## REPORT to the COMMUNITY 2021

Your partner in philanthropy



Established 1951

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MISSION:

Building a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership.

## VISION:

Continue to be the trusted resource for growing philanthropy and leading change to improve our community.



#### Dear Friends,

On December 24, 1951, seven community leaders met to sign the incorporation papers for the Hamilton Community Foundation. Their goal was to create a new organization committed to securing funds to do important projects in the community at that time and well into the future. By creating the Hamilton Community Foundation, the founders were true visionaries - they understood that the organization they imagined could meet the needs of 1951, but would also be equipped to meet the needs of 1961, 1971, 1981, 2021 and beyond. Looking back with the perspective of 70 years we see that founding the Hamilton Community Foundation was a pivotal moment in the history of our community. It was the start of something big - something that could change the course of Hamilton's history and trajectory.

The creation of the Hamilton Community Foundation set the stage for community building in good times and community investing in less than good times. The existence of HCF ensured that our community always had strong foundation that could be and relied upon and built upon. Not just in the short term, but for the long haul - in fact, forever.

Over the past 70 years the Hamilton Community Foundation has met the moment time and time again. The Foundation responded to community needs as they arose and worked to ensure that the community recognized needs and opportunities as they developed. The Foundation has stood poised to respond to whatever needs or opportunities presented.

As we reflect on 70 years of service to this community, we are grateful for the generosity of the many donors who have supported the Foundation, we are humbled by the confidence placed with us by the community, and we are excited by the opportunities of the adventures that lie ahead. As you peruse this annual report, we invite you to reflect on the Foundation's 70 year legacy, we encourage you to learn more about our work, and we challenge you to join us as we continue this important journey.

John Kirsch Chair, Board of Trustees

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John Guidugli President and CEO



## **OPERATING EXCELLENCE**

The Hamilton Community Foundation has had strong leadership since the beginning and continues today.

#### Meet our BOARD of TRUSTEES



Front row: L to R - Sandy Sanders, Cindy Parrish, John Kirsch, Chair; David Belew, Trustee Emeritus; Susan Vaughn. Standing L to R: Cynamon Trokhan, Vice Chair; Niki Motley, Andy Schuster, Treasurer; Jason Crank, Chamina Curtis, Bob Long, Secretary, not pictured, Scott Kruger.



John Guidugli President and CEO

#### Meet our STAFF



Katie Braswell Vice President



Dan Sander Vice President Finance



Scholarship Program Manager



Administrative Program Manager

#### When thinking of your charitable giving strategy

## I want to make a difference ...

## Start Today 🛶 🕞 Start Tomorrow

Choose the asset to use for your charitable gift.

#### Cash or Cash Equivalent

This is the simplest gift, but we encourage you to consult your tax professional to make sure this works for you.

#### **Publicly Traded Securities**

Gifting long-term, appreciated securities provides you with significant tax advantages including an immediate deduction, avoidance of capital gains taxes and a reduction in estate taxes.

#### IRA Rollover

Gifting your required minimum distribution or more with no tax consequence is available for those age 70  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

#### Real Estate

When you donate a gift of real estate - vacation home(s), income property or land - you receive an immediate tax benefit, avoid capital gains and reduction in estate taxes.

#### Bequest

This is perhaps the easiest way to designate the Hamilton Community Foundation as the beneficiary with a specific dollar amount, or as a percentage of your estate.

#### **Retirement Plan Assets**

A retirement asset like an IRA account makes an excellent bequest. If the IRA were given to your family, much of the value would be depleted through estate and income taxes. By designating the Hamilton Community Foundation as the beneficiary, the full value of the gift is transferred tax free at your death.

#### Life Insurance

This option provides a simple way to add to create your charitable fund. Simply name the Hamilton Community Foundation as the beneficiary and/or owner of the policy.

#### **Planned Gifts**

Charitable gift annuities and trusts are options that create your philanthropic legacy and provide income to you and your heirs.

For 70 years, the Hamilton Community Foundation has been assisting donors with meeting their charitable goals. We are happy to assist you with fulfilling your charitable wishes.

To learn more, contact us at the Hamilton Community Foundation at 513-863-1717.

## **TAP Recipients Become Boosters for Hamilton**

Young professionals represent our future. Since 2018, the Hamilton Community Foundation has helped a select group pay down their student loan debt through the Talent Attraction Program (TAP) in exchange for becoming part of the Hamilton community.

TAP has received national attention because of its unique promise to pay up to \$10,000 of that debt over a three-year period if recipients find a job in Butler County and live in one of Hamilton's core neighborhoods.



Fairwood Elementary sixth grade math teacher Sam Wyatt was one of the first TAP recipients in 2018. While she has finished receiving her monthly payments, she wants to stay in Hamilton. "Being part of the first wave of TAP recipients was exciting," she said. "I had a three-year plan to live at the Marcum while receiving the scholarship, but I'm staying because I love the city, and I'm very excited for the Spooky Nook project."

Sam grew up in Fairfield, and TAP allowed her to live close to her school and be part of the many activities at Marcum Park and the downtown area. "Some of my friends had misconceptions about Hamilton, but now they love it, "Sam

explained. "We love walking to restaurants, bars or the park, and my friends talk about how beautiful it is."

Matt Prewitt joined TAP in 2019 when he accepted a job as Sales Manager for Sports and Events at Travel Butler County. The Kentucky Christian University graduate moved here from a similar job in Florida to be closer to family in Lexington. He learned about TAP during the hiring process and said that was a catalyst for settling in Hamilton.

"TAP is great for attracting young professionals," Matt said. "It allowed me to explore a community that I probably wouldn't have otherwise. With a young family, it opened my eyes to a very family-friendly community." Matt, his wife and two children live in the Dayton Lane area.



The Prewitt family enjoys being able to walk to events or shops in the downtown area or visit places like Fitton Center and Pyramid Hill. "Looking back at the past few years, I've noticed the different new businesses and the growth Hamilton is experiencing," he said.

Fourteen people have received TAP grants out of 120 people who have applied from 20 states. The average student debt of recipients is \$50,000 and their majors range from physical therapy to education, art and digital arts. Hamilton Comminuty Foundation has offered \$140,000 in scholarships.

Bowling Green State University arts major Jana Dean graduated in 2020 and became part of TAP because she wanted to return to the city where she has lived most of her life. Jana became part of TAP in October 2020 and lives with her fiancé in Highland Park.

Because she graduated during COVID, Jana was concerned because many entry level art jobs were being cut, but fortunately she went to work at Gottcha Covered in Fairfield. Jana says TAP was a big relief for her. "I appreciate the fact Hamilton was willing to take a chance on me," she said. "Having TAP takes a lot of pressure off of my life and allows me to support the city that's supporting me."

As an artist, Jana appreciates the role art is playing in Hamilton's revitalization. "No matter where you go, there's art, whether it's a mural, a sculpture or an art gallery," Jana said. "I also love the sense of community here. When the weather is nice, the sidewalks are filled with people going from shop to shop. It's a small town with a big city feel."

Visit the Foundation's website to donate to the Talent Attraction Program Scholarship or learn more about the application process.



## What type of fund will help me with my charitable goals?

## I want to support ...

# Causes & nonprofits that are meaningful to me

#### **Donor Advised Fund**

This flexible fund allows you to be actively involved in your philanthropy and has key advantages: convenient tax advantages, and no required annual distribution.

# The most pressing needs in our community

#### **Unrestricted Fund**

This fund allows the Foundation Board of Trustees to provide grants to the most pressing needs in our community.

Through the Hamilton Community Foundation, you may create a fund that meets fund that meeds. your needs.

## A specific nonprofit that is important to me

#### **Designated Fund**

This fund provides for annual support to a nonprofit you specify. If for any reason, the nonprofit ceases to exist or the mission changes, we will protect your intent forever.

## **Supporting education**

#### **Scholarship Fund**

This flexible fund provides a way for you to give the gift of education to our area students. You may provide tuition assistance for parochial schools, preschool or to graduating seniors. Also, students currently in college and adults returning to school are also a need in our community.

## A specific issue I care about

#### **Field of Interest Fund**

This fund allows you to provide annual support to a specific cause or program important to you. Example: children, elderly, animals, beautification in our community.



## New Funds Established to Impact the Community

Established in 2021

#### **Donor Advised Funds**

Darren and Cynamon Trokhan Family Fund Andrew and Colleen Schuster Advised Fund Michael L. and Anne K. Dittman Advised Fund Patricia Parrish Everhart Advised Fund Jon Persson Whalen and Allison Wynn Whalen Advised Fund Kellie and Jody Gunderson Family Charitable Fund Gregory L. and Mariann J. Savage Family Fund Vision Commission Fund

#### **Designated Funds**

Great Miami Rowing Center Capital Campaign Fund Hamilton, Ohio City of Sculpture ENDOWMENT Fund Lexie and Mary Katheryn Campbell Educational Fund New Oaks Community Benevolence Fund New Oaks Community Fund Mini Grants 4 Teachers Renneker Family Fund Hamilton CSX Train Station Fund Venice Presbyterian Fund Venice Presbyterian Church Legacy Fund Critters and Cruisers Fund Art in the Park Fund Friends Of Butler Tech Fund Inspiration Studios Fund West Side Little League Capital Campaign Fund

#### **Scholarship Funds**

Loretta Hill Stuckey Power of Love Memorial Scholarship Taft Class of '72 Touchtone Scholarship Great Miami Rowing Scholarship Fund Deanna Gilreath Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Joan and Janet Fatika Unrestricted Fund

#### **Field of Interest Funds**

Katherine S. Schwarz Fund for Natural Areas Neal's Foundation

#### Agency Funds

YWCA Hamilton Fund

Hamilton Communtiy Foundation Assets by Fund Types

#### 25% - Designated

- 23% Donor Advised
- 22% Unrestricted
- **19%** Education/Scholarship
- 10% Field of Interest
  - 1% Agency

## Impact of Memorial Gifts

When faced with the passing of a loved one, there are many decisions to be made. The Hamilton Community Foundation is often looked to as a way to help the family continue the legacy of giving in memory of their loved one.

"We work with individuals and families each year who have experienced the loss of someone close. A common thread when they are making a memorial gift to the Community Foundation or establishing a new fund in honor of that individual is love," says John Guidugli, President & CEO. "When donors want to remember someone and celebrate their life, making a gift to the Community Foundation is extra special because the charitable gifts may impact our community today and for many years to come."

When Judge David Niehaus passed away, family and friends sent in memorial contributions that would continue his legacy of caring for his community. In 2021, 16 students from Hamilton and Fairfield High School were able to participate in graduation because of the generous gift that purchased their cap and gown. This gift also went beyond the material gift; it allowed them to participate in graduation.

Graduation is a happy time for many students and their families. Through memorial gifts for the Niehaus family, today those gifts continue to impact so many families during this special time.





"We are so happy that the money is being used for something we all think is so important. My father would be very happy," commented Judge Erik Niehaus

## Grants to support nonprofit organizations in our community

## Nursing Hub at Miami enhances healthcare workforce of tomorrow

With more than 50 years of experience in nursing education, Miami University has long-standing partnerships with local hospitals, agencies, and industry. The \$100,000 grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation continues to demonstrate the commitment of supporting healthcare education.

Opened in 2021, Miami University Regionals Nursing Innovation Hub provides students and faculty with access to a state-of-the-art teaching environment.

The Innovation Hub is housed in University Hall on the Hamilton Campus. The 26,000 square foot facility underwent a \$10 million renovation and now features high-tech, high-touch simulation labs, multibed nursing skills labs, and classrooms equipped with the newest teaching technology.

Simulation spaces representing obstetrics, pediatrics, medical/surgical, and an intensive care unit are available, along with a simulated apartment, which allows students to learn and practice key principles related to home care and safety measures. The growing number of students in the program will benefit from study areas and huddle rooms for further simulation of health care facility operations.

"Support from the Hamilton Community Foundation was an integral part of our creation of the Regionals Nursing Hub on the Hamilton Campus. Your naming gift for the Health Apartment Simulation Lab provided students and faculty state of the art facilities to prepare for the healthcare needs and challenges of our community. Foundation support is enabling us to build the healthcare workforce of tomorrow," commented Ande Durojaiye, Vice President and Dean College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science, Miami University Regionals.

The Nursing Innovation Hub enables Miami Regionals to partner with regional hospital systems and health care facilities to co-create innovative solutions to current and future health care challenges. By focusing on the development of clinical judgment and patient safety in a low-risk environment, Miami University Nursing is preparing students to become the next generation of fantastic, Hamilton-area nurses.





"This support helped position us for a new chapter in Nursing education as we add our Master's in Nursing in Fall 2022, and then our doctorate in Nursing Practice in Fall 2024." - Dr. Ande Durojaiye



A grant to purchase 85 new banners for the historic German Village was provided to help identify and beautify the area. The neighborhood consists of 264 households, and a population of 533. People visiting Marcum Park, the Lane Library, Butler County Historical Society, St. Julie's Church, Lane Hooven House and businesses will be reminded they are in an historic neighborhood valued by Hamilton.

## **Responding to Community Needs**

Through the creation of Unrestricted Funds, generous donors have entrusted the Hamilton Community Foundation board of trustees to make grants to meet the changing needs of the community.



Hamilton City Schools	\$30,000.00
College Access Operating Fund	\$10,000.00
Hamilton StartReady Preschool Fund	\$25,000.00
Hamilton Parks Conservancy	\$125,000.00
Great Miami Rowing Scholarship Fund	\$15,000.00
MindPeace Cincinnati	\$20,000.00
Hamilton's German Village, Inc.	\$3,880.00
American Red Cross - Greater Cincinnati-Dayton Region	\$5,000.00
Butler Philharmonic	\$18,000.00
Great Miami Valley YMCA	\$25,000.00
Fort Hamilton Hospital Foundation	\$100,000.00
CHIPs Workforce Alliance	\$21,000.00
Junior Achievement of OKI Partners	\$5,914.00
Meals on Wheels of Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky	\$5,000.00
Women Helping Women	\$20,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County	\$12,765.00
HYPE	\$50,000.00
Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio	\$10,000.00
Pathway to Hope Pregnancy Care Center	\$18,500.00
Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park & Museum	\$50,000.00
Fernside: A Center for Grieving Children	\$7,500.00

# Connecting Donors with Community Needs

Donor advisors establish their charitable fund to make grants to the causes they care about in the community and beyond. They are interested in taking an active role in their grantmaking and are interested in learning about the needs of the community.

"When a donor shares their charitable interests with us and a request comes to us that meets those interests, we share those with them, commented John Guidugli, President & CEO. "Through this communication many projects are often funded in partnership with the Foundation."

The request for \$50,000 from Inspiration Studios to create a Sensory Room for their artists was a request the anonymous donor wanted to support. The space created allowed new and current attendees a place for a quiet work environment where they can focus and have a serene experience to be productive. The sensory room is designed for individuals who may be overwhelmed by noise, lights and a lot of activity and has been successful for those who are diagnosed with Autism and/or Asperger's Syndrome.

Through the partnership with donor advisors, this highly needed space was funded and will impact the artists daily.

"We are thankful for the funding to complete this project and the additional resources provided for the individuals who we serve. The expansion of our space has allowed InsideOut Studio to enroll new attendees and provide additional days for some of our current artists. The space created has allowed our new and current attendees a place for a quiet work environment where they can focus and have a serene experience to be productive," said Stephen Smith, CEO Inspiration Studios.



"The Sensory Room lets me get away from all the noise and energy in the studio. I can concentrate on my work and don't feel overwhelmed. It's nice to be able to have both spaces to be creative. I thank the donor who made this possible from the bottom of my heart,"

> ~ Allison D. InsideOut Studio Artist





## Grants Awarded to Focus on Mental Health Issue

The impact of COVID 19 on the mental health of children has been widely publicized. But local mental health experts and educators say children are not alone.

"We've all been part of this collective trauma for two years, and we don't know how to deal with it because it's unlike anything we've experienced before," said 1N5 Founder Nancy Miller.

1N5 receives financial support from the Hamilton Community Foundation to help Hamilton City Schools and other districts with education and prevention programs to overcome the stigma of mental health. The agency receives requests from individual schools who need help training staff to identify these issues.

"Many kids still feel isolated and disconnected, so peer to peer relationships are vital as we teach students how to handle things when they're under stress," Miller said.

1N5 wants to have social and emotional programs in place at the elementary level. During the pandemic, Miller says that's where the most misbehavior is occurring.

"I'm glad the Hamilton Community Foundation has made mental health priority," she said. "My message is don't give up on it. There's so much to do and we're working like crazy to stay ahead of it."

While 1N5 focuses on prevention, MindPeace works with Hamilton City Schools to ensure kids are getting access to treatment and studying the types of problems each school faces. "Our school-based mental health partnerships help parents know there are therapists at school to work with counselors and social workers to make kids feel comfortable," said MindPeace Executive Director Susan Shelton.

MindPeace partners with three mental health agencies to train school staff to look for signs of mental health issues. "Everyone in the building from teachers to cafeteria workers, to security and administrators have become sophisticated in seeing signs of mental health issues," Shelton noted.

"Anyone who sees these signs can contact parents to see if they want to refer a child for services."

Miller and Shelton work closely together, and both agree teachers and support staff have also faced a great deal of stress and trauma in dealing with mental health issues created by COVID.

> Shelton said funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation has been crucial in getting MindPeace through difficult times.

The Foundation also has been instrumental in funding local preschool programs for many years, and the Early Childhood Director for Butler County Educational Services says teachers have faced serious problems. Because of COVID, Suzanne Prescott said teachers are now dealing with three and four- year

old kids who have never been in groups before.

"Teachers are the heroes in this pandemic," Prescott said. "The self-help skills preschoolers need to succeed weren't there. We had kids who weren't potty-trained or couldn't eat at a table, and that put more stress on teachers."

Educators are seeing a national trend of teachers, especially seasoned teachers, leaving their jobs because of disruptive behavior that comes along with the pandemic issues. "In addition to the basic self-help skills kids don't have, teachers are also dealing with more regulations on cleaning, mask-wearing, social distancing, which changed the classroom structure," said Assistant Early Childhood Director Nancy Baker.

Despite these issues, Prescott said the silver lining is that assessments show kids aren't all that far behind on learning skills. But the big concern for both mental health and education professionals is what the long-term impact of the pandemic will be.

Unrestricted Fund Grants Awarded: IN5- \$20,000 MindPeace - \$20,000 Fernside - \$7,500







# FERNSIDE helps children cope with grief

The COVID pandemic has brought out the importance of helping children cope with grief from the loss of a parent or sibling. Since 1987, Cincinnati-based Fernside has been helping families with grief support services including many Hamilton families.

The Hamilton Community Foundation awarded Fernside a \$7,500 grant, which helps with its school-based grief support programs in the Hamilton area.

Fernside Executive Director Vicky Ott volunteered for the agency when it started in 1987, at a time when children didn't receive grief support. "Luckily 35 years later, there has been a sea change with hundreds of groups like ours involving kids in the grief process," Ott said.

Fernside's Evening Program offers a twice monthly pizza dinner followed by separate support groups for grieving parents and groups for children based on their age. Volunteers play a vital role in these groups.

Ott said two school programs also provide vital services. "If a school has at least four children grieving the death of a family member, we'll come to the school to offer a short-term support group," she said. "We have a crisis program for occasions where someone in the school community has died, such as a student, teacher or staff member."

In recent years, Fernside has offered school programs like these at Hamilton High, Hamilton Freshman, Wilson, Bridgeport, Linden, Highland, Ridgeway and Miami School.

Senior Foundation Officer for Grant Development Rick Wilson said all programs are free because Fernside doesn't generate revenue. "These programs exist because of grants from the Hamilton Community Foundation and others," he said. "Ohio ranks in the top 10 nationwide for bereavement issues with one in eleven children losing a parent or sibling before they reach 18."

### The Power of

## **ENDOWMENT**

When Edwin and Esther Feinthel passed away, they had planned to provide funds from their estate to support education. Upon Esther's death in 2011, their scholarship fund was created at the Hamilton Community Foundation. To date, through this gift, the Feinthel's endowed fund has granted scholarships to 25 students pursuing higher education while continuing to grow in assets with the stewardship of the Foundation's Board and Investment Committee.



### How an Endowment Works

An endowed gift is made and invested for long term growth. A portion of the fund is distributed to charitable interests annually, forever. Meanwhile, the remaining fund balance continues to grow.

"This scholarship will also allow me to be able to be less worried about how

I will completely pay for

college so I can focus more

on doing what I need to do

in order to be the best

engineer possible."

- Caleb Frank

"I hope to be able to give back to my community one day as you have, and once again I cannot express how grateful I am." - Audrey Schimpf







"Receiving this scholarship lets me know that hard work does pay off, and I will carry that with me for the rest of my life." - Jessica Schuster

## Investment Committee Serves as Good Stewards of Assets

With 70 years of experience investing and managing charitable dollars, we take great pride in the Hamilton Community Foundation's proven track record for securing positive returns. The Foundation's Investment Committee led by Jack Whalen, is made up of volunteer professionals in the investment industry who guide the investment strategies of the Foundation.

"Investment returns are vital to the work of the Hamilton Community Foundation. The HCF Investment Committee members are local professionals who work closely with our investment consultant to ensure that the Foundation is positioned to achieve the best possible returns. Successful investments allow the Foundation to reinvest more in the community through their grantmaking activities." - Jack Whalen, Chair

#### The Investment Committee members include:

of serving the community YEARS

Jack Whalen, Chair, retired Morgan **Stanley Wealth Management;** William A. Groth, 9258 Wealth Management; Thomas Koehler, retired Hamilton Brass Company; John Kirsch, Kirsch CPA Group; Dustin McDulin, CFO at Valicor; Thomas E. Vanderhorst, Jr., City of Hamilton; Rob Wile, United Heartland Insurance; Bill Hummel, Investment Consultant, Fund **Evaluation Group.** 



#### As of December 31, 2021







# **BY the NUMBERS**

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

Assets	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	3,352,025.91	3,981,595.11
Prepaid assets	456.33	456.33
Investments	119,911,402.52	92,932,619.91
Property and equipment, net	3,567,027.03	3,799,808.82
Notes receivable	18,491,712.96	8,238,344.86
Discount on notes receivable	-	-
Other Assets	98,845.95	98,845.95
Reserve for Uncollectable A/R	(425,000.00)	(425,000.00)
CSV-Life Insurance Policies	377,120.16	296,059.40
Accrued Interest-Concord	886,070.76	856,070.76
Total Assets	146,259,661.62	109,778,801.14
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	99,600.52	7,874.45
Grants payable	653,038.27	1,274,315.34
Note Payable US Bank	10,241,517.89	-
Renewable Scholarships payable	901,500.00	1,259,750.00
Renewable Scholarships long term	-	-
Accrued expenses	124,325.92	1 16,614.41
Agency Liability	1,713,822.56	450,459.76
Total Liabilities	13,733,805.16	3,109,013.96
Net assets		
Assets W/O Restrictions	33,387,017.55	26,182,425.79
Assets W/ Restrictions	99,138,838.91	80,487,361.39
Total net assets	132,525,856.46	106,669,787.18
Total liabilities & net assets	146,259,661.62	109,778,801.14





# <u>CREATING a FUND</u>

Through the Foundation, you may establish a variety of funds for individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations. Choose the fund that best accomplishes your goals for giving. Opening and maintaining a charitable fund is simple. Start with a gift of \$5,000 or more in cash, stock, or retirement assests, (\$10,000 for a scholarship fund) and experience the community impact, ease, and tax advantage that a fund provides.

Vehicles for Giving: Cash gift; Donations of publicly traded securities, closely held stock; Retirement assets; Interests in limited partnerships, real estate; Life insurance; Tangible personal property and private foundation assets.

We can also discuss other options with you, such as bequests, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, pooled income funds, charitable gift annuities, and life income vehicles.





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Christmas Eve, 1951, the first gift was made to what would become the Hamilton Community Foundation. Since then, we have worked to provide support, guidance and leadership to make an impact on the lives of many in our community. With 70 years of experience of serving, as the philanthropic leader in our community, we will continue our mission to build a better community through creative philanthropy, vision, and leadership. And, strive to reach our vison to be the trusted resource for growing philanthropy and leading, change to improve our community.





