



Connections

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Belew Legacy Award presented to William "Bill" Groth at the Annual Meeting



Dave Belew with Jackie and Bill Groth

At the Hamilton Community Foundation's Annual Meeting in September community members and donors gathered to celebrate the work of the Foundation. The board of trustees thanked outgoing board members and welcomed three new members. The evening also included awarding the David L. Belew Legacy Award to William "Bill" Groth for his service and commitment to the Foundation and the community.

Bill has a long history of service to the Foundation and the Hamilton community. Bill moved to Hamilton over 50 years ago and has been involved in numerous leadership positions ever since. He was a founding board member of Neighborhood Housing, president of New London Hills, board member of Primary Health Solutions, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, and the Hamilton Community Foundation. Bill is one of the first members of the Hamilton Community Foundation's Investment Committee and one of only a handful of individuals who have served two, nine year stretches on the Foundation Board. In addition, he served as treasurer, vice chair and board chair of the Foundation.

Bill is a longtime donor to the Foundation and to many other causes in the community. Additionally, through his professional work, Bill has introduced other generous donors to the Foundation and has assisted with creating several charitable funds.

Bill is a true community leader who has excelled in his chosen career, but also in his additional career of community leadership.



*Congratulations to
William "Bill" Groth -
2021 David L. Belew
Legacy Award recipient!*



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Welcome new board members

The Foundation welcomes three new members to the board of trustees. Jason Crank and Chamina Curtis were elected to serve a three-year term and Sandy Sanders was elected to a one-year term.

Jason Crank is a lifelong Hamilton resident and a Partner with United Heartland Insurance. After graduating from Stephen T. Badin High School, he went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Toledo and later his Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation in 2003.

His involvement in the community includes finance council at St. Peter in Chains, Past-President of Rotary Club of Hamilton, board member and past president of Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and facilities and risk management committee at the Great Miami Valley YMCA.

Jason and his wife, Katie, have two children Libby and Colin.



Jason Crank



Chamina Curtis

Native Hamiltonian, **Chamina Curtis**, is a lecturer at Miami University Regionals. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Ohio University, Master's Degree in Organization Development from Bowling Green State University and Master's Degree in Labor and Employee Relations from University of Cincinnati.

Her community involvement includes serving as Advisory Board President for the Booker T. Washington Community Center and Board of Trustees for the Greater Miami Valley YMCA. She is the Co-founder of CHIP's (Citywide Hamilton Internship Program) a conduit that connects companies and untapped talent from historically underserved populations.

Chamina and her husband, Dean, have one son Ryan.

Sandy Sanders was elected to serve a one-year term. Sandy served on the board of trustees from 2009-2017 and agreed to serve one more year. In addition to his service the Foundation board, he also gives of his time as President of the Open Door Food Pantry and President of the Zion Lutheran Church Council.

Sandy has a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree in Industrial Administration from Purdue University. He and his wife, Ingrid have two grown children and three grandchildren.



Sandy Sanders

Leadership Updates

The following Officers were elected at the 2021 Annual Meeting:

John Kirsch, Chair

Cynamon Trokhan, Vice Chair

Robert "Bob" Long, Secretary

Andy Schuster, Treasurer

Thank you to Scott Hartford, Tom Rentschler and Steve Timmer for their outstanding service over the past nine years.

Unrestricted funds designed to meet the needs of the community

For many years, Janet and Joan Fatika have consistently given to many causes impacting the community they love. This includes the Memorial Tree program, Operation Pumpkin, Hamilton Parks Conservancy, Hamilton Garden Club and Hamilton City of Sculpture to name a few. The Hamilton Community Foundation is one place in which they can give to many projects and programs throughout the community as needed.

When they decided to plan for ongoing future support of the needs in the community, they were able to create an Unrestricted Fund at the Foundation. Based on their giving and the projects the Board of Trustees have supported through the community grant process they felt this aligned with their passions. By establishing an Unrestricted Fund, it provides more resources to allow the Board of Trustees to meet the community needs for years into the future.

An unrestricted fund allows your gift to address a broad range of local needs - including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time your gift is made. Because you set no restrictions on the use of your gift, it enables staff and Board of Trustees to do what they do best - assess community needs and respond by awarding grants to the nonprofit organizations and others that undertake our community's most critical work.

The flexibility of an unrestricted gift enables the Community Foundation to support long-term solutions; respond quickly to emergencies; and meet changing social, cultural, educational, or environmental needs in our local community.

Thank you to these individuals who have created Unrestricted Funds to meet the needs of the community today and tomorrow.

Unrestricted funds at Hamilton Community Foundation

Adeline Zoller Memorial Fund

Agnes Burgess Fund

Alma Unzicker Fund

Amanda Pearson Fund

Arthur and Marie Hoerner Memorial Fund

Arthur G. and Dorothy G. Haid Memorial Fund

Barbara Dayton and William J. Copeland Fund

Boehm Fund

Briede Family Trust

Camilla Frechtling Fund

Carl and Freda Jennewein Memorial Fund

Carl and Laura Halen Memorial Fund

Carrie Urmston Fund

Clyde & Adela Beeler Fund

C. Randolph Lukens Memorial Fund

Dennis McGonagle Fund

Donald and Millicent Schirmer Memorial Fund

Don W. and Nannie V. Fitton Fund

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lehmann Fund

Dr. Francis I. Wilks Unrestricted Fund

Edward P. and Josephine D. Frechtling Fund

Eleanor L. Skillingstad Fund

Emma Ritchie Fund

Frank R. and Cleora E. King Fund

Fred and Liz Harding Fund

Fred and Susan Cochran Thum Fund

Frederick J. Winkler Memorial Fund

Gary Martin Memorial Fund

George and Constance O. Flenner Fund

George C. and Freida B. McCandless Memorial Fund

George R. and Vanessa E. Turnbull

Memorial Fund George R. Turnbull II and Carolyn Turnbull Jaeger Fund

Georgia Lukes Fund

Herbert Pabst Memorial Fund

Herbert T. and Olive S. Randall Memorial Fund

Huntington V. Parrish Memorial Fund

Isabel Beardsley Memorial Fund

JD and Jill White Fund

Joan and Janet Fatika Unrestricted Fund

John and Jane Benninghofen Fund

John K. Wilson Fund

Jon Follmer Memorial Fund

Joseph & Sarah Marcum Unrestricted Fund

Kenneth H. and Phyllis R. Snyder Fund

LaNelle Grosvenor Memorial Fund

Lawrence and Adela Wheeler Fund

Lillian Millikin Fund

Marion Fitton Fund

Mary Colligan Fund

Mary Wys Fund

Mildred M. and George Seltzer Fund

Morgenstern Fund

Next Generation Fund

Palace Film Project Fund

Paul Benninghofen Fund

Priscilla Keely Memorial Fund

Reimer, Reimer & Bonar Fund

Rita and Walter Pond Fund

Robert M. Sohngen Fund

Roy Pryor and Grayce Willis Pryor Memorial Fund

Scott and Adeline Zoller Fund

Slocum Family Fund

Stanton & Dorothy Fitzgerald Fund

Stephenson Family Fund

T. Edward and Hannah Knapp Fund

Thelma W. DeLaCroix Fund

Trustees Golden Opportunity Fund

Virgil and Myrna Schwarm Memorial Fund

Walton and Elaine Wuebbold Fund

William and Mary Frechtling Fund

William Huber Memorial Fund

William Murstein Fund

Annual celebration shares the work of the foundation



"Help us do the big things, and the small things, help us have a positive impact on our community. Help us support the new and emerging needs and opportunities in this community. Agree to step up and be part of the next generation of kind, generous individuals who will make a difference going forward."

John Guidugli,
President and CEO





"In 2021, the Hamilton Community Foundation has \$139 million in total assets, adding \$13 million in contributions and making \$3.5 million in grants,"

reported Andy Schuster, Treasurer

Focus on new charitable funds established at the Foundation

Taft Class of '72 Touchstone Scholarship



According to Carol Lauer Christian, Hamilton Taft Class of '72 was a special group of "kids". "We were one of the largest classes to graduate from Taft. We had no "super-stars" that dom-

inated the class. We all pitched in to make our class great. We all had our groups or cliques, but those groups intermingled regularly. In looking back over our list of classmates, we have all been successful. Some are financially successful. Others are professionally successful. Some have built a successful family life. In some form or other, we are successful!"

This upcoming year marks the 50th class reunion and this scholarship fund was created by members of the class to pass it forward to the next generation of students.

Lexie and Mary Kathryn Campbell Educational Fund



Lexie and Kay Campbell came from families that placed a high value on education. They have followed that pattern when their children were in school and as a result all three finished school/college with honors. This pattern of valuing education continued with their seven grandchildren who also have college and/or advanced degrees.

Lexie was a teacher and psychologist in Hamilton Schools for 28 years and then went into private practice with Children's Diagnostic Center for another 15 years. Kay also retired from Hamilton Schools after 25 years of teaching.

"As teachers we tried to pass this encouragement along to our students, and we believe we were successful in most cases," said Lexie.

This fund was established to provide classroom grants for teachers in the Hamilton City School District.

New Funds

Established August 2021 – October 2021

Donor Advised Funds

Patricia Parrish Everhart Advised Fund

Kellie and Jody Gunderson Family Charitable Fund

Jon Persson Whalen and Allison Wynn Whalen Advised Fund

Designated Funds

Lexie and Mary Kathryn Campbell Educational Fund

Mini Grants 4 Teachers Fund

New Oaks Community Benevolence Fund

New Oaks Community Fund

Renneker Family Fund

Field of Interest Fund

Katherine S. Schwarz Fund for Natural Areas

Scholarship Funds

Taft Class of '72 Touchstone Scholarship

Loretta Hill Stuckey Power of Love Memorial Scholarship

Unrestricted Fund

Joan and Janet Fatika Unrestricted Fund

Congratulations to the 2021 Harry T. Wilks Hamilton Celebrates Education Nominees

This year we were not able to celebrate together again at an indoor celebration but hope to in the Spring of 2022. However, we are pleased to announce the nominees for 2021. Each nominee receives a \$1,000 grant to be used in their classroom or school building. [Visit the Foundation's website to learn more about our Educators of Excellence.](#)



Jacquie Baker, *Intervention Specialist* – Riverview Elementary School

Brittany Belew, *English Teacher* - Hamilton High - Main Campus



Amy Bijas, *Counselor* - Hamilton High - Freshman Campus

Lisa Brockman, *Library Media Specialist* – Garfield Middle School



Becky Broxterman, *Technology Teacher* - St. Ann Catholic School

Christina Dennler, *Spanish Teacher* – Stephen T. Badin High School



Lindsey Fanning, *2nd Grade* - St. Peter in Chain's School

Jason Grant, *3rd Grade Math/Science* - Highland Elementary School



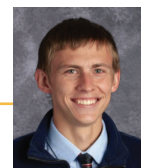
Jennifer Meadows, *Kindergarten* - Crawford Woods Elementary School

Amy Michael, *Multiple Disability Intervention Specialist*- Bridgeport Elementary School



Jeri Murnahan-Bridges, *Library Clerk* – Ridgeway Elementary School

Jaan Pirn, *Upper School Math/6th Grade* – Immanuel Lutheran School



Carrie Roell, *Science and Religion Teacher* - Queen of Peace Catholic School

Meredith Schroeder, *3rd Grade teacher* - St. Joseph Consolidated School



Charles Smith, *Social Studies* –The Miami School

Cindi Spurlock, *Kindergarten* - Brookwood Elementary School



Shelley Stamp, *1st Grade* – Fairwood Elementary School

Nancy Taylor, *6th grade Math/Science* – Linden Elementary School



Angel Thompson, *Media Specialist* – Wilson Middle School



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Happy 70th Anniversary!



December 24th marks the Hamilton Community Foundation's 70th year of serving the Hamilton community!

Seventy years ago, seven community leaders came together to sign the Articles of Incorporation to begin the Hamilton Community Foundation. The Foundation began with a \$5,000 fund and today it has more than \$130 million in assets.

Thank you to the many Hamilton Community Foundation donors who have entrusted the Foundation to assist them with their charitable giving and to meet the needs of the community today and ensure the future!

November is National Philanthropy Month

Thank you to all who give your time, talent & treasures!

German Village Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 5, 2021 Noon – 5 pm
All outdoor, free, family event

Accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors

December 13, 2021 - January 15, 2022
Visit [Hamiltonfoundation.org](https://hamiltonfoundation.org) – **scholarships** to apply

Year-end giving

During the final weeks of 2021, make time to consider and send your year-end gifts by December 31st. Don't forget gifts of appreciated stock or gifts from retirement plans may be most attractive options of giving. However, these transactions may take some time. **Please reach out to Katie Braswell, Vice President at the office – 513-863-1717 or kbraswell@hamiltonfoundation.org to discuss your year-end giving goals.**