



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

This year was full of significant milestones for the Springfield Foundation. Our dedication to philanthropy and community betterment was on full display as we achieved remarkable accomplishments.

As I reflect more deeply on the impact we've had, I am reminded of a few standout achievements. Firstly, the Foundation received \$12.6 million in charitable gifts. These generous donations enabled us to distribute \$4.8 million in grants and awards, including \$686,000 in scholarships to over 400 students. Additionally, we approved funding for 100 projects through our discretionary grant program and we celebrated our 75th Anniversary with a Gala at the Hollenbeck Bayley Center. Attended by over 250 guests, this celebration was a testament to our longstanding commitment to community engagement. In addition to these achievements, we initiated a multi-year grant to address the mental health crisis devastating our young people. We also provided financial support for the new Global Impact Stem Academy "Upper Academy" located on the campus of Clark State.

Here is a summary of all we have accomplished with our donors, partners and community leaders:

- Opened 23 new funds.
- Distributed \$4.8 million in grants.
- Received 123 discretionary applications.
- Collected over \$58,000 in the Partners in Philanthropy campaign.
- Launched a new software platform, including the GoFund Online Donor Portal.
- Co-created a collaborative group dedicated to reducing youth violence, securing a \$1.6 million technical assistance grant to address gun violence.
- Selected a new initiative supporting a joint mental and behavioral health project with Rocking Horse Community Health Center, dedicating \$375,000 towards the school-based health clinic at Springfield High School.
- Provided over 200 local students with coats, hats, and gloves through a Winter Coat Drive supported by our donors, board, and staff.
- Board and staff participated in fitting students with new gym shoes through Shoes for The Shoeless.
- Staff volunteered throughout the year at various events, including the Summer Arts Festival, Springfield Cancer Center, Dayton Children's Hospital, the Pink Honor Walk, Kenwood Elementary School, the Children's Garden at Snyder Park, and the Jazz and Blues Festival.
- Attended the Mental Health and Wellness Fair at Clark State College, providing information about scholarships and FAFSA.
- Participated in Clark County College Night hosted by the Clark County School Counselors and OACAC.
- Said goodbye to departing Trustee, Jeanne Lampe, who has made invaluable contributions to the organization.

It's easy to count our accomplishments, but our work has had an immeasurable impact on the Springfield community. This is a direct result of your collective commitment to the Springfield Foundation and the dedication and generosity each of you bring to the table. I'd like to thank the staff for their invaluable contributions this year, and I'd like to thank board members in advance for your continued support under the leadership of Steve Moody. As my time on the Board of Trustees comes to a close, I look forward to the continued success of the Foundation in the years to come!

Victoria Dawson-Scruse President



Victoria Dawson-Scruse President

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Jenna Hurst-Bluemlein Annual Report Editor New Endowment Funds

Creating Lasting Impact

In 2023, the following donors partnered with the Springfield Foundation to create **permanent endowment funds** in our community. These new funds will have an impact forever and will each build upon our shared lives and passions.

Aleena Umerani Scholarship Fund

This fund will provide scholarships to applicants that demonstrate financial need with a preference for Clark County Residents.

BarBK Endowment Fund

This endowment fund goes to Autumn Trails Stable for unrestricted use.

Baughman Ag Scholarship Endowment Fund

This scholarship fund goes to graduates of Graham High School majoring in Agriculture with a minimum 2.5 cummulative GPA.

Darlene Carpenter Pet Rescue Fund

This fund goes toward supporting programmatic expenses related to no-kill shelters, rescues, and training programs.

Darlene Carpenter First Generation College Scholarship Fund

This deferred fund will provide scholarships to first generation college students demonstrating significant financial need.

Dr. Henry Jud ("Hank") Memorial Fund in Support of the Gammon House Interpretive Center

This memorial fund will go toward the Gammon House for the design and build of the Gammon House Interpretive Center.

Elva Hampshire Scholarship Fund

This fund will provide scholarships to graduates of Greenon High School majoring in Mathematics.

Enon-Greenon Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

This fund goes to graduating seniors from Greenon High School.

Friends of Clark County Parks Endowment Fund

This fund supports the vision and mission of those who created and developed the Clark County Park District.

George E. and Sandra M. Ward Endowment Fund

This endowment fund goes to the American Cancer Society and Kirkmont Presbyterian Church in Beavercreek, OH.

Helen J. Brumfield Alpha Eta Chapter (DKG) Scholarship Fund

This fund will provide scholarships to Clark County graduates with recommendations determined by an external committee of Alpha Eta Chapter.

Joanne K. Schmidt Foundation for the Preservation of Global Wildlife

This endowment fund is to be equally distributed to the African Conservation Fund and the Tusk Trust for unrestricted use.

Marcia Frank Fund

This fund goes to the following organizations: the Nehemiah Foundation, Clark County Public Library, Clark County Historical Society, Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Youth Symphony, Springfield Arts Council, the Ohio State School of Music, Wright State School of Music, Clark County Animal Welfare League, and the Delta Omicron Foundation.

McCoy Lewis Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund goes to graduates in Clark County pursuing any form of higher education.

Nancy W. Henderson Endowment Fund

This fund supports the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Springfield Museum of Art, Springfield Arts Council, and the Gary Geis Dance Company.

Ray, Mildred and Terry Group Family Fund

This family fund is for enriching the quality of life for residents of Pike and Bethel townships.

Scruse Family HBCU Scholarship Fund

This deferred fund will provide scholarships to African American high school graduates who attended Springfield City Schools, had a minimum 3.3 cummulative GPA, and who are attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

Springfield Burying Ground Endowment Fund

This endowment fund provides unrestricted support for the charitable or educational purposes of Springfield Burying Ground, Inc.

Steve and Vicki Fourman Endowment Fund

This deferred fund will support graduates of Shawnee High School, majoring in music, Ohio University Marching 110 Student Support Fund, the Springfield Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival, and the Clark County Historical Society for genealogy expenses.

Triad High School Scholarship for Higher Education in Agriculture

This fund was founded by the McDavid family, who aim to ignite generosity and impact through giving back. The fund will award to graduating seniors from Triad High School who demonstrate a passion for Agriculture and will major in it.

Weixelbaum Memorial Fund

This memorial fund is unresricted and will support the most critical challenges that face the Clark County Community.





Clark State Performing Arts Center

The Clark State Performing Arts Center has been a recipient of a generous Springfield Foundation Grant for the last 16 years. In those years, the Performing Arts Center has been able to provide low-cost tickets to our events to ensure that everyone in our community can afford to attend shows at the Performing Arts Center. Too often, the live arts are considered only for the wealthy. We know that an entire community benefits from the live arts, not just the wealthy. The Springfield Foundation has been instrumental in helping us ensure that everyone in our community can attend. In the last 16 years, the Performing Arts Center has been able to offer 41,904 low-cost tickets to patrons who may not have otherwise been able to afford to attend. Most recently, the Performing Arts Center presented the *360 All Stars*.

Also, the Performing Arts Center offered workshops for youth with the Springfield Foundation Grants. We have been able to connect professional touring artists with youth in our community. They have offered workshops in basic acting, improvisation, self-expression, self-esteem building, and much more. Recently, actors from Aquila Theatre Company were performing at the Kuss Auditorium, and they held a workshop for youth at the Juvenile Detention Center. This kind of workshop was made possible by the Springfield Foundation grants we have received.

The Springfield Foundation has been a steadfast partner in the Performing Arts Center's quest to make sure the live performing arts is available for everyone in our community.

Dan Hunt, General Manager/Venue Operations - Associate Professor of Theatre Clark State Performing Arts Center

Arts & Culture Total: \$60,200

City of Springfield	CultureFest 2023
Clark State College	Clark State Performing Center Season
Gammon House, Inc	Gammon House Juneteenth Celebration
NAMI	VC Arts Exploration III
Public Art Committee	Downtown Art
Springfield Civic Theatre	Operational Support for Production of the
	Musical, Crown
Springfield Museum of Art	Operational Support
Springfield Symphony Orchest	raOperational Support
Westcott House Foundation	Operational Support
Wittenberg University0	perational Request for Dance Stomp Shake





Grantee Stories: Civic Affairs



Leadership Clark County

Leadership Clark County is extremely grateful for the Springfield Foundation's unwavering support over the past 18 years. Your commitment to Leadership Clark County has helped us continue to create lasting change in our community.

Because of the Foundation's generous funding, we have been able to make a significant impact through offering scholarships to local non-profits, helping to provide essential training services, reaching over 1,200 alumni of ours and the greater community. Your support has not only allowed us to give back hundreds of volunteer hours annually, but has also empowered our participants to become active leaders, serving on various nonprofit boards throughout our community.

It's evident that our partnership with the Springfield Foundation has enhanced our journey. Together, we've built a legacy of service, empowerment, and positive change that continues to grow within our community and beyond.

Leigh Anne Lawrence, Executive Director Leadership Clark County

Civic Affairs Total: \$35,500

Ohio Equine and Agricultural Association.....Operational Support Springfield Foundation....Executive Director Discretionary Wittenberg University....Summer Community Internship Program WYSO Public Radio....Springfield/Clark County Reporting

Since graduation, I've been thankful to stay engaged with many of the graduates from my class, as well as meet and build relationships with alumni from other years. I was able to help with this year's Amazing Race kick-off event, and I look forward to staying involved with future events and gatherings. I'm proud of my experiences with Leadership Clark County, and I'm extremely thankful we have such an amazing organization driving servant leadership here in Springfield and Clark County.

> Natalie Driscoll, Community Outreach at United Way, Leadership Clark County Class of 2023





Tecumseh Land Trust

Tecumseh Land Trust has had the great fortune of receiving support from the Springfield Foundation for over 20 years. The Foundation's support has gone a long way to ensure our continued success protecting farmland, natural areas, and water resources throughout Clark County.

This funding has made it possible to protect over 36,000 acres of land, 62 miles of riparian corridor, and 125 miles of scenic views. We are proud to partner with the Springfield Foundation and are grateful for its continued support of our community.

Michele Burns, Executive Director Tecumseh Land Trust



Conservation Total: \$64,260

Animal Welfare League of Clark County.....Operational Support Clark County Dog Shelter.....Campaign to Secure the Future of Glen Helen National Trail Parks and Recreation District......Snyder Park Clubhouse Accessible Restroom Renovation Tecumseh Land Trust......People with Disabilities - Sully Jaymes Memorial Park







Warder Literacy Center

I have been at the Warder Literacy Center for 23 years. During that time, we have gone from a mostly communitybased organization to a full-blown one. And we have had several community-based foundations support faithfully all of those years, not the least of which is the Springfield Foundation.

For at least 19 of those years, we have been the recipient of a grant for our Adult Basic Literacy Education program. Finding funding for adults who have either graduated in "name" only or have dropped out is not easy. Not only do they often have the same educational challenges they faced as children, now they also have other life responsibilities, like jobs and/or their own children. Also, they often have developed coping strategies that are counter-effective for learning. All of this means that success rates are hard won, and it will take time to see educational gains. Not surprisingly, many see this as a lost cause. Despite this, we never have and neither has the Springfield Foundation!

You have heard the story of the man, facing countless stranded starfish, taking the time to throw those he could back into the sea. His heart is our philosophy! Each one can reach one and together we can turn the page on low literacy. The successes have been tangible: over 20 students have gotten their GED's, others have been able to find better employment opportunities, several have enrolled in higher education, and more than a few have returned to enroll their children in our program.

Thank you to the Springfield Foundation for sticking by us so that we have been able to persevere with our adult students, year after year.

David Smiddy, Executive Director Warder Literacy Center/CCLC



Education Total: \$127,650

Big Brothers Big Sisters	Clark County Youth Mentoring
Clark County Literacy Coalition	Basic Literacy
Clark County Retired Teachers Association	
Covenant United Methodist ChurchCovena	
Crayons to Classrooms	Clark County Program
Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Child Sc	
Jonah Project	Operational Support
Junior Achievement	Operational Support
Leadership Clark County	Leadership Academy
Links Foundation, Incorporated	
National Inventors Hall of FameCa	amp Invention Summer STEM Program with
	Springfield Promise Neighborhood
OIC of Clark County, IncCertified	Logistics Training (CLT) Pathway for Youth
On-The-Rise	Operational Support
Springfield City School District	
Springfield City School District	
Springfield City Youth Mission	
Springfield Promise Neighborhood	
Braxton Miller Foundation	
Conscious Connect Community Development WellSpringSupporting	





Springfield Family YMCA

Throughout our existence, the Springfield Family YMCA has aimed to improve healthy living and promote youth development and social responsibility in the Springfield Community. With our programs, we've been able to make a significant impact on the thousands of individuals who have walked through our doors. None of this would be possible without the generous contributions and support we receive from organizations like the Springfield Foundation.

For years, the Springfield Foundation has helped fund several programs for our organization. At the YMCA, we believe in providing access to all who may seek our services, regardless of ability to pay. As a result, we conduct a yearly fundraising campaign to help provide scholarships to individuals and families in need. The Springfield Foundation has been one of our strongest supporters of this campaign, which serves hundreds of people on a yearly basis.

The Springfield Foundation has helped with multiple other endeavors as well. Their contributions allowed us to carry out an Adaptive Aquatics program in our pool area, which focused on providing training and space for individuals with special needs to safely enjoy the water in a more controlled environment. Furthermore, the Springfield Foundation helped us to purchase new steps for entry into our pool, making it safer for members to enter the water. They also helped support our Cardiac Rehab program that aimed to improve physical fitness levels of individuals dealing with cardiovascular related issues.

We offer our sincere gratitude to the Springfield Foundation for their continued efforts to support both our organization and the Springfield community.

Heather Hogge, Executive Director Springfield Family YMCA



Health Total: \$150,933

CitiLookout	Operational Support
Dayton Children's Hospital Foundation	
Family & Youth Initiatives	
Girls on the Run of Dayton, Inc	Building Back Stronger to Serve our Clark
• · ·	County Constituents
Heart Health Now	
Hope HollowDirect Services for	
Jefferson Street Oasis Community Garden	
LifeCare AllianceDial	betes Emergency Supply Assistance Program
Maple Tree Cancer AllianceExerc	ise Oncology Program - Mercy Cancer Center
Mercy Health Foundation	Advancing Cardiac Care
Mercy Health Foundation	Cancer Care Outreach Program
National Trail Parks and Recreation District	2023 Playground Fall Protection Program
Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region.	Operational Support for Springfield
	Health Center
Pregnancy Resource Clinic	Operational Support
Prevent Blindness	
Springfield Family YMCA	
Springfield Peace Center	
Riding Center	
WellSpring	Families and Schools Together (FAST)



Grantee Stories: Human Services



Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley

The Springfield Foundation and Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley (GESMV) have a long history that spans 15 years. The Foundation has supported GESMV with grant funding that has helped provide critical services to community members throughout Clark County.

The WORDS program (now known as Radio Reading Service), is one of the many GESMV programs that have received funding. This is a radio reading service that offers 24/7 reading of publications, of all types, to those with vision loss and other disabilities.

Another program that has received funding for several years is GESMV's Child Screening Service with Early Childhood Mental Health program. This program identifies children under age five who are at risk or show signs of developmental delays and behavioral health needs, providing support that benefits their developmental, as well as short and long-term educational outcomes. The screenings take place either in person, in childcare centers, or online using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. When a developmental delay, risk of delay, or mental health need is detected, the Child Screener communicates the results with the child's caregiver(s),teacher(s), and/or pediatrician. The Child Screener makes early interventions and behavioral health referrals to facilitate long and short-term support.

In recent partnership with Miami Valley Child Development Centers (MVCDC), GESMV has piloted a Therapeutic Intervention Preschool (TIP) classroom at the MVCDC location on East John Street in south Springfield. The TIP classroom provides hands-on support for children with more significant mental health needs. This model allows for more one-on-one instruction as well as more frequent developmental assessments. Under TIP frameworks, children who would never otherwise succeed in the mainstream school system are taught the skills they need to succeed in these settings. No other preschools in the area provide intervention services at this level.

Together the Springfield Foundation and Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley are working to make it possible for all people to live, learn, work, and play with full inclusion in the life of the community.

Caryl Segalewitz, CFRE, Director of Development Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley



Human Services Total: \$319,966

1159 South CDC	
American Red Cross Miami Valley	Disaster Preparedness and Recovery - Helping Clark County Families
Autumn Trails Stable, Inc	Operational Support
Children's Hunger Alliance	Year-Round Food Access for Clark County Children
Clark County Family & Children First Council	Supplemental Care Program
Clark County Reentry Department	PATH: Personal Assistance Transitioning Home
Deaf Community Resource Center, Inc	Clark County Deaf Community Resource Center
United Senior Services	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Encompass Connection Center	Within My Reach/On My Shoulders
Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc	Operational Support
Mercy Health Foundation	Pediatric Rehabilitation: Shade for Therapeutic Play
Neighborhood Housing Partnership	Operational Support
Second Harvest Food Bank	Food Bank Operational Support
Second Harvest Food Bank	Second Harvest Market
Master Gardeners of Clark County	Sidewalk Expansion Snyder Park Gardens and Arboretum
	Operational Support
Rocking Horse Community Health Center	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton Rotary Club Foundation Sheltered, Inc	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close Services to People with Disabilities Operational Support
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton Rotary Club Foundation Sheltered, Inc	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close Services to People with Disabilities
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton Rotary Club Foundation Sheltered, Inc Safe Harbor House.	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close Services to People with Disabilities Operational Support
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton Rotary Club Foundation Sheltered, Inc Safe Harbor House Springfield Family YMCA Open Hands Free Pantry	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close Services to People with Disabilities Operational Support Operational Support Adaptive Aquatics
Rocking Horse Community Health Center Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton Rotary Club Foundation Sheltered, Inc Safe Harbor House Springfield Family YMCA Open Hands Free Pantry Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker Keeping Families Close Services to People with Disabilities Operational Support Adaptive Aquatics Operational Support Porch Garden Project
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The Springfield Foundation has had a significant impact on Springfield, OH over the past 75 years by providing essential funding and support for numerous community programs, initiatives, and organizations. Through its philanthropic efforts, the foundation has helped to improve the lives of many residents and strengthen the overall health and vitality of the community.

– Michael McDorman, President & CEO, Greater Springfield Partnership



Garth Q. Briggs Scholarship Fund of the Tecumseh Education Foundation

Established on July 25, 2007, the Garth Q. Briggs Scholarship Fund, created by the Tecumseh Education Foundation, Inc., has proven to be a remarkable asset for local students. Funded through a generous gift from the estate of Garth Q. Briggs, this endowment has provided substantial support to graduates of Tecumseh High School. *The primary focus of the fund is to offer scholarships to students, with financial need, pursuing vocational or technical education.*

Since its inception, the endowment fund has awarded a total of \$1,486,125 to 301 recipients. The impact of these scholarships has been significant, helping numerous students achieve their educational and career goals.

When we received the \$2.3 million for the Briggs fund in 2005 and we chose to invest with the Springfield Foundation, not in our wildest dreams could we have imagined that 19 years later we would have given out close to \$1.5 million and still have a balance of \$2.6 million!!! Needless to say, the Tecumseh Education Foundation Board is very pleased with how the Springfield Foundation handles this account!!

– Kevin Harmon, President Tecumseh Education Foundation

The continued success and growth of the Garth Q. Briggs Endowment Fund stand as a testament to the generosity of Garth Q. Briggs and the effective stewardship of the Springfield Foundation. This fund not only honors Mr. Briggs's legacy but also ensures that future generations of Tecumseh High School graduates will have the financial support they need to pursue their vocational and technical aspirations.





Homer C. Corry Award Recipient: Tom Loftis

Tom Loftis made a significant impact during his tenure on the Springfield Foundation Board, which began in January 2012 and spanned three consecutive 3-year terms. His dedication to the organization was evident through his extensive service on committees, projects, and strategic planning. Tom's nine years on the Finance Committee showcased his ability to navigate complex finances, providing invaluable insights into the organization's fiscal health. He further dedicated eight years to the Investment Committee, demonstrating a keen understanding of prudent investment strategies. Tom's commitment extended to Board Governance for one year, where he helped steer the organization's strategic direction.

In addition to his committee work, Tom contributed his expertise to two ad hoc committees. Over the course of three years, he played a pivotal role on the Impact Committee, serving as its chair for two years. His leadership ensured that the organization's initiatives had a meaningful and lasting effect on the community. Tom's dedication to progress also manifested in his three-year involvement with the Initiative Committee, where his visionary thinking helped shape the organization's forward-looking strategies.

Tom Loftis had a remarkable impact on various community projects and Boards. His involvement with the Springfield Burying Grounds and Columbia Street Parking Lot projects demonstrated his commitment to enhancing our local environment. Tom's contributions extended to several Boards, including Robbins & Myers, National Trail Parks & Recreation District, SpringForward, and the Greater Springfield Partnership (Chamber). His active participation in the Greater Springfield Moving Forward Parks and Recreation Committee and the Greater Springfield Housing Alliance underscored his commitment to community development. Professionally, Tom's affiliations with Midland Properties, Mother Stewart's Investor, and Residential Developments highlighted his dedication to improving local housing and infrastructure. Furthermore, his involvement with funds like the Walter S. Quinlan Foundation, along with his support for the Springfield Burying Grounds Fund, showcased his commitment to philanthropy.

Tom's outstanding contributions to the community were recognized in 2020 when he received the prestigious Dick Kuss Lifetime Community Achievement Award from the Greater Springfield Partnership, a testament to his unwavering commitment to making Springfield a better place for all its residents.





Catalyst of Change Award

This new distinguished accolade is bestowed upon a local nonprofit, individual, or group that, through their unwavering dedication, not only creates opportunities but also serves as a dynamic force for DEI within our community – both in their daily endeavors and beyond.

The purpose of creating this award was not only to show how committed we are to these efforts but to highlight and motivate



the leaders in our community to also find the value in DEI practices and how it can help boost and develop a richer, more vibrant community. This year's award recipient will serve as a catalyst for change, motivating others to become agents of positive transformation. As a small token of our appreciation, the DEI Committee presented a \$250 grant and this award in honor of their work.

The **Springfield Museum of Art** took it to heart when they learned that the Springfield Foundation was requesting funded organizations to create and adopt a DEI statement. After thoughtful planning, a thorough process, and meaningful feedback, their board and staff approved the following:

Art belongs to all people. The Springfield Museum of Art embraces Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility because art and the community thrive on openness to ideas and people, regardless of background, belief, or circumstance. As a dynamic, ever-evolving Museum, they intentionally pursue an understanding of their responsibility to be a space that reflects both the world they wish to live in and the vital role they seek to fill in their community. Together, they are stronger.

The Springfield Museum of Art has sought to infuse the spirit of their inclusivity statement throughout their work. Institutionally, they created a Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusivity action plan. They then used their statement as a directional beacon in the development of their newly adopted strategic plan, infused the spirit of inclusion into the design of their soon-to-be complete renovation, and increased the diversity of their board and committees. Programmatically, they have deepened their offerings across their region, from the 500 preschoolers who visit each year to partnerships with Clark County Developmental Disabilities and McKinley Hall Treatment Center, as well as programs for adults with dementia and Alzheimer's. They commit to supporting community events that celebrate the diversity of their community, and through exhibitions, they seek to share underrepresented stories such as *Mirror Mirror*, an exhibition of contemporary female artists, *Really Free: The Radical Art of Nellie Mae Rowe*, the award-winning exhibition *BLACK LIVES as subject MATTER II*, and *Art Noire*, a celebration of Black excellence.

They recognize that this change is not a destination, but a continual journey toward improvement. A banner with "Art Belongs to All People" now hangs at the entrance to the Museum as a reminder of their commitment to inclusion and equity, as well as that everyone belongs at the Springfield Museum of Art and that art belongs to us all. The Springfield Museum of Art Executive Director, Jessimi Jones, was presented with the Catalyst of Change Award.

No Such Thing As Strangers Lelia Byron







Financial Highlights

Our commitment is to maintain and grow the charitable assets entrusted to us. The financial information contained in this annual report is a condensed version of the Fiscal Year 2023 audited financial statements through December 31, 2023. A complete set of the audited financial statements, with accompanying notes and report from independent auditor, Clark Schaefer Hackett, is available at the Springfield Foundation office and on the Foundation's website.

Statement of Financial Position	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,474,066	3,679,361
Receivables	30,597	9,625
Investments	126,706,242	105,765,554
Prepaid Expenses	4,817	25,219
Furniture & Equipment - Net	15,176	18,120
Leasehold Improvements - Net	<u>19,554</u>	<u>20,734</u>
Total Assets	131,250,451	109,518,613
Total Liabilities	270,743	510,926
Net Assets	<u>130,979,708</u>	<u>109,007,687</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	131,250,451	109,518,613
Combined Statement of Activity	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022
Revenues		
Contributions	17,051,933	13,043,561
Investment Income	7,921,600	3,707,756
Increase in Appreciation on Investments Total Revenues	<u>(4,010,234)</u> 20,963,299	<u>16,526,424</u> 224,893
	20,500,255	224,000
Expenses	E 200 200	E 0C4 010
Grants & Scholarships Administrative Expenses	5,308,368 269,917	5,064,219 245,034
Fundraising Expenses	350,593	321,777
Programatic Expenses	649,152	1,940,431
Total Expenses	6,578,030	7,571,461
Increase in Net Assets	14,385,270	(7,346,568)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>116,865,181</u>	<u>116,865,181</u>
Net Assets End of Year	131,250,451	109,518,613
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Investment Overview

A majority of the Springfield Foundation's endowment funds is invested in a "Balanced Pool" portfolio, which is structured for long-term total return. To provide diversification and to reduce overall risk, the investments are divided into carefully defined asset classes. Assets are invested by professional money managers hired by the Foundation through a competitive process. The investment performance of each money manager is monitored by an independent investment consultant retained by the Foundation and overseen by the Foundation's Investment Committee. A list of our current investment managers is available at our office.



Balanced Fund

Benchmark

Balanced Returns

As of December 31, 2023

Total Assets by Fund Type

As of December 31, 2023

Fund

Assets

Horizon	\$72,998
• Field of Interest	\$6,905,372
Advised	\$9,100,279
Unrestricted	\$12,938,094
• Designated	\$16,791,424
Scholarship	\$23,394,034
• Agency	\$61,777,507
Total,	,\$130,979,708

Balanced Pool Investment Asset Mix

As of December 31, 2023

Fixed Income & Cash	.22.5%
Large-Cap	20.8%
Mid-Cap	7.5%
Small-Cap	7.8%
International	17.1%
🔵 Real Estate	8.4%
Diversified Assets	4.8%
Private Equity	11.1%
Total	100%





Existing Endowment Funds

We are forever grateful to the donors who created these funds which serve our community for the long-term!

Agency Funds

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> – John Brown, President, Park National Bank

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> – Andy Bell, Former Springfield Foundation Board Member

I am so proud to see how our community has embraced the Springfield Foundation as it has become the hub to learn, discuss, and act on philanthropy. Giving back is such an important part of life – both for the giver and receiver and not enough understand the value to both. The Foundation is also a valuable platform to allow the community to look at the diverse needs across Springfield and to begin to plan accordingly. The Foundation has been an important partner in so many projects – sometimes as the leader and others as the final dollars. Its impact cannot be overstated. I look forward to watching it grow as we leave our mark and a legacy to future generations of Springfielders.

> – John Landess, Executive Director, Turner Foundation



Year in Review

2023 Accomplishments

THE SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION OPENED 23 NEW FUNDS IN 2023 INCLUDING:



I give a lot of credit to our community for having started and supported the Springfield Foundation, those from the past and present. The Foundation benefits the community and reaches into many places; nonprofits, scholarships for students, and community involvement from government, businesses, development, and

public projects that need support.

– Roger Sherrock, Executive Director, Clark County Heritage Center

The Springfield Foundation has been a community leader in many significant community initiatives over the years, either by providing input or funding. The Foundation provided startup funding and leadership in the creation of the Neighborhood Housing Partnership. It also provided initial funding for the Global Impact Stem Academy. The Foundation was involved in the planning and funding for the Promise Neighborhoods. The Foundation is one of the owners of the Hartman Rock Garden and provides operating funds every year. The Foundation also was a major financial contributor and member of the board of SpringForward, which has been vital in downtown redevelopment. It can honestly be said that the Foundation has made Springfield and Clark County a better place to live.

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