MESSAGE
from the Chair

As Thanksgiving approaches, there is no better time than now to express how grateful The Shelby Foundation is for all of your generosity over the past year. The opportunities you have provided us to improve our community and enrich its citizens' lives bring us joy and thankfulness.

We aspire to do even more good works in the next year, so we sincerely hope that you will keep us in mind for your end of the year gifts, and we wish you have a truly special Thanksgiving season.

Thanks and Happy Holidays,
Frank Benham
Foundation Chair

MESSAGE
from the Director

There are many reasons why Shelby is so great: the sense of Whippet pride, neighbors offering a helping hand, and people and organizations working together. We know each other, we like each other, and we work together for the betterment of us all. You don't see this kind of collaboration between citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations just anywhere, and we are all stronger because of it.

Over the last few years, The Shelby Foundation has relied heavily on our solid working relationships and collaborations to enhance programming and implement new programs to improve the quality of life for Shelby residents. Every conversation that takes place gets us one step closer to our ideal community.

Thank you for collaborating with The Shelby Foundation. Your generosity allows us to have greater impact on the city we all love.

Go Whippets!
Carrie Kemerer
Executive Director

THE SHELBY FOUNDATION
for A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

2016 News

WOMEN'S FUND OF THE SHELBY FOUNDATION MAKES AN IMPACT



The Women's Fund of The Shelby Foundation was established in 2009 to empower women in this area to achieve their full potential but thanks to Dr. Theresa Roth and the ladies who serve on the Foundation's board: Catherine Turner, Kristi Kranz, Andrea Wilkins, and Dr. Marissa Miller, there are efforts to revitalize and grow the fund.

The fund has already made its presence felt with programs like Plymouth-Shiloh School District's "Girls in Motion" female fitness and nutrition initiative, which was made possible by a $1,200 grant from the Women's Fund of The Shelby Foundation. However, the focus of the fund isn't just for school-aged girls. The Women's Fund Advisory Committee, along with the rest of the board, believes all women should be served, regardless of age and income levels and implemented a three-part lecture series, "Let's Talk: Woman to Woman" on issues relevant to adult women from a female perspective.

Over the course of three free events, two hundred women came to The Vault Wine Bar to listen to local experts speak on topics pertinent to their lives, such as: Physical & Sexual Health, Money Tips, and Work/Home Life Balance. The response from those who have attended has been overwhelming positive.

Proceeds accumulated by the fund are distributed to Shelby area programs promoting intellectual, physical, emotional, social, economic, and cultural growth for women. The moral support of the community, coupled with the financial generosity of its citizens, will provide endless possibilities for the women in the greater Shelby area.













ENRICHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY



SHELBY FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH LOCAL LIBRARY FOR READING INITIATIVE

The Shelby Foundation collaborated with Marvin Memorial Library to help local students embrace a love of reading.

In May, third graders from Auburn Elementary, Dowds Elementary, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Most Pure Heart of Mary had an opportunity to take a tour of the library, enjoy story time with a snack, and leave with a book purchased by The Shelby Foundation. Students were assigned the book as part of their summer reading and it was incorporated into their fourth grade reading lesson this fall.

Foundation Chair Frank Benham said, "I enjoy having a good book. Our kids deserve to have this simple luxury of having a book of their very own. Hopefully, it helps foster a love of reading."

Marvin Memorial Library Director Kathy Webb stated, "We want children to feel comfortable coming to the library. This is a great time to introduce students to the library because we have many summer programs that encourage kids to keep reading."

SHELBY FOUNDATION ENSURES BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

During the month of August, the United Way of Richland County and Mansfield area business, School Specialty, collaborated to offer a back to school program for participating Richland County elementary schools. The program was a dollar for dollar match up to $1,000 per school in store credit to School Specialty.

Shelby Foundation Director Carrie Kemerer knew this was a great opportunity for Shelby area schools, so she contacted representatives of the Reynolds's Family Memorial Fund and the Giller Family Educational Fund. They assured her that Shelby area schools would be able to take full advantage of this opportunity, with any funds short of the maximum matched amount being covered by their respective funds. Thanks to the generosity of the Reynolds Family, the Giller Family, and other local donors, no Shelby school, public or private, left a single dollar on the table.

SHELBY FOUNDATION AND SELTZER POOL PARTNER TO BRING FUN TO OVER 1,000 KIDS

The Shelby Foundation made summer more exciting for kids in the community by partnering with Seltzer Pool to sponsor three Family Fun Nights.

For the second year in a row, the collaboration between the Foundation and the pool meant area kids and their families had the opportunity to enjoy free admission, snow cones, games, and swimming.

Since last year's affair was so popular, the Foundation's Board of Directors decided to increase the event from one night to three. Over one thousand area kids and their families benefited from the events.

Board Chair Frank Benham wanted to do something special for kids and was the visionary behind the collaboration. "All kids deserve to have a great summer," he said.

CHAMPION FUND OF THE SHELBY FOUNDATION MAKES LARGE GRANT TO YMCA

The Paul D. Champion Fund has furnished grants totalling over $150,000 since it's establishment. Funds have been awarded to Shelby Help Line, Shelby Senior High FFA, and now, Shelby YMCA.

Thanks to the Paul D. Champion Fund of The Shelby Foundation, an $80,000 grant, to be paid over the next four years, was pledged to assist the Shelby YMCA reach their capital campaign goal.

The Paul D. Champion Fund was established to help the community that meant so much to Mr. Champion. He was a simple man with simple needs. A farmer and an accomplished welder, Mr. Champion worked for Thompson Aircraft in Cleveland during and after World War II and later returned to the Shelby area to care for his parents. After returning, he farmed for the remainder of his life. Upon his passing, he bequeathed The Shelby Foundation with a large portion of his estate because he wanted to help this community. He knew the Foundation would manage the funds wisely and make distributions to benefit Shelby at the same time.

A donor-advised fund is a program of a public charity that allows donors to make contributions to a charity, such as The Shelby Foundation, and make recommendations for distributing the funds to qualified nonprofit organizations. In Mr. Champion's case, his recommendations were to help the community he loved, especially with agricultural needs. Since his fund was established, grants totalling over $150,000 have been awarded to Shelby Help Line's Capital Campaign to erect the much larger building, Shelby Senior High FFA agriculture barn, and now the Shelby YMCA.

Carrie Kemerer, director, said, "For a community this size, it is impressive to see the magnitude of donor-advised grants. I have no doubt Mr. Champion would be a very proud man if he was able to see what he is accomplishing through The Shelby Foundation but then again, that's why he left his money with the Foundation, knowing things like this would happen."

AN EVENING WITH THE SHELBY FOUNDATION

On Saturday, September 24, donors, businesses, organizations, and community leaders came together to raise dollars for the Shelby community and surrounding areas. An Evening with The Shelby Foundation: For a Brighter Tomorrow was a wild success, raising over $98,000 to be invested back into the community through the Foundation's grant-making abilities.

The Foundation would love to take all the credit for this amazing night and the good works we are part of throughout the year, but that just isn't the case. The Foundation's successes are your successes. Without the kind philanthropy of our donors, we wouldn't have the resources to do good works. Without our various collaborations with local people, businesses, schools, and organizations, we wouldn't be able to implement new programs or improve existing ones.

SHELBY YMCA TEAMS UP WITH SHELBY FOUNDATION FOR MEMORIAL DAY RACE

The Shelby YMCA observed Memorial Day with "A Run to Remember" themed race, sponsored by OhioHealth. Proceeds from the red-white-and-blue event benefited The Shelby Foundation and the Shelby YMCA.

Shelby YMCA Board Member Tiffany Curry said, "...The Shelby Foundation does so much for this community and helping people leave their own legacy. Donating half the proceeds from the race to the Foundation is one way we can show our appreciation."



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SHELBY FOUNDATION WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Shelby Foundation welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors this year. Marissa Miller, D.D.S., and Joe Wechter have been elected to serve a three-year renewable term effective April 19, 2016.

The Foundation's board members are responsible for overseeing and approving the distribution of grants and scholarships, guiding the organization when taking a proactive stance with community issues, and advocating the Foundation's mission of connecting generosity with community need.

"I'm astounded at the level of experience we're able to access with our board," said Frank Benham, chairman. "We have a very strong leadership base in place and we couldn't be more pleased with these appointments. Each of these individuals' deep professional backgrounds and passionate commitment to our community will bring insightful perspectives to our board."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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CREATING OUR IDEAL COMMUNITY ONE DONOR AT A TIME

The Shelby Foundation was established to give donors like you the opportunity to impact the future of Shelby. Your support, along with that of other generous donors, will help provide the financial resources necessary for success and to allow The Shelby Foundation to continue its mission – to build a legacy of community philanthropy by **connecting generosity with community needs**.

At The Shelby Foundation, we make it as easy as possible for people to use their money to help this community. The Foundation understands this community; knows where there is the greatest need, and where we can have the greatest impact. By donating to The Shelby Foundation, not only are you reaping end-of-year tax benefits, but helping the community you care about as well.

The Foundation is dedicated to the present and future of this community. In the last decade, the Foundation has awarded over $1,000,000 to nearly sixty area nonprofit organizations that serve Shelby residents and the surrounding areas.

As you know, giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what the Foundation is able to accomplish.

If you would like more information about year-end giving, contact us at 419-342-3686 or info@theshelbyfoundation.org.

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