

Woven Into the Fabric of Our Community



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From the Executive Director

As I looked back on 2023 and the archives from our first 50 years I found it hard to narrow down the highlights to include as there are many wonderful stories. I am thankful to each of you who's energy, efforts and village spirit have ensured the Foundation has been woven into the fabric of our community.

Jeannamarie Cox, Executive Director

Thank You Lisa Abel & Ellis Jacobs



Lisa Abel

The Staff, Board, and our many Committee Representatives are so grateful for the opportunity to have served under Lisa Abel as President of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for the last 6 years. Lisa passed the torch to Art Boulet at the end of August.

Lisa became President of the YSCF Board in the Spring of 2017, taking the helm from Sterling Wiggins. Prior to joining the Foundation Board,

Lisa served on several committees at YSCF including Grants Review and Development. She joined as a Member of the Board in 2013 and as a Board Trustee in 2014.

Lisa ensured the Board fulfilled their role as the fiduciaries and advocates for the mission as we evolved, guided along the way by our strategic plan. Lisa was instrumental in steering the organization through Covid, representing the Foundation as a voting member of the Yellow Springs Development Corporation, and leading the development of new programs including the DEI Committee, the YSEQUITY Guaranteed Income Program, and Community Impact Investing. Wow!

Lisa's calm, keen focus and energy, her appreciation of the efforts of all those she has worked with, and her "roll up the sleeves and jump-in to help" approach have made her a tremendous asset to both YSCF and to our community. We are so grateful, Thank you Lisa!



Ellis Jacobs

Ellis joined the Foundation Board in 2014, just in time to assist with the creation of the strategic plan which still guides our direction today. Ellis has served on the Grants Review Committee and the Executive Committee as Secretary. With a career in Law and a focus on advocacy, over his 10 years on the Board Ellis has brought the hard questions to our table and helped ensure that the Foundation's work includes affordability and diversity and focuses on keeping our community vibrant for everyone. Thank you, Ellis.

To honor Lisa & Ellis' work at the Foundation, please consider donating to The Love of Community Fund

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Yellow Springs Film Festival

"In April of 2023 I was connected with Jeannamarie Cox at the YSCF to discuss the rather ambitious idea of launching a film festival in the Village later that year. Much to my surprise and delight, the pitch was met with enthusiasm, support and optimism. It was apparent that the Foundation would be a wonderful partner and would facilitate introductions within the community. It was also greatly beneficial that the YSCF could be our fiscal sponsor supporting the back-office activities. We were awarded a collaborative grant which provided for renting the Little Art Theatre, The Foundry Theatre at Antioch College (as well as the additional equipment needed there) and advertising on WYSO. In 2024 the YSFF will again be partnering with the YSCF to produce another year of great film screenings, performances, educational seminars and live conversations."

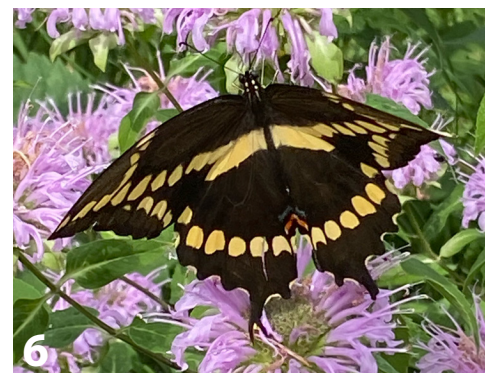
*Eric Mahoney,
Director & Producer
Yellow Springs Film Festival*



YS Athletic Boosters

"YS Athletic Boosters Club chose to obtain YSCF as a fiscal sponsor for several reasons. YSCF brings the advantage of offering their tax-exempt status to their fiscal sponsors, which helps increase donor giving to the Boosters. YSCF is processing all financial transactions, including deposits, payments, and processing direct donations through QuickBooks online, which provides segregation of duties and financial traceability. YSCF also provides stability of funds and provides a structured process as the Boosters move through different leaders, and if at a time the Boosters cease to exist, the funds will be designated as agreed upon."

*Tracy Clark
former President
YS Athletic Boosters*



Yellow Springs Women's Park

When the Women's Park Nonprofit Board was complaining about all the problems of filing with the Ohio Attorney General and having to do all the paperwork that you have with a 501(c)(3), Jeannamarie offered several ideas including closing the nonprofit and becoming a committee. If we did, we wouldn't have any of those chores. Our Board discussed it further and we talked about it with our members. It made a lot of sense especially since we don't do fund-raisers. We will meet as a committee to discuss and determine how we would like to spend our annual distribution and outline our plans for the park. "Now we can grow plants and not headaches."

*Macy Reynolds
Former Board Member
Women's Park*

Vision

Helping build an extraordinary community. Together we can do more. Join Us!

Mission

Entrusted with the responsibility of enhancing community life, we are a catalyst and resource for local charitable giving and grant making.

Next Generation Philanthropy



Youth Action Board

The 2023 YSCF Youth Action Board (YAB) fundraising effort had an ambitious goal of raising \$5,000 to ensure more mental health professional support at both buildings in the Yellow Springs Schools this year. The board surpassed that ambitious goal with the help of generous Impact Partners, raising over \$6,600. The year's area of focus was to provide support for Mental Health – specifically, anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention – to the youth of Yellow Springs and Miami Township. 100% of the funds YAB raises go directly to the local nonprofit who best meets the focus area goal.

The YAB have seen their peers' mental health deteriorate during and after the pandemic. They believe that providing support for mental health can increase our youth's capacity to thrive physically, intellectually, and emotionally into adulthood.

The YSCF Youth Action Board decided to award a directed grant to the Yellow Springs Schools in support of extending days of mental health care from 2 full days in 2022–23, to 4 full days in 2023–24 at both buildings. The Yellow Springs Schools had already budgeted for expanding days for mental health professionals to serve our youth in the 2023–24 school year to 3.5 days, and with the help of the Youth Action Board and matching funds from YSCF, the schools contracted 4 full days for both school buildings.

YSCF Youth Action Board 2022-23

Isabella Beiring '23, *Student Facilitator*
Aiden Scavone '25
Alisha Cowen '24
Anikin Boden '24
Charles Whitlock '24
Etta Liberato '23
Hannah Parker '26
Isabella Espinosa '27
Isaac Lewis '25
Jia Sundell-Turner '24
Kael Cooney '24
Max Lugo '24
Theo Knickerbocker '23
Melissa Heston, *Facilitator, Youth Action Board Outreach Manager, YSCF*

Thank you, Impact Partners for 2023

Barb & Rich Bullock
Karen & Matt Denman
Teresa Dunphy & Tommaso Gregor
Jeannamarie Cox & Earl Reeder
Sandy McHugh & Jerry Sutton
Lisa Abel & Lynn Adams
Catherine Anderson
Fred & Joy Bartenstein
Isabella Beiring
Valerie Blackwell-Truitt
Mayor Pam Conine
Chris & Linda Cox
Antonia Dosik & Len Kramer
Matt & Erika Grushon
Donna Haller
Melissa Heston & Mary Kay Smith
Artie & Alisa Isaac
Mills Lawn PTO
Aida Merhemic & Bob Barcus
Desiree Nickell
Florence Randolph
Macy & Roger Reynolds
Aiden Scavone

Youth Philanthropy Grants

The Youth Philanthropy Grants (aka Charlotte Drake) are dedicated to philanthropic projects (humanitarian or community based) by young people



in grades K–12 in the Yellow Springs Schools. Applications are reviewed by the Youth Philanthropy Grant Review Committee (YPGRC), made up of students in grades 5–12. Applications up to \$500/project are evaluated throughout the school year by peer review and often granted within a month of applying.

In 2023, the YPGRC granted to three deserving applicants: to Josephine Zinger for her project of a Makeup Masterclass fostering self-esteem and creativity; to Daniela Bieri and Zoe Hamilton for a Quiet Space project that funded items and materials for students in a dedicated quiet space where they can calm down; and, to Daphne Trillana for her Eco Recycling Project which provided funds for making recycling options accessible in all spaces at YSHS, including at sporting and extracurricular events.



Scholarships awarded:
\$38,688

Our Thanks:

The YSCF is thankful to Superintendent Dr Terri Holden, YSHS Principal Jack Hatert, Teachers and Staff for their continued support of these important Next Generation Philanthropy programs at the schools. We especially would like to thank our teacher facilitators Jennifer Scavone (Mills Lawn) and Hannah Corrigan (MMS/YSHS) for their support guiding the student grant applicants and grant reviewers.

If you would like to support the efforts of these NextGen student groups, please donate at yscf.org – Youth Action Board Fund or the Charlotte Drake Fund for Youth Philanthropy.

A Foundation for Equity

YSEQUITY.♥

In 2023 YSEQUITY made its debut in Yellow Springs as the second Guaranteed Income (GI) program in Ohio and the first GI program in the country to exist in a village. GI is an innovative policy solution to poverty that is gaining momentum across the nation, with over 130 pilot programs currently underway. We know from studies of completed GI pilot programs, as well as the recent expansion of safety net programs like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, that cash programs have the potential to lift millions of people out of poverty. Most of the expanded pandemic-era programs have now expired, but the GI movement is gaining strength as a proven way to help fight poverty by delivering cash where it's needed most.

In 2023 YSEQUITY:

- Enrolled 30 low and moderate-income YS/Miami Township residents in a pilot GI program, each of whom receive \$300/month unrestricted cash for two years (\$7,200 in total).
- Began a partnership with UPenn Center for Guaranteed Income Research to evaluate the program and publish its findings (due out in 2026).
- Raised \$279,400 in donations – mostly from local residents and nonprofit groups.

- Helped contribute to discussions around unaffordability and income inequality in Yellow Springs.
- Engaged Homefull.org adding a caseworker focused in YS to support Village Outreach for our precariously housed and homeless.

Donating to YSEQUITY gives community members an opportunity to contribute much-needed and well-deserved cash directly into the pockets of some of our friends and neighbors who need it most.



Gifted Savings

In 2023 Yellow Springs became the first community in the U.S. to pilot a new philanthropic program, Gifted

Savings, which provides a platform where donors share their wealth with beneficiaries in the form of an invested savings account. In 2024, Gifted Savings will complete a pre-pilot of 20 participants and enroll an additional 200+ participants in a pilot study, each of whom will be gifted \$2,000 in diversified investments that will vest over a two-year period.

In 2023, YSCF partnered with the Gifted Savings group in the following ways:

- Met regularly with Gifted Savings founder and staff to shape the program to align with the values and needs of the Village.
- Hosted two community roundtable discussions to introduce the project and give voice to community concerns and questions.
- Worked with two local YS residents to launch outreach and continued support of the program.

We look forward to seeing the progress and outcome of the program over the next two years.

2023 Grant Highlights

Grants Funded: **\$1,197,000**

General Grant Highlights

- **World House Choir** – 10th Anniversary Concert
- **Sister Trillium** – Startup and Marketing
- **The Riding Centre** – Health Maintenance for School Horses
- **John Bryan Community Pottery** – Studio Expansion
- **Village of Yellow Springs** – Swimming for All at Gaunt Park Pool
- **Homefull** – YS Housing Stability
- **NCCJ** – YS Youth Diversity Leadership Education

YS Endowment for Education (YSEE) Highlights

- **Who Knew? The Truth About Owls**
- **Non-Fiction Library Update for YSHS**
- **8th & 9th Grade DC Trip**
- **School Wildlife Project**

Featured General Grants



Mad River Theater Works Summer Theater Camp Grant

This grant supported Mad River in launching a Summer Theater Camp for youth in the Summer of 2023. The two-week program allowed Mad River to assemble a professional core of theater artists and educators to offer a meaningful experience to area youth between the ages of 8 and 17. By the end of the two-week theater camp an original work had been created and shared.

Chris Westhoff

The Beloved Community Project Free Meal Return

The Beloved Community Project (TBCP) grant supplied free meal food, event supplies and marketing for each meal event (3), and the restocking of the grocery table with dry goods and some fresh items. TBCP also provided information about helpful services - county help, bus information, other pantries. The free meals are a chance for people to meet other folks and have a pleasant meal together like family. Everyone is welcome regardless

of their residency. TBCP serves mostly Yellow Springs residents, including young families with kids.

Kate Anderson-Carrigan



The 365 Project Yellow Springs Juneteenth 2023 Programs

The Juneteenth celebration provided Yellow Springs residents and visitors with an opportunity to learn about Yellow Springs Black history during the historical walk that preceded the celebration, and during the "Wheeling Gaunt's Yellow Springs" walking tour that followed the celebration. The Juneteenth celebration provided attendees with an opportunity to gather, listen to music by the World House Choir, Tronee Threat, and Misty Gill, and learn about the history of Juneteenth through various speakers.

Kevin McGruder

Little Art Theater Technology & Building Enhancements

Grant funding went to the purchase and installation of new seat cushions to replace worn ones. Funds were also used to identify and organize IT

cabling, and upgrade Wi-Fi modems for the theatre, the projection room, and the office. LAT worked with both the Technical Director of the Clark State Performing Arts Center and Sweetwater music to develop a sound equipment package that would expand programming capabilities for the LAT and that of potential renters.

*Katherine Eckstrand,
Executive Director*



Featured YSEE Grants

Non-Fiction Library Update for YSHS

93 new titles were purchased for the YSHS library with a focus on mental and physical health as well as general knowledge. This update allowed us to offer the most current information to our students in a meaningful way. I will be working with classroom teachers and school counselors to include these new books into the classroom or student discussions.

Eli Hurwitz, Library Media Specialist

PHOTOS

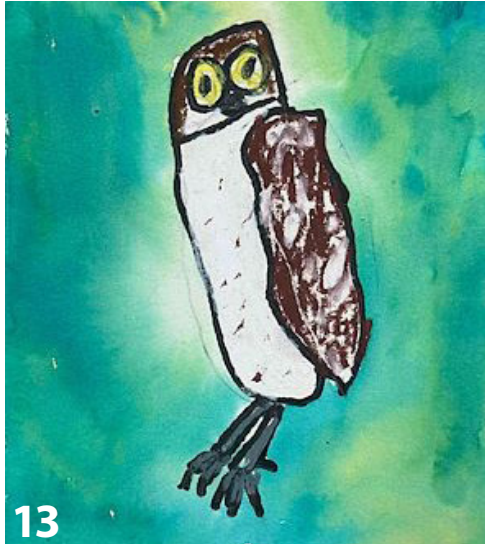
1. YSCF 108 Dayton St
2. Lisa Abel
3. Ellis Jacobs
4. YSFF
5. McKinney Middle School Cross

6. Country Team
7. Women's Park
8. YSCF Youth Action Board 2022-23
9. Art Boulet with YAB Members Jia Sundell-Turner and Aiden Scavone

10. Isabella Beiring - YAB Student Facilitator, YSCF Youth Philanthropy Awardee 2023
11. Mad River Theater Works Summer Camp

12. Juneteenth Celebration
13. Non-Fiction Books Addition to Mills Lawn Library
14. Owl Painting - Oscar

Thank you to our 2023 Annual Report Contributors and the YSCF Staff, Pam Geisel, Rich Bullock, Susan Miller, and Harvey Curran.



Who Knew? The Truth About Owls
 Mills Lawn Elementary School first graders spread their wings and dove deep into interdisciplinary lessons encompassing Science, Reading, Writing, and Art. Students explored the enchanting world of owls and discovered their vital role in our local ecosystem. Using the owl paintings they created in art class, students chose to make these beautiful cards with the intent of fostering curiosity about owls among the members of our community.

*Sarah Amin,
 PBL Foundations/
 Teacher Support Specialist*

Financial Summary 2023

Total Assets	\$20,527,764
Nonprofit Savings Funds (Agency)	\$2,656,766
Total Gifts	\$1,238,827
Love of Community Fund (Unrestricted Gifts)	\$118,992
YSEQUITY/DEI Fund	\$331,399
Scholarship & Field of Interest Funds	\$580,017
Donor Advised Funds	\$208,419
Total Grants	\$1,197,255
All Standard Grants	\$627,560
Pass-through Grants	\$41,668
Donor Advised Fund Grants	\$528,027
Income from Fees	\$429,204
Operating Surplus	\$28,502

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Gifts distributed 60% grants, 20% Foundation operations and 20% YSEQUITY / DEI Funding

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