



Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter

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The Sandusky County Communities Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Connecting People who Care with Causes that Matter

Fremont- Sandusky County – The Sandusky County Communities Foundation (SCCF) a pillar of philanthropy and community development, recently marked a significant milestone as it celebrated its 25th Anniversary with an event commemorated by nearly 140 distinguished guests, community leaders, donors, and supporters. The Silver Anniversary event that was held on Thursday, October 19th at The Neeley Center, was a testament to the Foundation’s enduring commitment to making a positive impact in the community.

Over the past quarter-century, the Sandusky County Communities Foundation has played a pivotal role in supporting local nonprofits, addressing critical issues, and fostering community growth. The anniversary celebration served as a moment to reflect on the Foundation’s past achievements and to look forward to the promising future.

SCCF Executive Director Andrea Gibson kicked off the evening by taking the opportunity to express gratitude to the Foundation’s original founders, past and present board members, generous fund owners, donors, and supporters of the SCCF.

“I stand before you today with a heart full of gratitude, appreciation, and admiration for the remarkable individuals who have contributed to our organization's journey over the past 25 years. Today, we come together not only to recognize their invaluable efforts but also to celebrate the inspiration they have provided” stated Gibson. “As we move forward, let's continue to inspire one another, to reach even more lives, and to make our mark on the world. With your continued support, there's no doubt that we can achieve even greater things in the future”.



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Angie Morelock, SCCF Board Chair, updated the attendees on the SCCF Giving Campaign reaching \$84,000. A video was shared that highlighted the history of the Foundation and the impact that the Foundation has made in Sandusky County.

“We are immensely proud to have reached this incredible milestone, and it’s thanks to the unwavering support of the community that we’ve been able to achieve what we have today. Our 25th Anniversary celebration is a moment of reflection on our journey, appreciation for the relationships we’ve built, and a commitment to continue providing grants to nonprofits and individuals through our component funds and community grant program” stated Morelock. “As part of our 25th anniversary, we decided to undertake a 25th anniversary Giving Campaign. While we are so proud of all that has been accomplished, we also know that we can have an even greater impact, which is why we set out asking the community to support the Foundation and help us Connect People Who Care with Causes that Matter!”

Douglas Kridler, Fremont Native and President and CEO of The Columbus Foundation, was the keynote speaker of the evening. Mr. Kridler shared stories about his time growing up in Fremont, his professional achievements, and how he lives by the workplace philosophy of the importance of how much someone cares over how much someone knows. Mr. Kridler shared how he believes community foundations are worth the investment and challenged everyone there to consider making a contribution to help the Foundation reach their goal of \$100,000 by the end of 2023.

The evening was capped off by a check presentation from The Big Nut and First Lady, Jon Paul and Terese Peters, who contributed \$10,000 to their fund at the Sandusky County Communities Foundation.

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 been awarded to non-profit organizations through the Community Grant Program, in addition to numerous scholarships.

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