

Donors are giving back to their community



Richard and Sally Uhde

Philanthropy and volunteerism are a way of life for this family

Since 1959, the year they graduated from Mansfield Senior High School, Richard (Dick) and Sally (Heckert) Uhde have felt a connection to and an appreciation of the Richland County Foundation.

- Sally received \$450 per year from the S.N. and Ada Ford Trust of the Richland County Foundation for her junior and senior years at Marietta College (Sept. 1961 through June 1963) where she graduated with a degree in mathematics. The scholarship paid half of her annual tuition.
- Dick received \$500 per year from the Olson Scholarship of the Richland County Foundation that helped him graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering from The Ohio State University.

Soon after Sally and Dick were married in 1964, Dick realized that he had become a member of a family where philanthropy and volunteerism were a way of life.

Sally's parents, Katherine and Bill

McCarrick, both came from very humble beginnings but somehow they both felt very drawn to doing all they could to make Mansfield a better place to live and raise a family. Initially, they could not afford to give large amounts of money to causes they felt passionate about but they could volunteer their time, talents and expertise to those causes.

They were a dedicated team and were visionaries of what could be if one was willing to work hard. Both held full-time blue collar jobs but that didn't stop either of them from working tirelessly as volunteers at Kingwood Center, Oak Hill Cottage, and Ohio State Reformatory and on projects for the Richland County Historical Society. When work needed to be done, they were the first to roll up their sleeves and dig in.

Eventually, Bill also served on the Board of Directors for Kingwood Center, Richland County Foundation, Preservation of the Ohio Reformatory, and Airport and Aviation Commission. He spent numerous hours in the summers digging in the dirt to beautify many places around the city with flowers. In addition, he served a combined 19 years on Mansfield City Council as 3rd Ward Councilman and later as President of Council.

Katherine and Bill spearheaded the restoration of Oak Hill cottage doing much of the initial work themselves. When Katherine wasn't working on projects with Bill, she was a 25+ year volunteer with the Mansfield Girl Scout Council where among other things she served as a leader and outdoor trainer, was a 45-year volunteer at Kingwood Center where one of her many duties was to create new, live flower arrangements for the Big House each and every Tuesday, and she served as president of Richland County Historical Society

for over 20 years. While Bill was on the Board of Directors of the Richland County Foundation, Bill and Katherine decided to set up a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), for the benefit of Kingwood Center, which Dick and Sally still support.

Using Bill and Katherine's example, Dick and Sally also began volunteering early in their marriage in their small community of Johnstown, Ohio, where they have worked as a team to give countless hours of their time to the Johnstown Library building project, the one-room historical school house, to the scouts, and to their local church expansion building project.

However, Mansfield is never far from their thoughts, and a few years ago, it seemed right to continue the legacy that Bill and Katherine had begun with the Richland County Foundation. Keeping in mind that RCF helped both Sally and Dick with college expenses in the 1960's, it seemed appropriate for them to set up a RCF scholarship a few years ago for students who had completed one year of college and who were majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM). Most recently they also decided to go a step farther and establish a donor advised fund which will support charities of their choice.

Dick retired from Western Electric/ AT&T where he worked as a mechanical engineer and later taught in the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University. Right out of college, Sally worked as a systems engineer for IBM, became a member of technical staff at Bell Telephone Laboratories (BTL) and then taught high school mathematics at Johnstown High School for a number of years. While working at BTL she earned a Master of Science Degree in Computer Science from The Ohio State University.

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Harry & Lois McCullough

Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade (and her husband the late Rev. John McCullough Bade) honored her parents with a field of interest fund at the Richland County Foundation named the Harry and Lois McCullough Fund. The fund awards grants in the community for the purpose of promoting writing, literature appreciation, music, and Ohio history through creative, innovative, and effective methods and programs.

Examples of projects that could qualify for a grant include living history portrayals from early Ohio days, memoirs recorded by nursing home residents, a special exhibit at a local museum or a school project on Shakespeare.

"These are tough times for schools, museums and other nonprofit organizations. I want this fund to provide the spark for an innovative project.

"Education was important to our family, we grew up playing school. My mother was an a teacher who loved Richland County. She co-authored several books about one-room school houses in Richland County," said Robin.

Lois Marjory (Robinson) and Harry Hoyt McCullough were proud life-long residents of Richland County. Both had ancestors who were among the first families to settle in Richland County. Five generations of the McCullough family are buried in Mansfield Cemetery, dating back to 1872. When Harry and Lois got married on August 24, 1947, they joked that most of the 100 who attended the wedding were relatives. From the beginning of their marriage, family and reunions were a big part of their life.

Lois spent most of her career in the Mansfield City Schools, primarily teaching English and History. She loved writing, reading and music. Harry worked at the Post Office. He loved hunting for good deals at antique stores and garage sales. Church was an important aspect of their

life. They greatly enjoyed family, friends and travel. One of their favorite annual trips was to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Canada.

As parents, they gave their three daughters the roots of family and education as well as wings to travel to see the world. All three daughters pursued college degrees in education. Daughter Karen Higgins taught elementary education in Mansfield City Schools. Daughter Dr. Ellen McCullough Brabson (husband John) was a professor of Music Education at the University of New Mexico. Daughter Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade (husband John) taught elementary school and Environmental Education before becoming a Lutheran pastor. She currently directs the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, a nonprofit organization.

Their five grandchildren, Sara, Andy, Jessica, Rex and Michael were a source of joy to Harry and Lois McCullough.

Robin said as a director of a nonprofit, she appreciates grants which can be used to jumpstart a project. She encourages people who knew her parents to donate to the fund either by check or online at richlandcountyfoundation.org.

OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital makes great strides in innovative patient care.



Dr. Gregory Eaton talks with a patient who is using a home monitoring device.

Recently, OhioHealth Heart & Vascular physicians and OhioHealth Endocrinology physicians worked together to make telemedicine possible for a group of 100 congestive heart failure patients.

To help improve the lives of local patients the Richland County Foundation and the S.N. Ada Ford Foundation each granted \$100,000 to OhioHealth Heart & Vascular Services to purchase monitoring devices for the patients.

Dr. Gregory Eaton, MD, system medical chief of OhioHealth Heart & Vascular Services, hopes that early detection will decrease hospital readmissions for congestive heart failure patients.

"The benefits of using a telemonitoring system include providing enhanced communication with healthcare providers, improving education to patients in the management of variables that influence their disease process, assuring compliance and understanding with medications, and identifying early indicators of decompensation before they require hospitalization or emergency therapies. By improving the patient's overall chronic medical condition, he/she will have a better sense of well-being and quality of life," said Dr. Eaton.

If the study shows favorable outcomes from use of telemonitoring devices, it could lead to additional research grants for OhioHealth.

What if we all gave on the same day?

That day is November 29.

Richland Gives, an online day of giving, is set for November 29 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The day is designed to encourage everyone to contribute to 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.

The success of Richland Gives will depend on our collective enthusiasm and implementation.

The day of giving will allow Richland County nonprofit organizations to raise funds and awareness as well as cultivate new donors and reinvigorate lapsed donors.

Richland Gives 2016 will offer incentives to inspire donors and organizations to participate in the excitement. Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Richland County Foundation, incentives will be awarded as grants to participating organizations, beyond what they raise from online donations.

- A \$1,000 grant to the first 40 nonprofit organizations that raise at least \$1,000 online via the Richland Gives website on November 29, 2016, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- A \$500 grant to the first 10 organizations that increase Richland Gives online donations by 30% compared to 2015. To be eligible, a nonprofit must have raised at least \$500 in 2015 during Richland Gives to participate in this grant offering.

In addition grants will be awarded to the nonprofits that raise the most during the day.



Encourage everyone to visit www.richlandgives.org, donations can be pre-scheduled through November 29 at 7 p.m.

Philanthropic Fund for Women Celebrates 20 Years

The Women's Fund of the Richland County Foundation celebrates its 20th anniversary this year. Since its inception the Women's Fund has awarded 137 grants to local nonprofit organizations that support women and girls and 29 scholarships to women who are non-traditional students attending local colleges totaling over \$285,000.

"The Women's Fund was formed to help meet the unique needs of women and girls. The role of women has changed much since then, and we will continue to adapt as our community evolves. We look forward to the future," said Women's Fund Chair Paula Cohen.

Foundation President Brady Groves said "the Women's Fund is a critical partner of the Foundation. Through grant making, committee members provide the leadership, energy and funding to address local needs."

The Women's Fund began as a concept of Linda Smith, who envisioned an endowed fund to encourage philanthropy among Richland County women and to provide funding to 501c3 programming that supports women and girls.

"I grew up in a very supportive encouraging family, something that I took for granted. As I grew older, I came to understand the many unique challenges women face and the difference having a strong support system could make in your life. I felt strongly about helping other women and fortunately so do many others," said Smith.

Smith and then Foundation President Pam Siegenthaler reached out to people in the community to discuss the idea of a fund especially for women. A core group became interested, committed, and joined the effort to establish the fund.

Smith served as the original chair and the other founders were Suzanne Davis, Erin Fain, Carol Goldman, Catherine Goldman, Edith Humphrey, Joanne Humphrey, Carol Payton, Bets Risser and Suzanne Wilson.

The founding members felt working with the Foundation would provide trusted fiscal oversight as well as respect in the community.

The fund was established in 1996 and is one of more than 335 charitable funds at the Foundation. Past and current advisory committee members along with its donors celebrate the fund total which now exceeds \$1,000,000.

Each year the 15-member advisory committee works with staff to review applications and visit organizations seeking grants.

Current Women's Fund Advisory Committee members are Charma Behnke, Carolyn Carto, Carol Chambers, Paula Cohen, Jodie Dees, Lynn Fahmy, Erin Fain, Susan Gentile, Sally Gesouras, Jill Haring, Edie Humphrey, Kristie Massa, Jeanne Meisse, Della Phelps and Deanna West-Torrence.

In addition to annual grants, the Women's Fund provides college scholarships to nontraditional female students, awards the JoAnn Dutton Award to honor volunteerism, and conducts a Mother's Day Fundraiser as a way for people to honor the special women in their lives.

The Women's Fund welcomes all donations which can be made online at richlandfoundation.org or by check.



Photos top to bottom: Women's Fund Chair Paula Cohen explains the important work of the fund over the past two decades.

Left to Right: Past Women's Fund Advisory Committee members Jan Beddard, Billie Brandon and Pat McGinty

Left to Right: Edie Humphrey, Tom Siegenthaler, Pam Siegenthaler, Judy Gibson, Dr. Larry Gibson

Left to Right: Felecia Hall and Ruby Feagin

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May We Recognize You Now?

Over the years, dozens of charitable minded individuals have planned end of life gifts to Richland County Foundation to leave a legacy that will benefit this community.

If you have made that decision, we would like to recognize you now. The Board of Trustees established the Legacy Society to recognize individuals during their lifetime who have planned to leave a gift to this community in partnership with the Richland County Foundation.

This gift may be through your estate plans, written in your will, including the Foundation as a future beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan or IRA, insurance policy, remainder trust, charitable gift annuity, or other similar planned gift. These future gifts, as with all gifts to the community foundation, will be used to carry out the charitable interests of the donor.

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