



#### OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Owen County, now and for generations to come.

#### Our Values:

- ❖ Philanthropy: We will promote community involvement and charitable spirit.
- ❖ Stewardship: We will support and preserve donor intent across generations.
- ❖ Leadership: We will act as a catalyst and collaborate with others to build a better tomorrow.
- ❖ Integrity: We will act ethically in every relationship.
- ❖ Excellence: We will meet or exceed expectations in all we do.
- ❖ Respect: We will honor the dignity and worth of all.

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*In Memory of our First Executive Director, James D. Fulford*

# The Legacy

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## 2020: A Year in Review

Dear Friends of the Owen County Community Foundation, We are pleased to share this annual report of our activities during 2020. Thanks to the generosity of many loyal supporters, we continued to invest heavily in the quality of life in Owen County through our various grantmaking programs, granting over \$500,000 to organizations that help strengthen the fabric of our community. At year-end, our investments totaled over \$8,700,000, a 12% increase over the prior year. These community assets are held in nearly 150 charitable funds within the Community Foundation.

As we are all aware, the past year has challenged our community to come together like never before, and your Owen County Community Foundation wants to recognize the pain and frustrations the COVID-19 crisis has brought to so many. We also want to acknowledge the incredible resilience, persistence, and innovation shown throughout our community in response to the pandemic.

Our nonprofits provided essential services in creative ways, despite obstacles like lockdowns and canceled fundraisers. They remained flexible as circumstances changed daily, sometimes hourly. Yet they never wavered and remained committed to providing childcare, or stocking food pantries, offering clothing, masks, etc. They often did so with limited staff and resources, and their persevering attitude was, and continues to be, and example for us all.

Our Board of Directors worked proactively to approach the crisis, establishing a fund to provide immediate relief to our nonprofits. This group of community-



Cars line down the road on the way to the Garrard Chapel Food Pantry.

minded people, themselves volunteers, were dedicated to finding solutions in the ever-changing environment. They continue to do so.

Our donors maintained their kind and giving spirit and willingness to help whenever they could. Even as they faced their own struggles and uncertainties, they continued to be generous and trusting that their donations would make a difference. And they did, and still do.

Owen County continues to be a place where neighbors and friends face the challenges that adversity brings and work together to find solutions. The past year has reminded us of one important thing: even though we may face the most difficult of challenges, there is one constant that remains - our community is better when we work together.

Sincerely,  
Janet Rummel  
President & CEO

## Helping your OCCF Thrive

Your OCCF works hard to ensure that we operate "in the black" each year. Most of our expenses are covered by the fees assessed to our permanent funds but that

leaves us a little short each year. We also supplement our operating revenues with gifts from people like you who support the mission of this local charity.

For the golfers in the community, we have been hosting the Jim Fulford Golf Open to honor our first executive director. This year's SMV Realty, LLC ~ Jim Fulford Golf Open will be our 19th annual tournament and will be held on Thursday, September 23rd (see the save the date info above).

Show your support today by becoming a sponsor or player in the Jim Fulford Golf Open by using the

camera on your phone to scan the QR code or by visiting the JFO page on our website, [www.owencountycf.org](http://www.owencountycf.org). Thank you for your support!

## Tributes and Memorials

*The individuals listed here have been honored by a contribution to one of the permanent endowed funds within the Owen County Community Foundation. Such tributes recognize friends or family on the occasions of a birth, anniversary, birthday, holiday, or any special celebration. It is another way to make a lasting impact in the community with a contribution to the Owen County Community Foundation.*

### HOLIDAY WISHES

October 1 to December 31, 2020:

- Happy Hanukah to John King; Tom & Alyssa Rice
- Merry Christmas to Amanda Abrell, Jessica Jagger, and Sarah Abrell; Jennifer Abrell
- Merry Christmas to Barbara Cooper; John & Cindy Hackworthy, Steve & Alice Parrish
- Merry Christmas in memory of Erika Wells; Bob & Cindy White
- Merry Christmas to Gail O'Connor; Maria O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to George Allison; Kenny Ray & Amber Augustus
- Merry Christmas to Lois Sparrock and Family; Maria O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to Jack & Karen Newsom and Family; Maria O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to John & Cindy Hackworthy; Steve & Alice Parrish
- Merry Christmas in memory of John T. & Meme Gillaspay; John & Cindy Hackworthy
- Merry Christmas to Judy Fulford; John & Cindy Hackworthy
- Merry Christmas to Kathy Abrell; Jennifer Abrell
- Merry Christmas to Kevin O'Connor and Family; Maria O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to Kim Kelly and Family; Maria O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to Margaret & KT Abrell; Jennifer Abrell
- Merry Christmas to Mike & Barbara Spinks; John & Cindy Hackworthy, Steve & Alice Parrish
- Merry Christmas to Monica Abrell; Jennifer Abrell
- Merry Christmas to Nancy Donio and Family; Maria

- O'Connor and Family
- Merry Christmas to Owen Valley High School teachers from Maria O'Connor: Beth Sewell, Brian Greene, Debra Gardner, Kaitlin Napier, Larissa Hannon, Russell Calloway, Sargent Johnson, Steven Spicer, and Tonya Jones
- Merry Christmas to Phyllis Tucker; John & Cindy Hackworthy
- Merry Christmas to Sally Vance; John & Cindy Hackworthy
- Merry Christmas to Steve & Alice Parrish; John & Cindy Hackworthy
- Merry Christmas to Wally & Kathy DeFord; John & Cindy Hackworthy

### IN HONOR:

October 1 to December 31, 2020:

- in honor of Alice Parrish's birthday; Penny Carpenter
- in honor of Andy & Darlene Richards; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Becky Wilson's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish
- in honor of Betsy's birthday; Debra Reed
- in honor of Bob & Carolyn Livingston; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Bob Taylor; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Buck & Nan Johnson; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Craig & Julie Money; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of David Friedel & Ann Mahrtdt; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Dick Dyar; John & Sylvia Dyar, Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Dixie Richardson; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Don & Gloria Townsend; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Don & Lori Rudzinski; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Elena Lewis; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Frances
- MacMorran's dedicated service to the OCCF's BOD; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of George Allison; John & Sylvia Dyar, Richard & Coanne Love
- in honor of George Allison on his birthday; Kenny Ray & Amber Augustus
- in honor of Ginger Galloway; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Gloria Figg; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Jack & Karen Newsom; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Joe Drescher; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of John & Carol Brown; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of John & Cindy Hackworthy; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Judy Jenkins; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Larry & Janet Hunter; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Lew Moke; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Mark Rogers and Family; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Mark Rogers' retirement; Don & Marilyn Jackson
- in honor of Mitchell's birthday; Maria O'Connor
- in honor of Norm & Shirley Dunigan; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of our clients at OCB, OCSB, and Crane Credit Union; Gilbert S. Mordoh & Company, Inc.
- in honor of Penny Carpenter's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish
- in honor of PFC Brett E. Wood; Bill & Chris Ranard, Jerry Maners, John & Carol Brown, John & Sylvia Dyar, Joyce Couch, Our Community Bank, Pete & Charlene Halstead, Todd & Alisha Staples, Valvoline Express of Spencer
- in honor of Rachel Sieradzan's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish

- in honor of Rae's birthday; Gail O'Connor
- in honor of Rex Wilson's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish
- in honor of Rob & Cassie Babbs; Dave & Barbara Brinson, John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Russell & Ellen Ross; Rob & Cassie Babbs
- in honor of Steve & Alice Parrish; Dave & Barbara Brinson
- in honor of Steve Pedigo's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish
- in honor of Sydney Parrish's birthday; Steve & Alice Parrish
- in honor of Tad & Shirley Wilson; Donald & Lori Rudzinski, John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of the guys who cook cheeseburgers at The Legion; John & Sylvia Dyar
- in honor of Wally & Kathy DeFord; John & Sylvia Dyar

### IN MEMORY:

October 1 to December 31, 2020:

- in memory of Adriana "Meme" Gillaspay; Buck & Nan Johnson, Charles & Mary Jo Thatcher, Dixie Richardson, Jack & Linda Simmerman, Jim & Anita Jacobs, John & Nancy Fuhs, John & Sylvia Dyar, Kathy Spinks, Kelsey Hanlon & Justin Roddy, Kim Tucker and Family, Lori & Gary Quillen and Family, Maria O'Connor, The Owen County Community Foundation's Board & Staff, The Putnam County Community Foundation Family, Rachel Peden McCarty, Rob & Cassie Babbs, Steve & Alice Parrish, Steve & Becky Pedigo, Tad & Shirley Wilson, The Allison Family, The Ladies Birthday Club, World Arts
- in memory of Ashley Dunning; Jennifer Dunning
- in memory of Buddy Cunningham; Dave & Barbara

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**Every effort is made to ensure your name and your Tribute and/or Memorial is written as you wish. If your name or recipient is incorrect or you wish to be listed differently (Mr. & Mrs. Or first names), please contact us by phone, email, or regular mail.**

## Remember Your OCCF In Your Will



Former OCCF President & CEO, Mark Rogers, joined by fund founder, Fred Wooley, and several current and former park officials to commemorate the establishment of a new fund for Owen County.

## New Funds in 2020

Despite facing a world-wide pandemic, members from within and outside our Owen County communities didn't allow COVID-19 to deter them from achieving their philanthropic goals. In 2020, six new funds were established, all with one goal in mind - to help make Owen County continue to become a better place for all.

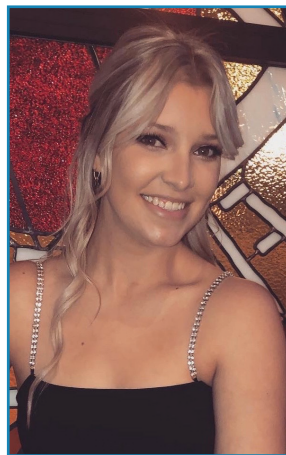
**McCormick's Creek State Park Fund** - the permanently endowed McCormick's Creek State Park Fund was established by Fred Wooley to honor his late wife, Jacquelyn Wooley. The fund recognizes the significance of Indiana's first state park and the people who have served as stewards, starting with the "Father of Indiana State Parks, Richard Lieber in 1916, to current park interpreters, managers, and their staff.

**Rebecca & William Applegate Scholarship Fund** - the Rebecca & William Applegate Scholarship Fund was established by long-time Spencer-Owen Community School's teacher, Rebecca Applegate and her husband, William. The fund will provide an educational scholarship to an Owen Valley High School student who is accepted into and attend accredited two- or four-year college.

**Dick (Mr. Dyar) & Sue Dyar Scholarship Fund** - the Dick (Mr. Dyar) & Sue Dyar Scholarship Fund was established by John and Sylvia Dyar to honor John's uncle's dedication to Owen County as a lifelong educator and entrepreneur. This fund will provide an educational scholarship to a qualified student graduating from Owen Valley High School who has shown proficiency in the sciences and desires to continue studies in the life sciences.

**Public Restroom Fund** - this non-permanent fund was established to collect and hold community gifts supporting the new public restroom facility for all to use. It is located in the alley along South Main Street across the street from the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development.

**Fireworks Fund** - this non-permanent fund was to collect and hold community gifts supporting the Fourth of July community fireworks.



The 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, Darby DeFord.

## LECS Update - Darby DeFord

Darby's senior year at Butler University was quite memorable. She completed an undergraduate thesis for her Honors Program requirement, as well as publishing a first-author scientific manuscript in the Journal of General Virology on her three years of work on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). She was grateful to present that research at the 2019 Indiana Academy of Science Annual Meeting in an oral talk. In addition to her academic achievements, Darby was also able to participate in the 2019 500 Festival Princess Program, in which she participated in service projects all over the state from March to May, including presenting a scholarship at the 2019 Owen County Community Foundation Scholarship Celebration event, and hosting an educational presentation at a 5th grade classroom at Spencer Elementary School. Darby graduated from Butler University in 2019 Magna cum Laude with a double major in Biology and Chemistry, High Honors in Biology, and Honors program credentials. Following graduation, she moved to St. Louis for a one-year Research Technician position at Washington University of St. Louis. While at WashU, Darby picked up where she left off working on the RSV system, she worked on at Butler in a biochemistry setting, until March of 2020 when the lab dropped everything and began work on SARS-CoV-2, a system mimicking the newly-discovered COVID-19 outbreak. When the laboratory position concluded, Darby moved back to Carmel, Indiana and began a job at IU Health Physicians as an Administrator, Research Project Editor, and Fellowship Coordinator for the Pediatric Hospitalists. After much consideration of her future plans, Darby has decided to apply to a combined MD/PhD program this year that will start in the Summer of 2022. She is currently spending her time working, preparing for her medical entrance exam, singing with her band, and taking lots of walks with her beloved dog, Bowie.

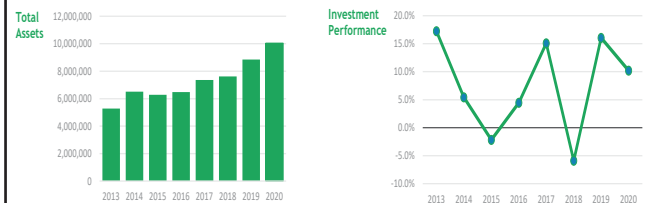
## OWEN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.



Statement of Financial Position • December 31, 2020

	As of December 31,	
	2020	2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 933,948	\$ 685,943
Certificates of deposit	212,501	215,653
Investments	8,714,728	7,787,995
Contributions receivable	135,370	135,370
Property and equipment, net	36,415	27,245
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,032,962</b>	<b>\$ 8,852,206</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accrued wages	\$ 4,343	\$ 1,309
Charitable gift annuities payable	55,205	62,547
Custodial funds	41,957	46,040
Scholarships Payable	16,274	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 117,779</b>	<b>\$ 109,896</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Without donor restrictions		
Operating	483,881	431,623
Board designated endowment	161,209	155,009
<b>Total net assets without donor restrictions</b>	<b>645,090</b>	<b>586,632</b>
With donor restrictions		
Restricted for specified purpose	447,587	253,070
Restricted due to time restrictions	135,370	135,370
Endowment funds	8,687,136	7,767,238
<b>Total net assets with donor restrictions</b>	<b>9,270,093</b>	<b>8,155,678</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,915,183</b>	<b>\$ 8,742,310</b>
	<b>\$ 10,032,962</b>	<b>\$ 8,852,206</b>

Note: the 2019 information is an excerpt of the audited financial statements. The 2020 information is currently under audit and is subject to change. Complete financial statements are available for inspection in our office at 60 E Market St, Spencer, Indiana. The Owen County Community Foundation is an independent tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



# Thank You For Your Continued Support



## 2020 Scholarship Payouts

Scholarship grants are paid directly to the student school and are used to help pay for tuition, books, and related fees. Each scholarship is defined by donors and executed by the Owen County Community Foundation. In 2020, \$63,214 was paid out for scholarships.

- Dyer Family Scholarship (2017), Rutva Patel, \$1,000
- Robert & Barbara Stanley Bonness Scholarship, Kyle Swafford, \$1,000, Madison Tussey, \$1,135
- Babb's Supermarket Scholarship, Katlyn Brooks, \$1,000
- Bennie J. & Joan R. Woodruff Scholarship, Ronald Martin, \$2,500, Victoria Hey, \$2,550
- Braysville Homemaker Scholarship, Samantha Strouse, \$300
- Burns Family Scholarship, Dale Nicholson, \$1,000
- Charles T. Cooper Scholarship, Emily Byford, \$325
- Charles W. Edwards Scholarship, Ashley Fleetwood, \$500
- Coyne Family Scholarship, Anna Michalow, \$1,500
- David Campbell Gray Scholarship, Sheldyn Settle, \$450
- David Livingston Scholarship, Maleah Kristoff, \$1,250
- Elliott Hickam Scholarship, Sheldyn Settle, \$650
- EPIC Scholarship, Sheldyn Settle, \$1,075
- Erika Wells Memorial Scholarship, Alexis Fears, \$1,000
- Freedom Alumni Scholarship, Victoria Hey, \$850
- Gary McCarter Scholarship, Allison Staples, \$1,000
- George & Nancy Thurston Scholarship, Nechole Klee, \$2,384
- Gosport Lions Club Scholarship, Sheldyn Settle, \$400
- Gosport Alumni Scholarship, Kerstin Robinson, \$200
- James P Root Scholarship, Blake VonBokem, \$825
- Jefferson Twp./Coal City Alumni Scholarship, Alexis Gentry, \$1,000, Mary Sebastian, \$1,000
- Jeffrey Wayne Johnson Scholarship, Mary Sebastian, \$400
- Jim & Wilma Fulford Scholarship, Sheldyn Settle, \$750
- Joe Carmichael Memorial Scholarship, Emily Stierwalt, \$500, Colsyn Head, \$500
- John Moore Scholarship, Peyton Loughhead, \$300
- Josephine Brown Owens Scholarship, Madeline Guy, \$1,000
- Judy Hamilton Scholarship, Katelyn Osborne, \$825
- Lloyd H. & Rosalie E. Lucas Agri-Science 4-H, Whitley O'Neal, \$1,000, Madison Tussey, \$1,000
- Loretta Heidrick Memorial Scholarship, Tina Hall, \$825
- Lyle & Marion Bright Scholarship, Emily Stierwalt, \$500
- Margaret Marley Pinkston Scholarship, Kara Schafer, \$1,250
- Melvin & Margaret Hall Nursing Scholarship, Hannah Kay, \$650
- Michael D. Magner Scholarship, Gabrielle Teter, \$350
- Michael Job Vocational Scholarship, Gabriel Shaw, \$1,075
- Mildred E. Harbison Scholarship, Madison Tussey, \$1,750
- Myrtle S. Marshall Scholarship, Caleb Harris, \$200
- Our Community Bank Scholarship, Nechole Klee, \$1,000
- Owen County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Whitley O'Neal, \$3,000
- Owen Valley FFA Scholarship, Madison Tussey, \$425
- Patrickburg Alumni Scholarship, Hannah Patterson, \$925
- PFC Brett Wood Scholarship, Allison Staples, \$500
- Quincy Alumni Scholarship, Phillip Meek, \$960, Haley Smith, \$960



### Kristine Arnold 2021 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Recipient

Your OCCF would like to congratulate the 2021 recipient of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, Kristine Arnold. Kristine plans to pursue a 4-year degree in Human Biology from Indiana University, Bloomington. Congratulations, Kristine!

- Roma Wilson Scholarship w/Proctor Gift, Tina Hall, \$4,775
- Ronald & Carol Dillingham Scholarship, Kara Bault, \$3,000, Rachel Wilkins, \$1,500
- Spencer Alumni Scholarship, Nicholas Wrightsman, \$1,525
- Tri Kappa Cochrane-Royer Scholarship, (2019) Mary Sebastian, \$1,500, Caleb Harris, \$1,500
- Tri Kappa Continuing Education Scholarship, Tina Hall, \$500
- Tri Kappa Lillian Dyer Music Scholarship, Nicholas Wrightsman, \$300
- Tri Kappa Lillian Vocational Award, Allison Carey, \$700
- Vada Baker Scholarship, Gosport History Museum, \$825, (2019) \$400
- West, Parrish & Pedigo Scholarship, Hannah Patterson, \$750
- Woody & Barry Franklin Scholarship, Nechole Klee, \$400

## Latest News from the MYPath Trail System

The MYPath Trail System team continues to pursue the development of a 5-mile network of trails to connect the Owen County YMCA to McCormick's Creek State Park and beyond.

In 2020, despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the MYPath Trail System expanded onto an additional 11 acres of riverfront property, developing a half-mile of new trail and granting

hikers sweeping views of the White River. This property acquisition was made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Owen County Community Foundation and is being managed with assistance from our partners at the Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District. The MYPath Trail System Team also grappled with COVID-related setbacks to the South Main Connector Project in 2020. The project,

which will link downtown Spencer with the Riverfront Trailhead, was unfortunately delayed, but thanks to new partnerships with the Spencer Town Council and Street Department, is set to move forward in 2021.

Looking ahead, the MYPath team aims to connect new sections of the Riverfront Trail with the installation of several pedestrian bridges, continues to pursue improved walkabil-

ity throughout the town Spencer, and work with INDOT and the DNR to include walking trails in the upgrades to McCormick's Creek State Park. In the meantime, the Trail System team continues to host an array of outdoor public events and volunteer activities encouraging wellness and ecological awareness in the Owen County community.

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[www.owencountycf.org](http://www.owencountycf.org)



The Coal City American Legion stand in attendance at the check presentation used to purchase a bus for the Honor Guard.

## 2020 Grant Payouts

OCCF grants are split between Grants that support non-profit and charitable organizations that provide services to Owen County communities and our scholarship program that supports the continuing education of Owen County students. Our granting in 2020 was impacted by the pandemic, and greatly increased our granting and support of for-profit businesses. In 2020 the Owen County Community Foundation paid \$537,863 in grant funds. In addition, over \$62,000 of our Community funds was committed to supporting MYPATH. The funds that are supporting MYPATH are listed, but those funds have not necessarily been paid. Community grants are made up of several different types of grants. Overall the OCCF granted Total Grants Awards:

**Teacher Mini-Grants:** Are paid out of a fund created by teachers to support teachers. All Spencer-Owen teachers are eligible for a \$250 grant each year to purchase supplies, increase their training or support their classroom projects. In 2020 the OCCF granted \$1,952 to seven teachers.

- **Owen Valley High School** Headset/mic's, Tina Hayden, \$235
- **Native American Novels**, Kim Benton \$250
- **Spencer Elementary School** Classroom Novels, Brad Garrison, \$246.77
- **Games & Manipulative**, Jacy Schrougham, \$250
- **Language Arts & Math Remediation**, Betsy Breedlove, \$250
- **Classroom Novels**, Peggy Schrougham, \$250

CPR Training, Stacy Collins, \$220  
Veterans Day Program, Danielle Hensley, \$250

### Grants Paid from Designated Funds:

The funds are designed by donors to support non-profit organizations with an annual grant from their endowed fund. Many of these non-profit organizations rely on these grants for operating funds or to run their programs. The donors of these funds provided 22 grants to Owen County non-profit organizations at a total of \$42,999.

- **Area 10 Agency on Aging Fund**, Area 10 Agency on Aging, \$307
- **Bennie J & Joan R Woodruff Methodist Church Fund**, Spencer United Methodist Church, \$1,647
- **Carolina Cemetery Fund**, Carolina Church & Cemetery Assn, \$464
- **Child Abuse Prevention Fund**, Susie's Place Advocacy Center, \$221
- **Economic Development Fund**, Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Develop, \$301
- **Fiona Everly Query Fund**, Vandalia Community Preservation Association, \$1,304
- **Freeman Charitable Food Fund**, 2020 Designated Grant, Area 10 Agency on Aging, \$12,654
- **Gosport History Museum Fund**, Gosport History Museum, \$3,076
- **Irene & Arthur Kelley Beech Cemetery Fund**, Beech Cemetery Assoc., \$590
- **Irene & Arthur Kelley Patricksburg Lutheran Cemetery Fund**, Patricksburg

- **Lutheran Cemetery**, \$305
- **Jack R. DeFord Library Fund**, Owen County Public Library, \$1,024
- **Jim Vance Owen County YMCA Fund**, Owen Co. Family YMCA, \$11,926
- **Lloyd H. & Rosalie E. Lucas Agri-Science Scholarship Fund**, Owen Valley FFA & Owen County 4H Council, \$482
- **O'Connor Family Fund**, Summerfield Health Care Center, \$550
- **Owen Co. Ministerial Fund**, Owen County Christian Programs, Inc., \$304
- **Owen County 4H Livestock Fund**, Owen County Fair Association, \$291
- **Owen County Humane Society Fund**, Owen County Humane Society, \$1,619
- **Owen County Preservation Fund**, Owen County Preservations, Inc., \$201
- **Owen Valley Jr ROTC Fund**, Owen Valley Jr ROTC \$703
- **Riverside Cemetery Fund**, Riverside Cemetery, \$639
- **Senior Friends of Owen County Fund**, Senior Friends of Owen County, \$109
- **St. Jude Catholic Church Fund**, St. Jude Catholic Church, \$455
- **Tivoli Theater Endowment**, Tivoli Theatre, \$949
- **William Donald & Maxine Wells - Fiscus Cemetery Fund**, Trustee of Fiscus Cemetery, \$2,878

**Grants Paid Out from Donor Advised Funds:** These funds are designed by donors to support non-profit organizations with an annual grant from their endowed fund. Donors that create the fund can name successors so long after they are gone the family can advise on grants. Each year the advisors of these funds choose the qualified 501©3 organization they want to support with a grant. These six funds granted \$5,610.

- **Allison Family Fund**, Backpack Buddies, Owen Valley Middle School, \$880
- **John Heckman Athletic Fund**, Equipment Purchases, for Owen Valley High School, \$500 and Owen Valley Middle School, \$283
- **REALTOR Fund**, Spencer Pride,

- **Inc.**, \$355.84, Center for Women's Ministries, \$1,000
- **Willie & Pat White Fund**, Owen Co Soil & Water, \$1,010

**Community Grants & Projects and Programs:** Our funds support Owen County non-profits and charitable organizations. Some of these funds are restricted in the type of grants they support, and some of the grants are restricted by the geographic area grants can support. Most of our grants are for unrestricted use, allowing grants for charitable purposes in Owen County. Part of our Grants program is support by grants given to Owen County through grants and pass-through funds for charitable projects. In a normal year, our Community Grants Program & MYPATH represent the largest portion of our granting. This year has been defined by our works to help Owen County Recover with our COVID Economic Recovery program in supporting our community partners and donors in getting funds where they are most needed in a time of crisis.

**Community Grant Program,** these grants are reviewed by our grants committee and approved by our board. They are to be used to support new programs and capitol purchases. In 2020 the OCCF granted nearly \$96,504 supporting these organizations

- **Bob Babbs Community Fund**, MYPATH Fund Support, \$1,824
- **Bonness Family Fund**, 2019/20 Program, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, \$492. Owen County Community Foundation, Database Upgrade, \$2,900
- **Coal City - Jefferson Township Fund**, America's Farmers Grow Communities PT, Putoff Lautenschlager American Legion #141, \$2,500
- **D M J Community Fund**, Museum Expansion, Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, \$734, DeCoursey Family Fund, 2019/20 Program, Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry (2019), \$1,101.77, Owen Valley Band Boosters Instrument Purchase, \$2,000, Hoosier Hills Food Bank (2020), \$500. Façade Repair: Install insulated glass,

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# Tributes and Memorials

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- Brinson, Tom & Jennifer Abrell
- in memory of Carol Herrington; Lori, Gary, and Jordan Quillen
- in memory of Charlie Carpenter; Dave & Barbara Brinson
- in memory of Charlotte Humerickhouse; The Braysville Homemakers
- in memory of Darral Duncan; Marshall & Becca Parks
- in memory of David A. Tinsley; Al & Bonnie Tinsley
- in memory of Donald Ranard; Spencer High School Alumni Class of 1959
- in memory of Donna Minnick; Dave & Barbara Brinson
- in memory of Doug Hanscom; Pam, Kayt and Hannah Hanscom
- in memory of Drew O'Connor; Gail O'Connor, Maria O'Connor
- in memory of Elizabeth Howard; Edward Howard
- in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Shields; Babbs Supermarket, Bob & Carolyn Livingston, Dave & Barbara Brinson, Jane Mellenthin, John & Sylvia Dyar, Lori & Gary Quillen and Family,
- Tom & Karen Fulk
- in memory of Erika Wells; Bob & Cindy White, Steve & Alice Parrish
- in memory of Ernest "Bill" Franklin; Gary Franklin
- in memory of Frank & Betty Stewart; Jane Mellenthin and Family
- in memory of Gary McCarter; Leonard & Joan Wray
- in memory of Gary McCarter on his birthday; Sam & Carolyn McCarter, TJ & Leslie McClure
- in memory of Gib Tucker at Christmas; Phyllis Tucker
- in memory of Herbert & Wilma Skinner; Jane Mellenthin and Family
- in memory of James "Jim" VanBuskirk; Gary & Judy Armstrong, Gosport Lions Club, Joe & Brenda King, Wally & Kathy DeFord
- in memory of Jason Franklin; Dave & Barbara Brinson
- in memory of Jason Hinkle; Myrna & Richard Fields
- in memory of Jetta Allison; George Allison, Jennifer Dunning
- in memory of Jetta Allison on her birthday; Kenny Ray & Amber Augustus
- in memory of Jim Query; Ed & Joan Staubach
- in memory of Keith Casebeer;
- Buck & Nan Johnson, Lori & Gary Quillen, Jane Mellenthin, Joe & Judy Heinmiller, Kelsey Hanlon & Justin Roddy, Rob & Cassie Babbs, Steve & Becky Pedigo
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- in memory of Patsy Powell; Al & Bonnie Tinsley
- in memory of Patty Sadler; Walter Sadler
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- in memory of Rosalee Mumma; Rob & Cassie Babbs
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- in memory of Tom Marsh; Babbs Supermarket, Darin & Carol Tucker
- in memory of Thomas R. Franklin; Spencer High School Alumni Class of 1959
- in memory of Zach Tucker; Larissa Hannon
- in memory of Zach Tucker at Christmas; Phyllis Tucker

# 2020 Grant Payouts

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- Spencer Pride, Inc., \$347. Museum Expansion, Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, \$660.23.
  - Disaster Relief Fund, COAD Emergency Relief Derechos Storm Aug 11, Cornerstone Roofing, \$10,000
  - Gosport Fund, Lighting Upgrade to LED lights, Gosport History Museum, \$850
  - MacMorran Family Fund, Own Your Owen Strategic Committee Project, Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Develop, \$500. Property Maintenance, New Union Carolina Church & Cemetery, \$1000
  - Misty Chapman Memorial Fund, 2020 Grant: Run for The Fallen, VFW Auxiliary, \$500
  - Nancy McKay and Richard Wayne Lorenz Family Fund, Façade Repair: Install insulated glass, Spencer Pride, Inc., \$587. Museum Expansion,
  - Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, \$605.77
  - Tucker Family Fund, Bathroom Project, Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Develop, \$2500. Museum Expansion, Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, \$605.77
- MYPATH is our legacy project, and it is funded by our community grants program. These fund payouts are transferred to MYPATH and are used to support projects.
- Community Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$37,389
  - D M J Community Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$4,202
  - Eugene S. Bowen and Robert D. Bowen Fund for Owen County, MYPATH Fund Support, \$551
  - Harold & Lois Patterson Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$1,333
  - Jack Simmerman Community Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$2,795
  - John King Fund for Owen County, MYPATH Fund Support, \$738
  - John T. Gillaspay Memorial Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$1,515
  - Ooley Family Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, 2,516
  - Paul & Ione Fulk Community Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$7,307
  - Rogers - Pennington Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$745
  - SCI REMC RoundUp Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$611
  - Scully Family Fund, MYPATH Fund Support, \$1,010
  - Public Restroom Project, Owen County Chamber of Commerce and it's donors \$6,700
  - Area 10/Rural Transit Bus Replacement; Boston Scientific Child Care Fund, \$100. Cataract / Jennings Township Fund, \$300. Coal City - Jefferson Township Fund, \$300. Community Medical Fund, \$500. Freedom - Franklin Township Fund, \$300. Gosport Fund, \$1,000.
  - MYPATH Project Expansion, MYPATH Fund, \$50,946
  - MYPATH South Main Street Project, Lilly Endowment Inc. Grants \$36,474
  - Owen Valley Middle School, Maker-Space Project, \$2,500
  - Spencer-Owen Pre-school Program, Scholarships \$9,048
  - Shop-with-a-Cop, (Christmas 2020) Special Pass-through grant by Anonymous donor, up to, \$10,000
  - Disaster Recovery Fund, Replace Roof/June Storm, \$10,000
- Community Projects Support.**  
These projects are funded by other grants, like the Lilly Endowment Inc, or by fundraising efforts by organizations or groups to complete a project. Many of these projects are long-term, multi-year projects. The Foundation holds the money until needed and requested by the assigned organization. The OCCF supported these programs with nearly \$118,183.
- Owen County Humane Society, Special Pass-through grant by Anonymous donor, \$9,750
  - Garrard Food Pantry, Special Pass-through grant by Anonymous donor, \$4,725
  - Mark of Disciple Food Pantry, Special Pass-through grant by Anonymous donor, \$4,725



# COVID-19 Recovery Grants

Economic Recovery Program, funds have been provided to support small businesses by a grant provided by our community partner, Owen County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development, through the State of Indiana Office of Community & Rural Engagement. Other funds to support our non-profits were made possible by a grant to the Owen County Community Foundation by the United Way of Monroe County, and by donations from the following to our COVID Economic Recovery Fund. These funds provided nearly \$275,000 to our community to keep providing services.

## Special thanks to these donors:

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United Way of Monroe County  
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Non-profit COVID Recovery Grants supported by United Way of Monroe County Grant, granting just over \$90,000.

Area 10 Agency on Aging, \$4,000  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Cen-

tral Indiana, \$2,000  
Cataract VFD, \$2,000  
Cub Scout Pack 285, \$2,000  
Delta Theta Tau Sorority IOTA ICHI Chapter, \$2,000  
Exchange Club of Spencer, \$2,000  
Freedom Community Center, \$1,000  
Garrard Chapel Food Pantry, \$4,000  
Hoosier Hills Food Bank, \$2,000  
John Brighton VFW 7850 Auxiliary, \$2,000  
Kappa, Kappa, Kappa Inc. - Alpha Delta Chapter, \$2,000  
LaCampagne Ministries, \$2,000  
Mark of Discipleship Food Pantry, \$4,000  
New Beginnings, Crisis Pregnancy Center, \$2,000  
New Union Carolina Church & Cemetery, \$1,000  
Old Cataract School House, \$2,000  
Our Lil' Bit of Heaven Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, \$2,000  
Owen Co Soil & Water, \$990  
Owen County Art Guild, \$1,800  
Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Develop, to purchase PPP \$2,000  
Owen County Fair Association, \$6,000  
Owen County Family YMCA, \$8,000  
Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, \$2,000  
Owen County Humane Society, \$2,000  
Owen County Public Library, \$2,000  
Owen Valley FFA, \$2,000  
Riverside Cemetery, \$2,000  
Senior Friends of Owen County, \$2,000  
Spencer Main Street, \$4,000  
Spencer Pride, Inc., \$4,000  
Tivoli Theatre, \$8,000  
Vandalia Community Preservation Association, \$2,000  
VFW Post 7850, \$2,000  
We Are Here, Prescriptions and services for shut-ins, \$2,000

Small Business COVID Economic Recovery Grants supported by The State of Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. Granting \$169,500  
3 Dimensional Guttering, \$5,000  
All About You Hair Salon, \$5,000  
Bell Pyrotechnics Inc, \$5,000  
Benchmark Builders LLC, \$6,000  
Chambers Restaurant, \$5,000  
Cooper Sales & Service, \$5,000  
Darling Concepts, Inc, \$2,000  
Diamond K Sweets, \$6,000  
Elite Electric, \$5,000  
Emily Jackson Photography, \$2,000  
Freedom Business Solutions, LLC, \$5,000  
Gosport Dental Clinic, \$5,000  
Hometown Services, \$5,000  
Hoosier Plumbing Service, \$5,000  
Howling Moon Homestead, \$2,500  
Interior Restorations, \$5,000  
Juniper Gallery, \$5,000



The first of many COVID-19 Recovery Grants: Owen Valley Class of 2020 Senior Signs.

Kenny Weddle Drywall, \$5,000  
KMSJ Service, \$5,000  
Little Rascals Childcare, \$5,000  
Lovett Used Cars Ins, \$5,000  
Moore's Quality Auto LLC, \$5,000  
Nate's Candy Jar, \$5,000  
Oaldon Jewelers, \$1,500  
Owen Valley Winery, \$6,000  
PackRats ReSale & Consignment, \$5,000  
Patriot Inn, \$5,000  
Ridgeline Veterinary Services, \$2,500  
Sharon Close, \$5,000  
Skybreed Discs LLC, \$2,500  
Studio 560, \$5,000  
Summit Towing & Recovery LLC, \$5,000  
Susan Shorter, \$1,000  
Sweet Owen Realty, \$5,000  
Two Avocados Design, \$5,000  
Under Pressure Massage LLC, \$5,000  
Winners Circle Designs, \$5,000

## School Support

These grantees were supported in most cases by the Owen County Early Childhood Education Fund. Our schools have been awarded money to support them in their efforts to change how they educate Owen County students. Funding nearly \$15,316 in COVID-related projects.

Cloverdale Community Schools, Chrome Book, \$2,500  
Cloverdale Community Schools, Overdue Lunch Bills, \$250  
McCormick's Creek Elementary School, Individual Art Kits, \$250  
Owen Valley Middle School, Mckee, Schlachter, Dunn, \$750  
Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Develop, Kindergarten

Cap & Gown, \$785.7  
Owen Valley High School, Governor's Work Ethic Certificate Program, \$2,000  
Owen Valley Middle School, Individual Novels, \$2,000  
Spencer - Owen School Corporation, Negative Meal Accounts, \$1,700  
Spencer - Owen School Corporation, KAMI Software for Corporation, \$7,080

Special Awards. The COVID Economic Recovery Program was created with the flexibility for the OCCF to determine where funds might be needed to help Owen County get through this pandemic. We had some donors who felt the same way. These grants totaled \$12,520 and are listed below.

Insurance Services Donor Advised Pass-through grants to Non-profits:  
The Sanctuary at Browning Farms, South Central CAP, Owen County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, Senior Friends of Owen County, Owen Valley Middle School, Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, Owen County Public Library, Owen County Preservations, Inc., Owen County Heritage & Culture Center, Mark of Discipleship Food Pantry, Owen County Public Library, Owen County Preservations, Inc., Owen County Heritage & Culture Ctr, Owen County Humane Society, Spencer Main Street. \$8,570  
Duke Energy Pass-thru Grant, Main Street Coffee, \$5,000  
Winners Circle Designs, Class of 2020 yard signs, \$1,570



The Owen County Heritage & Cultural Center was one of the many recipients of grants from the Foundation in 2020.



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## New and Retiring Directors



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Amber Mullin and Grant Minnemeyer, both of Spencer, who joined the OCCF's Board of Directors in 2020. Amber works as an elementary teacher for the Edgewood primary and intermediate schools and Grant owns his own veterinary practice in Spencer, Ridgeline Veterinary Services. We thank both individuals for their willingness to help their communities and for join our cause of helping make Owen County a better place to grow, work, and live.

On behalf of your OCCF's Board of Directors and Staff - we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to one of our Directors who retired in 2020: Frances MacMorran. Frances served a 9-year term with your OCCF and demonstrated exemplary generosity and service. We greatly appreciate Frances' dedication to our Owen County communities.