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Managing Your Investment

The Portage Foundation's primary investment objective is the prudent management of funds that will provide reasonable opportunities over the long term for real growth of principal and a predictable income stream that maintains and even enhances the purchasing power of grants made by the Foundation without undue exposure to risk. This objective is accomplished using a strategy of equities, fixed income and cash equivalents in a mix that is conducive to participation in rising markets while allowing for protection in falling markets.



Along with investment professionals from Stifel Nicolaus and KeyBank, members of The Portage Foundation Board of Trustees who have success and expertise in asset management form our Finance and Investment committee. This committee manages financial administration, handles conflicts of interest, establishes investment objectives, sets the asset allocation policy, approves Stifel Nicolaus and KeyBank recommendations, and monitors performance and risk exposures. Stifel Nicolaus and KeyBank staff conduct due diligence on investments and provide recommendations to the committee, while also providing ongoing monitoring and risk management functions for portfolios. Stifel and Key investment staff also prepare and present reports and investment-related communications to the Finance and Investment Committee. The Finance and Investment Committee Chairperson is the Treasurer of the Portage Foundation Board of Trustees.

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Named Funds

As the Portage Foundation continues to grow, an increasing number of donors have established funds to support causes of special interest to them and their families. These funds create a permanent legacy for our donors and the community while serving as tangible evidence of growing public awareness and trust. Both are critically important to the development of a viable community foundation.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary – *Happy Trails Mission*

Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust

Portage Animal Protective League Fund - *Portage APL Mission*

Talker's Fund - Animal Welfare

Casper Fund

ARTS AND CULTURE

Jack Colebrook Fund - *Aurora Community Theater*

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dara Ashley Bakes Fund - *Prevention of Child Abuse*

Don and Barb Bentley Memorial Endowment -
Roosevelt High School Athletics/Literacy

Children's Advantage Fund - *Children's Advantage Mission*

Daneen Clark-Wood Memorial Fund - *Children and Youth*

Norman Sandvoss Youth Recreation Fund

Lois and C. William Shallenberger Fund - *Children*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Future of Ravenna Fund

Kevin T. Lewis Fund for Economic Development

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

College Scholarship Fund (Anonymous Donor)

Douglas W. Cowell Scholarship Fund - *Ravenna High School Scholarship*

Kent League of Women Voters Helen W. Dix Scholarship – *Non-traditional female students*

Davina Gosnell Fund for Education

Dr. Anna Wang Roe Women in Science Scholarship

Mark Klima Memorial Scholarship – *Rootstown High School Scholarship*

Bernie Kosar Scholarship Fund - *Crestwood High School Scholarship*

George L. and Genevieve D. Moore Family Fund – *Aurora High School Scholarship*

Ann and David Otto Family Fund - *Education*

Frances Patterson Memorial Scholarship – *4 H Horse Club Members College Scholarship*



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an endowed fund, and become a part of
The Portage Foundation***

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)

Portage County College Access Network (PCCAN) - *Scholarship*

Reginald Ray, Sr. Scholarship Fund

Bailey Simons/Frank Family Memorial Scholarship - *Rootstown High School Scholarship*

Eleonore Snyder Family Fund for Education

Boyd Wallbrown, Jr. Agricultural Innovation Scholarship Fund

Bill and Eddy White Scholarship Fund

ENVIRONMENT

Harriett and Joe Begala Memorial Fund - *Environment*

John and Jane Gwinn Fund for the Environment

Kent Environmental Council Fund

FIELD OF INTEREST

Fisher Family Fund - *Education, health and human services, medical (including research), religious, arts and culture*

Portage County Randolph Fair Fund

GENERAL AND FOUNDATION

Ralph W. Kletzien Fund for Operations – *The Portage Foundation*

Kosar Marketing Fund - *Marketing/promotion of The Portage Foundation*

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Coleman Professional Services – *Coleman Mission*

Family and Community Services – *F & CS Mission*

Ferlito Family Fund – *Special Needs Athletes*

Davina Gosnell Fund for Health

David H. Green Fund - *VNA/ Hospice*

John and Jane Gwinn Fund for Human Services

Joann and Jerry Hayes Fund

Jeanette B. Hinman Fund - *Elder Care*

Sister Jordan Fund - *County Clothing Center, Center of Hope, Kent Social Services*

John and Elsie Joy Memorial Endowment - *Veteran's Issues and Programs*

Colin Wilson McKinney Memorial Fund - *Stillborn Research and Family Support*

Murphy-Bakes Fund - *Eldercare / Dementia / Alzheimer's*

Gerald and Victoria Read Fund - *VNA/ Hospice*

Eleonore Snyder Family Fund for Health

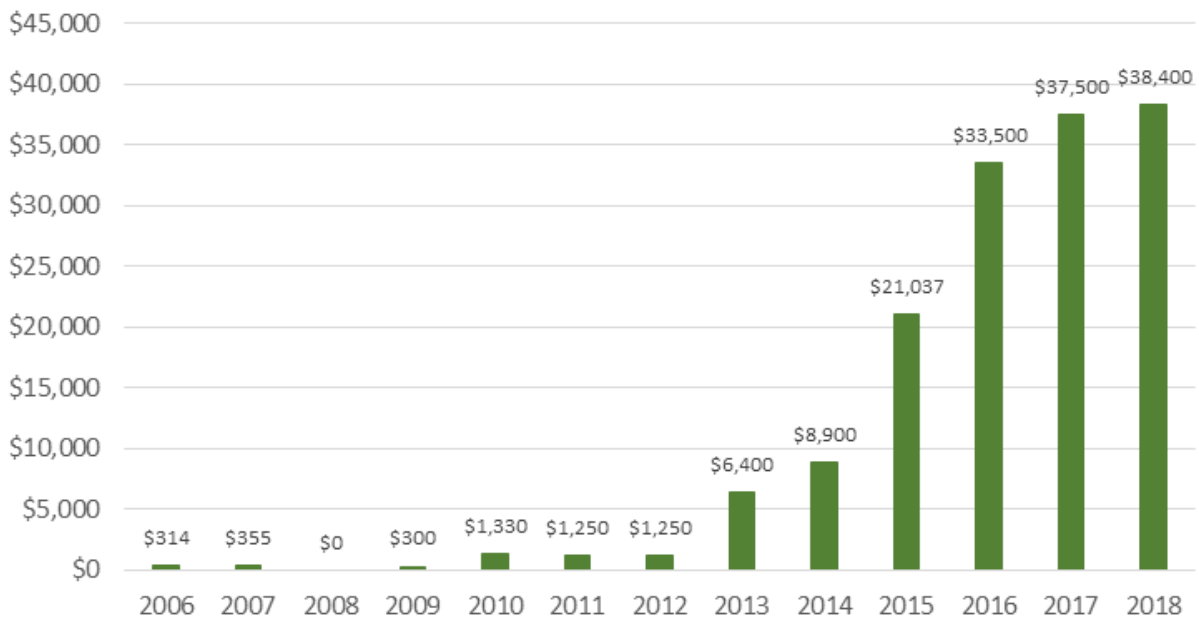
James B. Tinnin Fund - *Transition to employment for the poor and unemployed*

Townhall II Endowment - *Townhall II Mission*

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED 2015-2018

<u>Douglas Cowell Scholarship – Donor Directed</u> Ravenna High School	<u>\$5,400</u>
<u>Bernie Kosar, Jr. Scholarship – Donor Directed</u> Crestwood High School	<u>\$1,500</u>
<u>George L. and Genevieve D. Moore Family Scholarship – Donor Directed</u> Aurora High School	<u>\$90,000</u>
<u>LWV Helen Dix Scholarship</u> Kent State University and Hiram College	<u>\$3,500</u>
<u>Bailey Simons/Frank Family Memorial Scholarship - Donor Directed</u> Rootstown High School	<u>\$3,000</u>
<u>Boyd Wallbrown, Jr. Agricultural Innovation Scholarship – Donor Directed</u> Various high schools, students of production agriculture or farm management	<u>\$19,537</u>
<u>Bill and Eddy White Bowling Scholarship</u> Portage County High Schools with bowling teams	<u>\$7,500</u>

History of Scholarship Awards



The Portage Foundation granted its first scholarship in 2006.
Since that time it has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships to 121 students.

GRANTS AWARDED 2015-2018

<p>Akron Canton Regional Foodbank</p> <p>Support food distribution to 23 partner agencies in Portage County. In 2018, support for new Drop Site Program offering food order pick-up closer to agencies' locations.</p>	<p>\$3,500</p>
<p>Alzheimer's Association</p> <p>Provide 50 copies of the book <u>The 36 Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses and Memory Loss in Later Life.</u></p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>American Experience Academy Program</p> <p>Aquaponics greenhouse in association with HPAC project. Ties into current curriculum and to future career paths. Will supply fresh vegetables and fish all year long.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>The ARC of Summit and Portage Counties</p> <p>Provide advocacy services (approx. 50 hrs.) to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Art Sparks</p> <p>Provide 10 weeks of health focused dance programming at Portage County Developmental Disabilities Board and Happy Days School.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Autism Society of Greater Akron</p> <p>Support to provide the "Circles" Social Skills Program.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Axess Pointe</p> <p>Funding to add endodontic services at the Kent location.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>The Ben Curtis Family Foundation</p> <p>Support for 75 additional students to receive the Birdie Bag @\$40/student (\$4 x 10/yr.).</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>Big Brothers/Big Sisters</p> <p>Provide additional matches for children on waiting list.</p>	<p>\$900</p>
<p>Brimfield Historical Society</p> <p>First time hosting of the Ohio Humanities Council Ohio Chautauqua in Brimfield. Week-long event in June 2016 with first person historical performances.</p>	<p>\$500</p>
<p>Coleman Pregnancy Center</p> <p>Pilot "Nutrition Education Program" for low-income clients. Weekly meetings and demonstrations that include info on budgeting and nutrition. And for expansion of Pregnancy Care Services to 25 new and expectant mothers in Windham</p>	<p>\$3,200</p>
<p>Coleman Professional Services</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>

Funding will provide 8-12 homeless individuals and families with safe, affordable housing, basic household start-up items and documentation (birth certificates, identification cards) to receive subsidized housing.	
Coleman Totally Tuesday Program Support for the Totally Tuesday activity program for adults with developmental disabilities to get out into the community for socialization, exercise, cultural development, volunteering, and personal growth.	\$500
Community Action Council Implement the 21st Century Community Center After-School Program for Drug Awareness and Bully Prevention.	\$1,500
Cuyahoga County Public Library PenOhio Project Recruit six Portage County high schools and collaborative library partners to participate in interscholastic creative writing competition. Based on the 35 year success of Power of the Pen, this program will expand to Portage County high schools, educators and administrators, and will include Portage County libraries.	\$2,700
Downtown Revitalization Study – KSU Case Study to explore elements and conditions related to successful downtown revitalization. Professors will research, interview policy makers and key stakeholders and analyze data related to the redevelopment of downtown Kent. Study will be published and shared with other communities.	\$1,000
Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. (DMRC) Support for “Art On The Hill” to be held July 11, 2016 including downtown beautification project. Support for Holiday “pop-up gallery” from mid-Nov. through Dec. 2018	\$1,950
Embracing Futures Deliver oral health education programs in Portage County schools.	\$2,550
Family & Community Services Employee Intervention Provide funding for the Employee Intervention program to assist approximately 20 formerly homeless and/or low income individuals with obtaining and sustaining jobs. And support to provide Bridges Out of Poverty training materials, trainer certifications, and event coordination.	\$6,500
Family & Community Services Paws In Motion Program – Donor Directed Supply pet food to be delivered to participants of Meals In Motion Program.	\$349
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Family & Community Services Sister Jordan Committee – Donor Directed	\$4,177

Support for the Center of Hope, Kent Social Services and the County Clothing Center.	
Finishing Touch Vehicle costs (gas, etc.) for delivery of furniture to needy families from newly created furniture bank.	\$500
Freedom Township Historical Society Funding for the restoration of a one room schoolhouse. The building will serve as a museum and a place to host educational and interactive historical programs for the community.	\$292
Girls On The Run Provide access for girls between ages 8-13 to Girls on the Run program in 7 Portage County locations (65-90 girls). Focus on character, decision-making, avoiding risky behaviors, self-confidence and physical exercise.	\$1,740
Green Sprout Farm to school initiative in partnership with Kent City Schools. Will create vibrant, district-wide school gardening program. Engages community, and partners with KSU College of Public Health and Science Education.	\$2,500
Green Leaf Family Center Support for school-based suicide prevention program for middle and high school students for Stanton Middle School in Kent and James A. Garfield High School in Garrettsville.	\$1,500
Habitat for Humanity of Portage County Provide support for first phase community development project.	\$930
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary – Donor Directed Support for the mission of Happy Trails.	\$1,800
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Support for humane education programming at Happy Trails.	\$750

<p>Hattie Larlham</p> <p>Purchase adaptive games and musical instruments for use with residents.</p> <p>Support for Creative Music Program at the Center of Children with Disabilities in Mantua.</p> <p>Live performances (day/evening) of 10 pieces of music composed by Hattie Larlham residents.</p>	<p>\$2,200</p>
<p>Haven of Portage County</p> <p>Funding to renovate and operate the only low-barrier 62 bed homeless shelter in Portage County.</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>
<p>Hiram Farm and Living Community</p> <p>To expand Hiram Farm's indoor programming space by adding a pole barn and renovating an existing farmhouse, as well as an additional greenhouse.</p>	<p>\$6,600</p>
<p>Hiram Village</p> <p>Assist with development of a multi-use recreational park at the site of the former Hiram Elementary School.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>
<p>James A. Garfield Local Schools</p> <p>Support for the "Seeing the Vision" project to create a visual display in the Garfield High School Commons."</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio</p> <p>Provide three JA programs in Portage County that will benefit students at Carlin Elementary School in Ravenna.</p>	<p>\$1,975</p>
<p>Kelly's Grief Center</p> <p>Assist with grief support services for those unable to pay.</p>	<p>\$300</p>
<p>Kent Wells-Sherman House</p> <p>Provide improvements to offer the use of public space to outside groups for meetings and events. This economic development strategy will also demonstrate the value of preservation and showcase preservation techniques.</p>	<p>\$1,575</p>
<p>Kidney Foundation of Ohio, Inc.</p> <p>Direct Assistance in form of medications, transportation and emergency services for 60 patients with kidney disease and related illness in Portage County.</p>	<p>\$1,250</p>
<p>King Kennedy Community Center</p> <p>To assist with costs associated with field trips for 100 children during the 8 week summer program, and to purchase laptop computers and Hooked on Phonics learning materials for tutoring center.</p>	<p>\$2,250</p>
<p>League of Women Voters of Kent</p>	<p>\$500</p>

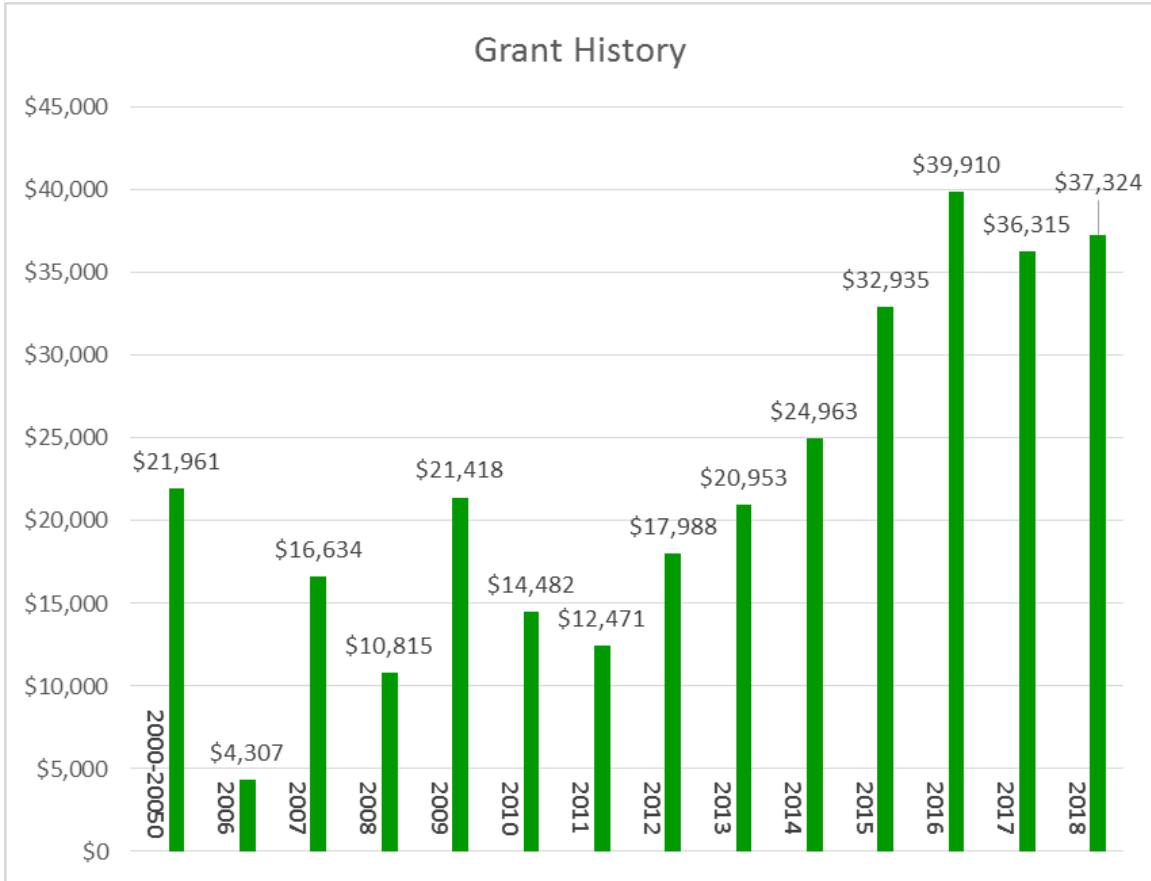
Support for the second annual Edith Chase Lecture Series, a collaborative program between LWV of Kent and Kent Environmental Council, presenting factual information on a timely and important environmental issue.	
LifeAct (formerly Suicide Prevention Education Alliance) Suicide prevention programming for Portage County teens.	\$500
McElrath Improvement Corporation Provide funding for recreation program for underserved youth for football game field trip.	\$1,000
Mobile Meals Provide meals, supplement, and nutritional education to Portage County residents who are unable to pay for home-delivered meals.	\$500
Moore Education Center – Donor Directed Support for the Moore Education Center in Aurora, OH.	\$966

<p>Muscular Dystrophy Association</p> <p>Support for children to attend summer camp located in Strongsville designed for children ages 6-17 who are affected by neuromuscular disease.</p>	<p>\$2,400</p>
<p>National Inventors Hall of Fame</p> <p>Support to expand Club Invention programs to (1) Portage County location (K-6) hosted in Field Local Schools during fall 2017 and spring 2018.</p>	<p>\$1,600</p>
<p>Nelson Garrettsville Community Cupboard</p> <p>Support for the SnackPack Program which provides 15-18 healthy snacks per month to more than 260 eligible students in the James A. Garfield School District during the school year.</p>	<p>\$1,200</p>
<p>Northeast Ohio Genius Project</p> <p>Expansion to 20 teams from Portage County. Innovative; blends science with the arts.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>Operation Restoration</p> <p>Support for housing for formerly homeless veterans.</p>	<p>\$700</p>
<p>Passages Connecting Fathers and Families</p> <p>Support for the Jobs for Dads program, an integrated workforce, fatherhood and life skills program.</p>	<p>\$2,000</p>
<p>Portage Animal Protective League – Donor Directed</p> <p>Support for the PAPL mission of animal welfare.</p>	<p>\$2,805</p>
<p>Portage Area Recovery Center (PARC)</p> <p>Funding for Portage County's only women's step-down recovery facility. Residents are homeless and jobless. Help given to examine career and education goals; find meaningful and sustainable employment and education given regarding general life skills, money management and independent living.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>Portage County Health Department Car Seat Program</p> <p>To further develop the car seat program by providing more educational resources and more car seats. And to purchase Vehicle Topper Drive-Thru Tent to conduct car seat check events and create awareness and education about child passenger safety.</p>	<p>\$3,150</p>
<p>Portage County Health Department Opiate Symposium</p> <p>Supplement funding costs for one-day Opiate Symposium.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>Portage Industries</p> <p>Train 10 staff members in new "Discovery" process.</p>	<p>\$1,200</p>
<p>Portage Summit Diaper Bank</p>	<p>\$250</p>

Provide diapers to area agencies serving low-income and impoverished families in Portage County.	
Precious Memories Forever Therapy dolls (20) for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients	\$2,000
RAHAB Ministries Adult safe housing program for female victims of human/sex trafficking	\$3,000
Ravenna High School Scenic Arts Program Supplement the budget for purchase of tools and consumable materials.	\$1,300
Rebuilding Together Purchase leaf blowers to use for landscaping and yard maintenance during Annual Senior Service Day which assists 40 low-income elderly homeowners.	\$750

<p>Renaissance Family Center</p> <p>Support for the Windham Community Garden at Renaissance Family Center</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>RePlay for Kids</p> <p>Toy adapting workshops in Portage County. Volunteers and local families with disabled children will be taught how to adapt toys for children with disabilities. Local families will receive toolkits and toys.</p>	<p>\$750</p>
<p>Robinson Memorial Hospital Health Education Center</p> <p>Assist with costs for an interactive nutrition education program for 35 pre-school and school age children from low income families.</p>	<p>\$825</p>
<p>Rose's Rescue – Donor Directed</p> <p>Support for the mission of Rose's Rescue.</p>	<p>\$1,100</p>
<p>Senior Outreach</p> <p>Housing Stabilization for Seniors Project, providing home maintenance and moving services for senior citizens involved with Protective Services.</p>	<p>\$1,500</p>
<p>Sister Jordan Committee – Donor Directed</p> <p>Support for the Center of Hope, Kent Social Services and the County Clothing Center.</p>	<p>\$11,680</p>
<p>Skeels-Matthews Community Center</p> <p>Assistance to purchase materials and supplies for Summer Enrichment Program for reading comprehension, math, writing, spelling and Spanish (older youth) and purchase laptop computers and Hooked on Phonics learning materials for tutoring center.</p>	<p>\$1,350</p>
<p>Standing Rock Cultural Arts Center</p> <p>New World Children's Theater Workshop is an art and education program that takes place after school and on weekends. It serves children ages 7-17 in Portage and Summit Counties.</p>	<p>\$511</p>
<p>St. Joseph Early Learning Center</p> <p>Funding to purchase iPads.</p>	<p>\$1,000</p>
<p>THRIVE</p> <p>Supplementing Streetsboro high school and community school theater program for purchase of Bose portable sound system with audio engine.</p>	<p>\$1,100</p>
<p>Trinity Farm Therapeutic Equestrian Center</p> <p>Support for Operation SERVE (Supporting the Engagement and Recovery of Veterans using Equines) which provides equine therapy to veterans who suffer from PTSD.</p>	<p>\$1,200</p>
<p>University Hospital Portage Medical Center Foundation VNA/Hospice – Donor Directed</p> <p>Support for the Visiting Nurse Association/Hospice Program.</p>	<p>\$14,662</p>

Volunteers of America (Aurora Food Pantry) Food for holiday basket program to provide for the Aurora Food Pantry.	\$500
Western Reserve Public Media Funding for cultural arts and performance programming on Western Reserve PBS.	\$1,500
Windham Renaissance Jobs for Life Provide "Jobs for Life" job readiness training for 10 unemployed or underemployed women.	\$1,500



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