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Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

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**Sandusky County Communities Foundation Holds a Celebration of Philanthropy**

**Fremont- Sandusky County** – On October 10th, the Sandusky County Communities Foundation (SCCF) held a Celebration of Philanthropy at The Neeley Center. Angie Morelock, the 2024 Chair of the Foundation’s Board, welcomed over 100 attendees and shared the purpose of the event: to honor the Foundation’s fund holders, donors, and supporters, provide important updates, and celebrate community grant recipients. Morelock emphasized that the event symbolizes connecting individuals who care with causes that matter.

Andrea Gibson, Executive Director of the Foundation, introduced the board of trustees, offered a brief history of SCCF, welcomed new fund holders, and shared the Foundation’s 2024 milestones. She highlighted the remarkable contributions of fund holders, noting that the Foundation’s Board of Trustees approved 145 awards in 2024, distributing nearly \$600,000 in grants and scholarships. Since its founding in 1998, SCCF has provided or facilitated gifts amounting to \$5.13 million, benefiting Sandusky County residents.

The youth division of the Foundation, Building Community Together (BCT), also presented a 2024 update. Bryce Estep and Abbie Rogish discussed grants awarded to Lutz Elementary for Kindergarten Graduation, Bellevue Society for the Arts for lighting, and Gibsonburg Schools for a theatre camp. BCT member Ellis Wylykanowitz gave the invocation before a dinner was served by Terra State.

After dinner, Denice Hirt, Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Grant and Scholarship Committee, shared insights on the Foundation’s community grant program. The Foundation received 32 grant applications totaling \$214,050.93 in funding requests. After thorough consideration, 17 organizations were selected to receive grants, totaling \$86,119.08, distributed during the evening.

**SCCF 2024 Community Grant Recipients**

Bellevue Society for the Arts - \$816.19  
Boy Scouts of America - \$3,750.00  
Campfire Sandusky County - \$10,000.00  
Flat Rock Homes - \$5,000.00



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Heartbeat Hope Medical - \$3,158.71  
Humane Society of Sandusky County - \$5,616.00  
Liberty Center of Sandusky County - \$6,450.00  
Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department - \$9,529.73  
Pontifex, Inc - \$5,820.09  
Sandco's Sweeties - \$563.21  
Sandusky County Agricultural Society - \$4,875.00  
Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation - \$2,256.24  
Sandusky Township Fire Department - \$9,511.89  
Stemtown Historical Society - \$582.02  
Village of Green Springs - \$6,690.00  
Woodville July 4th Celebration - \$1,500.00  
YMCA of Sandusky County - \$10,000.00

Since the launch of its community grant program in 2009, SCCF has awarded \$1.15 million in discretionary funds to non-profits throughout Sandusky County.

In her closing remarks, Gibson expressed gratitude to the Foundation's fund holders and donors, highlighting that their support is the driving force behind the Foundation's success. The evening concluded with thanks to the event's sponsors—ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Genoa Bank, Croghan Colonial Bank, First National Bank, and Style Crest. Guests were also encouraged to consider starting a fund or making a donation to continue growing the impact of philanthropy in 2025 and beyond.

**About the Sandusky County Communities Foundation:** The Sandusky County Communities Foundation was established in 1998 to enhance the well-being of the people and communities of Sandusky County by managing permanent investments for philanthropic goals. The Foundation provides an efficient, effective structure for linking charitable interests with important programs and services and offers several options through which gifts can be made to benefit Sandusky County communities and organizations. Since 2009 more than \$1,000,000.00 has also been awarded to non-profit organizations through the Community Grant Program. To learn more, or to donate, visit our website at [www.sanduskyccf.org](http://www.sanduskyccf.org) or contact Andrea Gibson at 419-334-6299 or [director@sanduskyccf.org](mailto:director@sanduskyccf.org)

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