

Community News from HCF



Welcome New Board Chair Bill Sedlacek

Hudson Community Foundation is pleased to announce the election of Bill Sedlacek as the new Chairman of its Board of Directors. Bill has been a member of the foundation since 2008. Bill succeeds Drew Forhan, who has completed his term as chairman and remains on the board. Drew has been with the foundation for 18 years and the board and staff appreciate his exceptional leadership, expertise and philanthropic support through a period of significant growth.

Bill recently retired as Vice President, Innovation & Business Development for Graphic Packaging International, a leading global folding carton producer. His long career in the manufacturing industry has centered on new product development and globalizing businesses. A lifelong Hudson resident, Bill has long been active in the community having volunteered with many organizations including Western Reserve Academy, Hudson EMS, The Jaycees and several youth sports organizations. Bill holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and Zoology, as well as an MBA, from Miami University in Oxford. Bill and his wife, Shelley, have two adult children.

Bill leads HCF's volunteer board of 17 members who are working to help Hudson area families, groups and companies meet their philanthropic goals, while also supporting local non-profit organizations and causes that make our community a great place to live and work.

HCF Gains Momentum

At HCF, 2020 is off to an exciting start, building on an unprecedented 34% growth in assets last year. In 2019, HCF granted a total of \$2.2 million to 470 organizations across America on behalf of donors who entrust HCF to hold, administer and disburse charitable dollars to designated not-for-profit organizations. Of this amount, \$265,000 was granted to more than 30 organizations based in or directly serving the Hudson community.

"We are so appreciative of our community's spirit of generosity and philanthropy – both at home and across the country," said HCF President Amy Jordan. "As the foundation enters its 20th anniversary year in 2020, we are building on a solid track record of helping administer charitable donations to organizations across America that are designated by local donors – all while also providing ongoing support to important causes that directly benefit Hudson related to education, arts and culture, social services, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and historical and environment preservation."

Not-For-Profit Strategic Planning Workshop

HCF is offering a workshop on strategic planning for area nonprofit organizations from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 4th, at our office in the Baldwin House, 49 East Main Street.

Surveys show that about half of all not-for-profit leaders are operating without a strategic plan. Attendees at the HCF session will learn how to develop a plan simply and efficiently. This session is for executive directors as attendees will receive course materials, tools and resources, and clear direction on how to develop a strategic plan that positions their organization for growth and greater impact.

A light breakfast will be provided. Cost to attend is \$25.00. Registration is required at marascherer@myhcf.org. Space is limited, so available slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learn more at: www.myhcf.org/hcf-news-and-events

Grant Applications Invited for an April 1 Deadline

We are accepting grant applications for Spring 2020 for funding to local nonprofit organizations located in or directly serving Hudson. Grant requests are welcomed for charitable projects and activities that address needs and opportunities specific to our local community, in the areas of arts, culture, education, environmental, historical, preservation, human service, youth, and community development that would improve quality of life in Hudson.

Applications must be completed and submitted by April 1, 2020.

Organizations that have received grants prior to 2020 and wish to apply again must first have submitted a final report for any previously funded projects or programs to be eligible for funds again. The final report deadlines may vary.

The Foundation's grant funding results from the generosity of donors who have contributed to specific and unrestricted funds established at the Foundation. Contributions are accepted throughout the year and can be made online.

For more information on grant guidelines and eligibility requirements click the button below or to learn about our grant season call the Hudson office at (330) 655-3580.

[Grant Application Guidelines](#)



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