

Marion Community Foundation



Supporting the Community | Marion Community Foundation supports the wellbeing of our community.

Making a Positive Impact | We impact the community through **grants**—awarding \$2 million+ annually to local charities and nonprofits—and **scholarships**—supporting higher education for 200+ students per year.

Partnerships | With partners, we focus resources to change the community. Our work includes: **Arts, History & Culture** | **Children, Families & Seniors** | **Community Development** | **Food, Shelter & Support** | **Health & Wellness** | **Parks & Environment** | **Animal Care** | **Faith-Based**

Generous Donors | Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations set up funds that will permanently give grants and/or scholarships. Setting up a fund allows a loved one or family name to have a permanent legacy and be remembered for their generosity in the community forever.

Giving that Lasts | Endowed funds benefit the community forever. The principal of the fund is invested. A portion of the fund's growth provides grants or scholarships in perpetuity. Non-endowed funds are an option for donors wishing to meet immediate community needs.

Our Financial Advisors | We work with Clearstead, a wealth management firm that specializes in advising nonprofits like Marion Community Foundation, and local financial professionals, to steward the \$68+ million entrusted to our care.

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Easier Than You Think | Creating a charitable fund is easy. Let us show you how your generosity can make an impact today and *forever*.

Call 740-387-9704 to learn more.



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Mission & Vision

The mission of **Marion Community Foundation** is to continually improve the Marion area community through philanthropy, leadership, and civic engagement. Our Vision is a generous, educated, healthy, collaborative, and vibrant community.

History & Growth

Marion Community Foundation has been—even before its inception—focused on caring for the community of Marion, Ohio. What started in 1957 as the Mary Elizabeth Smith Foundation to support Community MedCenter Hospital, became, in 1998,



Marion Community Foundation, following the sale of the hospital's assets to OhioHealth.

With offices and a 15-member Board of Directors, Marion

Community Foundation's mission as Marion's philanthropic leader was off and running. Within two years, the Foundation established its first donor fund, announced its first cycle of community grants, and had a scholarship program quickly taking shape. By 2003, Marion Community Foundation crossed the \$1 million mark in grants and scholarships awarded.

On its 10th birthday, in 2008, Marion Community Foundation earned the Council on Foundation's prestigious National Standards accreditation, confirming our reputation as a valued and trusted community asset. We have maintained that accreditation continually to the present day.

Thanks to generous donors, both loyal and new, Marion Community Foundation currently has 500+ funds and assets of \$74 million supporting the Marion area with more than \$2.6 million in grants and scholarships each year.

Scholarships

Marion Community Foundation is proud of its robust scholarship program—financially supporting area high school seniors and graduates in their pursuit of technical, undergraduate, or graduate degrees in their fields of choice and at the their schools of choice. Beginning with one \$1,200 award in 2000, Marion Community Foundation's scholarship program has grown to include more than 160 scholarship funds. Individuals, families, and community groups have established funds—each representing the donors' wishes to support students from specific high schools, who participated in activities our donors remember fondly from their school days, to pursue intended majors, and/or to attend a designated college or university. In 2025, the Foundation awarded \$582,000 in scholarships to 234 students.



Community Grants

Marion Community Foundation awards grants with the purpose of positively impacting our community. The funds created by our caring donors provide the resources to improve the quality of life in the Marion area. Numerous local non-profit organizations use these awards to support people and programs in Marion. Grant awards totaling \$2.1 million annually address needs such as food and shelter, families and children, health care, arts and culture, economic development, and education, among others.



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