margaret Topping





In the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio, access to higher education has historically been limited due to economic and social barriers. According to 2003 statistics from the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE), the rate of college attendance for high school graduates in Appalachian Ohio has been estimated at 30 percent, less than half the national average of 60 percent. In addition, the percentage of Appalachian Ohio adults with four-year college degrees is about 12 percent, compared to the Ohio average of 21 percent. And, in a telling connection between education and economic success, the poverty rate for high school dropouts is five times higher than the poverty rate for college graduates.

However, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio believes the students of Southeast Ohio possess the same potential and talent as their counterparts anywhere in the nation. If we give them the opportunity to succeed, whether in the form of financial scholarships or encouragement, our youth are capable of achieving their dreams – whatever those may be – beyond high school education.

Opening the doors of opportunity for our students means not only instilling in them the belief they *can* pursue the education of their dreams, but also giving them the tools to do so.

## 2007 Scholarships

### ARIANA R. ULLOA SCHOLARSHIP \$500

Hocking College – Langton Mahechani

### CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 1957 SCHOLARSHIP \$750

The Ohio State University – Alexander McJessy

### FORREST BACHTEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD \$2,000 each

Ohio University – Daniel Bookman

Ohio University – David Poole

Ohio University – Jennifer Smith

Shawnee State University – Whitney Smith

### WAYNE F. WHITE SCHOLARSHIP \$500 each

Shawnee State University - Staci Armbrust

Zane State College – Teri Day

Bluffton University – Caitlin Heiss

The Ohio State University – Hunter Lemley

Wright State University – Kasee Merritt

The Ohio State University – Michael Milton

Liberty University – Ashley Tyree

Ohio University – Zanesville – Devan VanWey

### WINNIE MAE SHARPE SCHOLARSHIP \$500 each

Muskingum College – Tyler A. Cota

Zane State College – Kimberly R. Lyons

Muskingum College – Mindy Jo Mead

Muskingum College – Tiffanie Scarry



FAO Board Trustee  
Marianne Campbell  
with the 2007  
Forrest Bachtel  
Scholarship winners

*“When I found out I received the scholarship, at first I felt honored, then thrilled. It will help me a lot, and I’m really excited to have the opportunity to study engineering at a great school.”*

Hunter Lemley

2007 Wayne F. White Scholarship winner

Lemley will attend the Ohio State University to study engineering.

*“I am excited to be able to start my future, meet new people, become more independent and learn about my area of study”*

Staci Armbrust

2007 Wayne F. White Scholarship winner

Staci will attend Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio to study respiratory therapy and health management.

## New scholarship honors Appalachian Ohio conservationist



In May 2007, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio announced a new major scholarship endowment established by donors to the Foundation in honor of regional nature enthusiast Ora Eaton Anderson.

Anderson, who wrote many articles for *Bird Watcher's Digest* and promoted conservation education, helped steward the recovery of vast woodland areas in Southeast Ohio to become the Wayne National Forest. He died August 16, 2006, at the age of 94.

The Ora E. Anderson Scholarship Endowment honors Ora Eaton Anderson and his lifelong contributions to the conservation and protection of Appalachian Ohio's natural environment. The charitable gift to establish the endowed fund was made by anonymous donors.

Initially, individual scholarship awards of \$2,500 will be given to two students in recognition of overall commitment to environmental protection and conservation. The Ora E. Anderson Scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to students who reside in and are graduating from high schools located within the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio. Applicants should wish to pursue post-secondary studies associated with the natural sciences, including: forest and wildlife management; environmental restoration; natural and historical interpretation; ecotourism and related disciplines associated with protecting plants, animals and the environment. The first awards will be made in spring 2008.



*"We are all what we are today because somebody out there took responsibility to give us opportunities to advance in our lives."*

**Langton Mahechani**  
2007 Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship winner

*Langton will study international business at Hocking College.*

*"To learn about each student's approach to education and goal in life from their individual essays afforded an insight into their determination to be successful in their future careers."*

**Marianne Campbell**  
former FAO Board Chair, current trustee



**F**AO invites powerful ideas, committed donors and resourceful partners. We mix, match and leverage the resources needed to create unprecedented access to opportunities benefiting the region. The Foundation improves quality of life in Appalachian Ohio through various grantmaking initiatives, including our mini-grants program, scholarships and donor-advised funds.

In 2007, the Fostering Access to Education Mini-Grants program awarded \$70,000 in funding to 17 regional nonprofits with educational focuses. The program was a partnership between the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville (OHFN), the Ohio Children's Foundation (OCF), and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO).

2007 was the third year for the regional partnership and mini-grants program, for which the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio acted as the managing partner. Past distributions have focused on improving quality of life and access to opportunity in Appalachian Ohio. Since the program's inception in 2004, more than \$213,000 has been awarded to regional non-profits. Projects were recommended for funding by the FAO Grants and Program Advisory Committee, comprised of 11 leaders from the region. Many grantees also are able to use the mini-grant dollars to leverage more funding for their programs.

## Grant puts regional wildlife in the hands of 4-H campers

For 4-H campers at Canter's Cave in Jackson, Ohio, science is coming to life, thanks in part to an education grant from FAO.

Canter's Cave 4-H Camp received a \$2,200 grant to support science and nature education as part of the 2007 Fostering Access to Education Mini-Grant program in Appalachian Ohio.

Camp staff will use the mini-grant, along with matching funds, to create educational features to enhance the nature center and make it self-exploratory for campers and visiting school children. The 4-H camp theme for 2007 is "Our Camp, Our World," and the nature curriculum will reflect that focus by highlighting local wildlife species, said Travis West, 4-H extension educator for Vinton County.



"We are trying to pull the old and new pieces of the nature center together and utilize equipment to create a hands-on curriculum," West said. "I think the program should be a tie-in to school activities, which also helps ascertain the validity of the program."

More than 2,000 4-H participants, ages 8–18, take part in the center's 4-H camping programs each year. The grant will be used to develop and improve a science and nature-based curriculum with exhibits, displays and activities for campers in the facility's Jewell Evans Nature Center.

"The grant for the nature center will mean a lot to the kids," said Tracy Winters, 4-H extension educator for Gallia County. "Without funding, it's hard to do."

Canter's Cave, established in 1949, serves as a base for local 4-H camps from nine counties throughout Southeast Ohio. The camp is located at the 300-acre Elizabeth L. Evans Outdoor Education Center, which is owned and operated by Canter's Cave. The center is named for the Bob Evans family, major financial supporters of the camp. Bob Evans, a famous restaurateur and Gallipolis native, also was one of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's original *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® honorees in 2005.

## FY 2006 – 2007 Grants

<b>Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>Cambridge High School Class of 1957</b>	
<i>To support funding to help low-income families and individuals acquire assets and gain self-sufficiency</i>		<b>Scholarship Fund.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Appalachian Peace and Justice Network.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,790</b>	<i>In support of scholarship giving from the Class of '57 Scholarship Fund</i>	
<i>To create a conflict resolution/peer mediation program at Coolville Elementary School</i>		<b>Cambridge Little League</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,300</b>
<b>Appalachian People's Action Coalition</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,500</b>	<i>To support the Cambridge Little League, Challenger Series baseball for children with disabilities and Guernsey Valley Baseball</i>	
<i>To develop woodworking and business skills for underemployed and unemployed residents</i>		<b>Cambridge Little League</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4,300</b>
<b>Appalachian Studies Association</b> . . . . .	<b>\$500</b>	<i>Multiple grants for recreational activities</i>	
<i>Sponsorship of the 2006 Appalachian Studies Annual Conference in Dayton, Ohio</i>		<b>Canter's Cave 4-H Camp.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,200</b>
<b>Athens County Prosecuting Attorney's</b>		<i>To develop a program that includes science and nature-based curriculum to increase learning for 4-H campers</i>	
<b>Victim Assistance Program</b> . . . . .	<b>\$1,895</b>	<b>Catholic Charities Regional Agency.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>To purchase computer equipment for restitution and compliance activities</i>		<i>To transport domestic violence shelter residents to medical and legal appointments</i>	
<b>Beacon School</b> . . . . .	<b>\$1,092</b>	<b>Chatfield College</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>Support of a healthy foods education program for students with mental and developmental disabilities</i>		<i>To provide scholarship aid to low-income students</i>	
<b>Bellaire Local School District</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4,799</b>	<b>City of Nelsonville Recreation Committee</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>For a school-based teen pregnancy prevention program</i>		<i>To purchase an inflatable mobile playground to promote healthy and active lifestyles for low-income families throughout the community</i>	
<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Athens.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Clermont Counseling Center</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>To provide training for Foster Care Alumni mentoring program</i>		<i>To expand a small business created by clients</i>	
<b>Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Zanesville</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>Community Mental Health Care, Inc.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>To expand a school-based mentoring program for at-risk Morgan County youth</i>		<i>To assist with intervention/prevention program and day camp for academically at-risk children in Carroll County</i>	
<b>Byesville Rotary Foundation</b> . . . . .	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Coshocton County Health Department.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$3,000</b>
<i>In support of charitable activities funded by the Byesville Rotary Fund</i>		<i>To provide head lice treatment and prevention education to income-eligible families and children</i>	
<b>Cambridge Area YMCA Development Fund.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$500</b>
<i>Capital Campaign 2007 to build new facility</i>		<i>In support of scholarships to be provided by the Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship Fund</i>	
<b>Cambridge City School District</b> . . . . .	<b>\$4,792.87</b>		
<i>To establish a scholarship in the name of Mary Arnold</i>			

## FY 2006 – 2007 Grants continued

<b>Dover Middle School, Tuscarawas County</b> . . . . . \$500	<b>Kennonsburg United Methodist Church</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>I'm a Child of Appalachia® Essay Contest grant for classroom enrichment materials</i>	<i>To support feeding and mentoring program for at-risk rural teens</i>
<b>First Step Family Violence Intervention Services, Inc.</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Leadership Guernsey</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>To provide legal advocate to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault</i>	<i>In support of charitable activities of the Leadership Guernsey Fund</i>
<b>Gallia-Vinton Educational Service Center</b> . . . . . \$5,000	<b>Madison High School Alumni Scholarship</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>For the Parent Literacy Connection program</i>	<i>In support of scholarships provided from the Madison High School Alumni Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>Guernsey County Senior Citizens Center</b> . . . . . \$500	<b>Marietta College</b> . . . . . \$2,500
<i>In support of services to seniors in Guernsey County</i>	<i>For the Forrest Bachtel Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>Habitat for Humanity of Belmont County</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Marietta City Schools</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To fund building of three houses in 2006 for low-income families</i>	<i>To instruct high school and college students in Cable TV broadcast at summer media camp</i>
<b>Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Mary Kackley-Brill Scholarship</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>In support of a literary festival showcasing local authors</i>	<i>In support of scholarships provided by the Mary Kackley-Brill Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>Highland County Chamber of Commerce</b> . . . . . \$3,100	<b>Monroe Arts Council</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To support the high school workforce development program</i>	<i>To fund an art camp for 50 Monroe County students</i>
<b>Highland County Community Action</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Morgan County Drug, Alcohol &amp; Substance Abuse Council/ Morgan County Sheriff's DARE Foundation</b> . . . . . \$3,268
<i>To provide parent education classes to promote child well-being and decrease the rate of child abuse</i>	<i>To provide a summer day camp and drug awareness education</i>
<b>Hocking College</b> . . . . . \$500	<b>Morgan County Habitat for Humanity</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship Fund</i>	<i>To assist in the land acquisition for the first Habitat home</i>
<b>Hocking College</b> . . . . . \$3,151	<b>Muskingum College</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>For scholarships to OACHE summer camp</i>	<i>For scholarships from the Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Fund</i>
<b>Hocking Valley Industries</b> . . . . . \$4,627	<b>Nelsonville Food Cupboard, Inc.</b> . . . . . \$2,000
<i>Assists clients with mental and developmental disabilities to market and sell their completed artworks</i>	<i>To provide extra food to families with school-age children</i>
<b>Holmes County Health District</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Noble Learning Center</b> . . . . . \$5,000
<i>To fund medical assistance program for needy individuals</i>	<i>To develop the Noble Kidz after-school program</i>
<b>Information Technology Alliance of Appalachian Ohio</b> . . . . . \$2,315	<b>Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE)</b> . . . . \$3,000
<i>To produce a publication to educate area youth about information technology</i>	<i>To acquire career-interest software for college access programs in Belmont and Monroe counties</i>

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<b>Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital</b> . . . . . \$15,000	<b>The Athens Foundation</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>From the Sara Lee Young's Memorial Fund to support cancer research</i>	<i>To develop and implement "Leadership Athens" for future community leaders</i>
<b>Ohio University Southern Regional Campus</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Trimble Local Textbook &amp; Supplies Foundation</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To assist with historically based Civil War summer programs</i>	<i>Purchase of new social studies textbooks in Trimble Local Schools</i>
<b>Ohio Valley ESC Bright Beginnings</b> . . . . . \$4,902	<b>Union Township Volunteer Fire Association</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To provide development and certification for occupational therapists for sensory integration training and intervention services</i>	<i>In support of the Ohio Youth Fire and EMS Training Academy and recruiting program, based in Clermont County</i>
<b>Ohio Valley Resource Conservation Center</b> . . . . . \$5,000	<b>University of Rio Grande</b> . . . . . \$2,500
<i>To support a Share Your Heritage Workshop to study the Appalachian Highway Corridor and develop a marketing strategy for southern Ohio</i>	<i>Forrest Bachtel Scholarship Fund</i>
<b>Parade of the Hills</b> . . . . . \$1,500	<b>University of Rio Grande</b> . . . . . \$5,000
<i>Sponsorship of 2007 Old-Time Fiddlers' Contest</i>	<i>To provide Vinton County residents with technology and work skills through workshops and online classes</i>
<b>Ross County Community Action Commission, Inc.</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>Western High School, Pike County</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>Prescription assistance for low-income residents</i>	<i>I'm a Child of Appalachia® Essay Contest grant for classroom enrichment materials</i>
<b>Rural Action</b> . . . . . \$2,000	<b>White Chapel Wesleyan Church</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To develop youth leadership and community involvement</i>	<i>To assist in the reopening of a food pantry in Meigs County</i>
<b>Scioto County Joint Vocational School</b> . . . . . \$5,000	<b>Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Fund</b> . . . . . \$500
<i>For college access programs</i>	<i>In support of scholarships by the Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Fund</i>
<b>Shepherd's House, Inc.</b> . . . . . \$3,000	<b>WOSU Public Media</b> . . . . . \$3,000
<i>To provide education in Vinton County Schools on preventing family violence, dating violence and harassment</i>	<i>Radio program underwriting to increase awareness of education initiatives in Appalachian Ohio</i>
<b>Sherrodsville Elementary PTO</b> . . . . . \$1,953	<b>WOUB Center for Public Media</b> . . . . . \$3,500
<i>To increase communication technology and safety within the school</i>	<i>TV and radio program underwriting to increase awareness of education initiatives in Appalachian Ohio</i>
<b>South Central Ohio Big Brothers/Big Sisters</b> . . . . . \$5,000	<b>Zane State College</b> . . . . . \$2,895
<i>Provides proficiency test tutoring for middle and elementary school students</i>	<i>To assist with promotion and advertising of "Spring into Cancer Awareness" Health Fair</i>
<b>Southern Local School District</b> . . . . . \$5,000	<b>Zanesville Thursday Music Club</b> . . . . . \$2,200
<i>To support the Miller High School College access program</i>	<i>For the Annual Civic Chorus Messiah Concert</i>
<b>Southern Ohio Educational Service Center</b> . . . . . \$5,000	
<i>To support Ready for School goals</i>	
<b>Storytellers of Central Ohio</b> . . . . . \$3,000	
<i>Recruitment of storytellers and free admission to story festival for elementary teachers and students</i>	



The need for philanthropy in Appalachian Ohio is well documented. The region encompasses one-third of the state's 88 counties and is home to 15 percent of all Ohioans, according to 2003 statistics from the Appalachian Regional Commission. However, a 2006 report by the Ohio Grantmakers Forum states that Southeast Ohio has the smallest concentration of foundations, assets and giving in the state.

Charitable giving and permanently endowed funds play a powerful role in maximizing opportunities for positive change. The region's capacity for accessing opportunities largely depends on having the means to invest in itself.

To eliminate this philanthropy gap, Appalachian Ohio needs permanent sources of charitable giving to encourage our many communities to work together for the benefit of the entire region, now and in the future.

*Masks created by participants in HAVAR's adult day care program in Nelsonville*

## Family of Funds helps sustain Guernsey County's future



The Guernsey County Foundation could be described as a “friend raiser” for charitable funds benefiting Guernsey County. By leading others to open component funds for the county with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), the organization’s leadership helped to add 14 new funds totaling more than \$200,000 in the past two years.

Guernsey’s new funds are part of FAO’s family of funds and priority goal to encourage the growth of existing and new charitable resources for the region. In Guernsey County, community leaders and trustees of the Cambridge Foundation partnered with FAO to create the Guernsey County Foundation, an FAO component fund designated for the benefit of Guernsey County.

With this partnership, the community can collaborate with FAO and the fund’s advisory committee to attract charitable gifts, determine priorities and make grants to benefit the area. FAO manages and stewards the fund endowment, acknowledges gifts and supports the community’s efforts to attract new charitable endowments and contributions. *continued*

## Family of Funds helps sustain Guernsey County's future continued

The endowment also provides tools and resources to help build the culture of giving in Guernsey County and the region.

A prime example of the essential support these funds provide for Guernsey is the Guernsey County Senior Citizen Center. 2007 marks the center's 35th year of offering services and recreational activities to senior citizens, aged 60 and older, throughout Guernsey County.

The center can now continue to offer these services for years to come, thanks to an endowment fund with FAO. The fund helps to secure the future of the organization and encourage the growth of the center and its programs. It also allows for donations to be contributed to the agency.

"By creating the fund with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, we have helped to diminish concern of where our money is going and focus more on the commitment of providing services to senior citizens," said Shon Gress, executive director of the Guernsey County Senior Citizen Center.

The senior citizen fund is one of more than a dozen component funds of FAO, existing for the benefit of Guernsey County, which also are supported by grants from the Guernsey

County Foundation. The purpose of FAO's Family of Funds for Guernsey County is to benefit the economic, cultural and educational climate of the greater Guernsey area, by being both a recipient vehicle of financial gifts and a distributor of grants to organizations meeting gift guidelines. All of the FAO funds for Guernsey County have independent advisory boards.

The Kevin Ritz Family Foundation, established by former Colorado Rockies pitcher and Guernsey County native Kevin Ritz, also holds a donor-advised fund with FAO. The fund supports a number of athletic activities in Guernsey County, including the Little League Challenger Division, a national youth baseball program started in 1998 for mentally and physically disabled players.

"The FAO has been a tremendous help with our donor-advised fund. My wife Sally and I wanted to start a fund that over the years could continue to provide support for charities important to us," Ritz said. "Leslie and her staff were there to help us through the process and have been just great to work with. It was really important for us when we decided to start The Kevin Ritz Family Foundation to do it the right way. We have come to rely on the FAO expertise."

The advisory board of the Guernsey County Foundation is excited about the opportunities for community improvement made possible by the FAO component funds, said Maribeth Wright, president of the Guernsey County Foundation board and an FAO trustee.

"The guidance we have received from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has been invaluable," Wright said. "We could not be where we are today without the help of FAO."



## FAO Funds

### FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

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Children, Youth & Families  
Economic & Community Development  
Education  
Emergency Needs  
Entrepreneurial Development  
Leadership  
September 11th Fund

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Guernsey County Senior Citizen Center  
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Cambridge High School Class of 1957 Scholarship  
Cambridge Singers Scholarship  
Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship  
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Leadership Guernsey  
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The Guernsey County Foundation

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*Client Cinda Bartlett during a home visit with Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association (ACVNA) nurse Sheryl Midkiff. ACVNA holds an endowed fund with FAO.*



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*"It's our turn. Our future lies in our young people coming back and giving back."*

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*CEO of Rocky Brands, Inc., and  
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## Philanthropy Day

Because storytelling is a time-honored tradition in Appalachian Ohio, the 2006 Philanthropy Day celebration focused on the stories of those who have given back to the region. These philanthropists were featured in the fourth edition of the "Stories of Philanthropy" commemorative booklet, given to all luncheon attendees.

Ten awardees were chosen from Appalachian Ohio as part of the celebratory luncheon on November 9 at the Athens Country Club in Athens, Ohio.

The luncheon was hosted by the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Muskingum County Community Foundation, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville, the Schooler Family Foundation, OSU Extension, the Athens Foundation and the Ohio Grantmakers Forum. The event recognizes Appalachian Ohio's traditions of giving and caring and is part of a national celebration of philanthropy during the month of November.

"Every community needs people like you," said David Mitzel, President/CEO of the Muskingum County Community Foundation, about the honorees. "That's how things get done."

This year's honorees were: J. Floyd Dixon, Jackson County; Rick Marriott, Ross County; Shirley Dunlap Bowser, Pickaway County; Pat and Carol Sauber, John Knouse, Ralph Hartman, Athens County; Lucy and George Shaw, Hocking County; Bob Bumpus, Lorle Porter, Muskingum County; Judy McMullen, Joy Flood and Andrea Hurst, Noble County.

## A little good goes a long way

In early February, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) received a box of new children's winter clothing and accessories from the Rainbow Workshop and Learning Center, located in rural Massachusetts. The community foundation staff was surprised and impressed by the generous donation and decided to pass it along to where it would be needed most – the Nelsonville Family Center.

The center provides a weekly clothes bank, parent support and education, play groups and after-school programs for children and teenagers. The family center and its programs are sponsored by Athens County Childrens Services.

"The clothes bank is for everyone," Bentley said. "The best part of the center is that money has no place here."

The Rainbow Workshop and Learning Center, the donor organization of this cross-country gift, is a small preschool located in rural southeastern Massachusetts (Assonet, Mass.), 40 miles south of Boston.

## FAO goes to Washington

Leslie Lilly, president and CEO of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, participated in the national Foundations on the Hill event February 27–28 to discuss philanthropy with key Congressional and state legislators in Washington, D.C.

FAO was one of 15 foundations from Ohio to participate. A record 390 foundation and regional association trustees, executives and



staff traveled to Washington to participate in Foundations on the Hill, co-sponsored by the Council on Foundations and the Forum of Regional Associations.

While in D.C., Lilly met with Sen. Sherrod Brown and staff members for Sen. George Voinovich, Reps. Charlie Wilson, Zack Space and Jim Jordan, all legislators whose constituencies include part of Southeast Ohio. Lilly said the event was a prime opportunity to share information about the Foundation's mission and the potential for philanthropy to improve education and opportunity in the region.

During their Hill meetings, participants urged lawmakers to sign on as co-sponsors of the IRA charitable rollover bill. Attendees also asked legislators to support improvements to the donor-advised fund and supporting organization provisions in the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), which impacts regulations for donors and scholarship giving in Appalachian Ohio.

A gift 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](http://www.appalachianohio.org).

## TYPES OF GIFTS

**Outright Gift.** You can make a gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or other assets to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.

**Bequest.** You can designate a gift or portion of your estate to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and, in some cases, receive a substantial reduction in federal gift and estate taxes.

**Gift Annuity.** You can make a gift of cash or property to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio now, get immediate tax benefits and ensure you or a loved one receive fixed quarterly or annual income payments for life.

For information on making a gift through a Charitable Lead Trust or Charitable Remainder Trust, please visit the Foundation's Web site at [www.appalachianohio.org](http://www.appalachianohio.org).

## CREATING A FUND

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 make a difference for the issues you care about most.

## 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.

**Field of Interest Fund.** Income from this fund is directed toward projects or programs of your choice within one of our funding areas.

**Scholarship Fund.** In creating a scholarship, you invest in your community's future and show students you care. The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio provides the expertise to help you meet your personal goals and awards scholarships to deserving students.

**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.

**Agency Endowment Fund.** Create a permanent pool of assets for your nonprofit organization. The Foundation manages the fund, and the income provided by the fund makes nonprofit organizations better able to secure their future.

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION, FY 2006 – 2007

	2007	2006
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	169,710	192,199
Investments	1,115,897	1,015,452
Pledges, grants and other receivables	254,854	377,588
Accrued interest receivable	4,763	5,089
Prepaid expense	—	5,270
Investments—endowment	3,018,215	1,817,556
Investments—Ford Foundation—endowment	149,904	131,181
Property and equipment, net	8,546	10,063
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,721,889</b>	<b>3,554,398</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts payable	3,524	15,453
Grants payable	500	500
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>15,953</b>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted net assets	777,150	879,082
Unrestricted net assets, board designated	633,430	565,267
Temporarily restricted	1,079,180	823,764
Permanently restricted	2,228,105	1,270,332
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>4,717,865</b>	<b>3,538,445</b>
 <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	 <b>4,721,889</b>	 <b>3,554,398</b>

The Foundation's fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the future year. A copy of the complete audited FY 2006–2007 financial statements, as well as the most recent IRS form 990, are available upon request.



### 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
- \* Help donors give to causes they care about
- \* Provide and promote leadership for collaboration in local and regional initiatives

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