THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
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More than $6 million invested in Lorain County!

- **Education** $1.7 million
- **Health** $1.3 million
- **Human Services** $1.5 million
- **Public Benefit** $729,000
- **Religion Related** $252,000
- **Animals & Environment** $33,000
- **Arts & Culture** $528,000

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*includes grants from all endowment fund types: agency funds, designated funds, donor advised funds, field of interest, scholarship, school endowment funds, and unrestricted funds.

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**HONORARIUM & MEMORIAL GIFTS**

$506,000 was donated in honor or memory of loved ones!

**LEGACY SOCIETY**

More than 65 individuals and families have included the Community Foundation in their wills or estate plans.

**LIFESHARE LEGACY FUND**

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**LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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A $2,000 grant is bringing technology to single mothers in the Colonial Oaks Mobile Home Park in Elyria. Job-search skills training is provided by librarians from the Grafton-Midview Public Library.

Forty high school students from nine school districts attended the 2017 Youth Summit. Students participated in a poverty simulation and learned how they can be philanthropists and advocates in their communities.

What will the needs of our community be a year from now? Ten years? Fifty? We can’t predict what the future may hold. However, we can make sure we have the ability to fund important and often unanticipated community change. Our capacity to do so improved last year by $2.3M dollars. This increase in flexible assets happened because of gifts to the Campaign for Emerging Opportunities, healthy investment returns, and donor advisors who entrusted their future grantmaking to the Community Foundation. These assets enable us to mobilize grant dollars quickly to direct those dollars where they are most needed in the community.

This increase would not have happened without donors who changed the nature of their Donor Advised Funds. Donor advisors are personally involved in recommending grant awards from their endowment funds every year. Instead of continuing that practice, these donor advisors entrusted to the Community Foundation the ability to choose where to direct grants from those funds. Donor Advised Funds that were transformed in 2017: Joseph A. and Mary N. Ignat Fund, Patricia Lindley Charitable Fund, Robert E. Bass Fund, Vanek Family Charitable Fund, and the Robert I. and Helen J. Woodward Fund. Their legacies will continue to benefit our community’s pressing needs, forever.

We are grateful to all donors for their faith and trust in the Community Foundation of Lorain County. You make community impact possible!
Dear Friends,

We are delighted to share and celebrate the substantial impact you made possible in 2017. It is through your generosity and commitment that we can live out our mission: to Connect People Who Care With Causes That Matter.

You, our caring donors, community partners, and friends are vital to the important causes we support on your behalf. Our annual report theme for 2017 – The Power of Community – illustrates the magnitude of our shared connection and impact.

We received more than $5.8 million dollars in gifts and bequests in 2017. During the same period, we distributed more than $6 million in grants and scholarships. Our Affiliate Funds launched new and innovative projects. New endowment funds totaling nearly one million dollars were established. And our flexible assets increased by $2.3 million dollars, giving us greater ability to fund important and often unanticipated community change.

A community foundation is only as strong as the people who join us in making a difference. Through the Power of Community we achieve so much more together than any one of us could alone. We thank you for coming together in support of Lorain County!

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We Connect People Who Care With Causes That Matter

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