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2023 Annual Report



Growth, innovation, and a deep commitment to the future of Washington County defined this past year. In 2023, we reimagined how we serve our community. By enhancing our processes and expanding our offerings, we've laid the groundwork for a brighter, more prosperous tomorrow.



A significant milestone in our journey was surpassing \$50 million in assets for the first time in our history. This achievement reflects not only the strength of our Foundation but also the trust you have placed in us. Alongside this, our new initiatives have made a direct and tangible impact on our neighbors, particularly within our younger generations.

Our theme for this year, “United Community, Unlimited Potential,” captures the spirit that propels us forward. It serves as a reminder that our community’s true power lies in our shared purpose. When families, nonprofits, community leaders, and individuals come together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish.

As we mark our 50th anniversary in 2024, we reaffirm our commitment to serving Washington County for good, forever. Marietta Community Foundation has become a steadfast force for positive change, staying true to our mission while embracing growth. Our journey is ongoing, and the future is bright.

We invite you to join us—whether through your expertise, resources, or engagement—in making a lasting impact. Together, we can transform our vision into action and pave the path toward the Washington County that we need, desire, and deserve.

Thank you for your enduring trust and partnership. As we move forward, let’s continue to grow, inspire, and unlock the limitless potential within our community.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather Allender".

Heather Allender
President & CEO





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TURNING GOOD INTENTIONS INTO GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

At Marietta Community Foundation, we are dedicated to transforming the goodwill of our supporters into meaningful, lasting impact across Washington County. Our donors, driven by a deep-seated desire to enhance their community, entrust us with resources that we steward with care and precision to address areas of greatest need.

We start by immersing ourselves in understanding the community’s most pressing challenges and opportunities. Through thorough research and engagement with local organizations and stakeholders, we identify where our efforts can make the most difference. By strategically directing the generous contributions we receive, we are able to craft grants and scholarships that tackle critical issues such as education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, arts and culture, and environmental conservation.

Our grants provide essential funding to nonprofit organizations, supporting projects and initiatives that drive positive change. At the same time, our scholarships open doors for students, giving them the financial support necessary to pursue higher education and reach their full potential.

In moments of crisis or urgent need, the Foundation stands ready to mobilize resources swiftly, offering immediate assistance to help our community navigate unforeseen challenges.

This year, we undertook a significant overhaul of our grantmaking approach, introducing a range of new and enhanced grant offerings. The remodel includes the launch of Simple Solution Grants, designed for more straightforward funding requests with a streamlined application process and accelerated review periods. We also refined our Community Impact Grants to focus on strategic investments that create lasting improvements in quality of life, with revised application deadlines and more thorough evaluations. Additionally, we have solidified our emergent and capacity-building grant offerings to address urgent needs and support long-term growth for nonprofits. This comprehensive update aims to simplify the process for applicants and increase the effectiveness of our funding, ultimately benefiting our entire community.

Marietta Community Foundation is a bridge connecting donors, grantees, scholarship recipients, and the broader community, nurturing a cycle of generosity that fosters sustainable growth and positive change for generations to come.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS IN ACTION

Community Impact & Simple Solution Grants: \$230,946

Unrestricted grant dollars supporting local nonprofits in addressing our region's most critical needs and opportunities.

Field of Interest Funds: \$120,273

Designated funds for specific areas of interest, enabling the Foundation to support grantmaking within those fields.

Hardship & Disaster Relief: \$55,557

Short-term aid for individuals facing financial hardship due to emergencies or natural disasters, and support for local children's extracurricular activities or essential needs.

Nonprofit Challenge: \$36,500

Established in 2015 to celebrate National Community Foundation Week, fostering innovation and resilience in the nonprofit sector.

Dolly Parton's Imagination

Library: \$16,346

Promoting a love of reading and preparing Washington County children for kindergarten by mailing a book to their home each month until their fifth birthday.

Agency and Designated Funds: \$1,774,476

Agency Funds created by nonprofit, educational, or religious organizations, and Designated Funds set up by donors to benefit specific nonprofits.

Donor Advised Funds: \$475,110

Allowing individuals, families, and businesses to be actively involved in their philanthropy and the grantmaking process.

Scholarships: \$435,292

Investing in the education of tomorrow's leaders through individual student scholarships.

TOTAL AWARDED:

3.14M

FRONTIER LOCAL SCHOOLS



\$10,000 to replace the worn out equipment at the Newport Elementary School, which is used by the elementary students, as well as the entire community during non-school hours.

CARING CONNECTION



\$10,000 to pilot a vehicle repair assistance program for low-income families in Washington County.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION



\$4,300 in emergency funding to replace the trusses and roof on the Civitan Park pavilion before the beginning of the fair.



1788 LEGACY SOCIETY

By entrusting their charitable legacy to Marietta Community Foundation, members of the 1788 Legacy Society ensure that their values and vision continue to make a difference long after their lifetime. The Foundation, with its deep commitment to carrying out donor’s intentions today, tomorrow, and forever, serves as a trusted steward of these lasting legacies, ensuring that the charitable impact of each member endures for generations to come.

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If you have designated Marietta Community Foundation in your estate plans and are not on the list, please let us know so that we may fully understand and honor your charitable intentions and include you in upcoming Legacy Society activities and communications.



FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

At Marietta Community Foundation, we make philanthropy accessible and rewarding without charging administrative fees—a unique practice enabled by our generous Friends of the Foundation. Contributions to our administrative fund cover operational costs, allowing us to focus more resources on causes that matter most. This support directly impacts our ability to serve others, helping us sustain our mission and create lasting positive change in Washington County.

Platinum \$250,000

Kay Callihan +
Tom Love +
Dr. James and Marilyn Mills* +
Anonymous

Gold \$150,000

Anonymous

Silver \$75,000

Janice Stollar*

Bronze \$25,000

Dave and Arlene Archer
Allen and Tawni Love
Karl Reuther* and Dr.
Gayle Galan
Roland and Paula Riggs
William and Carol Schneeberger
Teri Ann's Inc.

Sterling \$1,000

Anonymous
Mary Antons
Artex Oil Company
Catlin And Natalie Ball
Jeff and Judy Bergen
Eddy Biehl and Dorina Byers
Jim and Carol Bir
Susan Boyer

George and Nancy Broughton
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Theresa Fitzgerald
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Loyal Order of Moose #1823
Doug and Becky Mallett
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Kevin and Jill Witucky

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LEADERSHIP

A strong organization is built on strong leadership, and we are fortunate to have a team of dedicated community leaders who understand the potential of our mission and the power of philanthropy. These individuals bring a wealth of expertise, allowing us to operate at the highest level today while thoughtfully preparing for the challenges of tomorrow.

Our Board and committee members' extensive connections and deep knowledge of the community enable us to make informed, impactful decisions that truly address the needs of Washington County. Their respected reputations foster trust and provide peace of mind to our donors, fundholders, and partners, ensuring that every action we take is guided by integrity and a shared commitment to the common good.

Beyond their strategic insights, our leaders actively contribute to our efforts, helping us extend our reach and enhance our effectiveness. Their involvement amplifies our ability to create lasting, positive change, ensuring that the Foundation continues to be a force for good, forever.

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Teri Ann Zide

*Deceased



CARL BROUGHTON

Marietta was more than just a hometown for Carl Broughton; it was the heart and soul of his life. Every street, every building, every person in this cherished town held a special place in his heart. Born and raised in Marietta, Carl's deep connection to the community shaped his life's purpose.

In the mid-1970s, while working on a downtown restoration project, Carl stumbled upon a revelation that would forever alter Marietta's future. He observed that the most successful and vibrant towns all shared a common thread: a strong community foundation.

This insight sparked a vision, and in 1974, Carl, along with a group of like-minded individuals, established Marietta Community Foundation. What began as a simple idea to streamline charitable giving soon blossomed into a powerful force for good, laying the foundation for millions of dollars to be invested in the community he loved so deeply.

Fifty years later, Carl's vision is not just alive but thriving. His legacy lives on through Marietta

Community Foundation and in the hearts of his children—Ruth, Mary, and George—who were adopted by Carl and his wife, Elizabeth, as infants. The Broughton children grew up in a home where love for the community wasn't merely taught; it was a way of life.

“Our parents didn't just love this town—they lived for it,” George shared. “From a young age, we saw their dedication in everything they did. It was impossible not to fall in love with Marietta when we were surrounded by that kind of passion.”

Reflecting on their father's influence, Mary added, “Daddy was a man of few words, but his actions spoke louder than anything he could have said. He had these grand ideas for Marietta, and he didn't just dream them—he made them happen. Watching him, we learned that true love for your community means rolling up your sleeves and getting involved.”

Carl's life was shaped by ambition, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to his community. As a young man, he attended The Ohio State University,



but the Great Depression forced him to leave after just two years. He returned to Marietta, where he found success in the family business. Yet, the memory of his unfinished education never left him. It became a driving force in his life, fueling his desire to help others achieve their educational dreams.

One of Carl's most cherished memories was meeting Elizabeth, the love of his life. The Broughton Dairy and Restaurant, a family business, was located next to her family's bookstore. As Mary fondly recalled, "Daddy would find any excuse to walk over to the bookstore—often just to buy a pencil—so he could see her. And the rest, as they say, is history."

Carl's love for Marietta was evident in every project he touched. Whether advocating for a hot lunch program in Marietta City Schools or leading the charge to raise \$14 million for Marietta College in the 1960s, his energy and passion were boundless. His vision extended beyond his own lifetime; he saw the potential in institutions like Peoples Bank, which grew from a small community bank into a network of many full-service locations.

One of Carl's most enduring legacies is the Broughton Nature & Wildlife Education Area, a dream he nurtured for over 40 years. He envisioned transforming 600 acres of family land into a public park. Before Carl and Elizabeth passed away in the mid-1990s, their children promised to bring this dream to life.

"Daddy always wanted to make the outdoors accessible to everyone," Mary said. "He started developing trails and stocking the pond behind our house when we were kids. His dream was to create a space the entire community could enjoy." George added, "We couldn't let that land turn into just another development. We had to do something meaningful with it—for Daddy, for the community."

Today, the Broughton Nature & Wildlife Education Area welcomes over 100,000 visitors annually, offering hiking trails, mountain biking paths, a disc golf course, fishing spots, and habitats for wildlife. The park is also home to the Elizabeth Sugden-Broughton Community Building, a project completed in honor of their mother. The building, available for public events, helps fund the park's maintenance, ensuring that Carl's dream continues to flourish.

"Daddy had this incredible way of seeing what could be, not just what was," George said. "He taught us that the greatest gift you can give is the belief that something better is possible—and then doing whatever it takes to make it happen."



Photo by Courtney Wentz

ROBERT KIRKBRIDE

Born and raised in Marietta, Bob Kirkbride's early years were steeped in values of hard work and community spirit.

“Growing up in Marietta taught me the importance of community and the power of coming together to support one another,” Bob recalled. This foundation guided him through every chapter of his life.

After high school, he attended the College of Wooster, a decision that set the stage for his future endeavors. However, the Vietnam War draft loomed large, prompting Bob to serve his country by joining the Air Force after college.

For eight years, Bob served as a missile launch officer, a role that led him to the NASA Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas. “Working at NASA was an incredible experience. It honed my skills and introduced me to my wife, Janeen,” Bob reminisced. Together, they navigated the twists and turns of life, their love a constant beacon of light.

Bob's military career concluded on August 31, 1970, marking the beginning of a new chapter. His first civilian job as the Financial Controller for Revenue at the University of Houston set the stage for his eventual return to Marietta. His skills and experience caught the eye of Marietta College, where he applied for and secured the position of Financial Vice President. “Coming back to Marietta felt like

coming home,” Bob reflected. “I was eager to give back to the community that had given me so much.”

While at Marietta College, Bob developed a close friendship with trustee Bill Mildren Sr. Although the Foundation was originally established in 1974 as part of the Restoration '76 program, it remained inactive for years. In 1992, Bill saw an opportunity to bring the dormant Foundation back to life. Knowing Bob's experience with the University of Houston Foundation, Bill reached out to him, hoping that he would breathe new life into the initiative

With characteristic dedication, Bob began the process of revitalizing Marietta Community Foundation.

He reached out to the Council on Foundations, forming a steering committee with notable figures such as Bill Mildren, Dave Baker, Carl Broughton, Frances Flanders, Elizabeth Hadler, Norman Murray, Emmett Smelser, and Teri Ann Zide.

“We met every month at the Lafayette Hotel, often gathering around the round table in the back of the Gun Room to talk about new ideas and initiatives for our community,” Bob recalled. These meetings laid the groundwork for what would become a cornerstone of the community.

One unique aspect of the Foundation, adamantly upheld by Bob, was the decision not to charge administrative fees. “We wanted to ensure that every dollar donated went directly to supporting the community,” Bob explained.

This commitment set Marietta Community Foundation apart and established a model of transparency and trust. Bob was elected Chairman of the Board, and due to a lack of funds, he became the “de facto” executive director, serving from 1992 to 1996. “I believe in the importance of bringing new perspectives to the board, ensuring the Foundation's continuous growth and adaptation, so I did not serve long,” Bob noted.

Bob's dedication was deeply rooted in his unwavering belief in the impact a united community could achieve. He saw the Foundation as a vehicle for

change, a means to address the needs of Marietta and to uplift those who needed it most.

“I always believed that by pooling our resources and working together, we could make a significant difference,” Bob reflected.

This belief was validated in a pivotal moment on Christmas Eve of 1994 when Lillian Strecker Smith gifted the Foundation \$2.5 million from her estate.

This transformative gift was a testament to the community's trust and faith in the steering committee's vision. “Lillian's decision to leave her gift with the Foundation, guided by the wise counsel of Beth Worthington, Karen Osborne, and Jerry Brock, was a turning point for us,” Bob reflected. “Their advice not only validated our efforts but also propelled the Foundation to new heights of impact in the community. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to them for their invaluable support and guidance.”

Decades later, the spirit of giving continued to resonate within Bob's own family. In 2011, Bob and his wife, Janeen, established the Michael Kirkbride Memorial Fund, a donor-advised fund created in memory of their son. This personal connection to the Foundation adds a poignant layer to his legacy, reflecting his enduring commitment to his family and community.

Reflecting on the Foundation's journey, Bob often expresses a profound sense of amazement and gratitude. “I could only ever dream that Marietta Community Foundation would grow into the influential and impactful organization it is today,” he said. “There were moments when it felt like we were fighting an uphill battle, but the unwavering support from one another and the community kept us moving forward. Today, I look back with immense pride and deep humility, knowing that together, we have built a legacy of compassion, resilience, and hope. Being a part of this incredible journey has been one of the greatest honors of my life.”



Photo by Courtney Wentz

TERI ANN ZIDE

Teri Ann Zide’s journey began in the heart of Marietta, where she was born and raised. Her parents opened Teri Ann’s in 1961, a store that would become a cherished part of the local community. But life took a dramatic turn for Teri Ann and her siblings.

At the age of fifteen, she was faced with the unimaginable loss of her father and then her mother at sixteen. In the wake of their passing, she made the difficult decision to go to school part-time and step into the family business.

“Stepping into my parents’ shoes at such a young age was overwhelming,” Teri Ann reflected. “But the community’s support made all the difference. They didn’t just help me keep the store running — they helped me grow into the person I am today.”



Teri Ann’s 2009 term as Chair of the Board

Operating Teri Ann’s at such an early age was no small feat. The challenges were immense, but Teri Ann was not alone. The Marietta community, recognizing her determination and strength, rallied around her, offering support and guidance.

This nurturing environment taught her invaluable lessons about the importance of community. Teri Ann quickly understood that her store was more than just a place to buy dresses – it was a cornerstone of the community, a place where relationships were built, and lives were touched.

“There were days when I felt overwhelmed like I was in over my head,” she admitted. “But every time a customer walked through the door; I was reminded that this store wasn’t just about me — it was about all of us. Every dress we sold, every smile we shared, it all meant something deeper.”

As the years went on, Teri Ann’s became synonymous with quality, service, and a deep sense of belonging. Teri Ann herself became a respected figure in Marietta, known not just for her business but also for her dedication to the community. This reputation led Bob Kirkbride and Norman Murray, influential figures with Marietta Community Foundation, to invite her to join the Foundation’s board.

“When Bob and Norm asked me to join the board, I was overwhelmed,” Teri Ann admitted. “These were men I admired deeply, and to think they saw something in me... It was incredibly humble. I felt like I had come full circle.”

She was deeply honored to be considered, especially by such esteemed individuals. For Teri Ann, joining the Foundation was not just about taking on a new role – it was about aligning herself with an organization that shared her values of community support and long-term impact.

Teri Ann quickly realized the profound impact that the Foundation has on Washington County.

“Marietta Community Foundation is built on trust. People trust us with their dreams, their legacies, their hopes for the future. It’s an incredible responsibility, and it’s why we must always do what’s right, even when it’s hard.”

Teri Ann’s philosophy in business, inspired by her time with the Foundation, was rooted in a simple yet powerful principle: “Do the right thing.” This guiding principle, instilled in her by mentors like Bob Kirkbride, became the foundation of how she operated Teri Ann’s.

“Doing the right thing isn’t just a saying—it’s a way of life,” Teri Ann said. “It’s not always easy, and sometimes it’s not even popular, but it’s what makes a lasting difference. It’s what my parents taught me, what Bob reinforced, and what I’ve tried to live by every day.” Teri Ann believed that the success of her business was inextricably linked to Marietta’s well-being, and she carried this belief into her work with the Foundation.

When Teri Ann’s celebrated its 50th anniversary, Teri Ann knew she wanted to mark the occasion in a way that would leave a lasting impact. She organized a special event, raising \$1,700 in ticket sales, which was used to start the Teri Ann’s Charitable Fund with the Foundation.

“Starting that fund was a way of saying thank you,” she explained. “Thank you to the Foundation, thank you to the community, and thank you to my parents, whose values and love have carried me through. It felt like the perfect way to celebrate the store’s legacy.”

Today, Teri Ann remains deeply involved with Marietta Community Foundation. For her, staying on the board is not just a duty; it is a privilege and responsibility that she holds close to her heart. She believes in the Foundation’s cause and is committed to supporting it in any way she can.

“Being on the board isn’t just something I do — it’s who I am,” Teri Ann said.

“It’s my way of making sure the values that built this community, and my life, continue to thrive. It’s my way of giving back to the place that has given me everything.”



CAROL WHARFF

“I always believed that the best communities are built on quiet acts – the kind that strengthen the backbone of the community and endure for generations.”

For Carol Wharff, Marietta is more than just a place on the map; it is the fabric of her life, a community she believed in wholeheartedly.

Born and raised in Marietta, Carol’s connection to her hometown runs deep. After graduating from Marietta High School in 1981, she set off to the University of Cincinnati to earn a business degree. But the pull of home was strong, and she soon returned to Marietta, where she married her high school sweetheart, John Wharff, and laid the groundwork for their future.

Carol’s path took her to Ohio University, where she earned a teaching certificate. Though she initially envisioned a career in consulting and business workshops, life had other plans.

A chance phone call from her best friend led Carol to apply for the Executive Director position at Marietta Community Foundation. This role would define her career and deepen her love for her hometown.

“When I stepped into the role, I felt like I’d found my purpose,” Carol recalled. “It wasn’t just about the work – it was about the people, the community, and the impact we could make together.”

Carol hit the ground running, bringing with her a wealth of experience from her time on various boards and her background in sales and marketing. But it was the Foundation’s mission that genuinely resonated with her. “I believed in the Foundation and for what it stood. It was easy to get behind, and I loved my role in building community relationships.”

Surrounded by a remarkable board – individuals like Bob Kirkbride, Bill Thompson, Hubert Holland, Bill Fields, and Teri Ann Zide – Carol found herself in an environment that encouraged growth and innovation. “I learned so much from them,” she said with admiration. “They were more than just a board; they were mentors who supported me every step of the way.”

As the years passed, Carol’s love for the Foundation only grew. Her favorite part? The people she worked with, the relationships she built, and the knowledge she contributed something lasting. “Bob Kirkbride always said that we were building relationships that might not come to fruition until 20 or 30 years later, but knowing that we were laying the groundwork for the future was fulfilling.”

When Carol decided to step down from her role as Executive Director after her son was born, it was not an easy decision, but it was the right one. “I wanted to be there for my kids,” she said. “But even when I stepped back to a part-time position, I stayed connected to the Foundation, collaborating with donors and helping with the grant cycle process.”

Eventually, Carol returned to the role of Executive Director, but when the time came to leave for good, she did so with confidence. “I knew it was time,” she said. “My kids needed me, and I wanted to be more involved with their lives. But I also knew that the Foundation was in good hands with Heather Allender. She has taken it to a whole new level, and

I could not be prouder.” This capped her time with the Foundation to 16 years and a lifelong legacy.

Today, Carol’s connection to Marietta Community Foundation remains strong. Her husband, Johnny, serves on the Marketing Committee, and they continue supporting the Foundation as donors. “It was an easy decision,” Carol said, reflecting on her decision to give back.

“We believe in this community and want to make it the best we can be, not just for us, but for our children and their children.”

“I loved the idea of giving perpetually,” Carol said. “That you can still be giving back beyond your your lifetime – that’s something truly special.”



2011, Carol Wharff is seated with former Marietta mayor, Dr. Don Curtis, and the deVries Family, our building owners.



JACK AND BARB MOBERG

Jack Moberg's journey began in 1987 when he accepted the role of President of the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce. For 15 years, he worked behind the scenes to create opportunities for growth and development.

Jack's leadership was defined not just by strategic decisions, but by an unwavering commitment to the people and businesses he served. Reflecting on his tenure, he shared, "Serving the Chamber was a tremendous honor. It was made possible thanks to the wonderful staff. It's incredibly rewarding to see how those efforts have shaped the legacy of our community."

It was during his time at the Chamber that Jack caught the attention of Bob Kirkbride, a key figure of Marietta Community Foundation's steering committee. Recognizing Jack's dedication and leadership, Bob saw an opportunity to harness Jack's talents for a broader cause.

When a vacancy opened on MCF's board, Bob reached out to Jack. "Bob's invitation was both humbling and exciting," Jack recalled.

"Joining MCF's board was a chance to extend my commitment to the community in new and meaningful ways."

Jack's 13-year tenure on Marietta Community Foundation's board, including his time as President, was

marked by numerous significant achievements. Among his most cherished memories was celebrating, alongside office manager, Judy Atkins, the milestone of reaching \$10 million in funds.

“Reaching that \$10 million mark was a milestone not just for us, but for the community,” Jack said. “It represented the power of coming together with a shared vision to support one another and create a brighter future.”

Beyond his contributions to the Foundation, Jack’s involvement with various community organizations showcased his deep-rooted commitment to enhancing the quality of life in Washington County.

His roles on the EVE Board, the Marietta-Washington County Convention and Visitor Bureau, and the Marietta City Schools Board of Education, among others, allowed him to give back in meaningful ways. “Serving on these boards allowed me to contribute to causes that mattered deeply to me,” Jack said. “Each organization had unique challenges and opportunities, and I was honored to be a part of their missions.”

Complementing Jack’s legacy is the story of his wife, Barb Moberg. For 35 years, Barb dedicated herself to the Marietta Public School system as an elementary school teacher and physical education instructor, touching the lives of countless children.

Her classroom was more than just a place of learning; it was a sanctuary where children felt valued and inspired. “She was passionate about teaching,” Jack said. “To her, it was more than just a job. It was about creating a safe environment where children could love learning.”

Barb’s influence extended far beyond her classroom. Her commitment to community service led her to the YMCA, where she served six years on the Board of Directors, including three as secretary. She played a vital role on the Castle Board of Advisors, serving as secretary and chairing the Programs and Community Outreach Committee.

A historian at heart, Barb is a lifelong member of the Washington County Genealogical Society, the

Washington County Historical Society, and the Civil War Roundtable of the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Her love for history is matched by her green thumb, evident in her role as co-leader of the Marietta Garden Club. As an early member of the Women’s Giving Circle, Barb has consistently demonstrated her passion for promoting health, wellness, and community spirit.

Married for nearly 33 years, Jack and Barb’s partnership in life and service is a testament to their deep love for the community.

Their unwavering support of Marietta Community Foundation is reflected in the establishment of the Barb and Jack Moberg Charitable Fund, a clear expression of their belief in the Foundation’s mission and their desire to support a wide range of community needs.

As dedicated members of both the Legacy Society and the Giving Circle, Jack and Barb Moberg have consistently demonstrated their commitment to ensuring the lasting success and impact of Marietta Community Foundation.

“Barb and I have always believed in the power of community,” Jack said. “Our goal has always been to make a positive difference and to inspire others to do the same.”



2001 Board of Directors

WILLIAM “BILL” THOMPSON JR.

William “Bill” Thompson was a Marietta native through and through, with roots that ran deep and a heart that embraced the community with open arms. Raised with a profound appreciation for his hometown, Bill believed that true leadership meant lifting others and ensuring a lasting, positive impact.

He built a remarkable career at Marietta College, where he quickly ascended to become Vice President of Development. His innate talent for fundraising and his dedication to building relationships left an indelible mark on both the institution and the wider Marietta community.

Bill’s reputation for integrity and authenticity drew people to him. “Bill just had a way with people,” remembered Bob Kirkbride, a longtime friend and fellow leader at Marietta Community Foundation. “He was honest, straightforward, and when it came to raising money – well, he was simply the best. People trusted him because he always told it like it was.

He had this incredible ability to make people believe in a cause, to make them feel like they were part of something bigger.”

Beyond his professional life, Bill was beloved for his natural charisma and the genuine kindness he extended to others. He and his wife, Elsa, pursued their shared love of birdwatching. Together, they founded the Bird Watcher’s Digest, a venture that allowed them to turn their passion into a career. His dedication to bringing people together and inspiring a love for the outdoors mirrored his larger commitment to strengthening the community in meaningful ways.

As the Foundation grew, Bob Kirkbride, recognizing Bill’s unique talents and steadfast commitment, approached him with a proposition: to take on the role of Executive Director. “I knew Bill was the right person for the job,” Bob said.

“He had a deep understanding of our mission and a way of bringing people together that was unmatched.

After some convincing, he accepted the role, and it was one of the best decisions we made for the Foundation. Bill brought his experience, his heart, and his vision, and it transformed everything.”

Bill was not only a skilled fundraiser but also a visionary leader. He recognized that the Foundation was doing excellent work connecting donors to their passions and supporting charitable projects in the community, but he felt a strong compulsion to push for something bigger and more grandiose for Marietta. Bill was relentless in his pursuit of this vision, constantly brainstorming ideas, some of which may have seemed a little crazy. But he never stopped believing in the potential of the Foundation.



Bill Thompson & Bob Kirkbride

One of Bill's defining achievements at Marietta Community Foundation was his ability to rally the community's leaders and stakeholders around a shared purpose. He successfully brought together various groups, advocating for a collective vision that showcased Marietta and Washington County as the ideal place to raise a family, start a business, and enjoy retirement. This set the stage for numerous organizations to continue this messaging, fostering a renewed sense of pride and purpose in the community.

"Bill was more than a colleague or fellow board member; he was a friend, a true partner in every sense," Bob recalled. "We shared a vision for what the Foundation could be, and we worked together to make it happen. But it wasn't all business – he had this incredible sense of humor that made every day brighter. We laughed a lot. He made the work we did feel less like a job and more like a calling.

That was Bill – he knew how to find joy in the work, and he shared that joy with everyone around him."

Bill's mentorship also played a crucial role in shaping the next generation of leaders within the Foundation. He hired Heather Allender, who started as an administrative assistant under his guidance. For Heather, working with Bill was transformative, not just professionally but personally. "Bill was my mentor in every sense of the word," she reflected. "He had this incredible ability to see potential in people, even when they couldn't see it in themselves. He didn't just teach me about the Foundation; he taught me about leadership, how to connect with people on a deeper level, and the importance of empathy in everything we do."

Bill's mentorship laid the groundwork for Heather's ascent to the role of President and CEO of the Foundation. "I wouldn't be where I am today without Bill," Heather said. "He believed in me when I was starting out, and that belief gave me the confidence to grow. His impact goes far beyond his time here – it's in everything we do at the Foundation.

His values, his approach, his way of connecting with people – they've all become part of the DNA of this organization."

Bill Thompson's legacy is evident in the lives he influenced and the relationships he built throughout his career. His vision extended beyond immediate goals; he believed in the potential for the Foundation to catalyze larger, transformative initiatives within the community. This broader thinking has shaped the Foundation's work, ensuring it remains a valuable resource for addressing community needs and aspirations. As Marietta Community Foundation continues its mission, Bill's contributions are reflected in the ongoing commitment to kindness, generosity, and the pursuit of a brighter future for all.

Bill Thompson & Heather Allender



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

ASSET COMPARISON

	2022	2023
Investments	\$45,713,588	\$53,024,707
Cash	\$11,316	\$23,274
Equipment	\$2,460	\$5,700
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$2,155)	(\$2,680)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$45,725,209	\$53,051,001

LIABILITIES & NET ASSET COMPARISON

	2022	2023
Agency Funds (Liabilities)	\$8,302,970	\$9,711,478
Without Donor Restrictions	\$10,624,447	\$11,309,593
With Donor Restrictions	\$26,797,792	\$32,029,930
TOTAL LIABILITIES & ASSETS	\$45,725,209	\$53,051,001

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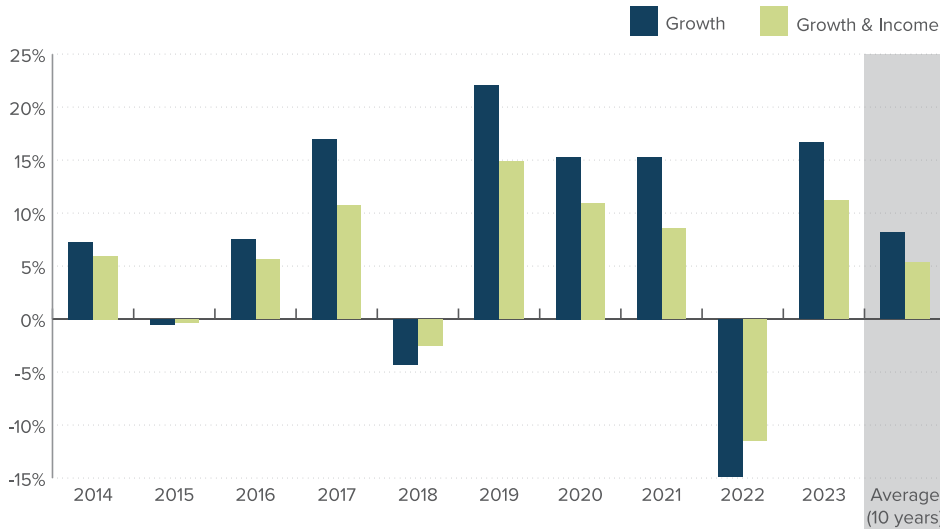
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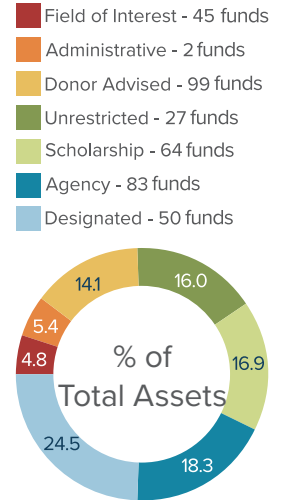
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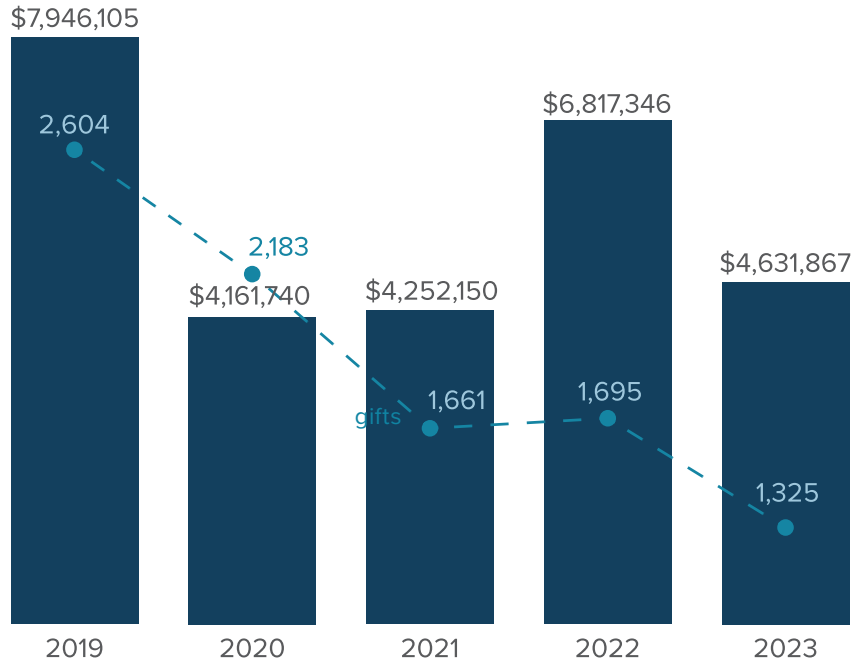


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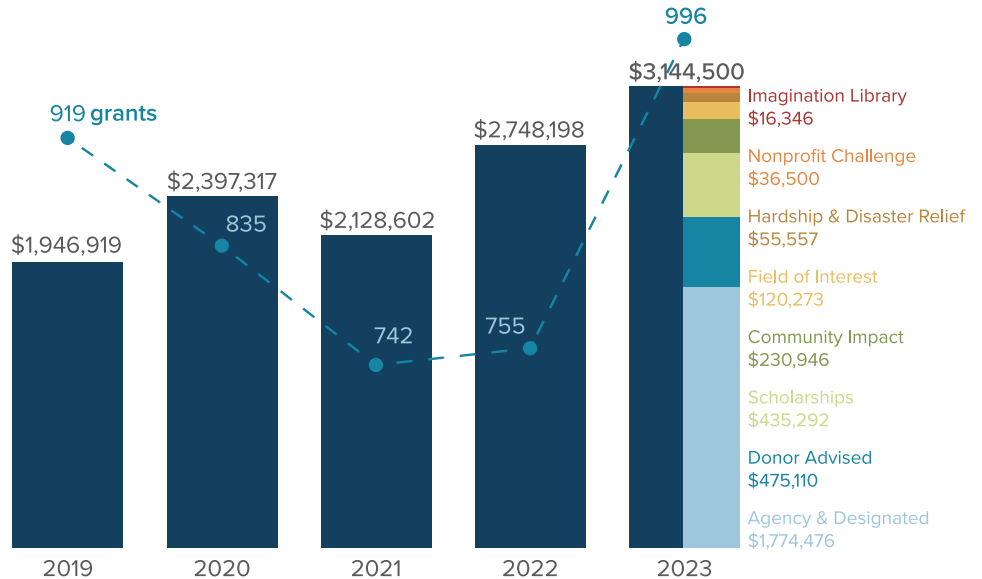
GIFTS RECEIVED FOR THE COMMUNITY

In 2023, the Foundation received more than \$4.6 Million in new donations. During the last ten years, generous donors have made gifts totaling more than \$38.9 Million!



GRANTS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMUNITY

In 2023, grants reached 536 unique nonprofit organizations. Over half of grants were directed to Washington County-based nonprofits, and a remarkable 77% of the granted support stayed within Ohio, positively influencing communities close to home.





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