President’s Corner

Nearly ten years ago as we launched our fledgling community foundation we began with a short list of objectives that would most define our impact in the Mahoning Valley. Community support and sustained growth topped the list then, as they do now. You will see many examples of those factors as you read our current issue of Quarterly News. Our ranks are growing with our new committee and board members. There are now nearly 40 of us working on behalf of the Mahoning Valley (Although not officially counted in the Foundation 40, our Foundation Babies are reporting sustained growth as well, see page 3). Grants are approaching the $13 million mark, and we are now partnering with nearly 85 funds. In our next issue you will hear about our new strategic plan as we embark on our second decade. Our Board, staff and a group of community volunteers will begin that planning soon. Our community support – those of you whose generosity has brought us to this point – is making a critical difference. To our donors, new and old, thank you for the opportunities you have given us to bring our community’s foundation to the Valley. To our new team members, thank you for your time and talent. Together, we will continue to raise philanthropy to a higher standard for the Mahoning Valley.

Young Philanthropist Fund Awards Grant

The Young Philanthropist Fund, a component fund of the CFMV, recently made their fourth grant award. The award, totaling $2,000, was presented to the students of Poland North Elementary for a sun shade structure in their courtyard. There, the students learn about environmental issues from organic farming to recycling and have also recently been designated a WILD School Site by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Poland North was selected for the grant on evaluation criteria including proven success, youth oriented focus, and impact. The YPF was established in early 2006 with the goal of introducing the Valley’s younger generation to local philanthropy. It is sustained by individual contributions and funds raised through events, most notably the 40 Under 40 Awards. To make a contribution to the Young Philanthropist Fund, please fill out the form on the back of the newsletter or visit the Foundation’s website at www.cfmv.org.

CFMV Experiences Continued Growth in New Funds

This past year the Foundation has experienced an incredible amount of growth in new fund development. Currently, we house nearly 85 funds within the Foundation, each one contributing to the enduring vision for the future of the Mahoning Valley. Donations can be made to these funds in any amount, at any time. Please complete the donation form on the back page or go to our website to donate online. We would like to sincerely thank and welcome the following new funds. Access Health Mahoning Valley Fund, The Boardman Fund, The Boardman Schools Fund for Educational Excellence, Interfaith Home Maintenance Service Fund, Jeffrey M. Stevens Memorial Fund, Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley Fund, and The Fund for Youngstown City Schools Foundation.
New Appointees

The phrase “you are only as strong as the team that surrounds you” has always held true at the Foundation. Our community team has once again expanded to include new appointments to the Board of Directors, Administrative Committee, and the newly formed Marketing Committee.

The CFMV has experienced an incredible year of growth in not only the number of new funds, but also in public awareness of our mission. To assist with the continued growth of the Foundation we are pleased to announce the creation of a new Marketing Committee. Serving on the inaugural committee are Debra Bish, First Place Bank; Terry Cloonan, Huntington Bank; Kim Giangiuli, Interiors of Elegance; Todd Marion, Help Hotline; Sue Stricklin, Home Savings; and Krista White, Armstrong.

The staff and Board of CFMV would like to welcome new Board members John MacIntosh and Gordon B. Wean. John MacIntosh is a life-long resident of the Mahoning Valley. A graduate of Poland Semi-nary High School and Youngstown State University, John has served on a number of local boards including; Easter Seals, American Red Cross, Youngstown Symphony Society, the Poland Cemetery Association, and the Butler Institute of American Art. Gordon Wean, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Yale University and a law degree from The Ohio State University, practiced law in Warren and taught high school English at University School in Cleveland. He currently serves as chairman of The Raymond John Wean Foundation founded in 1949. Gordon also currently serves on the board of the Ohio Grantmakers Forum. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Cleveland Heights.

We would also like to welcome Chris Jaskiewicz to the CFMV Administrative Committee. Chris, a graduate of YSU, is COO for Valley Electrical Consolidated, Inc. Chris is active in the community, currently serving on the boards of Junior Achievement, Inspiring Minds, D&E Counseling Center, and as President for the MVP 20/30 Club. He and his wife Kristin live in Warren with their son Hayden and a new addition expected late summer.

2010 CFMV Scholarships

Scholarship funds allow donors to give the gift of education. With education costs soaring, donors are increasingly interested in creating this type of fund to provide financial assistance to students who have shown great potential. Setting up a scholarship fund is a quick and easy process that starts with a phone call to the Community Foundation. Please contact our staff at (330) 743-5555 with any questions.

The Foundation is pleased to announce scholarships totaling over $10,000 that have recently been awarded to area high school and college students. The Athena Scholarship Fund named Lyndsie Hall, YSU as the 2010 recipient. The Athena Scholarship is awarded annually to a woman attending Youngstown State University, or Kent State Trumbull, East Liverpool or Salem branches. The C.M. (Jerry) Collins Memorial Scholarship Fund was awarded to Kimberly Carr, Robert T. White School of Nursing; Megan A. Klemann, University of Akron; Brian Matthew Anderson, YSU; Megan Smith, Baldwin Wallace College; Nick Timko, Kent State University. The Fund, established in memory of Jerry Collins, benefits employees or family members of Copeland Oakes or Crandall Medical Center.

The Gail T. Dennison Mahoning County Saddle Horse Committee Scholarship Fund awarded scholarships to Kyle Nesbitt, and Angela Binder, Youngstown University. The Fund provides scholarships for exemplary 4H students.

The Thomas H. Kennedy Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund (administered through the YSU Foundation) awarded scholarships to Joncquil Hope and Alex Sanchez both attending the Williamson College of Business at YSU. The Dr. Robert R. Ricchiuti Scholarship was awarded to Joshua Gore, YSU. The Fund benefits students attending Campbell Memorial High School.

Save the Date!

The sixth annual MVP’s 40 Under 40 Awards will be held at the DeYor Performing Arts Center on the evening of Thursday, November 18, 2010. Sponsorship opportunities are available by visiting the club’s website at www.mvp2030club.org. Proceeds from this event benefit the Young Philanthropist Fund, a component fund of the CFMV.
Corporate Spotlight

The Foundation is grateful to have made great friends throughout the business community who offer support services either donated or at greatly reduced cost to the Foundation. For this edition we would like to spotlight Technagroup, who has been assisting with the Foundation’s technical and equipment needs. Technagroup provides guidance through the process of choosing, implementing, and supporting organizations technology investments. For more information on Technagroup please contact Rick Roccoci at 330-884-6040.

Grant Spotlight

Now in our 9th year of grant-making, the Foundation has provided grants in excess of $12.6 million to approximately 300 charitable and educational institutions. We are proud of our record of matching donors who care with causes that matter on behalf of our community. Recently, we had the opportunity to assist Easter Seals purchase a universal exercise unit and equipment to complement a program called “SuitAbility”. This suit therapy has been established as a standard treatment for children with cerebral palsy and children with neurological and sensory disorders. Easter Seals became one of only five organizations in Ohio to offer this technology with results that, to date, were thought impossible. In the past two years over 50 children have utilized the SuitAbility program at Easter Seals with dramatic results. The Universal Exercise Unit allows each patient to perform independent and isolated movements with gravity eliminated (via suspension) for strengthening activities. The unit also allows the child to develop dynamic skills and the therapist facilitates transitional movements.

We are regularly asked how the Foundation Babies are coming along, and we are happy to report they are doing great! Of course the moms are unhappy to report that they are growing up entirely too fast. The boys have been busy filling their days with playing, naptime, more playing and already eating their parents out of house and home. Susan’s son Paul is 18 months old, and Julie’s son Coben is 16 months.

Toddler Update

Photos and story courtesy of Easter Seals of Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties.

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