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News from the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates (PACF)

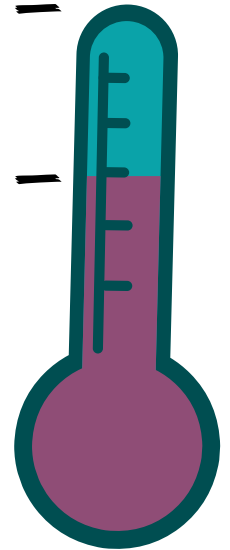
Support the Foundation - Create a Sustainable Future

Friends of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation have joined together to create a new permanent endowment fund that will forever support the Foundation's work and honor the dedication of the PACF's Executive Director Emerita, Judy Ritchie.

The Judith Ritchie Legacy Fund is a tribute to Judy's 24-year career and her dedication to the region and its regional community foundation. To help the PACF grow this fund, Judy's husband, Doug Ritchie, and friends, Mary Riccobene and Mary Anne and Doug Ketelsen, are offering a \$1:\$1 match for all donations to the Judith Ritchie Legacy Fund made before June 30, 2024. Total match available is \$225,000. To date, 59 donors have contributed a total of \$155,500.

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We are two-thirds of the way to meeting the fundraising match dubbed the "Extra Mile Challenge"!

Lead Supporters

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Gifts have gratefully been received
in memory of
Carol and William Watson
Sue and R. Bruce White

"For 60 years, the PACF has been a resource to assist civic minded individuals meet their charitable goals," said PACF supporter Curtis Miller. "Judy went the extra mile for many years as Executive Director. It is our turn to go the extra mile and help the Foundation take a big step toward its own sustainable future."

Those who want to go the "extra mile" for the Foundation may make their donation online at www.pacfwv.com/extramile or mail a check, made payable to the PACF to:

PACF
PO Box 1762
Parkersburg, WV 26102

If you would like to discuss other gift options or learn more, contact Executive Director, Fred Rader, or Senior Development and Stewardship Officer, Julie Posey.

► It's that time of year again!

The PACF is kicking off its 11th annual Give Local MOV campaign that will culminate with a 24-hour online giving day on Tuesday, **May 7, 2024**. The fundraiser connects community members with community nonprofits to raise money and awareness for local causes.



More than \$528,000 Raised in 2023 ◀◀

Last year, Give Local MOV raised more than \$528,000 for 63 local programs, causes, and organizations with missions supporting animals, arts and culture, community improvement, education, environment, health, human service, youth development, and more. Matching funds and prizes are what makes the campaign even more exciting. This year, with the generous help from Superior Toyota in Parkersburg, the PACF has \$180,000+ available in matching funds and prizes to spark local giving and raise awareness for 65 area organizations.

► 3 Things You Can Do:

- 1. Donate** - Consider donating on Tuesday, May 7 through [GiveLocalMOV.org](https://www.GiveLocalMOV.org). If you want to support all 65 area causes and agencies, make your gift to the Give Local MOV Stretch Pool.
- 2. Volunteer** - Contact your local nonprofits and ask how you can best support them. You can also search the [GiveLocalMOV.org](https://www.GiveLocalMOV.org) website as some agencies have added volunteer opportunities to their profile pages.
- 3. Advocate** - Your voice is a powerful tool, use it to support and promote the organizations your care about most that need help. Share information with your friends and on social media networks.



www.GiveLocalMOV.org



Like and follow the official Give Local MOV 2024 Facebook page and event @GiveLocalMOV!

Superior Toyota Takes Lead Sponsor Spot ◀◀



"This support is made possible by our Superior team and our customers," said T.R. Hathaway, the owner of Superior Toyota. "If the community didn't support us, we wouldn't be able to provide this type of funding for our community. We are thankful for our community and want to give back. Give Local MOV is an excellent way to do just that in our region."



Tommy and T.R. Hathaway

Progress on the Ridge

The Progress Ridge Community Building was awarded \$2,500 in the PACF's fall Community Action Grant cycle for building renovations. The Progress Ridge Community Building's mission is to provide a safe and welcoming community center and to promote inclusive activities that enrich the lives of our community and support people to engage, connect, and grow in the area. This grant, made possible through the Mid Ohio Valley Endowment for Women, Children, and Families Fund at the PACF, helped to purchase and install a new ceiling and metal walls for the building. The original chipboard on the walls was starting to deteriorate and fall into pieces. The drop ceiling was coming unglued. Chipboard and insulation were coming down in the air and onto the tables. Now their members and community are safe from these health hazards.



Aiden and special guest, the Easter Bunny



Their Second Act is Giving Back

The Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council (MOVRC) received a Community Action Grant in the spring of 2023 for their AmeriCorps Seniors programs including the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companions programs. According to MOVRC, 57 Foster Grandparent volunteers mentored/tutored 266 students

at elementary/secondary public schools, library programs, and daycare centers in Calhoun, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood counties. Additionally, 14 Senior Companion volunteers served 23 clients in Calhoun, Jackson, Ritchie, Roane, and Wood counties.

"I witnessed a student who was frustrated and discouraged because he was convinced, he had totally ruined the art that he was working on. I sat with the student and pointed out that, although the image wasn't what he had intended, a different image was hidden within the piece. He was so excited to realize he could simply go in a different direction."

~ Foster Grandparent, Kathy Creel

Pictured from left to right are PACF Executive Director Fred Rader, LCA and KidzWorld Executive Director Christy Morgan, Pastor Dennis Morgan, and PACF Senior Development and Stewardship Officer Julie Posey.



The Rock Church Creates New Endowment Funds

Three new endowment funds were created at the PACF. The funds are the KidzWorld Childcare and Learning Center Support Fund, the Legacy Christian Academy Support Fund, and The Rock Church and Family Worship Center



Support Fund. "As we look ahead, Legacy Christian Academy (LCA) and KidzWorld are poised to continue to grow and flourish while remaining committed to academic and Christian excellence in providing a Biblical foundation," said Christy Morgan, Executive Director of LCA and KidzWorld. "These endowment funds will continue to help ensure that future generations of students will have access to an excellent Christian education while providing long-term financial stability for the organizations." The new funds will provide a permanent source of funding for the three organizations. Investment and administrative responsibilities are handled by the PACF so that the organizations' staff and volunteers can concentrate on fulfilling their mission.

Celebrating — 25 YEARS —

 RITCHIE COUNTY COMMUNITY
Foundation
A PACF AFFILIATE

More than two decades ago, a group of concerned residents took action that led to the formation of the Ritchie County Community Foundation. Since then, many people from throughout the region have worked tirelessly to build upon their effort. What started as a single grantmaking fund in 1999 has now grown to a collection of 38 named funds dedicated to the betterment of Ritchie County. Since 2005, the RCCF has awarded nearly \$733,000 in grants and scholarships, including recent grants to support the Ritchie County Humane Society, Cairo Volunteer Fire Department, and City of Pennsboro. Watch for a date to be set for a summer anniversary celebration!

Celebrating — 20 YEARS —

 LITTLE KANAWHA AREA COMMUNITY
Foundation
A PACF AFFILIATE

Two decades ago, a group of dedicated residents took the initiative to establish the Little Kanawha Area Community Foundation. Created in 2004 to serve Wirt and Calhoun counties, the LKACF later expanded to include Gilmer County. What started as a single grantmaking fund has now grown to a collection of 18 named funds. Since 2007, the LKACF has awarded nearly \$350,000 in grants and scholarships, including recent grants to support the Gilmer County Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Grantsville, and Two Runs Community Association. The LKACF looks forward to continuing to improve the lives of those who call our region home. Keep an eye out for the official anniversary celebration this summer!



We are honored to work with so many dedicated individuals to supporting the needs of our community - now and in the future. Whether you've worked with us several times in the past, or are just now learning more about us, we are here for you. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you and understand your needs and interests.

We value...

- **Learning** - Being open to new ideas, embracing innovation, and continually growing in our thinking to meet our community's challenges and opportunities.
- **Integrity** - Being good stewards and making efficient and effective use of human, financial, and material resources.
- **Generosity** - Encouraging everyone to donate time, talents, and resources to improve our region for generations to come.
- **Inclusiveness** - Demonstrating compassion and regard for all people is the heart of philanthropy.
- **Partnering** - Cultivating connections and working with others to best accomplish our shared mission.

PACF Hosts 61st Annual Meeting

The PACF's annual meeting was held January 26th at the Parkersburg Country Club. The meeting centered around the crucial topic of foster care with keynote speaker Julia Kesler, Director of Social Services for the WV Children's Home Society. She shed light on the challenges and opportunities within our state's foster care system and highlighted how substance use disorder impacts our area youth. The information provided underscored the urgency for increased support and resources to ensure the well-being and stability of vulnerable children. The PACF is working with the Bernard McDonough Foundation, the Sisters Health Foundation, and the United Way to bridge the gaps and provide better support for children in need. Each partner has generously committed \$25,000 towards the collective effort. The PACF's contribution is made possible by the Mary M. Welch Advised Fund. This significant contribution not only showcases our dedication to the cause but also reinforces our shared commitment to success.

\$4M+

**GRANTS &
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN FISCAL
YEAR 22-23**

300

**SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2023**

153

**PROJECTS
FUNDED IN FISCAL
YEAR 22-23**

“We will uphold our commitment to the charitable intent of our past and present donors, yet stay ready to work with the next generation of donors to address the future needs of our community.”

~ Executive Director Fred Rader



PACF welcomes back Randy Dick to the board, and Amy Caruthers as a new board member.



Board Chair Marie Caltrider presented Jim Bennett a Resolution in his Honor for his 10 years of service. She also thanked Dan Marshall for his service as he too retired from the Board.



Steve Hardman was appointed to the Professional Advisors Circle and recognized for his commitment to our community.

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Estate Planning

One of the Best Ways to Show You Care

Money, mortality, and family relationships. Each of those topics alone can be tough for anyone to address head-on, and when you combine them, it's no wonder so many people delay setting up or updating their estate plans. But, getting your affairs in order – well before you need to due to age or illness – is truly a gift to your heirs.

Please reach out to the Foundation as you work on your estate plan. We can:

- Review how you can create a named fund or add to your fund through a planned gift.
- Provide bequest language for your will or trust.
- Provide language for a beneficiary designation.
- Work with you to update the terms of your Donor Advised Fund so that your wishes are carried out, whether that is naming specific charities to receive distributions or naming your children as successor advisors.

Estate planning documents, including wills, trusts, and beneficiary designations, represent generous acts of clear distribution and conflict avoidance. An estate plan allows you to demonstrate how much you care about the people in your life as well as your charitable passions.



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