

## Richland Gives is November 27



Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Richland County Foundation, incentives will be awarded as grants to nonprofit organizations participating in Richland Gives, beyond what they raise from online donations.

The nonprofit organizations can earn \$44,000 in grant prize incentives.

- ~1:1 matching grant of \$1,000 to the first 25 nonprofit organizations that raise at least \$1,000 online via the Richland Gives website.
- ~\$500 grants to the first (5) organizations that increased online donations by 30% compared to the previous year. To be eligible, a nonprofit must have raised at least \$500 the previous year.
- ~ Six (\$500) Golden Ticket hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- ~Leader Board Winners: Small Nonprofit and Large Nonprofit Leader Boards are based on annual revenue of below or above \$250,000.

**1st: \$3,000**

**2nd: \$1,500**

**3rd: \$500**



Close to 70 nonprofit organizations are participating in Richland Gives this year. Last year a community of donors contributed over \$200,000 on the day of giving.

Richland Gives is designed to encourage everyone to support local nonprofits they care about through a single giving platform/website. The Richland County Foundation is hosting the day to build capacity, grow philanthropy and make the community stronger.

Incentives will be awarded during the Nonprofit Showcase from 12-1:30 p.m. at OSU/NCSC Mansfield and the Leader Board Watch Party from 5-7 p.m. at Idea Works, 40 West Fourth Street, Mansfield.

In addition, individual nonprofit organizations can offer a matching grant on their Richland Gives page as an incentive to donors by promising donations will be matched up to a certain amount. The Mansfield Art Center has a \$3,210 matching grant.



A ground breaking ceremony was held to construct a 16-bed residential withdrawal management facility in Mansfield. Richland County Mental Health Board and Catalyst Life Services will work together to provide medically monitored detoxification for alcohol, opiates, and other drugs of addiction. The facility is expected to serve about 400 residents a year. The Foundation awarded a grant to help fund the facility. Pictured left to right are Foundation President Brady Groves, Richland County Commissioner Marilyn John, Catalyst Executive Director Veronica Groff, Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Chair Kym Lamb, Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board Director Joe Trolan, OhioHealth Public Relations Specialist Christiana Thompson and State Representative Mark Romanchuk.



## Foundation Approves Grants for Community Projects



Foundation Board of Trustee Members Brigette Burnell and Jessica Gribben learn about the Art Rising Project from Mansfield Art Center Executive Director George Whitten.



Glenna Plotts, Foundation Board member, Kellyn Burkitt, Flying Horse Farms Development Coordinator, Beth DeLaney, Foundation Board member, Pete Aubry, Flying Horse Farms Manager of Volunteer Strategy, and Bob Barrett, Foundation Vice President of Finance tour the camp for children with serious illnesses.



Connections Fund members Rachel Schag, Matt Schag and Ashley Twedt volunteer at The New Store by helping children select new clothes and shoes. Connections is a vibrant group of professionals, community leaders, and citizens with a desire to give back to their community. The fund, established in 2004, provides grants for community programs and projects. The grant dollars come from membership contributions and a growing endowment.

### The Richland County Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$568,627 in grants to area nonprofit agencies during its October meeting.

The Mansfield Art Center received a grant for its Art Rising campaign. The campaign includes funding to build a new arts education building, an events pavilion, renovations to the current building, an outreach program with Mansfield City Schools and support of a new marketing/development employee.

Other nonprofits that received grants for projects and programs from the community and field of interest funds that are impacting area residents include:

- Catholic Charities to provide individual assistance.
- Flying Horse Farms to send Richland County children with serious illnesses to camp.
- North Central State College Foundation to renovate classrooms to include smart technology.

### The Board of Trustees approved additional grants from donor advised funds to meet emerging needs to the following organizations:

- American Red Cross
- Artists Archive of the Western Reserve
- Crawford County Economic Development
- Discovery School
- Friendly House
- Healthnetwork Foundation
- Inclusive Higher Education Certificate Program
- Lucas Community Center
- Madison Summer Baseball League
- Malabar Farm Foundation
- Mansfield Area Y
- Mansfield Art Center
- Mansfield Playhouse
- Mansfield Richland Educational Chamber Foundation
- North Central Ohio Land Conservancy
- Richland Community Development Group
- Resurrection Parish
- Village of Bellville

## Women's Fund grants \$25,000 to local nonprofit agencies



Girls attending this year's Young Entrepreneurs Academy hosted by the Mansfield Richland Area Educational Foundation

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation awarded \$24,995 to nine organizations during its annual luncheon November 14. The Women's Fund grants are awarded to agencies that provide programs to empower women and girls. Grants were awarded this year to the following agencies and programs:

- Culliver Reading Center, Girl Circle
- Little Buckeye Children's Museum, Single Moms at LBCH
- Catalyst Life Services, Women's Empowerment and Self-Care
- Mansfield Art Center, Expressive Art for Women Veterans

- Mansfield Richland Area Educational Foundation, Young Entrepreneurs for Girls
- The Domestic Violence Shelter, Domestic Diva, (Hands on Home Repairs)
- Neos Dance Theatre, All Access Program
- Mary McLeod-Bethune, Expression of a Legacy
- Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church, Mansfield Women's Empowerment Summit

During the lunch the Women's Fund also announced Mary McDonald was awarded the JoAnn Dutton Volunteer Community Service Award.

The award was named in honor of JoAnn Dutton, former executive director of the Mansfield YWCA. It celebrates and honors women who devote a significant amount of time and energy in a meaningful way to local charitable organizations.

McDonald volunteers at numerous organizations including Providence Baptist Church, Alzheimer's Association, Area Agency on Aging, Mary McLeod-Bethune Intervention and Enrichment Center, Community Action Senior Outreach Program, Neighborhood Watch and with the "Yes We Can Seniors," a senior group she founded nearly a decade ago.



Courtnee Carrigan was recharging leaders at the Foundation during the Osborne Meese Academy. Her topic was Level Up Leadership: Reset, Recharge and Build for Tomorrow. The Academy, named to honor the Foundation's founding father, was established to build capacity for nonprofit agencies, serve as an informational resource and act as a catalyst to encourage stronger collaboration in the community. Pictured left to right are Courtnee Carrigan, Jeff Wright, Nikki Lewis and Traci Willis.

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## Entrepreneurs win money for their great ideas



Richland Idea Audition winners received checks for their new products and ideas.

Over 30 Richland County residents pitched their ideas for new products, businesses and services during the first ever Richland Idea Audition October 16 at Ohio State University-Mansfield.

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The winning idea, My Health/My Mammo, is a Cloud storage system so women can access their mammograms at anytime.

Entrepreneurs had four minutes to explain their ideas. The second place team, JKR Guitars, invented a wheel that changes the sound and pickups on a guitar. They won \$2,500. The third place team, Aspire Technology, won \$1,000. They invented a remote control release belt for training track athletes.

In between the preliminary round and the final round, a reception was held so the public could meet the entrepreneurs.

Thank you to the judges and contestants for an inspiring event.

*The Richland County Foundation, Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, RCDG - Richland Community Development Group, The Ohio State University at Mansfield, Braintree Business Development Center, Small Business Development Center and North Central Ohio SCORE collaborated to host the event.*