Our Mission

The mission of Stark Community Foundation is to connect people and the charitable causes which are important to them. As a community foundation, our vision is to honor the wishes of our donors by managing their charitable gifts and helping them meet their individual goals for giving. We dedicate our work in response to local needs and challenges through carefully-designed funds and programs. As we achieve our mission and vision, we continue to strengthen Stark County, providing an improved quality of life for the residents of our community.
An important way Stark Community Foundation enhances the community is by strengthening local organizations through its competitive discretionary grants program. Grants are awarded twice a year to address community needs and invest in solutions that strengthen and improve our community.

We believe there are three essential ingredients to a healthy and vibrant community:

1. Economic Development
2. Education
3. Strong Neighborhoods

Our major focus areas concentrate our attention on these essential ingredients. The following grants outlined are for the discretionary grant cycles of November 2015 and May 2016, with final reports due September 2016 and March 2017, respectively.

As Stark County’s community foundation, Stark Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for its residents by partnering with our donors to address the most pressing needs while taking advantage of promising opportunities. Whether in times of need or prosperity, Stark Community Foundation has used the resources that the community has entrusted to it to give back to the area for more than 50 years.
Stark Community Foundation’s grantmaking priorities are: economic development, education and neighborhood revitalization. Economic development serves as the catalyst for addressing the root cause of social problems within communities by creating jobs, increasing tax revenue and stimulating the economy. Education is the backbone of economic development as it creates the skills necessary to prepare individuals for employment opportunities and the ability to sustain themselves and their families. And, at the heart of the community is the neighborhood. Vibrant neighborhoods are central to creating and maintaining homes and relationships that are sources of pride around a common purpose. We believe these are the three essential ingredients to a healthy and vibrant community.

**Boys & Girls Club of Massillon**  
**2015-2016 Franklin Afterschool Program**

Funding supported Boys & Girls Club of Massillon’s afterschool program at Franklin Elementary, located in the highest poverty neighborhood in Massillon. The program offered a safe haven for more than 100 children in grades K-3 as well as homework assistance, tutoring, afterschool snacks, health and fitness programs, computer classes, hot dinners and fine arts programs.

**Funding**

$21,875

**Supporter**

Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

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**Canton Museum of Art**  
**2015-2016 EMUAR Exhibition Season**

This grant helped showcase the Art and the Animal exhibit and related community events at Canton Museum of Art (CMA) during its 2015-2016 season. On display from April 26- July 17, 2016, this exhibit highlighted more than 60 works from the Society of Animal Artists. Funding also supported CMA’s Art Gone Wild Family Expo, a free, family-friendly event with more than 25 hands-on art and animal activities for all ages and live animals from the Akron Zoo. This event, designed to engage diverse and underserved audiences in the community, brought in more than 2,000 adults and children.

**Funding**

$5,000

**Supporter**

Ralph L. Wilson Philanthropic Fund

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**Canton Symphony Orchestra**  
**Start With Music**

Through Start With Music, more than 800 students enrolled in Stark County Head Start sites in Canton, Massillon and Alliance participated in two of Canton Symphony Orchestra’s early childhood programs: SymphonyLand and Kinder Concerts. Built upon one another, this sequential learning series introduced members of the orchestra family to students through literature and musician demonstration.

**Funding**

$12,500

**Supporter**

Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

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**Foundation Focus**

**TOTAL amount requested**

$1,262,752

**TOTAL amount granted**

$652,419

**TOTAL number of grants submitted**

37
Children’s Dyslexia Center of Canton
Sponsor a Child

Funding sponsored two children diagnosed with dyslexia to receive specialized instruction in the proven-effective intervention approach delivered by trained tutors at the Children’s Dyslexia Center of Canton. The two students received high-quality intervention that promoted their success in school and increased their self-esteem and potential productivity in life.

Community Building Partnership

Healthy Neighborhoods

The primary goal of the Healthy Neighborhoods program is to promote each neighborhood as a “neighborhood of choice” where residents are confident to invest their time, effort and money as well as become actively involved in the everyday management of activities in the neighborhoods. Working with a national neighborhood strategist, Community Building Partnership identified 15 Canton neighborhoods that are, without attention, vulnerable to decline. Funding supported the program’s services in three of the 15 neighborhoods, providing local residents with homebuyer down payment assistance grants, improvement projects, construction management services, housing counseling, energy assessments and more.

Dueber United Methodist Church

Dueber Kids Club

Dueber United Methodist Church’s afterschool program, Dueber Kids Club, provides a safe place for children to go after school while enriching their lives through collaborative tutoring, group interaction and enrichment activities. The Church staff works in cooperation with teachers and tutors at Dueber Elementary School to identify students who are in academic jeopardy and to develop a plan to make the students’ grades and increase their skills.

Early Childhood Resource Center

Stark County, SPARK Expansion Project

The SPARK kindergarten readiness program currently serves high-poverty areas of Stark County. This four-year grant will support SPARK’s expansion project, which aims to increase the number of children being served from 700 to 1,000. The project targets school districts that serve the highest percentages of children eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

Fund for Our Economic Future

Growth & Opportunity in Stark County

Created in 2004 by Stark Community Foundation and dozens of other foundations that serve Northeast Ohio, Fund for Our Economic Future is an alliance of funders that support economic growth and equitable access to opportunity through efforts that advance job creation, job preparation and job access. In Stark County specifically, funding will support the facilitation of conversations among local leaders about how organizations can achieve their respective goals and how they can collectively improve Stark County through job growth and opportunity.
**Hammer & Nails**  
**Fight the Blight**

Funding allowed Hammer & Nails to assist 36 struggling, low-to-moderate income level Stark County families with home and property improvements. Throughout this process, homeowners increased their knowledge about home maintenance, learned more about other community resources and inspired their neighbors to improve their properties. Area youth and adults were recruited to help with improving these living spaces for local residents.

**$25,000**  
Timken Fund

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**Kent State University Foundation**  
**Enhancing Teaching and Spurring and Improving Health Care in Stark County**

Grant funding helped the Nursing Program at Kent State University at Stark purchase a state-of-the-art, high-fidelity simulation mannequin for its nursing simulation laboratory. With this new interactive teaching tool, faculty can now greatly expand the number and complexity of simulations experienced by nursing students. Simulations have enhanced students’ learning, eased the transition from the classroom to clinical experiences and improved patient care and outcomes.

**$38,369**  
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

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**MAPS Air Museum**  
**2016-2017 MAPS History Program**

MAPS staff coordinated a no-cost field trip to MAPS Air Museum for area high school U.S. history classes. The MAPS education director provided a media package focused on three Ohio State Standards to each school in preparation for their visit. Guided tours, which aligned to the supported Ohio State Standards, were given during their visit.

**$15,000**  
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

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**New Philadelphia City Schools Quaker Foundation**  
**Student Scholarships**

Three $1,000 scholarships were awarded to three 2016 graduating seniors of New Philadelphia High School to offset the cost of their post-secondary education.

**$3,000**  
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund
Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach (ORMACO)  
Northwest School District: Guitar & Violin Outreach Program

This free program exposes many students to music, expands their musical horizons and gives children who would otherwise not be able to afford it the chance to take guitar and violin lessons. With funds awarded, 17 new guitar students and 12 new violin students were able to join the program, and 10 violins and four cellos were purchased.

$3,000
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

RePlay For Kids  
Toy Adapting Workshops for Families in Stark County

With funding from Stark Community Foundation, RePlay For Kids hosted an adapting workshop and toy giveaway event for low-income families in Stark County who have children with disabilities. During the family toy adapting workshop in May 2016, 50 families were taught how to adapt toys for children with disabilities and each family received a tool adapting kit with instructions on how to adapt more toys at home. A toy giveaway event was held in March 2017 where 20 adapted toys were distributed to low-income families.

$4,000
Harvey J. and Sue Box Charitable Fund

SCORE  
2016 Workshops

This grant helped Canton Regional SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) offer more than 50 workshops designed with the nonprofit community in mind. An array of topics were covered in 2016, ranging from social media marketing and grant writing to board structure and leadership.

$5,000
Great Ravenna Canton Charitable Fund

$5,000
Unison Philanthropic Fund

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Stark County Educational Service Center  
Artful Living Program

The Artful Living Program is an arts immersion program in public schools in which licensed visual artists, musicians, dancers, theater instructors and literacy specialists teach a 20-minute arts-based lesson each day to preschoolers. Research shows that fine arts integration in preschool produces significant gains in creativity and general achievement, particularly in math and reading. Funding provided partial support for The Artful Living Program to be offered in the preschool classes in the Stark County Educational Service Center’s Integrated Preschool and Canton City School District from October 2016–May 2017.

$20,000
Peter and Judie Schurman Charitable Fund

Stop Heroin from Killing Committee  
Heroin Billboards

In an effort to raise public awareness and educate the community about the heroin epidemic in Stark County, the Stop Heroin from Killing Committee holds public symposiums; gives presentations to area schools, churches, businesses and nonprofits; and runs a county-wide radio and billboard campaign. Funding helped purchase billboard ads throughout the school year that targeted Stark County teenagers.

$3,000
Ralph L. Wilson Philanthropic Fund
GWYN, Tom  
Tod Middle Schooler

“I value the fact that you learn so much more than what you would in a regular classroom. We’re able to do things before we’re older and we don’t have to wait. Our ideas matter now. We can work on something that we created that is ours!”

TomTodd Ideas  
What If You Could

Grant funding provided partial support for TomTodd’s What If You Could program, a project-based mentorship program that guides middle schoolers from conceptualizing an idea all the way to putting it into motion. All ideas are focused on community needs and engage students in thoughtful reflection on their community’s strengths and weaknesses, while learning core skills like critical thinking, creative problem solving, collaboration, empathy, perseverance and confidence. Student teams are facilitated by mentors who guide them throughout the entire process, helping them figure out next steps and connecting them to community resources.

$6,675
Grace Wallace Sullivan  
Field of Interest Fund

Western Reserve Public Media  
Mr. Regula Goes to Washington

This grant is helping to produce a 60-minute documentary on the life and career of Congressman Ralph Regula, highlighting his accomplishments as positive examples of how leaders can be effective in getting things done. The film is anticipated to air in July 2017 on PBS affiliate Western Reserve PBS and Fusion.

$35,000
Community Charitable Fund

FOUNDATION FOCUS
OTHER FUNDING AREAS

While the Foundation is committed to our three focus areas, we understand that our community has needs outside of those areas. We invest in these other areas that improve the quality of life for Stark County residents and strengthen our community as a whole.

TOTAL number GRANTS SUBMITTED: 35
TOTAL amount REQUESTED: $594,665
TOTAL amount GRANTED: $245,090

Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio
Improving the Health and Wellness of Individuals with Disabilities in Stark County
This grant supported Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio’s wheelchair basketball and sled hockey programs in Stark County in an effort to improve the health and wellness of individuals with physical disabilities in our community. The programs aim to improve self-esteem, reduce body weight, positively develop the cardiovascular system, improve upper body muscle strength, improve communication and develop coordination skills.

American Cancer Society
Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
Funding supported the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Canton in October 2015.

American Red Cross of Stark and Muskingum Lakes
Stark County Operation Save-A-Life
Funds awarded helped expand the American National Red Cross Home Fire Campaign into Stark County. The Red Cross’ Home Fire Campaign seeks to reduce the number of fires and fire-related injuries by educating people about the dangers of home fires, helping them prepare for a fire emergency, ensuring that homes have working smoke alarms and providing assistance for those affected by a home fire. Through this grant, 2,064 new smoke alarms were installed in 685 households throughout Stark County. Red Cross partnered with both Canton and Plain Township fire departments as part of this campaign.

"Smoke alarms are an incredibly important safety feature in a home. This is a tool that literally saves lives. It is the best product by far to alert occupants in a structure, especially in the middle of the night while they are asleep, to the dangers of a fire."

EVERT HALL, Investigator, Canton Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau
Boys & Girls Club of Massillon

Furnace for Food Service Program

Funding helped Boys & Girls Club of Massillon replace a 10-year-old commercial freezer in order to continue to efficiently and safely offer meals during its summer program.

Community Charitable Fund

$2,500

Canton Montessori School

Practical Life Flooring Replacement

Funds awarded helped replace the flooring in the practical life areas in Canton Montessori School classrooms, all of which hadn’t been replaced in nearly 30 years.

John S. and Judith S. Duerr Charitable Fund

$15,000

Other Funding Areas

DEBBIE, Canton resident and mother of C&A client

“It used to be a bummer heading to Shipley. The white walls had a run-down feel. The people were wonderful—the counselors and teachers—but the place felt like an institution. It was cold. Since the renovation, the walls are full of color. The waiting room is bright. It has toys and a TV to keep us entertained. It is a nice experience waiting for him to be called back to the appointment now. I have really noticed a difference in my son’s attitude. He feels good about himself and coming to C&A for his appointment. It has made a difference and my family is very grateful for the change.”

Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

A New Beginning

This grant supported Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health’s renovation project, A New Beginning, at its downtown northeast Canton office. The renovation project included a complete redesign of the clinic and visitor entrance, the creation of a family and group therapy office and an expansion of the client waiting area. Art therapy murals, environmentally calming paint and carpet redesigns were incorporated into the renovated space, allowing Stark County children and families who suffer from emotional, behavioral or mental illnesses to learn and grow in a welcoming atmosphere.

Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

Grinnell Memorial Fund

$65,000

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Domestic Violence Project
2016 Emergency Shelter
Throughout 2016, 95 adults and 109 children were housed in Domestic Violence Project's Canton shelter for a total of 5,520 nights, for an average length of stay of more than 41 nights. This grant allowed staff to be accessible at all times, providing supportive services for current and incoming residents. Funding also allowed Domestic Violence Project's emergency hotline to be staffed 24/7 by residential advocate staff, meaning survivors calling the hotline could always reach a staff member trained to offer confidential crisis counseling, guidance, emotional support and advocacy, regardless of the time of day.

$20,000
Calvin K. and Ann K. Turnbull Memorial Fund

Massillon Museum
Readapt: Artworks Inspired by the Permanent Collection
Through Readapt, 15 artists from across Ohio were assigned two objects from the Massillon Museum's permanent collection to reinterpret into a new work of art. The resulting 15 new artworks, ranging in media, were displayed in the Museum's main gallery next to the related two inspirational objects from June–September 2016.

$5,000
John and Marilla E. Quier Charitable Fund

Philomatheon Society of The Blind of Canton Ohio
Glasses 2016 Art II
Glasses for All is a program designed to provide people without prescription eye glass insurance the opportunity to receive an eye exam and a new pair of eye glasses. Funding provided services to 15 individuals through this program.

$7,500
Robert A. Lilman and Ruth E. Lilman Charitable Fund

CommmQuest Services
Capacity-Building Certification Project
Funds allowed CommQuest Services' downtown Massillon facility. The outpatient facility provides substance abuse and mental health services in a more organized manner to those in need in Western Stark County. By providing these services at one location, it provides better care coordination and client care to those served.

$25,000
Paul E. and Joanne Phillips Charitable Fund

Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.
Housing Stability Project 2016-2017
The Housing Stability Project provides legal services to low-income and elderly Stark County residents whose housing is threatened. Funding supported one new full-time Legal Aid attorney who provides legal advocacy to individuals who otherwise could not afford it. These individuals and their families face homelessness, eviction, unsafe or unhealthy living conditions and violations of their basic rights.

$10,000
Paul E. and Joanne Phillips Charitable Fund

$10,000
Edward P. and Julia E. Sigler Charitable Fund

Other Funding Areas
Coming Together Stark County
Capacity-Building Certification Project
Funds allowed Coming Together Stark County's executive director and two members of its Board of Directors to receive diversity and inclusion training from the Institute for Diversity Certification. Following the training, two of the participants became Certified Diversity Executives. The certification significantly increases and enhances Coming Together Stark County's capacity as a provider of professional diversity training services, which are in demand by governmental agencies, businesses and organizations throughout the county and region.

$9,840
Community Charitable Fund

Massillon Auditors Office Refurbishment
Funding expanded office space at CommQuest Services' downtown Massillon facility. The outpatient facility provides substance abuse and mental health services in a more organized manner to those in need in Western Stark County. By providing these services at one location, it provides better care coordination and client care to those served.

$6,540
Paul E. and Joanne Phillips Charitable Fund

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$7,500
Robert A. Lilman and Ruth E. Lilman Charitable Fund
Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach

This grant supported Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program, which provides access to donated, professional vision care across the lifespan of those who need it the most. More than 50 Stark County volunteers were trained to be vision screeners, resulting in 4,359 vision screenings conducted, of which 4,329 were on Stark County children. Thirty underserved children and adults have completed the cycle of donated vision care – eye exam, eyeglasses, medications and surgery, if needed – and nine are still progressing through the cycle.

Salvation Army of Alliance Emergency Social Services Programming

The Salvation Army of Alliance Emergency Social Services Program aims to alleviate a client's immediate crisis and provide referrals and much-needed resources that will help avoid future emergencies. Funds awarded provided financial resources to Alliance residents who needed help maintaining their current standard of living and eliminated the risk of being evicted. More than 100 clients in 2015-2016 received assistance with utilities and rent payments.

Salvation Army of Massillon Emergency Services / Homeless Outreach Program

Through the Salvation Army of Massillon's Emergency Services/Homeless Outreach Program, the homeless and near-homeless are assisted. This grant specifically helped 13 families find emergency motel shelter for 44 nights while waiting for more permanent housing, and kept 30 adults and 39 children together in their homes by providing emergency rent or mortgage assistance. Funds were also used to purchase undergarments for the homeless as well as proper attire for one young homeless man's high school graduation and job interviews.

Stark County Historical Society

Discover World Position at McKinley Presidential Library and Museum

This grant helped fund the transition of a part-time staff member to a full-time position at McKinley Presidential Library and Museum. Discover World. With an increase in guests of all ages, the position will meet the growing demand of attendance.

United Way of Greater Stark County

2-1-1 Program

Funding supported United Way’s 2-1-1 Help Center, a free and confidential information and referral service that connects area residents to local resources they need such as food, clothing, healthcare, childcare, job training services, taxes and more. Residents can call the helpline any time and speak with a United Way professional about the issues they are facing who will then direct them to the appropriate service provider.

YMCA of Western Stark County

All Access

Grant funding helped YMCA of Western Stark County provide financial assistance for children, teens, adults and families who cannot afford the cost of a YMCA membership or program such as swimming lessons, gymnastics, basketball and martial arts. Assistance ranged from as little as 10% to as much as 100%, depending on the person’s needs.
Future of Food Security

Since 2013, Stark Community Foundation has been leading an effort to fight food insecurity in Stark County. After receiving a high volume of grant requests focused on hunger relief, the Foundation commissioned a study to learn more about the hunger issues facing individuals and families in our community. This comprehensive research study created a framework for addressing food security that mixes food access, community education, economic development and emergency services. The Foundation made a commitment to provide planning and implementation grants to organizations that are finding long-term solutions to hunger. To maximize our impact, we partnered with The Paul & Carol David Foundation and Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton to invest nearly $500,000 to date in local organizations that are finding long-term solutions to hunger.

Charitable Giving Cards

In November 2015, Stark Community Foundation launched a Charitable Giving Card Program, a creative way to encourage philanthropy while supporting organizations that are making a difference in the community. Charitable Giving Cards are tax-deductible and available in denominations of $25, $50 and $100. A perfect gift to celebrate any holiday or special occasion, the cards give community members an opportunity to engage with the Foundation regardless of whether they have a charitable fund. The cards work just like retail gift cards, only instead of redeeming the card at a store, the recipient can give the value of the card as a donation to his or her favorite charity. Charitable Giving Cards never expire, and 100% of the gift goes directly to the charity selected.
Immediate Impact Alert
Developed by Stark Community Foundation, this initiative was designed to provide donors with all the need-to-know information about our community’s greatest needs as well as a way to effectively and immediately respond. When a need arises in our community, the Foundation sends out targeted communications to donors with information about the need and how they can get involved and make a difference. This shared investment opportunity allows the Foundation’s donors and community members to partner together to make an immediate impact. In 2016, our Immediate Impact Alert focused on helping our local American Red Cross chapter respond to the Louisiana communities impacted by the historic floods. Donors have supported other alerts in the past including helping hungry people in our community and increasing the awareness of Stark County’s heroin epidemic and treatment options.

Total amount of funding: $6,625

Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program
Since 1997, Stark Community Foundation has led this neighborhood initiative. The goals are threefold: to leverage grassroots volunteer involvement and additional community resources; to provide lasting community improvements for neighborhood residents by making neighborhoods better places to live, learn, work, play, and raise families; and to provide an opportunity for neighbors to celebrate and share their neighborhood revitalization successes. Grant awards support beautification projects, neighborhood newsletters, neighborhood meetings, strategic planning and many more projects meant to enhance each of the neighborhoods. Currently, there are nearly 80 neighborhood groups in Alliance, Canton and Massillon. Since the program’s inception, more than $2.5 million in grants has been awarded.

Total number of grants: 34
Total amount of funding: $139,149

SummerTime Kids
Guided by a volunteer committee and Foundation staff, SummerTime Kids provides grants up to $2,000 to imaginative and unique summer programs with an emphasis on character and education. These types of programs not only enrich the lives of the youth who participate, but also benefit the community as a whole.

Total number of grants: 44
Total amount of funding: $70,630

The Women’s Fund
The Women’s Fund is a permanent endowment fund of Stark Community Foundation, created to benefit future generations and increase vital funding for programs that advance the economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women, and to educate and inspire women to become leaders in philanthropy. The interest area of this fund seeks to support programs and projects that meet the needs of women and children in Stark County.

Total number of grants: 6
Total amount of funding: $18,460
Stark County Capital Campaigns Committee

Organizations supported:

CommQuest Services to purchase the Metropolitan Centre for its administrative operation.
First Tee of Canton to enhance its facilities and programming for area youth including the creation of a larger indoor golf education space, expansion of Double Leaning Center and construction of a new maintenance building.
Stark County Park District to expand Fry Family Park in Magnolia by creating a two-lane entry road, a three-season picnic pavilion, restrooms, children nature play area and visitor parking.

For more than four decades, the Capital Campaigns Committee, made up of volunteer members from across Stark County, have served in an advisory capacity to the six major foundations of Stark County. They share their expertise and community knowledge to assist the major foundations in making the best capital investment decisions for the residents of Stark County. The committee looks at the strength and breadth of local support of the project that is presented, the sustainability of the organization and the project’s enduring value and ability to address significant community needs. A final recommendation is made from this committee to the six major foundations of Stark County. The foundations strongly consider the recommendations presented by the Capital Campaigns Committee as part of their final decision-making process.

Total amount of funders participating: 6
Total number of grants: 3
Total amount of funding: $2,250,000

As an affiliate organization, a community benefits from Stark Community Foundation’s resources: experienced staff, administrative support and fiduciary management. This type of affiliation is designed to support a particular geographic area, be it a county, a community or a specific region. It allows community leaders to streamline operations, giving your board more time to focus on growing philanthropic support for your community as opposed to spending time on administrative work and tracking investments in the stock market.

Carroll County Foundation’s Carroll Community Fund

Carroll County Foundation was established in 1994 by local leaders to encourage philanthropy and secure resources to address local issues. The Foundation brings together charitable donors, community leaders and nonprofit organizations to make positive impacts throughout Carroll County. The total amount of funding is reflective of only the discretionary funds awarded in 2016 from Carroll Community Fund, which is one of the Foundations 37 funds. Discretionary grants, which are directed and approved by a board of governors made up of Carroll County residents, are awarded each year to a wide range of nonprofit initiatives in the community. Currently, the Foundation’s total assets are more than $13.2 million, with total grants of $5.7 million paid since inception.

Total number of grants: 3
Total amount of funding: $4,100
A supporting foundation at Stark Community Foundation allows donors to take an active approach to their giving, backed by professional staff who make it easy. A supporting foundation is a separate legal entity that qualifies for the tax advantages of a “public charity” due to its affiliation with Stark Community Foundation. It is an alternative to a private foundation for people who want an involved approach to their giving and minimal administrative work, while still enjoying some autonomy.

William and Minnette Goldsmith Foundation
Previously a private foundation, the William and Minnette Goldsmith Foundation was established in 1999 by a bequest of Minnette Goldsmith who died in 1979. William Goldsmith, who died in 1961, was an engineer and executive vice president of the Luntz Corporation. Friends and family remember the Goldsmiths as being very generous philanthropists during their lifetimes.

Total number of grants: 3
Total amount of funding: $50,000

Henry and Louise Timken Foundation
Formerly a private foundation, the Henry and Louise Timken Foundation became a supporting foundation in 1980. The board of trustees awards charitable grants primarily for the benefit of the Stark County community and programs outside this area that are of special interest to the trustees. This Foundation has been particularly important to Downtown Canton redevelopment efforts.

Total number of grants: 4
Total amount of funding: $62,900