The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley has been serving the community for 15 years now, and we continue to be thankful for the support that we receive. We had a humble beginning that was driven by the vision and leadership of our founders and the generosity of our initial donors. These visionaries realized the value of creating an institution that would anchor assets and resources to our Valley. We owe all of them a debt of gratitude for their foresight and planning.

The Community Foundation continues to champion the goals of its donors and respond to the needs of the community. Over the past 15 years, we have distributed over $17 million in grants and gifts to aid the good work of many organizations in our Valley. Your support of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley makes that investment possible!

As we look to shaping the future, we will continue to help our donors make a difference and achieve their philanthropic goals. Everyone can be a philanthropist when they work with the Community Foundation. An individual can start a fund with a small gift and build it over time or invest in an area of interest such as the CFMV Fund for Women and Girls mentioned on page 10. Others turn philanthropy into a family endeavor. We are especially proud to have partnered with the Kennedy family, one of the first donors to the Foundation, who represent several generations of philanthropy and caring. Many may consider a legacy gift to support the ongoing work of the Community Foundation or a specific cause. The beneficiary of one such gift this year was the Boardman Schools Fund for Educational Excellence. The Fund received a gift on behalf of the late Dr. Jim Chengelis to benefit Stadium Drive Elementary School (page 13).

Over the last 18 months, CFMV staff, volunteers and leaders have kept all of us inspired, and continue to set the stage for greatness. We thank all of you who have supported the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley since its inception and look forward to working with you to continue to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Mahoning Valley.

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In the Beginning

In 1999, representatives from five locally-based banks and trust companies, along with community leaders, saw a need in the Mahoning Valley for a regional approach to grant making. A steering committee was formed to determine a mission and vision, then incorporated the newest foundation of its kind – The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, a non-profit, tax-exempt public charity. The first “official” donation was received from the Knecht family, followed by a gift from the Kennedy family. The new foundation grew quickly – between 2002 and 2003, the Foundation had doubled the amount of component funds it administered.

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2011: The William Swanston Charitable Fund became a supporting organization of the Community Foundation in October 2010 with $6.8 million in assets. The Swanston Fund, previously limited to supporting non-profits in Mahoning County, was granted permission by the court to include Trumbull County as well. The Fund awards grants to programs dedicated to the care of abused, neglected and dependent children. The Fund’s total giving in 2011 was $302,000.

2013: After more than ten years serving as the founding president of the Community Foundation, Patricia Brozik retired from the position. During her tenure, the assets of CMVF increased from $5,025,000 in 2000 to $16,477,015 in 2013. Patricia was succeeded by Shari Harrell, a lifelong Valley resident and former Executive Director of the WARMCACA. Committed to the Valley, Shari is invested in improving the quality of life in Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

2014: The Western Reserve Health Foundation and the Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation made their first grants in the 2013-14 fiscal year. WRHF distributed $50,000, while the TMHF distributed $67,520.

2012: CMVF was thrilled to welcome two additional supporting organizations, the Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation and the Western Reserve Health Foundation. Both are successors to organizations that supported local hospitals. These foundations were established to continue to provide funding for health care education and service needs of their communities.

Grass Roots Gala: Mrs. Pat Sweet, Scott Schulick, CityScape board member; Esther M. Webster Sweet, Dr. David Sweet, former YSU president; Sharon Letson, CityScape executive director.

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A LESSON IN FAMILY PHILANTHROPY

Jeff and Tina Wilkins created a donor advised fund at CFMV with the intent of involving the entire family in philanthropy. In the fall of 2014, they chose to support Making Kids Count and their comfort kit program. The program supports children and teens entering the foster care system with care bags that replace items they were forced to leave behind, or never had to some of the kit’s contents are purchased by Making Kids Count and bags are assembled by staff and volunteers, enter with. The contents are purchased by Making Kids Count and bags are assembled by staff and volunteers, and are given to Children’s Services to be distributed. The family wanted to see their gift in action, so CFMV staff arranged a tour of Making Kids Count. Jeff, Tina and their daughters not only got a first-hand look at how the comfort kits were organized and packed, but they were able to see all of the great projects undertaken by staff arranged a tour of Making Kids Count. Jeff, Tina and their daughters not only got a first-hand look at how the comfort kits were organized and packed, but they were able to see all of the great projects undertaken by staff and are given to Children’s Services to be distributed. The family wanted to see their gift in action, so CFMV staff arranged a tour of Making Kids Count. Jeff, Tina and their daughters not only got a first-hand look at how the comfort kits were organized and packed, but they were able to see all of the great projects undertaken by Making Kids Count. Shortly after their tour, Tina and one of her daughters became volunteers and helped pack some of the kits.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

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THE DESIGN CHAIR FUND FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN & YOUTH
Established in 2010 by Delfin Gibert, founder and former president of Exal Group in Youngstown, his namesake fund supports children and youth who are less than 18 years old and disadvantaged by personal and/or societal factors. A field of interest fund, grants from the Gibert Fund are recommended by the CFMV Distribution Committee. In 2015, a grant from the Gibert Fund was made to Hope House Visitation Center, a non-profit organization that ensures a safe, neutral, family-friendly environment for children whose parents have been mandated by the courts to have supervised visitation. The grant to Hope House will help develop and implement the Child Education & Support Groups & Parenting Program.

THE CFMV FUND FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS
In June of 2002, a contribution was made in recognition of the retirement of Barbara Amstutz to start the Fund for Women and Girls at CFMV. Additional donations were made in the ensuing years, but the fund remained small. In the spring of 2015, a plan was created to increase the presence and magnitude of the fund, with the goal of becoming the area’s primary resource for focused grant making for projects and programs benefiting local women and girls. A Guiding Circle, consisting of nine committed women, was created to help shape the direction and future of the fund. The philosophy of the Guiding Circle is that everyone can be a philanthropist. By becoming a “shareholder” in the fund, contributors can see firsthand how directing resources to organizations that empower change and self-sufficiency for local women and girls can help them succeed.

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Designated Fields
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Scholarship Funds
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The success of the Community Foundation depends on the support of many types of contributions, both large and small. Each and every contribution made to CFMV is greatly appreciated. The following have made gifts for the calendar year 2015 to one or more of our funds. If you notice errors or omissions, please call 330.743.5555.

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- Ms. Joyce Baldwin
- Ms. Cynthia Antonoff-Cerimele
- Mr. Paul H. Hagman
- Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Matune
- Mr. and Mrs. David L. Willis
- Mercy Health Development
- Junior League of Youngstown, Inc.
- Kennedy Family Fund
- Cohen & Company
- Akron Children’s Hospital
- 25 UNDER 35 Services, Inc.
- Mahoning Valley Junior League
- Mr. and Mrs. Rick Schafer
- Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Moulin
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Costello
- FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
- Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Liptak
- BOARDMAN FUND
- INTEGRITY SCHOLARSHIP CENTER FOR ETHICS & Better Business Bureau for Ethics & Integrity
- ALEXIS MORGAN STINER FUND
- Mr. and Mrs. David Hoffman
- Mr. and Mrs. James J. Geller
- Mr. and Mrs. Rich Delisio
- Ms. Karen Cipperly
- Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mason
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parteleno
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- BBB Center for Ethics & Integrity Scholarship Fund
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- Diane & Kurt Sauer Endowment
- Legal Creative Endowment
- United Way of Trumbull County

While graduates often stay close to their high schools and colleges, it’s not often they remain attached to their elementary school. In the case of the Dr. Jim Chengelis, his roots to Stadium Drive Elementary School in Boardman ran deep. A gift in memory of his parents established the Evelyn and Theodore Chengelis Library at the school and Dr. Jim, as he was affectionately known, made many gifts to his alma mater over the years. A psychiatric physician who practiced and taught in the Boston area, Dr. Chengelis sadly passed away in 2013. He made sure Stadium Drive Elementary would be well taken care of however. The Chengelis Trust, now a component fund of the Community Foundation, was endowed with a gift of nearly $450,000 in his memory that will benefit the school in perpetuity.

The following quote sums up the philosophy of Dr. Chengelis: “Being in medicine is not about money. Health is not a privilege; it is a right for all human beings. My role is to ensure this to my patients. Patients trust me and it is an honor. A life is in my hands and I can make a difference.”

The William Swanston Charitable Fund

The Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation received a grant of $32,000 from the William Swanston Charitable Fund to launch “Better Block,” a series of events that promoted active living and creation of safer and more vibrant arteriopaths in distressed and transitional neighborhoods of Youngstown. The events were presented by Neighborhood Action Teams composed of relevant city departments, resident leaders and other community groups and stakeholders. “Better Block” is a strategy used in many cities (Houston, Portland, Cleveland, Detroit) that transforms city streets into safer and more inviting pedestrian areas by temporarily changing traffic flows, adding bike lanes, creating outdoor eating and socialization areas and bringing in temporary businesses to create interactive street events that show the potential for revitalization.

The goals of Better Block include:

- Promoting safe biking and walking practices for youth as well as adults in Youngstown;
- Engaging community residents in a conversation about the potential that exists in distressed urban neighborhoods through community redesign;
- Using public event and urban planning strategies to bridge gaps between community residents and decision makers; and
- Creating neighborhood-specific policy recommendations to guide future traffic improvements and community revitalization projects.

The William Swanston Charitable Fund, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation, advances initiatives that improve the lives of at-risk children in the Mahoning Valley. Established in 1919 by William Swanston, a Canfield farmer, the fund had $7,164,113 in assets at the end of 2015. Total giving in 2015 was $396,000.
**Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation**

The Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation, was established in 2012. The Foundation seeks to address the health and wellness needs of Trumbull County residents by supporting access to health care, reducing crime and drug abuse and protecting the environment, as described by the Trumbull County Health Department Community Health Assessment. The TMHF had $19,127 in assets at the end of 2015.

Total giving in 2015 was $148,577.

**PROJECT DAWN, TRUMBULL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation presented a check in the amount of $50,127 to the Trumbull County Combined Health District for Project DAWN, an overdose-prevention program that was created for saving the lives of four people who would have otherwise died of an accidental overdose. The grant is the second to this project, and will help provide training and materials for 100 naloxone kits. In the grip of a drug overdose epidemic, Trumbull County Combined Health District made the prevention of opioid deaths a top priority as it looked for a way to save the lives of those who were addicted. Project DAWN (Death Avoidance With Naloxone) was created not only to help combat that problem, but to provide training and naloxone kits to families, friends and social workers for those addicted to opioids like heroin as well. Two of the individuals who were helped by Project DAWN enrolled in drug treatment programs. “They are very fortunate to have second chances,” stated Patrick Wilson, TMHF Chair. “We are also pleased that two of the individuals who avoided death from overdoses have enrolled in drug treatment programs.”

**2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Ten students from Trumbull County were awarded scholarships of $3,000 each from the Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation. The recipients were chosen based on academics as well as need, and all are pursuing careers in health care.

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**Western Reserve Health Foundation**

The Western Reserve Health Foundation, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation, was established in 2012. The Foundation seeks to improve the health and wellness of all residents of Mahoning County by supporting innovative programs and services that promote healthy living and eating and addresses infant mortality, unhealthy birth outcomes and diabetes as described in the Mahoning County Health Department Community Health Improvement Plan. At the end of 2015, the WRHF had $123,460.87 in assets. Total giving in 2015 was $167,491.

**YMCA OF YOUNGSTOWN DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM**

The YMCA of Youngstown received a grant of $16,600 from the Western Reserve Health Foundation for their Diabetes Prevention Program, a lifestyle modification program that helps adults with prediabetes reduce their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. The program conducted by trained lifestyle coaches, taught participants how making positive behavior changes, including healthier eating and increased physical activity, helped reduce their risk or delayed the onset of developing the disease. The year-long program consisted of 10 weekly one-hour sessions followed by eight monthly sessions. It was based on the National Institutes of Health-led, CDC-supported, Diabetes Prevention Program Study. NIH reports the program reduces the risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes by 58% and the reduction was even greater, 71%, for adults aged 60 or older.

The YMCA of Youngstown addresses the community’s most pressing social issues related to youth, health and community life. Their programs build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. They work side-by-side with their neighbors to make sure everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.
**Grants Awarded**

In partnership with our fund holders, CFMV combines local resources with community knowledge and expertise to help non-profits improve the quality of life in our Valley. While some donor-directed distributions may fall outside of the goals and priorities of the foundation, all of our grant making is intended to build and maintain a healthy, thriving and vibrant community. These grants fall within five quality-of-life categories:

1. **ARTS & CULTURE**
   - An active community enriches the quality of life in the Valley and provides significant economic impact. The Foundation supports arts, culture, and humanities organizations that bring the performing arts to the public, preserve and commemorate the events, places and cultures that created and continue to shape the Valley and promote the distribution of ideas.

2. **EDUCATION**
   - Success in life depends on access to quality learning and educational opportunities. The Foundation supports programs that provide a chance for all youth and adults in the Valley to acquire the knowledge, skills, desirable qualities of behavior, character, wisdom and general competence that will enable them to fully participate in and enjoy the social, political economic and intellectual life of the community.

3. **COMMUNITY WEL-BING**
   - Health and well-being are at the heart of quality of life in the Valley. We invest in a wide spectrum of programs and services focused on improving the overall health and wellness for all Valley residents. The Foundation supports efforts to assist individuals in meeting their basic needs such as shelter, food and clothing. We believe that in caring for the neediest, we improve life for all of us.

4. **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
   - We believe our Valley’s well-being hinges on citizen involvement. We make grants to strengthen our neighborhoods, infrastructure and economy through programs that engage residents, protect our environment, promote recreation and attract investment in our Valley.

5. **OTHER**
   - The Foundation also facilitates the distribution of scholarships for education, supports efforts which assist individuals and agencies that support the grantmaking in titles of community foundations. Generally, the Foundation bolsters those supporting organizations with assets totaling $16,000,000.