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Use the IRA Rollover to Support Education



Dick & Mary Law

In retirement the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount (a required minimum distribution) from your IRA each year whether you need the funds or not, and you normally pay income tax on every distribution. However, if you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift directly from

your IRA account to the Hamilton Community Foundation with no tax consequences.

Dick and Mary Law began using their required minimum distribution to establish a scholarship fund in 2013. "We knew we wanted to establish a scholarship fund and by using the charitable IRA rollover option it was an easy way to give," said Mary. "Now it is just a habit that we do to build our scholarship fund for the benefit of the young people in the community."

At the end of 2015, Congress passed the law that allowed gifts made directly from an IRA (up to \$100,000 per person per year) to a qualified charity. By utilizing this option, the funds are not reportable as taxable income and qualify toward your required minimum distribution which can lower your income and taxes.

Giving through your IRA offers several benefits. You reduce your taxes, it allows you to set up a fund to benefit one or more organizations you care about, and you feel good knowing that you were able to make a major gift from your IRA.

"Working with the Foundation has been a wonderful experience. They make the process easy so those who want to use this option can do so with ease," commented Mary.

Is a charitable IRA rollover right for you? Contact your tax advisor or the Hamilton Community Foundation to learn more.

NEW TAX LAW ENHANCES CHARITABLE GIVING

When Congress enacted the most comprehensive tax law changes in December 2017, the charitable deduction was the only deduction not limited and some cases it was expanded.

In the past, gifts of cash could reduce tax on up to 50% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) each year. This amount was increased to 60% under the new law.

Donor Advised Funds

A Donor Advised Fund may be a great giving vehicle for your charitable gifts. With a Donor Advised Fund you can make your gift to the Foundation when it makes the

most sense for you – for tax purposes or for convenience. Once you make the gift to the Donor Advised Fund, you receive the full tax deduction and you make gifts from the fund to your favorite charitable causes.

Gifts of Stock

With the strong performance of the market, it may be particularly advantageous to make gifts of stocks.

If you own stocks, mutual funds or other securities that have increased in value, and you have owned them for more than a year, it can be wise to use them to make

charitable gifts.

The new law retained the tax benefits that benefits making a gift this way. You may still claim a deduction for their full market value, not just the amount you paid, and you do not have to pay capital gains tax if you gift them to charity.

This opportunity is available to everyone, whether or not you itemize deductions.

Whatever option you are interested in, check with your tax advisor to determine what would be best for you.

BRENNER FAMILY ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND WITH LEGACY GIFT

spring 2018



Jack and Melva (Wittman) Brenner

The impact of legacy gifts is long lasting and often far reaching. From caring for the welfare of animals to ensuring that tattered flags are replaced in the community, gifts of all sizes and purposes continue to play a fundamental role in the future of the Hamilton Community Foundation.

Life-long residents of Butler County, Jack and Melva (Wittman) Brenner are individuals who made provisions in their estates to carry

on their legacy. Through their estate, the Brenners gifted \$500,000 to begin the Jack and Melva Wittman Brenner Memorial Scholarship.

Both graduates of Hamilton High School, in 1959 they married. They were active members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hamilton and during their work careers and after, they were involved as volunteers in many community organizations and projects. They enjoyed outdoor activities, such as sailing, hiking, camping and cycling. They traveled extensively throughout the United States and internationally.

"Throughout their lives Melva and Jack reveled in the many academic, athletic and career accomplishments of their 20 nieces and nephews and a multitude of grandnieces and grandnephews," said nephews Tom Schick and Denny Wittman. Through this generous scholarship fund, the Brenners' gift of education will continue to impact the lives of many young people and their families today and in the future.

In Memory of Mary J. Reimer

January 27, 1956 - February 2, 2018

Earlier this year the Foundation was saddened by the loss of long-time friend, volunteer, and supporter Mary Reimer.

A lifelong resident of Hamilton, Mary loved her hometown and was passionate about making Hamilton a better community. This love of community was demonstrated by her time serving on the Foundation board as a trustee, treasurer, vice chair and chair. Mary committed many years of service to the Foundation, in addition to her leadership on many other boards and committees in the community. Her kindness, intelligence and vision helped make her an ideal leader.

Upon her passing, Mary provided for the creation of the Mary J. Reimer Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will ensure that Mary's generosity and love for her community will continue into the future.



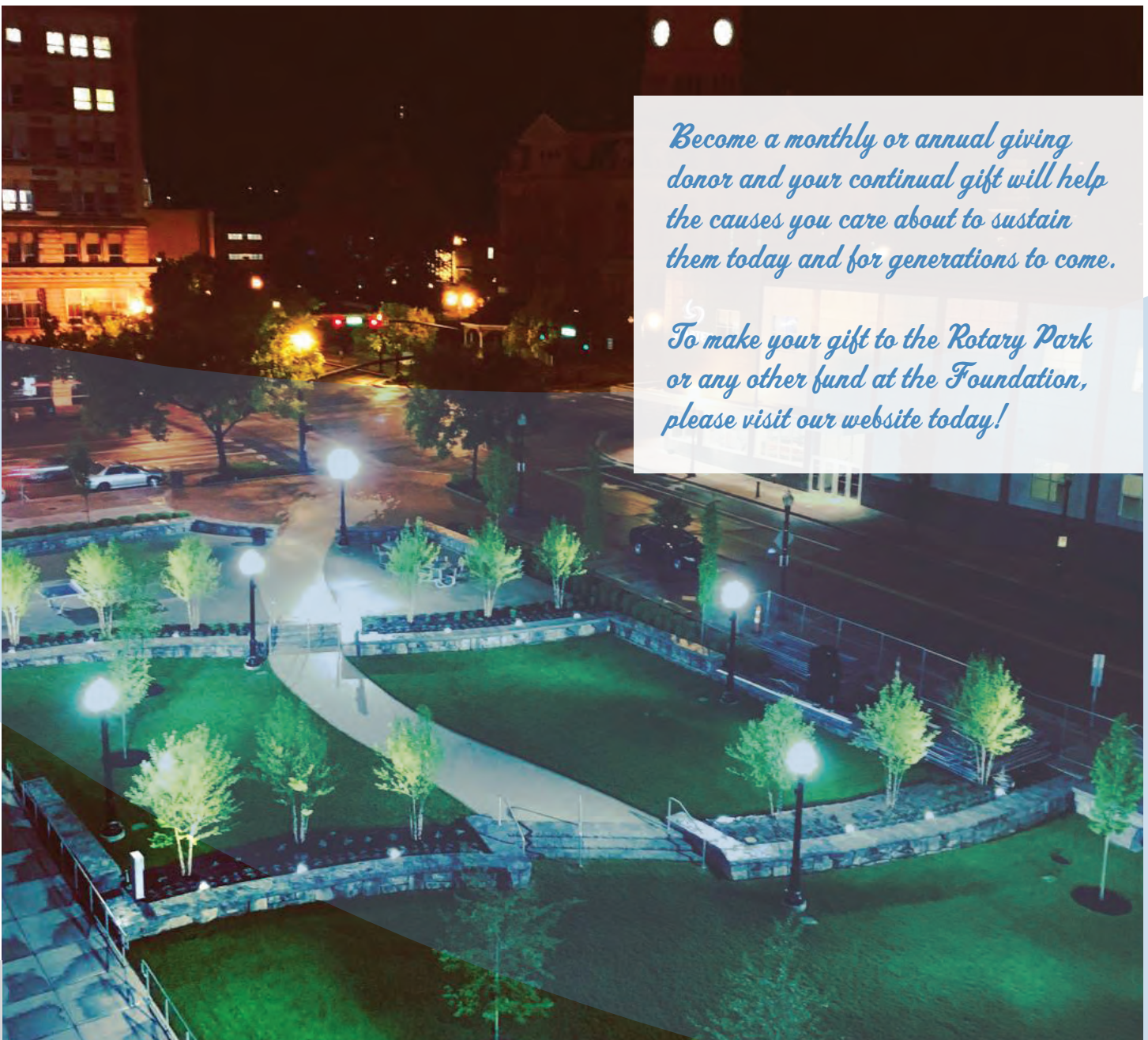
FOUNDATION NOW PROVIDES *Options for Recurring Gifts*

When the Rotary Club of Hamilton began their fundraising efforts to support the new Rotary Park, Rotarian Ron Smith knew he wanted to give his support. Through the new options of making a monthly or annual gift through the Hamilton Community Foundation, this was an easy decision for Ron.

"Working with the Foundation to set up this giving option was pretty simple and it helped me to support not only the Rotary Park project but the Foundation as well," said Ron. " Now I know my gift is taken care of and I can see the Rotary Park benefit from this giving opportunity."

Many donors have been asking about how to set up recurring contributions to their funds or other funds held at the Foundation. This option is now available through the website and can be set up as montly or annual gift using a credit or debit card.

Recurring donations allow you to give more with less effort. When you receive your monthly donation receipt you'll remember your commitment and passion for giving back.



Become a monthly or annual giving donor and your continual gift will help the causes you care about to sustain them today and for generations to come.

To make your gift to the Rotary Park or any other fund at the Foundation, please visit our website today!

GIVING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION RANGING FROM PRESCHOOL

For nearly 70 years, the donors of the Hamilton Community Foundation have given the gift of education from primarily providing scholarships to high school graduates to reaching students at an

PRESCHOOL *Making a Difference*

Developing confident, prepared kindergartners is what the Hamilton StartReady Program was designed to do for our families who needed a little extra financial support. The program began in 2013 through a partnership with Hamilton City Schools, former Presbyterian Preschool, Immanuel Lutheran School, Colonial Schools, Booker T. Washington Community Center, Butler County United Way, Butler County Educational Service Center and the Great Miami Valley YMCA. Today we have impacted the lives of hundreds of young students and their families through these scholarships.

Amber was thrilled by the opportunity for her two daughters to attend Immanuel Lutheran School. "I was excited to send my girls to preschool because since I



Preschoolers, Macy (L) and Madison (R) are excited to see their mom Amber after a great day at school.

struggled in school I knew this would help them to not go through what I did," said Amber. "I am very thankful to the Foundation for offering this program to help my girls get a good start in their school life."

According to the girls' teacher Mrs. Burg, both Madison and Macy have grown and developed in her class. "Madison was in my class for one year, but Macy has been with me for 2 years. At first, Macy was excited about school but was somewhat hesitant to join in. This year, every morning she enthusiastically says, 'Hello Mrs. Burge!' and walks to her class with her friends. It is rewarding to see her grow confident socially and academically. I am thankful for the scholarship that makes it possible for students to become confident, prepared kindergartners."

DONORS DESIGNATE GIFTS *to Support Private Education Costs*

The cost of private education can rival college education these days and some families struggle to provide this experience for their children. Thanks to our generous donors who care deeply about private education, several funds have been established to benefit our local private schools.



Donald & Jeanette Schellenbach

"Words can't truly express our gratitude. Because of this generous gift we are able to send both our kids to St. Peter in Chains and give them the education they deserve. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts," wrote a recipient family.

The Donald and Jeanette Schellenbach is one of a number of funds to support students. It provides two full tuition awards to students in need at St. Peter in Chains School. Since its establishment in 2006, this gift has impacted the lives of many families.

Designated gifts to support education are another way donors can impact the educational lives of the students in our community.

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE GRADUATES

education to young people in our community. Today, we have expanded early age and attracting young professionals back to the community.



MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded to High School Students

"I cannot thank you enough for recognizing something about me that was deserving of your scholarship. Your generosity is inspiring and I will do my best to continue to live through the qualities that made me the one you selected for this award. In doing so, I hope in the future to help others in ways similar to how you have helped me," wrote a scholarship recipient.

Helping students achieve their potential is an experience

donors treasure for a lifetime. Each year, hundreds of thank you notes from scholarship recipients expressing their gratitude are shared with donors. Providing much-needed scholarships to deserving students is a wonderful expression of philanthropy, and it's because of the generosity of our donors that more than \$1 million is awarded each year.

Another year of scholarship recipients for the Class of 2018 will be announced in May. Congratulations, graduates.

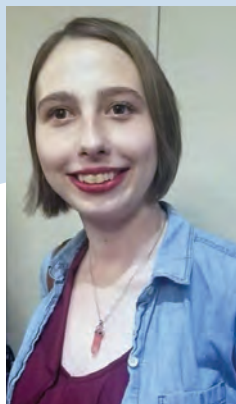


SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUE TO MAKE AN IMPACT

After the First Year of College

Each year, thousands of dollars are awarded to students so they can continue to attend college. Sometimes students receive one year awards and then struggle to find additional resources to fund their education. Recognizing this barrier, the Foundation offers several scholarships to assist students so they can continue.

"I am very grateful to the Foundation because they have always been there to help me every step of my journey," wrote 2015 Hamilton High School graduate, Elizabeth King. The Foundation's support began while she was in high school and participated in the Youth Exploring Success



(YES) program. "Being in the YES program showed me I could go to college and through that support they helped me navigate high school and get into the college of my choice."

Elizabeth graduated with an associate's degree in Natural and Historical Interpretation from Hocking College in 2017 with a 3.5 GPA. She is continuing her education at Miami University to earn a Business degree. With the help from the Foundation's scholarship for current college students, Elizabeth will complete her education in 2019 and take the next step in her journey.



ADULTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Benefit from Scholarships

When Jessie Glancy graduated from Hamilton High School in 2009, she planned to be a medic in the military. However, she got married and had a child and she wasn't able to fulfill that dream. Working odd jobs she still dreamed of a career where she was helping people. She began that journey by going back to school in 2016 to get a nursing degree. Now divorced with two sons, she applied for and received scholarships from the Foundation and graduated in 2017 with her associates degree. Through hard work and determination she is now working at UC Health West Chester on a medical/surgical unit. She is continuing her education through Ohio University's online classes where she will receive her BSN.

"I was totally unaware of the opportunity offered through the Foundation. I found out about the Foundation's scholarships through Pat and Ann Brown. Without the support of these scholarships and the community I know I wouldn't be this far along in my education and would have more student loan debt. Now, I am working, supporting my children and recently been approved to buy a home," said Jessie. "I am proud of my accomplishments and thankful for the Foundation's support."



In February, Shayndi Raice, Reporter for the Wall Street Journal interviews Foundation board members about the new TAP Scholarship.

(L to R) Heather Lewis, Scott Hartford, Shayndi Raice, Bob Long and Sandy Sanders.

TALENT ATTRACTION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Draws Local & National Media Attention

The impact of the Hamilton Community Foundation is evident throughout our community. Education continues to be an area of focus making a difference in the lives of our residents. In the past 60 years, over \$13 million dollars in scholarships have been awarded to more than 3,000 students. The Foundation's support of education and community quality of life initiatives are key elements of the strategic plan. A unique way to help grow the educational levels of Hamilton's population and to increase residents in the Urban Core neighborhoods, the new Talent Attraction Program (TAP) Scholarship was established.

The TAP Scholarship is what is known as a "reverse scholarship" where recent graduates will receive assistance with stu-

dent loan debt. To be eligible, students must - Have graduated within the last 7 years from a STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, or Mathematics) - Not currently living in Hamilton BUT with plans to move to or live in the Hamilton's Urban Core. - Must demonstrate employment within Hamilton/Butler County. Successful applicants may receive up to \$5,000, \$200 per month for 25 months

"This unique scholarship is one way the Foundation can continue to support the revitalization efforts happening in Hamilton, said John Guidugli, President & CEO. "While we will continue to support our high school graduates with traditional scholarships, it is our hope they will come back home to further the growth in our community."



INVEST IN OUR YOUTH *Give the Gift of Education*

Scholarship Funds provide a tangible link to the future. The gift of education that a scholarship bestows benefits not just the student, but the community as well. Whether a lasting memorial to a person or to meet current charitable needs, a scholarship fund provides access to educational opportunities for a wide variety of students --- from pre-school to post-graduate and now for the new Talent Attraction Program Scholarship. The Foundation offers flexible, affordable options for you to realize your charitable intentions.

How it works:

- You make a gift to the community foundation—cash, appreciated stocks, real estate, or other assets. Minimum gift to establish a scholarship fund is \$10,000. However, you may build your fund to the minimum size over five years.
- Receive tax benefits in the year your gift is made.
- Determine the name of your Scholarship Fund. This could be in the name of your family or business, or in honor of any person or organization you choose.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE GRADUATING SENIORS

Each year, at least one of the Hamilton Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Committee's seniors graduate and move on to college. Most of them have been members for all four years of their high school careers. This year the group is sending five seniors off to college where they can take the knowledge from YPC and apply it to the next stage of their education.

"YPC has had a wonderful impact on my life throughout high school. I have been able to learn more about my community and I have been able to participate in wonderful community events. I will forever look at my life in a new way because of YPC, and I cannot wait to participate in more volunteer events throughout college," said Isabel Dingeldein, YPC President.

Isabel will be attending The Ohio State University and studying Pharmaceutical Sciences.

"Through my four years in this group, I have had amazing opportunities to meet hundreds of people who work everyday, in many unique ways, to benefit our community and the people in it," said Kenny Pendergest, chair of YPC Needs Assessment committee. "I am going to miss YPC but I know that, wherever I end up, the lessons learned from this amazing group will continue to help me throughout my life."

Kenny is undecided on the college he will attend but plans to study Civil Engineering.

Over the course of my time serving on Youth Philanthropy Committee I have learned so much about the Hamilton Community and the people in it. Before serving on YPC I had little variety in my community involvement. YPC has given me the opportunity to expand my experiences into all sorts of new avenues and grow my skills as a servant, leader, and citizen. I intend to capitalize on these skills in the future by giving back to the community," said Wyatt Grimm, YPC Recruitment Chair.

Wyatt plans to attend Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio to double major in Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Wildlife Management.

"YPC was something I signed up for expecting a great opportunity for community service and better the lives of people in my community, which was very much a reality, but what really surprised me were the incredible friendships that came out of it and the unexpected connection made between teenagers of all different ages and from all over the surrounding communities. This group has also helped me to realize my love for philanthropic activities and inspired me to focus my career toward the humanitarian aspect of it, commented Emma Dingeldein, Community Service Chair.

Emma plans to attend The Ohio State University to major in mechanical engineering.

"YPC has greatly impacted my community involvement as I have volunteered with several charities during my four years on the committee," commented Ben Kline. "In addition to volunteering, I have learned a lot about the grant making process and the various local nonprofits we granted funds."

Ben is undecided about the college he will attend but plans to pursue a mechanical engineering degree.



Youth Philanthropy Committee graduating seniors left to right: Ben Kline, Badin High School, Kenny Pendergest, Badin High School, Wyatt Grimm, Ross High School, Emma Dingeldein, Hamilton High School and Isabel Dingeldein, Hamilton High School.

- Our professional staff will help you to determine eligibility requirements for the scholarship you establish.
- Sign a Fund Agreement with the Foundation to document the details of your scholarship fund.
- We handle all the administrative details—and award scholarships to deserving students in the name of the fund you establish.

By establishing a scholarship you inspire young people while investing in our community's future. Contact us at the office 513-863-1717 to learn how you can give the gift of education.



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UP & COMING

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & RECEPTION

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Hamilton High School

CELEBRATING LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton

HAMILTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton

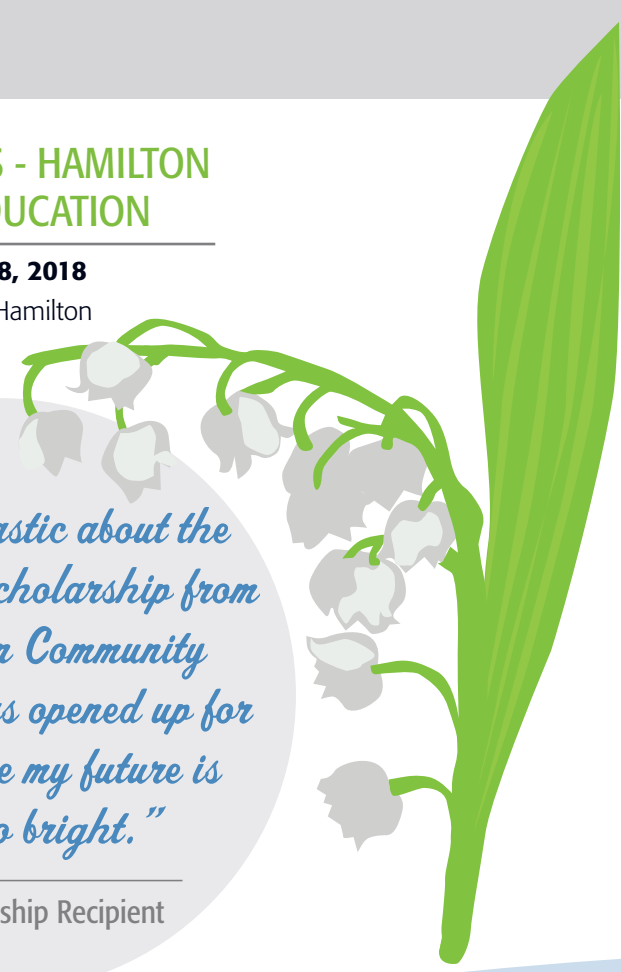
HARRY T. WILKS - HAMILTON CELEBRATES EDUCATION

Thursday, October 18, 2018

Courtyard by Marriott Hamilton

"I'm enthusiastic about the possibilities a scholarship from the Hamilton Community Foundation has opened up for me. I feel like my future is looking so bright."

— 2017 Scholarship Recipient



OUR MISSION

"To build a better community through creative philanthropy, vision and leadership."

OUR VISION

"To continue to be the trusted resource for growing philanthropy and leading change to improve our community."