



Celebrate

Annual Report 2021



BARBERTON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Welcome

25th Anniversary



Greetings from the board and staff of Barberton Community Foundation.

Twenty-five years ago, the citizens of Barberton had to make a decision about what to do with the proceeds from the sale of Barberton Citizens Hospital. Because of the foresight of several leading Barbertonians and the resilience of voters, a referendum was passed and the funds from the sale of the hospital were used to establish a permanent endowment – our Barberton Community Foundation.

As we celebrate our 25th anniversary, our mission has never faltered. We work to improve the quality of life for Barberton residents.

Using the interest earned from the endowment, and with support from our donor and agency funds, we've made grants and scholarships totaling more than \$109 million. In this report, we honor the many people and nonprofits that have helped us make an impact over the past 25 years, and we look to you to assist us as we plan our next 25 years of service, working to make Barberton an even better place to live, now and forever.

With your help and generosity, we will continue to strengthen the Barberton community for current and future generations by providing leadership, fostering collaboration, and creating a legacy of giving to do good.



Thank you for all you do,

Suzanne I. Allen
Suzanne Allen, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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About Us

Mission & Vision

Strengthening the Barberton Community

The mission of Barberton Community Foundation is to strengthen the Barberton community for current and future generations by providing leadership, fostering collaboration, and creating a legacy of giving to do good.

We envision an improved quality of life for Barberton residents, now and forever.

History

Barberton Community Foundation was established in 1996 as a 501(c)(3) and further designated as a 509(a)(3) supporting organization public charity to strengthen the community through the perpetual giving power of an endowment.

In November of 1996, the citizens of Barberton overwhelmingly supported taking an original gift of \$86 million in funds and securities from the sale of Barberton Citizens Hospital and establishing a permanent endowment. Interest earned from the fund would enable grants to be distributed in support of the Barberton community, city and schools over time.

Barberton Community Foundation has awarded over 8,500 grants and scholarships totaling more than \$109 million since its inception.



(L-R): Kate DeAngelis, Ted Herncane, Karie Sattler, Josh Gordon, Dr. Suzanne Allen, Carrie Herman, Brett Fogle, Kim Miller

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**The Foundation would like to thank Craig Megyes and Paul Epner for their service to the Board of Directors of Barberton Community Foundation. Their terms were completed in 2021.*

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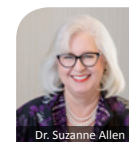
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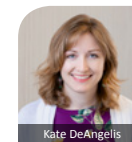
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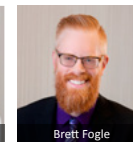
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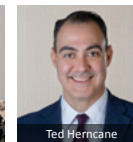
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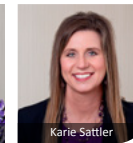
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Financial

Turning Point

In 1996, Barberton Community Foundation made a twenty-five-year commitment to the residents of Barberton: fund the construction of a much-needed new high school.

**Twenty-five years and
a loan paid in-full.**

With its original \$86 million principal, the Foundation and its volunteers have navigated the financial markets, the school obligation, plus more than \$105 million in other scholarships and grants to the community since 1996.

We are now in a position to make even broader investments and impact with the school obligation completed.

Since its formation, the Foundation's stewardship goal has always been, first and foremost, to preserve the capital entrusted in 1996. With the help of skilled advisors and a steadfast Board and Friends of the Foundation, we have managed to do that and more. Even after many years of fruitful grants and scholarships, the prosperous equity markets of 2021 helped bring the Foundation's net assets to \$91 million by year-end 2021. In 2021, the financial markets were good to investors, with our investments increasing more than \$7 million.

The Foundation's spending policy, voted on over many different and capable sets of boards and leaders, states that our spending is based on a rolling 20-quarter asset base. Because of this wisdom, our spending does not drop dramatically when markets are down, nor does it spike when markets are up, as they were in 2021.

With the final payment of the high school note in 2021, our board made a conservative choice at the end of the year to spend 2.75% of our net assets in 2022, rather than just over 5% as in previous years. As our grant partners and the stakeholders of the Barberton community take time to ramp up economic development and service efforts, our grant-making will be noticeably less in the near future than it has been in previous years, allowing us some time to focus on assessing the needs of the community as well as recalibrating our work on growing the asset base for generations to come.

Now, as we plan for the future of the Foundation, we look forward to this journey with the Barberton community.



Suzanne Allen, Ph.D.
Executive Director



2021

By the Numbers

The Big Picture

With an initial investment of \$86 million, over the last 25 years the Foundation has given:

- More than \$105,000,000 in grants to nonprofits to benefit the residents of Barberton.
- More than \$4,700,000 in scholarships.
- More than \$19,000,000 in Program Related Investment Disbursements.

The Foundation's greatest impact on Barberton can be seen through the lifetime of the organization. With our focus on perpetuity, this impact will only continue to grow.

\$90
MILLION
NET ASSETS

The Foundation aims to be a trusted steward of long-term philanthropic assets for our community.

\$603,913
TOTAL GIFTS
made by generous donors

4 NEW
FUNDS

- Janet and John Rehman Scholarship
- Celebrate Barberton's Neighborhoods
- Slovenian Independent Society Home Scholarship
- White Rabbit Galleries Scholarship

\$187,089
SCHOLARSHIPS
Payments on behalf of 145 students (new and continuing)

69 NEW
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED
to 54 students

\$2,168,400
FINAL HIGH SCHOOL PAYMENT

\$2.64
MILLION
IN GRANTS

Includes High School payment, Foundation grants and donor grants.

138
GRANTS
AWARDED

\$2.83
MILLION
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION

Includes total grant and scholarship distributions.

90⁺
FUNDS

These funds support a variety of causes and scholarships. Together these funds invested **\$229,449** back into the community.

COVID-19 RESPONSE
FOR NONPROFITS
\$97,629

Total 2020-2021 through the Emergency Response Fund.

COVID-19 RESPONSE
FOR BUSINESSES
\$200,000

0% interest loans through BCDC. 20 Barberton businesses received \$10,000 loans each.

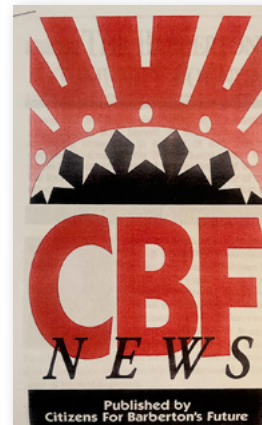
Celebrating a Promise Kept

In 2021, Barberton Community Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Reflecting on 25 years, Barberton Community Foundation keeps its promise

Through our celebration, we recognized the hard work and foresight of the people who had a dream of a community foundation, and we've accomplished something very few communities our size have done.

In 1996 a group of individuals called themselves the "Citizens for Barberton's Future" and they campaigned to bring Issue 5 to a vote in favor of establishing the Foundation. They were successful and today, 25 years later, we work to continue the strategic and careful use of our funds and to live our mission to strengthen the Barberton community for current and future generations by providing leadership, fostering collaboration and creating a legacy of giving to do good.



Members of the community, alumni, Barberton High School students and staff say "goodbye" to the old high school on Hopocan Avenue.



The Foundation celebrated turning 25 with Forever Hoppy themed beer from Ignite and ice cream from Skoops – Blueberry Crumble Fudge (BCF flavor!) at Tuscany on Tusc in September.



The Citizens for Barberton's Future campaigned on a promise that the Foundation would build a badly-needed new high school. This year we can proudly say we've kept the promise made to voters in 1996. In the fall, we made the last payment on the construction of Barberton High School. We agreed to pay \$2.3 million each year for the building. In doing so, we saved the taxpayers of Barberton more than \$58 million dollars.

Final payment to Barberton High School at the Foundation's Virtual Annual Dinner



Kim Miller and Tom Harnden at the Foundation's tent at Mum Fest.

Including the final 2021 payment, the Foundation's total cost to build the high school was \$55.1 million. Over 25 years, the Foundation has granted an additional \$14.7 million to the schools and \$14.2 million to the city, among many others:

- \$160K budgeted annually for newly awarded scholarships
- \$1.5 million to Magical Theatre Company
- \$391K to Barberton Historical Society
- \$252K to Mobile Meals
- \$258K to Barberton Area Community Ministries
- \$166K to Barberton Public Library
- \$95K to the Emergency Response Fund
- \$35K to Disaster Relief Fund



Economic Development

Welcome Ted Herncane,
Director of Economic Development



The Foundation expands toward Economic Development

Barberton Community Foundation has viewed economic development through partnerships with the City of Barberton and Barberton Community Development Corporation (BCDC) and by utilizing our Project Related Investments (PRIs).

In 2021, with the knowledge that we would be completing our payments on the high school, the Foundation took a closer look at the role we could play within the city's broader economic development efforts. The board overwhelmingly supported expanding the Foundation's focus beyond grants and scholarships to create new programming for economic development opportunities.

The Foundation planned to do two things: partner with Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC) to complete an economic impact plan, and to hire additional staff to support the work. GOPC reviewed previous strategic planning documents, completed 17 interviews with key leaders and stakeholders and researched case studies to provide examples for the Foundation to follow.

The Foundation then welcomed Ted Herncane to the new role in June, 2021.

As the Foundation's first Director of Economic Development, Ted manages partnerships with the City of Barberton and BCDC, develops programs to support current businesses, welcome new business and facilitates investments in downtown Barberton and its corridors.

Utilizing the impact plan from GOPC, the Foundation identified three immediate areas of opportunity:

- Facilitate a Downtown DART assessment through Heritage Ohio
- Provide entrepreneurial support through Bounce Innovation Hub
- Partner with BCDC to initiate business support and job development

With this decision to focus on economic development, Barberton Community Foundation is in a unique category among community foundations, but we feel this is the right step for Barberton's future and we look forward to the work ahead.



The Foundation convened at Lake Anna YMCA for a Board retreat to discuss a strategic framework for 2022, including how to fund the Foundation's newest economic priorities.

We Celebrate Our Donors

In July, the Foundation welcomed a group of people who've made significant gifts to our Foundation at our "Celebration of Donors" event.



The theme of the event was simple: a celebration of our donors and a chance to gather and give thanks. Our speaker, Joe Bull, shared stories during his talk "Creating a Legacy through Planned Giving," about people who chose to leave a bequest to a charity in their will and how that made a real difference. In each example, the donors saw three main benefits:

- Major tax savings was a deciding factor in choosing to create a planned gift.
- The donor has more control over how the gift is used.
- Most importantly, the donor had the ability to leave a lasting legacy.

Above: Wane Goss and Kathy Harnden

Right: Joe Bull speaks at our "Celebration of Donors" event in July 2021

Barberton Community Foundation has been the recipient of gifts from several estates, each established with the donor's intent, and sometimes adjusted throughout the donor's lifetime. The planned gift also created a lasting legacy for the organizations the donor loved. Some donors used their planned gift to create a new fund, others added to an existing fund, and some have provided an endowment for their favorite charities. There are many options.

For more information on planned giving, the Foundation encourages donors to have a conversation with their attorney or financial planner, and then let the Foundation know of your intention. We can help you think about how best to meet your philanthropic goals for you and your family.



Donor

A legacy of importance.

Highlights

Celebrating the first Hal Naragon Charity Golf Outing

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Chippewa Golf Course

Harold “Hal” Naragon was a well-respected member of the Barberton community and admired by everyone who knew him for his kind and gracious nature. His family and friends hope to uphold and instill his love for his community and giving back through the creation of the Hal Naragon Memorial Scholarship Fund and this charitable golf outing event.

About Hal Naragon

Hal’s professional baseball career began as a catcher in the Indians organization and lasted several years, including a two-year stint in the Marine Corps where Hal played for the Quantico baseball team.

He returned to the Cleveland Indians (now Guardians) for their historic 1954 season. In the years that followed, Hal played for the Washington Senators and Minnesota Twins, then became a bullpen coach for the Twins and Detroit Tigers. He retired from baseball in 1969, having been on three American League Championship teams, including the 1968 World Series Champion Detroit Tigers. Hal Naragon passed away on August 31, 2019, at the age of 90.



Maverick, Hal Naragon’s grandson, throws the first pitch at a BHS baseball game.



Funding supported the Hal Naragon Memorial Scholarship Fund, which assists three current Barberton High School seniors, one each from the baseball team, softball team, and a student pursuing a vocational or technical degree.

Marilyn & John May Fund for Developmentally Disabled Youth

Bruce and Linda May

Bruce and Linda May, along with their family, were able to co-sponsor a grant with the Foundation to support a Barberton family's participation in Victory Gallop's student program. Victory Gallop is a nonprofit organization that provides therapeutic and recreational horseback riding for children with behavioral and/or emotional challenges.

Victory Gallop approached the Foundation with a \$1,500 grant request in October, 2021, which would provide scholarships for five Barberton children attending therapy programs. Director of Community Impact Carrie Herman saw that the program was a good fit for the May fund, and worked with Victory Gallop to split the grant between the Foundation's small grants program (\$600) and the May fund (\$900).

Bruce and his family established the Marilyn & John May Fund for Developmentally Disabled Youth in honor of his parents and in memory of Amanda Tucker. This fund is dedicated to improve the comfort and quality of the lives of children and young adults with developmental disabilities.

Photo top: Bruce (left) and Linda (right) with their grandchildren.

(1) Bruce and Linda May stand with Dakari before his show.

(2) Dakari shows off his first-place medals.

(3) Marquis chose to take his senior pictures for Barberton High School at Victory Gallop.



Thank You

Generous Donors

Barberton Community Foundation board and staff send a sincere “thank you” to our generous donors. Our mission of “giving to do good” is realized through your actions. Thank you for continuously giving back to Barberton.

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Anonymous

\$100,000 +

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Barberton Community Health Clinic

Barberton Lodge 982 (1923)

Barberton PTA Council

Mrs. Marty Bidlingmyer

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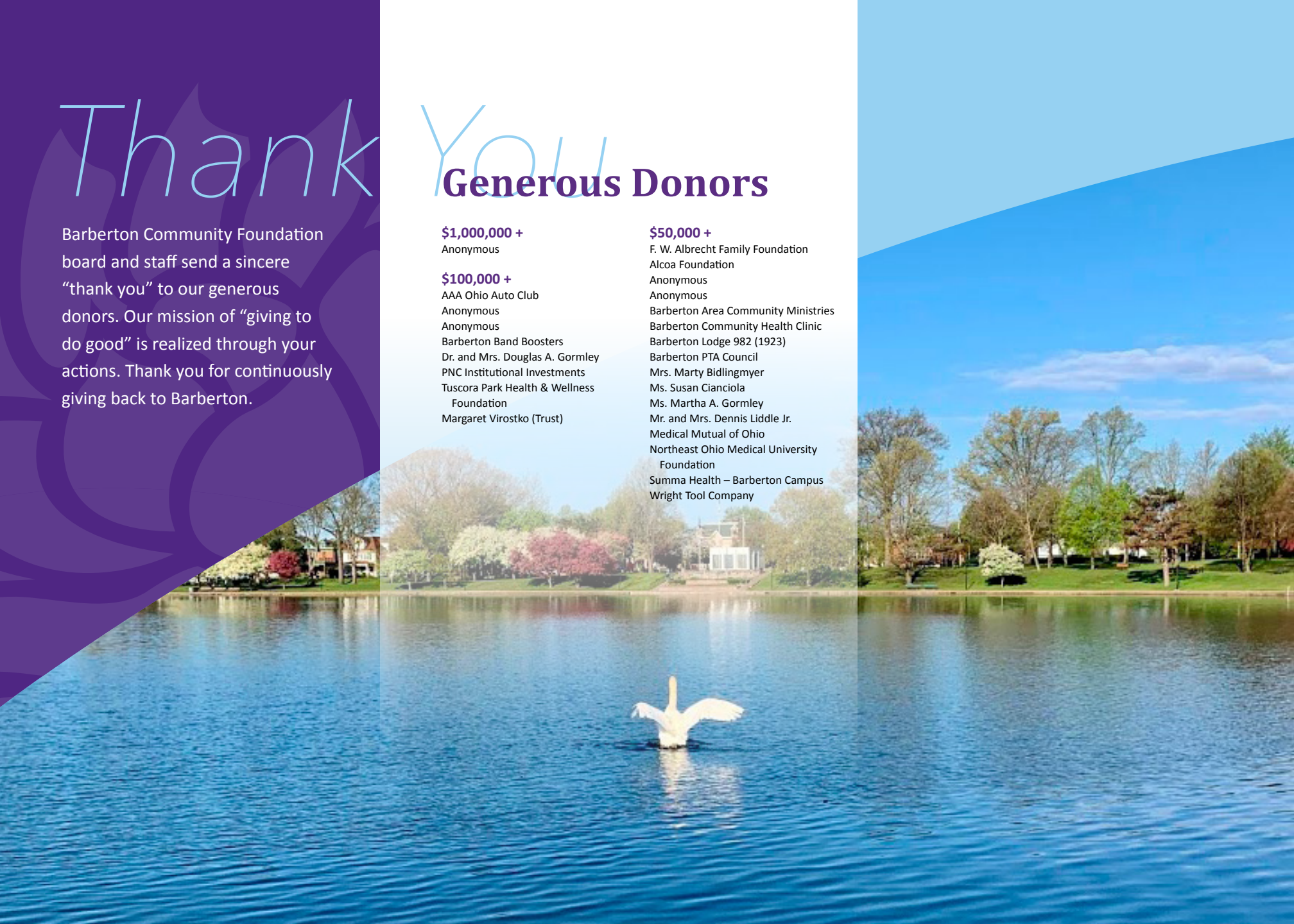
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\$25,000+

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organizations establishing funds.

Annual Dinner

On Thursday, November 4, 2021 Barberton Community Foundation held its Annual Dinner virtually on Zoom. Over 100 people joined, with some choosing to host small gatherings in their homes to watch the event.

The night was full of celebration for the Foundation's 25th anniversary and included a check presentation for \$2.1 million to Barberton City Schools for the final payment on Barberton High School. The payment represented the completion of the first promise Barberton Community Foundation made to its residents: agreeing to build Barberton High School. The Foundation made payments on the building for more than 20 years and saved residents \$58 million in real estate taxes.

The honored guests of the evening were 2021 Game Changers Lisa McLean, Dr. Michael Hughes representing Summa Health – Barberton Campus and Jeff Ramnytz, representing Barberton City Schools. Each Game Changer received an award from the Foundation and a proclamation from the state.

Suzanne Allen, executive director of the Foundation, said that while this annual dinner was unique, the sense of gratitude and appreciation for the Barberton community that is so present during the traditional event, was definitely felt through the screen. "I want to thank everyone who attended virtually tonight. Thank you for helping to make this event safe and accessible to all, and for helping us celebrate tonight," Suzanne said. "I especially want to thank our Game Changers for joining us, and for the incredible work they have done for this community. Each of you and your organizations are truly appreciated."



About our 2021 Game Changers

Congratulations to our 2021 Game Changer Lisa McLean, and our 2021 Organization Game Changers: Barberton High School and Summa Health System - Barberton Campus.



Lisa McClean

We honor Lisa McLean for more than 30 years of service to the Barberton community through the Beautification Program and coordination of Barberton's largest festival, the Mum Festival. Friends describe Lisa as a person who can not only come up with ideas, but someone who has the ability to see them through. **Though Lisa retired in 2020, we thank her for her legacy of community celebration. Congratulations, Lisa!**

Lisa McLean



Barberton City Schools and Summa Health System - Barberton

Barberton City Schools and Summa Health System – Barberton are two of our city's greatest assets. The schools, under the leadership of Jeff Ramnytz, and the Summa Barberton Campus, under the leadership of Dr. Michael Hughes, have weathered incredible challenges in the face of COVID-19. Over the past 18 months, when the majority of citizens were advised to stay home, the school and hospital staff rallied.



We thank the individuals behind these organizations: the nurses, teachers, doctors, administrators, tech teams, lab workers, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, counselors, specialists, advocates and other staff members for your incredible efforts this year.



Jeff Ramnytz



Dr. Michael Hughes

Impact Small Grants

The Foundation accepts grants in three cycles: Education and Workforce & Economic Development, Health and Wellness, and Arts and Community.

Grantee	Program Name	Amount
Barberton Middle School	Calculating Success	\$1,000
Lake Anna YMCA	Afterschool Activities at BEE and Preschool	\$1,000
City of Barberton Fire Department	Smoke Detector Program	\$ 910
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition	Barberton Canal Clean Up Along the Towpath Trail	\$1,000
Barberton City Schools	BHS Knit Club	\$ 240
Barberton City Schools	BEE Purple Pride 2021	\$1,000
Barberton City Schools	BEW Purple Pride 2021	\$1,000
Family & Community Services	Meals & Supplements for Barberton Residents (Mobile Meals)	\$1,000
Lake Anna YMCA	Afterschool Activities at Barberton Preschool	\$ 500
St. Vincent de Paul Society	Thanksgiving & Christmas Food Baskets	\$1,000
Barberton City Schools	Learning Under the Lights	\$1,000
Barberton City Schools	Magic Moolah	\$ 400
Victory Gallop	Rider Scholarships for Barberton Children	\$ 600

\$10,650

Total Small Grant Distributions

Small Grants Funding

Through our small grants program, organizations can apply for funding up to \$1,000 for projects and special initiatives in one of the four granting focus areas.

*Barberton Canal Clean Up
along the Towpath Trail.*



Grant Cycles

Three Focus Areas

In 2021 the Foundation introduced grant cycles as a way to focus our grantmaking. Those three cycles are: Education and Workforce & Economic Development, Health and Wellness, and Arts and Community. To find out more on what we look for and how to apply, visit us at

www.barbertoncf.org/grant-partners/grant-overview

\$2,408,600

Total Grant Distributions

Grantee	Program Name	Amount
Barberton City School District	Final Payment on Barberton High School	\$2,168,400
Akron SCORE	Barberton Community and Workforce Development	\$ 5,000
Tri-County Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG)	Dropout Prevention, Recovery Services & Career Pathway Program for Youth	\$ 5,000
United Way of Summit and Medina	Financial Empowerment Services for Barberton Residents	\$ 5,000
International Soap Box Derby	Barberton City Schools Soap Box Derby STEM Education Programs	\$ 4,000
National Inventors Hall of Fame	Camp Invention for Economically-Disadvantaged Barberton Youth	\$ 7,500
AMHA	AMHA Barberton Community WiFi Zones	\$ 18,000
Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America	Scouting – “Magical and Meaningful” in Barberton”	\$ 3,000
Barberton City School District	Technology for the 21st Century Classroom - Smartboards	\$ 39,700
Barberton City Schools High School Art Dept.	BHS Art Dept iPad Integration	\$ 4,179
City of Barberton	Foundation Field Baseball/Softball Lighting Upgrade	\$ 20,000
City of Barberton Parks & Recreation	2021 Community Impact Grant	\$ 15,000
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County	2021 City of Barberton New Home Build	\$ 15,000
Magical Theatre Company	Operating Support	\$ 5,500
United Way of Summit & Medina	2-1-1 Information & Referral to Support Barberton Residents	\$ 3,500
Red Oak Behavioral Health	IndieFLIX Education Video Series	\$ 15,000
Coleman Health Services	Student Success Initiative	\$ 20,000
Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio	Scholarships for Barberton Participants	\$ 1,500
Ben Curtis Family Foundation	Birdie Bag Program	\$ 2,000
Countryside	Food Access Programs at Farmers Market	\$ 10,000
Victim Assistance Program	Barberton Municipal Court Advocacy	\$ 14,820
First Tee - Greater Akron	Expanding Educational Life Skills Programming in Barberton	\$ 2,500
Greenleaf Family Center	Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program	\$ 1,500
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank	2022 Barberton Direct Distribution Program	\$ 7,500
AxessPointe Community Health Center	Handheld X-ray Machine and Oral Sensors	\$ 15,000

Scholarships

Excellence in Education

"You have the opportunity to make an astonishing difference in someone's life. Seize those moments. Embrace the path ahead of you and remember that your community believes in you and will support you always. Inspire. Lead. Educate."

— The Tehi Family
Mike and Bea Tehi Memorial Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Name

AAA Barberton/Ohio Auto Club Scholarship Fund	Barberton PTA Council Scholarship Endowment Fund
Thomas L. Angerer Memorial Scholarship Fund	Barberton Tree Service Scholarship Fund in Honor of Keith Luck
A.O. Austin Engineering Scholarship Fund	Harry J. Bauschlinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
Barberton Alumni Physician Scholarship Fund	Karen Lee Burnette Memorial Scholarship Fund
Barberton Band Boosters' Henda Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund	Cianciola/Macko Scholarship Fund
Barberton Community Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship Fund	James A. and Juleen Colombo Scholarship Fund
Barberton Community Foundation First Generation Scholarship	Bill & Kim Eberhardt Special Education Scholarship Fund
Barberton Community Foundation Resident Scholarship	Genet Family Leadership Scholarship Fund
Barberton Elks Lodge 982 Memorial Scholarship Fund	Dr. Douglas A. Gormley Scholarship Fund
Barberton High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund	Leach Family Scholarship Fund
Barberton PTA Council Muffet Family Scholarship Endowment Fund	Ray E. Leach, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
	The Liddle Family First Generation Scholarship Fund
	Lois and Gary Matney Scholarship Fund
	Hal Naragon Memorial Scholarship Fund
	Dr. Milan Pavkov Scholarship Fund
	Mike and Bea Tehi Scholarship Fund
	ACT Achiever Scholarship
	Cum Laude Scholarships



\$187,089

Total Scholarship Distributions
given to 145 students
(New and multi-year awards.)

[2021 scholarship and academic awards booklet](#)

Meet four of our scholarship recipients

Christina Maldonado

Kent State University, Nursing

What do you love about Barberton?

"Barberton is such a beautiful city. The downtown area is full of thriving small businesses and great food. Everyone is so kind and welcoming and that is what I love most about Barberton."

Annabel Anderson

Kent State University, Nutrition

"I'm grateful for my family and friends who have supported me. I will always remember all my amazing teachers throughout my high school experience, and everything I learned from them."

Mia Silva

Marietta College, Secondary Education

"I would like to say thank you to the creators of the scholarships I have won. I'm so honored that my hard work and skills met your requirements. I'm very grateful that you felt I was deserving of your consideration for the scholarship."

Wesley Cunningham

The University of Akron, Computer Engineering

"I am grateful for my faith, family, and country. Star Wars keeps me positive."

From Left: **Christina Maldonado** – Barberton Alumni Physician Scholarship recipient, **Annabel Anderson** – Cianciola/Macko Scholarship recipient, **Mia Silva** – Mike and Bea Tehi Memorial Scholarship recipient, **Wesley Cunningham** – Barberton Community Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship recipient



Foundation Funds

New Funds

- Janet & John Rehman Scholarship
- Celebrate Barberton's Neighborhoods
- Slovenian Independent Society Home Scholarship
- White Rabbit Galleries Scholarship

AAA Barberton/Ohio Auto Club Scholarship Fund
 Thomas L. Angerer Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Merrilee and Jimmy Anthe Fund
 A.O. Austin Engineering Scholarship Fund
 Barberton Alumni Physician Fund
 Barberton Alumni Physician Scholarship Fund
 Barberton Area Community Ministries
 Barberton Band Boosters' Henda Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Barberton Beautification Pass-Through & Endowment Funds
 Barberton Bicycle Safety Pass-Through Fund
 Barberton Charities Now & Forever Fund (Renamed in 2021, previously the Barberton Salvation Army Now & Forever Fund)
 Barberton City Schools Synthetic Football Field Turf Fund
 Barberton Community Foundation Board of Directors Scholarship Fund
 Barberton Community Health Clinic Pass-Through & Endowment Funds
 Barberton Community Leadership Institute Pass-Through Fund
 Barberton Elk Lodge 982 Memorial Endowment Fund for the Barberton Community Health Clinic
 Barberton Elk Lodge 982 Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Barberton Head Start Endowment Fund
 Barberton High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
 Barberton High School Class of 1967 City Improvement Pass-Through Fund
 Barberton Historical Society Pass-Through & Endowment Funds
 Barberton Parks Department Senior Focus Fund
 Barberton Parks Department Summer Entertainment Now & Forever Fund
 Barberton Parks Department Youth-In-Action Fund
 Barberton PTA Council Muffet Family Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Barberton PTA Council Scholarship Endowment Fund
 Barberton Public Library Now & Forever Fund
 Harry Bauschlinger Scholarship Fund
 Larry Bidlingmyer "Mr. Bid" Outdoor Education Fund
 The Brighter Barberton Fund
 Karen Lee Burnette Memorial Scholarship Fund



Celebrate Barberton's Neighborhoods Fund (New in 2021)

Chicken Open Pass-Through Fund
 Emilio C. Chu, M.D. Nursing Scholarship Fund
 Cianciola/Macko Scholarship Fund
 City of Barberton Disaster Relief Charitable Fund
 City of Barberton Dog Park Now & Forever Fund
 City of Barberton Safety Services Pass-Through Fund
 Coalition of Concerned Christians Pass-Through Fund
 James A. and Juleen Colombo Scholarship Fund
 Former Mayor - Kenneth and Marjorie Cox Barberton Charitable Fund
 Early Childhood Gifted Learners Now and Forever Fund
 Bill & Kim Eberhardt Special Education Scholarship Fund
 Emergency Response Fund
 Employees of Barberton Tree Service Scholarship Fund in Honor of Keith Luck
 Larry Furman Diabetes Benefit Fund
 Genet Family Leadership Scholarship Fund
 Dr. Douglas A. Gormley Scholarship Fund
 K. Jack Greynolds Memorial Classic Fund
 Harnden Family Fund for Academic Excellence
 Heart of Gold Humane Fund
 Holiday Elf Now and Forever Fund
 Jeep Davis Olympic Hopeful Fund
 Jeep Davis Youth Sports Now & Forever Fund
 Matthew Kerr Scholarship Fund
 Albert W. & Rose E. Kimak Charitable Foundation of Summit County, Ohio - Barberton Community Health Clinic
 Lake Anna Preservation and Improvement Pass-Through Fund
 Lake Anna YMCA Heritage Fund
 Leach Family Scholarship Fund
 Ray E. Leach, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
 The Liddle Family First Generation Scholarship Fund
 Limitless Playground Pass-through Fund
 Dr. Robert Littlejohn Barberton Red Cross Endowment Fund
 Dr. Robert Littlejohn Barberton Salvation Army Endowment Fund
 Magic City Kiwanis/Esther Ryan Endowment Shoe Fund

New Fund Highlights

Magical Theatre Company Fund
Lois and Gary Matney Scholarship Fund
Marilyn & John May Fund for Developmentally Disabled Youth
Medical Mutual Magical Movement Pass-Through & Endowment Funds
Military Honor Roll Endowment Fund
Bonnie J. Myers College Prep Support Fund
Bonnie Joyce Myers Memorial Mum Fest Arch Fund
Bonnie Joyce Myers Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hal Naragon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. Milan Pavkov Scholarship Fund
Janet & John Rehman Scholarship Fund
(New in 2021)
Helen and Verne Scott Scholarship Fund
Slovenian Independent Society Home Scholarship
(New in 2021)
St. Vincent de Paul of St. Augustine Parish Endowment Fund
Stefan-Lightner Endowment Fund
Stewart's Caring Place Now & Forever Fund
Summa Barberton Hospital Endowment Fund
Technology Education Advancing Children's Higher (TEACH) Achievement Now & Forever Fund
Mike and Bea Tehi Memorial Scholarship Fund
John & Ruth Wagner Pass-Through Fund
White Rabbit Galleries Scholarship Fund
(New in 2021)
Craig Wilson Journalism Scholarship Fund
Justin Winebrenner Fund
Youth Philanthropy Endowment Fund

Janet & John Rehman Scholarship

Being career educators, the Rehman's understand the burden of college debt. They established their scholarship to support Barberton High School graduates entering their fourth (senior) year of college.



Regarding the decision to support college seniors, the Rehman's said, "In their final collegiate year, most students are encumbered with practicums and field experiences in addition to intense studies. Hopefully, our scholarship will help ease the stress of their already taxing obligations."

The scholarship requires that recipients be pursuing a baccalaureate degree in a "helping" profession, meaning a field in education, social work, or a healthcare related area. The Rehman's believe that working to attend college can be challenging and rewarding. The scholarship recipient must have provided a significant portion of all previous higher education tuition expenses through employment and/or student loans.

"Most importantly, the scholarship will help those most in need. The goal of education is to gain and refine skills to enable the individual to become his 'best self.'"

— Janet and John Rehman

White Rabbit Galleries Scholarship A scholarship for artists

Established in January 2021, White Rabbit Galleries is located at 571 W. Tuscarawas Ave. and is operated by Laura Smith and her daughter, Molly Brown. In addition to a large public gallery, they rent space to seven different artists and curate a regular schedule of shows.

Their first show was the Student Art Show in April 2021. Then in May, Tracy Marsh approached them for a memorial show for his wife, and the Carol Marsh Memorial Show kicked off their grand opening. Proceeds from the show and an additional gift in honor of Suzanne Jones Richardson provided the initial principle for the scholarship.

Molly hopes this scholarship will reflect her family's broader mission at White Rabbit Galleries: to help students have confidence and a bridge to art.

"White Rabbit is more than a gallery. We want to make a bridge for the artist to the community. We put the emphasis on community."

— Molly Brown



Left-right: Molly Brown and Laura Smith

Grant Partner Stories

Stories of community impact.



Ben Curtis Family Foundation
Birdie Bag packing day

Ben Curtis Family Foundation Birdie Bag Program - \$2,000

“Child food insecurity is a growing problem here in our community. When children aren’t in school they don’t always know where their next meal is going to come from. With the help of the Barberton Community Foundation, we are able to provide just over 1,400 Birdie Bags each month to send home with students over long weekends through the school year as well as a summer feeding program. Each Birdie Bag contains nine meals, six snacks and a travel size toiletry kit. We are thankful for the support of the Barberton Community Foundation, the Barberton School district and the entire Barberton Community for their support of our program.”

– Candace Curtis

the Y[®] Lake Anna YMCA Afterschool Activities at Barberton Elementary East and Preschool – \$1,000 Small Grant



Barberton Schools’ Summer Extravaganza program: Renee Roe, one of our Prevention Specialists, helps students make stress balls during a session on Coping Strategies. Students receive one to two days of programming utilizing the Signs of Suicide curriculum, learning how to recognize when they or a friend may be struggling and how to access help when needed.



Greenleaf Family Center Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program – \$1,500

“Greenleaf’s Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program provides evidence-based suicide prevention programming to middle and high school students throughout Summit County, including Barberton Middle and High School.”

– April Brewer, LSW, OCPS
Director of Prevention and Community Services



Barberton Elementary School East **Kindergarten Pride T-Shirts – \$1,000 per school**

Barberton Community Foundation purchases shirts for every kindergartener to wear on Purple Fridays. The t-shirts say “Barberton Magics Class of 2034.”

“Barberton Elementary East and Elementary West partner with Barberton Community Foundation to provide every Kindergartner student with a purple pride t-shirt. The t-shirts are to build community and welcome the new students and families to the Barberton City Schools. Every Friday, students and staff are encouraged to show their Barberton pride by wearing purple. With the help of the Barberton Community Foundation, we are able to ensure that every Kindergartner student has a purple shirt to wear.”

– Sheila McGhee, Associate Principal
Barberton Elementary East

Kindergartener Marilyn Thompson

Barberton City Schools **BHS Knit Club - \$240 Small Grant**

“Barberton High School students meet on Thursdays to knit. What is exciting is that students not only knit items for themselves, but some of the club members have knit for friends for the holidays this year as well. Kevin, pictured above, is wearing a hat he knit! Students find knitting relaxing, reflective, and it develops their ability to converse with others. Best – their phones are out of their hands. They have enjoyed the fiber arts and continue to learn new techniques and new patterns. For some, this has created a bond with older aunts and grandmothers who are also knitters.”

– Frances Didato, BHS Knit Club
English/Language Arts Teacher



Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Barberton Direct Distribution Program – \$7,500

“The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank received a \$7,500 grant from the Barberton Community Foundation for food for the 2021 Barberton Direct Distribution taking place at The Salvation Army Barberton, as well as additional food for the pantry at Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM). The grant provided a total of 32,242 pounds of food, the equivalent of 26,868 meals, to food-insecure families in Barberton. In 2021, over 10,500 families were served by BACM and the Direct Distribution.

Fun Fact: Approximately 60 percent of each distribution at The Salvation Army Barberton is fresh produce!”

– Michelle Deshon
Institutional Giving Specialist



Keywanna receives a car full of nutritious food at The Salvation Army Barberton, helping her feed her family of two biological children and five nieces and nephews she cares for.



Victory Gallop Small Grant – \$600

“Barberton Community Foundation supports kids from the Barberton area who are in need of rider scholarships. It has always been part of Victory Gallop’s mission to never turn anyone away due to their financial situation. Through the kind generosity of the Foundation, kids like Dakari are given the opportunity to participate in Victory Gallop’s therapeutic riding program where they can learn, grow and succeed. FUN FACT: Victory Gallop’s, miniature pony, Willie Nelson was just on the *Kelly Clarkson Show* via skype.”

– Kim Gustely, Co-Director
Victory Gallop



Dakari participates in Victory Gallop



AxessPointe Community Health Center Mobile Dental and Oral Health Clinic – \$15,000

2020 Grant Completed: Community Pantry

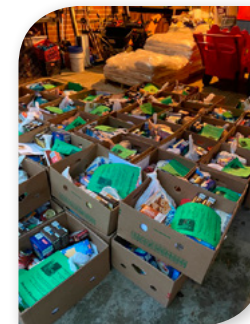
“Our project is complete and what we are so proud of is the ability to connect three local organizations together serving the Barberton community, including our patients. This project was a collaborative effort between AxessPointe, Akron Canton Regional Food Bank, and the Barberton Community Foundation to serve the community. We are open to our patients Monday – Friday during normal health center hours. We are also open on Saturday / month to the public, generally on the 4th Saturday.”

– Jennifer Hayes
Director of Finance and Business Development

St. Vincent de Paul Society Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets – \$1,000 Small Grant

“The Saint Vincent de Paul Society used their small grant funding to fill food baskets for our needy individuals in the Barberton community. Volunteers delivered 50 baskets over Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everyone who we encountered were very grateful and obviously in need. These deliveries will make a difference in their holidays. It was a privilege to play a small part in helping them, while all of you played a huge role.”

– Mike Moore, President
Coalition of Concerned Christians





Girls on the Run

Scholarships for Barberton Participants – \$1,500



“Girls on the Run is a self-esteem, character building program with a fitness component for girls in grades 3-8. The program has been hosted in Barberton for a number of years. Barberton West, Barberton East and Barberton

Middle School have all hosted programs. The volunteer coaches in Barberton have been extremely dedicated to the program and tend to return year after year. The integrity, strength and confidence they instill in the girls they are mentoring has made a difference in how the girls perceive themselves. Girls that have been in the program tend to become leaders in school. All three schools will be returning this spring. The season begins the week of March 14.

The Barberton Girls on the Run teams are always very creative! They hosted a glow run during the spring season in the evening during the pandemic when the Girls on the Run 5k was cancelled due to the pandemic. The Assistant Principal, Anthony Herman, ran with the girls.

Watch the [video](#).

The Middle School girls created a [YouTube video](#) showing warmth and kindness to their friends during the pandemic who were unable to attend school.”

— Robyn Cutler, Council Director
Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio

Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM)

Operation Reducing Senior Food Insecurity 2020 Impact Statement

“In March 11, 2020, BACM received a grant from Barberton Philanthropy Group through Barberton Community Foundation, to launch a new program called Operation Reducing Senior Food Insecurity. With this funding we were able to purchase senior friendly foods with low or no added salt and sugar, in canned foods, puddings, jello, instant oatmeal and more. We have always had senior deliveries but with COVID they increased. In 2021 we had a total of 1,937 senior home deliveries which also include volunteers who distribute at three senior apartments.”

— Dorothy Somerville, Executive Director
BACM



Danny Bartoe – weekly BACM volunteer.



First Tee – Greater Akron
Expanding Educational Life Skills
Programming in Barberton – \$2,500



“Through our four different seven-week community programming sessions in partnership with Barberton Community Foundation, we were able transition at least one participant from each session to our Life Skills Education program. We also had a handful of repeat participants who signed up for multiple sessions. That retention, as well, is always a success story in itself. In fact, 25% of the participants at the Lake Anna YMCA transitioned to First Tee – Greater Akron Life Skills Education programming.”

– Jeff O’Brien, Executive Director
First Tee – Greater Akron



Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
Cleanup along Barberton Canal – \$1,000 Small Grant

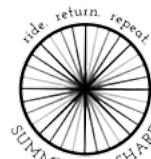
Barberton Canal Clean Up

“On May 27, 2021, a Barberton Canal Clean Up was held along the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail. In coordination with the Rotary Club of Barberton, volunteers removed trash in between the Magic Mile and Wolf Creek trailhead. The group collected 12 bags of trash and enjoyed a spring day beautifying the community.

Summit Bike Share – Barberton

The Summit Bike Share was created to promote equity in bicycling. The Lake Anna YMCA and Barberton Public Library have participated as partner locations since 2017, hosting bicycles and helmets for rent. In 2021, these two locations provided over 130 bicycle rentals to participants who use bicycles for recreation, exercise, and to commute.

– Amber Genet, Vice President & COO
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition



National Inventors Hall of Fame
Camp Invention – \$7,500



**National Inventors
Hall of Fame®**

“In 2021, children collaborated, explored and experimented at the Camp Invention® program hosted in Barberton. The program fostered the spirit of invention and focused on creativity, innovation and real-world problem solving. Since 1990, Camp Invention, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF), has encouraged children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum inspired by some of the world’s greatest inventors. Each summer, NIHF looks forward to bringing Camp Invention’s equitable and fun learning opportunities to Barberton’s curious and innovative children.”

– Marissa Metze, Director
Major Grants



Barberton Canal Clean Up



Magical Theatre Company

Operating Support – \$5,500

Tales on the Trails

“In lieu of the usual indoor performance in October (Thanks, COVID!), Magical Theatre Company presented

Tales on the Trails, a walking performance through the trails of Boettler and Southgate Parks in Green, featuring scenes from books, plays, and movies. This performance provided an opportunity for Magical audiences to experience live theatre in an unusual and beautiful setting. It was a gorgeous weekend and families turned out for a performance that combined art and nature.

The Magical Santa Experience

For the second consecutive year, Magical Theatre Company connected kids with the big man himself, Santa Claus.



The Magical Santa Experience has turned out to be one of the most meaningful projects Magical Theatre has ever undertaken, providing such unbridled joy and unexpected respite for families living in the shadow of the pandemic.

The relationships between Santa and the children were authentic and touching. In fact, nearly all families said they prefer this to seeing Santa live at the mall.”

– Dennis O’Connell, Co-Producing Director
Magical Theatre Company



Habitat for Humanity

2021 City of Barberton New Home Build – \$15,000

“Habitat for Humanity is building our 16th new home in the City of Barberton in 2022. The home, currently under construction, is located at 294 East Tuscarawas Avenue. Through the new home construction program, Habitat for Humanity works hand-in-hand with low to moderate-income families to help them achieve their dream of homeownership. The home currently being built in Barberton is for a single mother and her two children.”

– Drew Hall, CFRE, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County



Countryside

Food Access Programs at Barberton Farmers Market – \$10,000

“Countryside’s Community Food Access programming expands local food by providing people with increased access, opportunity, and buying power to choose healthy, fresh, local food at farmers’ markets including Barberton Farmers’ Market. We believe all people who want to participate should have equitable access and the right to good health and dignity in welcoming spaces.”

– Jenna Eastman
Community Food Access Manager





A career specialist with one of the Year 13 students, out in the community at Kave, a local coffee shop. This participant is a young, single mother working on her High School Equivalency and is on her way to graduate this May! She is wanting to pursue her cosmetology license this fall!



Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Dropout Prevention, Recovery Services and Career Pathway Program for Barberton Youth – \$5,000

Barberton Year 13 Program

"Barberton Year 13 program helps young adults and students in the community be successful after graduation by helping our participants complete their high school diploma or GED.

Our specialists provide extra support in the school and community through tutoring, mentoring and guidance counseling. In addition to helping them be successful in school, we prepare them for the work force. We teach our participants how to efficiently conduct a job search, fill out applications, build resumes and cover letters, as well as practice mock interviews.

By implementing this program in the community, we are improving the standard of living, reducing welfare and reducing crime by engaging at-risk youth with employment and giving them a sense of value to the community."

– Candace Harmon, Strategic Partnerships Manager
Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Left: This young man is working on his GED through ChanceLight in Barberton. His passion is motorcycles (notice the helmet). He has been working on cars and motorcycles since he was 10 years old. We were able to get him a Work Experience at Rubber City Harley Davidson!!! A place he would normally not have been able to apply to, until he turned 18.

Victim Assistance Program

Barberton Municipal Court Advocacy – \$14,820.50

"Victim Assistance Program has been serving victims of violent crime or trauma in Summit County for 50 years. Through the generous support of Barberton Community Foundation, VAP provides crisis intervention, advocacy, and education to the greater Barberton community. Recently, Evey Williams, passed the torch as Supervisor of Barberton Services to Chelsea Berish. Ms. Berish comes to the position with nearly three years' service with the Summit County Prosecutors Office. Ms. Williams reflected, "I leave the continued work of the great community of Barberton in caring and diligent hands.

If you are the victim of violent crime or trauma, please feel free to contact our Hotline @ 330.376.0040."

– Paul Henry, Assistant Director of Engagement
Victim Assistance Program



Barberton Fire Department

Smoke Detector Program – \$910

"Through a collaborative effort between the Barberton Fire Department, the Barberton Firefighters Local 329 and Galehouse Lumber. To date, ninety-nine smoke detectors have been installed in fifty-seven homes throughout Barberton. They are continuing the installation of smoke detectors throughout 2022."

– Lieutenant Dave Polacek
Barberton Fire Department



Barborton Parks and Recreation

City of Barborton Parks & Recreation Community Impact Grant – \$15,000

“Currently some of the grant projects are at different stages, a few of the projects include upgrading our lighting outlet system around Lake Anna, 2022 Summer Concert Series and an active adult field trip to a Rubber Ducks game.

Volunteers and staff have always been used to manually turn on and off the lights for the Light Up The Lake displays during the holidays. We would like to upgrade the electrical system by covering the outlets and putting them on timing devices. We are in the process of discussing ideas as well as gathering quotes to establish the best way to accomplish this goal.”

– Don Patterson, Director
City of Barborton Parks and Recreation



Purple Pride: Barborton Elementary West Purple Pride T-shirts – \$1,000

“Purple Pride was evident at BEW on Fridays. The students felt a true sense of belonging after receiving their t-shirt. The parents were also very appreciative of the t-shirt. We believe this was a very positive experience for our new students and their families to receive a tangible representation of Barborton from the generosity of the Foundation and made the beginning of school exciting for our newest and youngest students.”

– Jonathan Travis, Associate Principal
Barborton Elementary West



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