

Hudson Community Foundation announces the approval of nine year-end grant awards totaling more than \$21,000 to organizations that benefit the Hudson Community. This brings the total grant awards for 2017 to more than \$53,000, the most Hudson Community Foundation has awarded in its 17 year history.

"Each of these deserving organizations contributes to the overall well-being and quality of life in our community" said HCF President Lori McCleese. "The Hudson Community Foundation is proud to be a partner in their work, and we are thankful for the generosity of community-minded people who make this impact possible."

The following organizations and programs received year-end grants:

- Case Barlow Farm for the design and construction of an ADA compliant barn bank leading at the main barn entrance.
- -The Grief Care Place for the support of open ended grief programming for Hudson residents Hudson Community Service Association to help fund the annual holiday lighting of downtown Hudson.
- Hudson Community Television for the purchase of a Sony multipurpose full HD camcorder to provide expanded community programming.
- The Illusion Factory to fund five performances of "The Emperor's New Clothes" to Hudson area elementary schools.
- Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio to fully underwrite three programs offered at Hudson High School.
- Music from the Western Reserve for artists' fees.
- Shelter Care to provide therapeutic activities for children and youth from Hudson in the Safe Landing Youth Shelter and Shelter Home programs.
- Hudson High School Music Association in support of the Jazz I Essentially Ellington competition.

Grants provided three times each year by HCF are funded in part through donations to the Hudson NOW Fund. HCF welcomes grant requests from non-profit organizations that are located in or provide services to Hudson. The foundation focuses on grant requests that benefit youth education and recreation, arts and culture, social services and historical and environmental preservation.

Grant proposals are accepted in April, August and December. The next upcoming due date is April 1, 2018. Grant proposals can be submitted by mail to: Lori McCleese at 49 East Main Street, Hudson 44236 or by email with Grant Request noted in the subject line to: Lorimccleese@myHCF.org.

For more information on the foundation or to apply for a grant, visit: www.myHCF.org.