



SALEM
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





History

Salem Community Foundation Established

In 1964, industrialist Walter F. Deming and two attorneys, Alfred L. Fitch and George H. Bowman Jr., often discussed the tremendous job being done by community foundations in towns and cities across the United States and said, "Why not set up such a foundation for Salem?"

The three gentlemen started investigating the possibilities and later were joined in their study by Harry Krohne and James Wilson, industrialists; Robert S. McCulloch, businessman; Gail A. Roose, physician; and William Eugene Young, insurance executive. They concluded the time was appropriate to bring the idea of forming a community foundation to the city of Salem.

On January 13, 1966, the Articles of Incorporation of Salem Community Foundation, Inc. were approved. At a June 1966 meeting, nine people were elected directors. Five were selected by public groups and the other four by the membership. The five were Atty. Bryce Kendall, Salem Board of Education; Atty. George Bowman, Columbiana County Bar Association; Rev. Thomas Webster, Ministerial Association; Dr. Harold Muller, Columbiana County Medical Association; and Don Vincent, Salem United Fund. Others elected were Harry Krohne, Atty. Alfred Fitch, William Eugene Young, and Walter Deming.

Deming was elected the first president; Bowman, vice-president; and Krohne, secretary-treasurer at a later meeting.

Salem Community Foundation began with \$2,000 and hopes for future growth. Then and now, it serves as a reservoir for small and large contributions and memorial gifts that are pooled for investment. Income from the investments is then distributed to local religious, charitable, educational, literary, artistic, and civic efforts.

The originators thought it would take a few years before any grants could be distributed. However, the Foundation quickly acquired contributions of \$17,000. In February 1967, the Salem Public Library received the first Salem Community Foundation grant for \$200. It was used to purchase cultural books.

Salem Community Foundation's Impact Grows

There is scarcely an aspect of life in Salem that has not been touched in a positive way by Salem Community Foundation over the years. The Foundation strives to continue shaping lives and honoring the memories of Salem area residents.

Salem Community Foundation has lived up to the founding belief that the Salem community has many needs that can best be met by capital funds voluntarily given, administered, and distributed by its own citizens.

From inception, the bylaws have stated that the Foundation is to make grants to applicants for programs and projects in the Salem area. The first board of directors created policies relating to investments, contribution acceptance, and grant distribution. All these documents are reviewed periodically and updated as needed.

Salem Community Foundation has grown and now manages 165 charitable funds. Since 1966, it has distributed more than \$75 million in grants to assist a variety of nonprofit organizations and to fund scholarships for college students.

Salem Community Foundation has developed a rich history of philanthropy during the past 59 years. Salem Community Foundation's Board of Directors aims to continue making a positive impact by helping the community move forward with grants that respond to evolving needs.



A Message From The President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Salem Community Foundation Board of Directors, I am pleased to share an update on our progress in 2025.

While this past year may not have been as eventful as some, our steady and meaningful growth continues. It is both humbling and inspiring to witness the deep respect and trust the Foundation enjoys throughout the Salem community.

In 2025, we were proud to establish four new funds, further strengthening our ability to serve present and future needs. Each new fund represents a family, individual, or organization choosing to invest in the long-term well-being of our community. We are grateful for the continued generosity of our existing fundholders. Each donation—regardless of size—plays a vital role in sustaining our strong and consistent growth.

As time passes, our most visible project, the Salem Community Center, is beginning to show its age. Now more than twenty years old, the Center remains a vibrant hub of activity, but like any property of that age, it requires ongoing care and investment. In last year's message, I noted that we were anticipating several major maintenance needs. I am pleased to report that those projects have now been completed, allowing the Center to continue operating safely and efficiently for the thousands who utilize it each year. Careful planning and disciplined financial management remain central to our approach, ensuring today's decisions protect tomorrow's opportunities.

I continue to feel a deep sense of gratitude for the confidence so many place in the Salem Community Foundation. Your belief in our mission and your commitment to working together strengthen our entire community. It is truly a privilege to serve as President and to partner with you in building a vibrant and prosperous future for Salem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Tonti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John E. Tonti
President



2025-2026 Directors

The board of directors govern the policies, administration, activities, and grant decisions of Salem Community Foundation. Eight directors are appointed by public organizations and ten are selected by the membership. Salem Community Foundation directors are selected because of their integrity, knowledge of the community, and ability to make fair judgments. The Foundation's directors serve five-year terms and officers are elected annually. All serve without compensation.



Steven J. Bailey
Membership



Thomas F. Baker
Membership



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Federation of
Women's Clubs



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Membership



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Membership



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Medical Society



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Columbiana County
Bar Association



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Membership



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Salem Historical
Society



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Salem Board of
Education



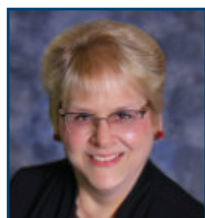
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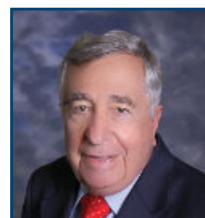
Robert S. McCulloch III
Membership



Audrey C. Null
Membership



Louis A. Ramunno
Membership



Joseph P. Sedzmac
United Way of Northern
Columbiana County



John E. Tonti
Membership

STAFF:



Brittany M. Maniscalco
Chief Operating Officer



Patricia L. Wood
Administrative
Assistant

2025 - 2026 OFFICERS:

John E. Tonti, President
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Financial Report

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES — CASH BASIS FOR YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Interest and Dividends	\$ 1,563,997	\$ 1,469,290
EXPENSES		
Professional Fees	10,445	17,065
Office Supplies and Expenses		
Printing, Postage and Mailing	15,704	17,331
Dues	65	65
Insurance	4,321	5,042
Investment Fees	109,365	125,509
Telephone	1,620	1,345
Salaries	80,270	66,105
Payroll Taxes	6,722	5,736
Depreciation	2,208	2,283
General Expense	7,092	9,811
Pension	2,012	431
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>239,824</u>	<u>250,724</u>
Income Available for Grants	1,324,172	1,218,566
Grants Paid	1,431,685	513,363
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUES	(107,512)	705,203
Net gains (loss) realized on sale of investments	2,791,084	1,547,620
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,683,572</u>	<u>\$ 2,252,823</u>

BALANCE SHEET — CASH BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024

ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 52,691	\$ 58,737
Investments Held in PNC Bank and Key Bank as Agents (Quoted market \$ 57,662,865 and \$ 44,227,589 at December 31, 2025 and 2024)	48,362,110	44,215,593
EQUIPMENT AT COST		
Office Equipment	14,822	14,822
Less Accumulated Depreciation	10,925	10,898
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 48,418,698</u>	<u>\$ 44,278,255</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 0	\$ 0
FUND BALANCES		
Principal Funds	35,507,788	31,075,412
McKeown Fund	4,831,601	4,435,893
SAFCO Fund	197,359	192,338
Undistributed Income Fund	7,881,951	8,574,612
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>48,418,698</u>	<u>44,278,255</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$48,418,698</u>	<u>\$44,278,255</u>



Principal Fund Balances

SALEM COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUND OPTIONS

Salem Community Foundation has helped to improve the lives of Salem area residents due to the generosity of its donors. Donors may choose from these fund options:

Designated Organization Scholarships	Field of Interest Donor Advised	Foundation Directed Unrestricted	Memorial
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DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION / AGENCY FUNDS

Donors identify one or more charitable organizations or a community entity to receive income from the investment of their contributions in perpetuity.

A. Franklin Huber Fund – 2007 10% of income to Salem’s Salvation Army, 2% to SAFCO, and 88% unrestricted.	\$ 242,240
Boy Scout Troop #3 Fund – 2003 For the support of Boy Scout Troop #3 - First Presbyterian Church.	74,961
Boy Scout Troop 2006 and Pack 2006 Fund – 2021 For the support of Boy Scout Troop 2006 and Pack 2006 - Emmanuel Lutheran Church.	30,844
Charles Philipp Wirsching Jr. Endowment Fund – 2019 Income to be awarded annually to Grandview Cemetery and Salem Historical Society.	2,518,332
Dr. Carl J. and Caroline Lehwald Memorial Fund – 1975 Income to be awarded annually to Grandview Cemetery, First United Methodist Church, or Salem Historical Society.	7,126
Ernst P. Schaefer Memorial Fund – 2002 Income to provide wellness assistance to qualified individuals at the Salem Community Center.	26,477
Fraternal Order of Police Quaker Lodge 88 Fund – 2024 For the support of the Fraternal Order of Police Quaker Lodge #88.	5,468
Friends of the Children Fund – 1996 Income to be directed for upkeep of the Swings-N-Things Playground.	99,041
Gingerbread Day Fund – 2011 For the support of Gingerbread Day.	29,907
Hanover Township Historical Society Fund – 2020 To fulfill the mission of the Hanover Township Historical Society.	20,590
Hanoverton Presbyterian Church General Fund – 2019 For the support of the Hanoverton Presbyterian Church.	147,794
Hanoverton Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund – 2019 For the support of the Hanoverton Presbyterian Church.	50,280

Principal Fund Balances

Hauptkorn - Salem Rotary Club Children's Fund – 1988 Income to be used by the Salem Rotary Club to support their children's programs.	\$ 19,209
Humane Society of Columbiana County Fund – 2016 To fulfill the mission of the Humane Society of Columbiana County.	8,305
Kenneth U. and Ruth H. Wirtz Memorial Fund – 1987 Income to be directed to Centennial Park, Salem World War Memorial Building, and the Salem Community Center.	813,404
Mona McArtor Fund – 1978 Income to support the SAFCO program by providing food for Salem's children.	89,789
Pearce Mobile Meals Fund – 1983 Income to support the Pearce Mobile Meals program for elderly and shut-ins.	380,229
Police and Firefighters Benefit Fund – 2018 For the support of individuals serving with area police and fire departments.	57,277
Ralph J. Smith Memorial Fund – 2010 Income to be directed to Waterworth Memorial Park.	1,233,392
Roger and Doris Stitle Memorial Maintenance Fund – 2021 For the support of the Salem Community Center.	68,196
Roger and Doris Stitle Memorial Replacement Fund – 2021 For the support of the Salem Community Center.	68,196
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Fund – 2022 To fulfill the mission of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.	37,990
Salem Athletic Booster Club Fund – 2023 To fulfill the mission of the Salem Athletic Booster Club.	93,758
Salem Community Center Endowment Fund – 2000 To support operation and maintenance of the Salem Community Center.	1,646,265
Salem Community Center Operating Fund – 2001 For the support of the Salem Community Center.	357,218
Salem Community Pantry Fund – 2020 To fulfill the mission of the Salem Community Pantry.	25,371
Salem Community Theatre Endowment Fund – 2001 For the support of the Salem Community Theatre.	30,492
Salem Elks Caring and Sharing Fund – 2018 To fulfill the mission of the Salem Elks Lodge.	22,653
Salem Federation of Women's Clubs Smucker House Fund – 2022 To support the maintenance and upkeep of the Smucker House.	19,672

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Salem Garden Club Fund – 2004 Income to be directed to the city of Salem’s Parks and Recreation Department to beautify Salem’s parks.	\$ 29,367
Salem Hall of Fame Fund – 2002 Income to be directed to wellness programs at the Salem Community Center.	146,588
Salem Historical Society Inc. Endowment Fund – 2014 To fulfill the mission of the Salem Historical Society.	20,526
Salem Police Department K-9 Fund – 2015 For the support of the Salem Police Department’s K-9 program.	85,511
Salem Preservation Society Fund – 2024 For the support of the Salem Preservation Society.	5,443
Salem Youth Soccer League Endowment Fund – 2014 For the support of the Salem Youth Soccer League.	64,539
SCC General Fund – 2014 For the support of the Salem Community Center.	67,489
Summer Concert Fund – 2013 For the support of the Summer Concert Series.	169,867
Teddy Lease Keen Memorial Fund – 1997 Income to be directed to The Banquet in Salem to purchase books for children.	50,300
The Banquet in Salem Fund – 2015 To fulfill the mission of The Banquet in Salem.	69,028
The Brightside Project Fund – 2022 To fulfill the mission of The Brightside Project.	7,812
The ROC of Salem Fund – 2012 To fulfill the mission of The ROC of Salem.	97,343
The Salem Rotary Endowment Fund – 2017 To fulfill the mission of The Salem Rotary Foundation.	405,710
Troop 2002 Trail Life USA Fund – 2022 For the support of Trail Life Troop 2002 – First Methodist Church of Salem.	86,061
Winona Area Historical Society Restricted Fund – 2016 To fulfill the mission of the Winona Area Historical Society.	162,369
Winona Flax Scutching Festival Association Inc. Fund – 2017 For the support of the Winona Flax Scutching Festival.	57,653
Winona Ruritan Club Fund – 2016 To fulfill the mission of the Winona Ruritan Club.	31,014

Principal Fund Balances

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Donors may customize a scholarship to provide educational opportunities for studies in a specific academic program or at particular institutions of higher education.

Anderson Family Fund – 2001	\$ 24,446
Income to be used to assist Salem High School graduating seniors in the pursuit of higher education or medical/vocational training.	
Ann Dattilio “Be The Difference With A Giving Heart” Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2022	18,821
Income to provide scholarships to students pursuing an education in Licensed Practical Nursing at the Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing.	
Avanell E. Beck Scholarship Fund – 1992	592,561
Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	
Betty R. Ulicny Scholarship Fund – 1999	65,638
Income to provide scholarships to college students pursuing a career in teaching or journalism.	
Bing Newton "Make a Difference" Scholarship Fund – 2022	20,509
Income to be awarded to a Salem High School senior who is enrolling in post high school education or trade school. The candidate must show commitment to community service and how their actions have made a difference in the lives of others.	
Bonnie Lee Burson - George Ursu Jr. Memorial Fund – 1971	29,335
Income to be awarded annually to a Salem High School senior girl and boy who demonstrate the most responsible citizenship, courtesy, and safety.	
Bruce P. and Eileen J. Gordon Scholarship Fund – 2010	61,599
Income to provide scholarships for Kent State University at Salem students.	
Charles Burchfield Art Scholarship Fund – 1982	101,109
Income to provide scholarships to talented students pursuing an education in the field of art.	
Charles F. Fox Memorial Fund – 1972	679,827
Twenty percent of income to designated concert programs in Salem, twenty percent to be unrestricted, and sixty percent to the Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.	
Charles Mattevi Memorial Fund – 1971	17,307
Income to be awarded to an exceptional senior boy on the Salem High School basketball team and to recognize a Salem citizen supporting athletics, primarily in the area of basketball.	
Charles E. Williams Memorial Fund – 1983	13,219
Income to be awarded by the Salem Community Theatre to a graduating senior who has shown a strong interest in performing arts.	
Chloe Chappell Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2025	5,199
Income to provide scholarships to college students pursuing a career in nursing.	
Cindy Maher Scholarship Fund – 2002	15,338
Income to be directed to student teachers in Salem’s elementary schools.	
Corinne Mackall Scholarship Fund – 2008	191,606
Income to be awarded by the Salem Music Study Club for talented students deserving of further music training.	

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Daniel K. Crawford Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2021 Income to provide scholarships for students enrolled in the Leetonia Exempted Village School District.	\$ 119,269
Dean Hansell Training Scholarship Fund – 2019 To provide educational funding to expand the employment opportunities for Salem High School graduates of any age who have been accepted into an apprenticeship, vocational, technical, or credential program.	14,175
Dick Paxson Memorial Girls Basketball Scholarship Fund – 1996 Income to be awarded to an exceptional senior girl on the Salem High School basketball team.	9,877
Dorothy Vaughan Scholarship Fund – 2005 Income to be awarded by the Salem Music Study Club for talented students deserving of further music training.	27,634
Dr. Harold F. Hoprich Scholarship Fund – 1977 Income to be awarded annually to the Salem High School valedictorian.	118,176
Dustin Huffman Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2023 Income to be awarded to a Salem High School graduating senior who portrays a “Pay It Forward” Lifestyle through random acts of kindness.	11,439
Flor and Elba Navarro Scholarship Fund – 2019 Income to provide scholarships for Kent State University at Salem students.	113,813
George and Jeanette Emeny Endowment Fund – 1995 Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	699,285
Gladys Thomas Nursing Scholarship Fund – 1991 Income to provide scholarships to students pursuing an education in Licensed Practical Nursing at the Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing.	86,677
Harry W. and Bessie L. Young Memorial Fund – 1985 Income designated to the Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.	212,824
Hart / Litty Scholarship Fund – 2001 Income to provide scholarships to college students in the pursuit of higher education.	51,093
Herbert J. Hansell Scholarship Fund for Public Service – 2015 Income to provide scholarships to college students pursuing a career in public service.	66,411
Ila Jeanne Paxson Music Scholarship Fund – 2020 Income to be awarded to talented students deserving of further music training.	11,955
Jackie Hannay Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2022 Income to be awarded to a Salem area graduating high school senior pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.	8,505
Jacqueline E. Troll Memorial Fund – 2015 Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	2,799,998
James W. Gibbs Scholarship Fund – 2021 Income to provide scholarships for Kent State University at Salem students.	117,977

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James H. Wilson Memorial Fund – 1967	\$ 129,222
Income to be awarded annually to the "Highest Academic" and "Best All Around" nursing students at the Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing.	
Joanne Fowler Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund – 2022	16,767
Income to be awarded to nursing students at the Hannah E. Mullins School of Practical Nursing.	
Jonathan Gamble Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2017	18,465
Income to be awarded by the Winona Fire Department to a high school senior or college student in the pursuit of higher education.	
Karen "Momma Hip" Hippely Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2022	5,568
Income to be awarded to an exceptional senior girl on the softball team and boy on the baseball team at Salem High School and West Branch High School.	
Karen Hummer Memorial Fund – 2023	100,233
Income to be awarded to Canfield High School students who have overcome challenges.	
Kent State Salem Campus Advisory Board Scholarship Fund – 2020	35,598
Income to provide scholarships for Kent State University at Salem students.	
Krohne Scholarship Fund – 2024	41,125
Income to be used specifically for underprivileged children.	
Lou Slaby Scholarship Fund – 2018	11,530
Income to be awarded to Salem High School students active in the arts and athletics.	
Lowell Iden - Larry Iler Scholarship Fund – 2022	101,902
Income to be awarded to students with a major field of study in agriculture, biology, wildlife conservation, environmental science, and/or personal commitment to outdoor sports and shooting activities.	
Lyle and Mary Biehler Scholarship Fund – 1993	154,708
Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	
Mary Byers Howett Memorial Fund – 1978	35,275
Income to provide scholarships for Kent State University at Salem students.	
Ministerial Scholarship Fund – 2008	747,254
Income to provide scholarships to college students pursuing a career in ministry.	
NEW Scholarship Fund – 2018	24,328
Donor advised.	
Rev. Dr. Barry M. Walker Scholarship Fund – 2025	171,544
Income to be awarded to an Eagle Scout or a Silver / Venture Award of the Explorer Scout Program or a Quartermaster's of the Sea Scout Program from the East Palestine, Negley, Unity, or New Waterford area. If none are available, the income goes to a scout in Columbiana County.	
Richard Washinko Memorial Scholarship Fund – 2018	6,505
Income to be awarded annually to a Salem High School graduating senior.	
Robert L. "Bob" Sommers Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund – 2021	6,022
Income to be awarded to a senior boy or girl on the Salem High School golf team.	

Principal Fund Balances

Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund – 2015	\$ 252,855
Income to provide scholarships to students enrolled in the Salem City School District.	
Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund - O.E.S. – 2020	2,910
Income to be awarded annually to two Salem High School graduating seniors.	
Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund - Tanya Mae Leyman / Judy Sicilia Scholarship – 2015	47,608
Income to be awarded annually to a Salem High School graduating senior.	
Salem Community Foundation Scholarship Fund – 1991	448,539
This fund provides scholarships to undergraduate college students. It was created when the following scholarship funds were combined: George Theiss, Paul and Olive Astry, Joseph G. Smith, Zella C. Litty, Louise C. Bunn, Salem Scholarship Fund, Freda S. Sweitzer, Russell B. McArtor, C. Harold Musser, Ethel B. Beall, Anna L. Thomas, F. Robert Mathews, L. Raymond Maurer, Mary Ellen Pizzino, and the Corso family.	
Salem High School Alumni Association - Max M. Fisher Athletic Scholarship Fund – 2016	227,066
Income designated to the Max M. Fisher Athletic Scholarship awarded by the SHSAA.	
Salem High School Class of 1978 Scholarship Fund – 2023	23,786
Income to be awarded to a Salem High School graduating senior for additional schooling , training and/or certification in the following vocations, but not limited to, auto technician, carpenter, cosmetologist, culinary specialist, landscape designer, machinist, multimedia developer, nurse, plumber, and welder.	
Salem Label / Menegos Fund – 1994	54,031
Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	
Sam and Bernice Keener Scholarship Fund – 1991	60,526
Income to be used to assist college students in the pursuit of higher education.	
United Community Scholarship Fund – 2017	424,362
To fulfill the mission of the United Community Scholarship Foundation.	
V. Esther Odoran Memorial Music Fund – 1974	413,200
Income to be awarded by the Salem Music Study Club for students deserving of further vocal training.	

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Donors can support one or more broadly defined area(s) such as the arts, education, human services, and community services.

Frank M. and Dorothy M. Faulk Memorial Fund #2 – 2017	\$ 113,533
Foundation directed.	
Salem Area Amateur Radio Association Fund – 2021	5,996
Income to provide amateur radio activities, materials, equipment, training, and/or information in Columbiana County and locations within a 15-mile radius of Salem.	
Raymond J. Reasbeck Memorial Fund – 1982	1,893,165
Income to be used to promote amateur sports and/or construction and maintenance of public recreation facilities.	
YWCA Endowment Fund – 1996	175,355
Income to be directed to organizations supporting the needs of women and children.	

Principal Fund Balances

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donors are involved in the grant making by recommending which qualified charitable organization(s) should receive grants from their advised fund. These funds enable donors to address a wide variety of issues.

Butech Bliss Technology Endowment Fund – 2018	\$ 34,327
Donald Lee Sobotka Memorial Fund – 2022	11,937
Frederick K. and Jaydee Pamer Fund – 2024	5,453
Gary E. and Wilma L. Moffett Fund – 2014	31,693
Gordon - Stanley Preserve Salem Endowment Fund – 2015	33,600
Halverstadt Family Foundation Fund – 2025	5,000
Hansell Family Fund – 1977	71,403
Henry F. and Mary Lou Loudon Fund – 1989	41,674
Howard E. and Eleanor A. Jesko Memorial Fund – 1983	94,587
J. Robert Sebo Fund – 1999	59,661
John E. and Joetta W. Tonti Memorial Fund – 2023	13,409
Joseph P. and Donna J. Sedzmak Fund – 2007	26,245
Karen Wendling Sebo Fund – 2016	121,306
Kim and Ashley Bergman Memorial Fund – 2020	32,684
Matt and Debbie Butts Service Fund – 2018	8,655
MWC Charitable Gift Fund – 2021	582
Nestic Family Fund – 2020	39,730
Sal and Alma Apicella Fund – 2000	101,048
Samantha Lynn "Sam" Shasteen Memorial Fund – 2021	52,943
The Baer Family Fund – 2024	33,866
The Dawes Family Charitable Fund – 2022	13,117
The Wildflower Fund – 2021	2,497
Timothy S. and Melissa J. Costa Fund – 2021	32,250
Tom and Carol Patterson Family Trust Fund – 2022	54,368
William T. and Pauline M. McKarns Family Fund – 2020	74,496
Wise Family Fund – 2020	8,904
YMG Charity Fund – 2014	35,794
Zeb Snyder Memorial Fund – 2025	46,160

Principal Fund Balances

FOUNDATION DIRECTED FUNDS

Donors support the important work of Salem Community Foundation through their contributions and estates.

A. Franklin Huber Fund – 2007	\$ 242,240
Albert Morris Family Fund – 2006	132,804
Bernice Monter Memorial Fund – 2022	54,006
Charles F. Fox Memorial Fund – 1972	679,827
Dr. Thomas B. Johnson Memorial Fund – 2016	40,432
Elizabeth Y. Johnson Memorial Fund – 2019	55,882
Evelyn Lease Fund – 1969	230,449
Florence C. Schafer Memorial Fund – 2014	461,221
Frank M. and Dorothy M. Faulk Memorial Fund #1 – 2017	630,615
George and Jeanette Emeny Endowment Fund – 1995	699,285
Harry W. and Bessie L. Young Memorial Fund – 1985	212,824
Jacqueline E. Troll Memorial Fund – 2015	2,799,998
Louis Mattevi Memorial Fund – 1975	49,661
Matt A. and Bernice E. Melitschka Fund – 2008	162,972
Vange Firestone Memorial Fund – 2016	1,822,591
Wayne T. Darling Family Fund – 2005	612,277

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (listed on pages 4 to 12)

\$ 31,810,167

McKeown Trust

During 1977, Salem Community Foundation was designated the recipient of the income from the Ruth Harkins McKeown estate, for which PNC Bank is trustee and executor. Since then, approximately \$37,145,158 has been received from the trust.

This past year alone the Foundation received \$1,377,272 from the trust, which has been distributed for the benefit of the citizens of Salem according to the will of Ruth Harkins McKeown. The market value of the trust was \$28,913,935 on December 31, 2025.

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UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Donors place no restrictions on how these funds are to be directed. These unrestricted funds are useful as they provide the greatest flexibility for Salem Community Foundation to meet the needs of the community.

Albert and Ethel Parker Memorial Fund – 1983	\$ 16,264
Caplan / Bloomberg Fund – 1983	271,459
Clarence P. Trotter Memorial Fund – 1990	1,618,960
Deming Memorial Fund – 1979	99,345
Don and Helen Vincent Memorial Fund – 2008	76,238
Doris Tetlow Memorial Fund – 1983	2,024,393
E. M. Stephenson Memorial Fund – 1968	32,145
Elizabeth and Raymond Pearce Memorial Fund – 1968	1,836,485
Elsie Fernangel Smith Memorial Fund – 1975	50,852
Floyd W. McKee Memorial Fund – 1973	10,625
General and Memorial Fund – 1966	1,401,533
Gladys M. Early Memorial Fund – 1998	135,826
LeAnne E. Zimmann and Family Memorial Fund – 1992	92,121
Louis H. and Maude S. Brush Memorial Fund – 1968	133,071
Olive Tetlow Memorial Fund – 1983	324,250
Rebecca H. Knowlton Memorial Fund – 1968	33,660
T. Emerson Smith Memorial Fund – 1975	8,861
Thomas E. and Doris I. Miller Memorial Fund – 1981	142,928
Walter B. Null Memorial Fund – 1986	26,501
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>\$ 8,335,516</u>

Thank You Consumers National Bank!

The Salem Community Foundation's directors and staff members are grateful to the leaders of Consumers National Bank for providing the Foundation with a beautiful office suite adjacent to the bank's Salem Branch at West State Street and South Ellsworth Avenue.





Disbursed Grants

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Summer Concert Fund \$ 20,994

EDUCATION

Anderson Family Fund \$ 1,000
 Ann Dattilio "Be The Difference With A Giving Heart" Memorial Fund 150
 Avaneil E. Beck Scholarship Fund 27,800
 Bernice Monter Memorial Fund 1,000
 Betty R. Ulicny Scholarship Fund 1,800
 Bing Newton "Make A Difference" Scholarship Fund 750
 Bonnie Lee Burson - George Ursu Jr. Memorial Fund 1,000
 Bruce P. and Eileen J. Gordon Scholarship Fund 2,200
 Charles Burchfield Art Scholarship Fund 5,550
 Charles F. Fox Memorial Fund 19,181
 Charles Mattevi Memorial Fund 750
 Cindy Maher Scholarship Fund 500
 Corinne Mackall Scholarship Fund 2,500
 Daniel K. Crawford Memorial Scholarship Fund 2,000
 Dick Paxson Memorial Girls Basketball Scholarship Fund 400
 Dr. Harold F. Hoprich Scholarship Fund 3,750
 Flor and Alba Navarro Scholarship Fund 16,452
 George and Jeanette Emeny Endowment Fund 10,800
 Gladys Thomas Nursing Scholarship Fund 3,000
 Harry W. and Bessie L. Young Memorial Fund 1,500
 Hart / Litty Scholarship Fund 1,800
 Herbert J. Hansell Scholarship Fund for Public Service 1,800
 Ila Jeanne Paxson Music Scholarship Fund 400
 Jacqueline E. Troll Memorial Fund 1,800
 James H. Wilson Memorial Fund 9,000
 James W. Gibbs Scholarship Fund 1,000
 Joseph P. and Donna J. Sedzmak Fund 5,950
 Karen "Momma Hip" Hippely Memorial Scholarship Fund 800
 Karen Hummer Memorial Scholarship Fund 3,000

Kent State Salem Campus Advisory Board Scholarship Fund \$ 2,000
 Kent State University Foundation 128,005
 Lou Slaby Scholarship Fund 850
 Lyle and Mary Biehler Scholarship Fund 2,800
 Mary Byers Howett Memorial Fund 1,200
 Ministerial Scholarship Fund 32,300
 MWC Charitable Gift Fund 3,300
 Richard Washinko Memorial Scholarship Fund 500
 Robert L. "Bob" Sommers Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund 500
 Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund 150
 Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund #2 - TML / JS 1,000
 Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund #1 7,175
 Salem City Schools Scholarship Fund #3 - O.E.S. 500
 Salem Community Foundation Scholarship Fund 18,700
 Salem High School Class of 1978 Scholarship Fund 500
 Salem Label / Menegos Fund 3,900
 Sam and Bernice Keener Scholarship Fund 1,400
 SHSAA - Max M. Fisher Athletic Scholarship Fund 8,000
 Timothy S. and Melissa J. Costa Fund 1,500
 V. Esther Odoran Memorial Music Fund 6,007
 Vange Firestone Memorial Fund 5,600

HUMAN SERVICES

Church Women United of Salem Fund \$ 8,063
 Deming Memorial Fund 1,251
 Evelyn Lease Fund 6,038
 Louis J. and Maude S. Brush Memorial Fund 3,000
 Pearce Mobile Meals Fund 16,000
 SAFCO (Food for Children) 33,990

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. Franklin Huber Fund \$ 1,025
 Bee City USA 391
 Boy Scout Troop #3 Fund - First Presbyterian 2,645
 Boy Scout Troop 3 837

Disbursed Grants

Burchfield Homestead Society	\$ 23,170	Salem Community Center	\$ 9,133
Charles Philipp Wirsching Jr. Endowment Fund	68,981	Endowment Fund	
Dr. Carl J. and Caroline Lehwald Memorial Fund	400	Salem Community Center Operating Fund	19,666
Elizabeth and Raymond Pearce Memorial Fund	188,732	Salem Community Pantry	10,000
Ernst P. Schaefer Memorial Fund	624	Salem Community Theatre Endowment Fund	8,141
Fraternal Order of Police Quaker Lodge #88 Fund	1,850	Salem Elks Caring and Sharing Fund	16,822
Friends of the Children Fund	3,500	Salem Hall of Fame Fund	2,638
Gary E. and Wilma L. Moffett Fund	1,018	Salem Junior Baseball League	48,725
Gingerbread Day Fund	11,303	Salem Police Department K-9 Fund	60,429
Gordon-Stanley Preserve Salem Endowment Fund	12,305	SCC General Fund	9,910
Henry F. and Mary Lou Loudon Fund	3,750	SCC Reasebeck Fund	27,300
Junior Achievement of Eastern Ohio	2,058	The Baer Family Fund	20,568
Karen Wendling Sebo Fund	40,480	The Brightside Project	28,000
Kennuth U. and Ruth H. Wirtz Memorial Fund	67,278	The Dawes Family Charitable Fund	27,945
Kim and Ashley Bergman Memorial Fund	13,424	The Salem Rotary Endowment Fund	13,701
McKeown Grants Received Fund	676,404	The Salvation Army of Salem	16,800
MWC Scholarship Fund	4,148	The Wildflower Fund	29,392
Ralph J. Smith Memorial Fund	794	Tom and Carol Patterson Family Trust Fund	2,800
Raymond J. Reasbeck Memorial Fund	96,681	United Way Services of Northern Columbiana County	40,000
Sal and Alma Apicella Fund	10,300	William T. and Pauline M. McKarns Family Fund	15,300
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Fund	10,000	Winona Flax Scutching Festival Association Inc. Fund	2,035
Salem Community Foundation General Fund	453,579	Winona Ruritan Club Fund	5,000
Salem Community Center	135,000	YMG Charity Fund	500
		YWCA Endowment Fund	5,000
		Zeb Snyder Memorial Fund	3,000
		TOTAL GRANTS DISBURSED	\$ 2,696,338

Undistributed Grants

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 THE FOLLOWING GRANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BUT NOT DISBURSED:

City of Salem - Fire Department	\$ 15,000	Salem Parks and Recreation Department	\$ 25,000
Kent State Columbiana Rising Scholars Program	12,500	United Way Services of Northern Columbiana County	40,000
Junior Achievement of Eastern Ohio	2,000		
		TOTAL GRANTS OUTSTANDING	\$ 94,500



Scholarships & Grants



Fifty-five students who reside in the 44460 zip code received college scholarships from the Foundation. The total amount of scholarships awarded in 2025 was \$112,400. See <https://salemcommunityfoundation.org> for the names of scholarship recipients and Foundation representatives in the photo.

During its quarterly meetings in 2025, the Salem Community Foundation Board of Directors made grants to 11 local nonprofit organizations. Grants were distributed from the Ruth Harkins McKeown Fund.

Burchfield Homestead Society, Inc., received \$23,710 to make the rear entrance to the Burchfield Homestead accessible for individuals with disabilities, replace exterior window and door trims on the Night Wind House, and complete other maintenance projects on both historic buildings. (See page 20.)

Salem Fire Department was granted \$15,000 to purchase a LIFEPAK 35 monitor/defibrillator.

Boy Scout Troop 3 was awarded \$837 to purchase four backpacking style tents.

Junior Achievement of Mahoning Valley was granted \$2,000 to provide program and supplies.

Kent State University Foundation was awarded \$25,000 for the Columbiana County Rising Scholars Program. The program offers mentoring and college access support to selected Columbiana County elementary and secondary school students to help them complete college degrees or technical career credentials. The program—developed at KSU-Salem—is now offered at all seven KSU regional campuses.

Salem Community Pantry received \$10,000 to demolish and replace a sidewalk and a portion of its parking lot with a handicapped-accessible ramp.

Salem Junior Baseball League was granted \$50,000 for assessment, demolition of four old baseball fields, and installation of replacement fields at Waterworth Memorial Park.

Salem Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$25,000 dollar-for-dollar matching grant to purchase a waterslide for the Centennial Park pool.

The Brightside Project was granted \$28,000 to support the Back-to-School Clothes and Shoes Voucher Program.

The Salvation Army – Salem Corps received \$16,800 to fund the Best Foot Forward Program. (See page 19.)

United Way Services of Northern Columbiana County received \$40,000 to provide support for the annual United Way campaign that directly aids social service agencies in Northern Columbiana County.



Memorial Tributes

The Following Individuals' Names Were Added to The Book of Memory During 2025:

<i>Susan "Suzy" K. Anderson</i>	<i>Marcalee Naragon Endsley</i>	<i>Don Eldon Santee</i>
<i>William A. Anderson</i>	<i>Dr. Richard L. Fawcett</i>	<i>Roberta N. Coe Santee</i>
<i>Joan D. Dorn Barrett</i>	<i>Scott Guller</i>	<i>Joseph Santon</i>
<i>Virginia Easterday Baun</i>	<i>William "Mark" Hannay</i>	<i>Patricia Joan "Pat" Shaw</i>
<i>George P. Begalla III</i>	<i>Jerry Lee Hendricks</i>	<i>Paula Louise Shivers</i>
<i>Laura Biery</i>	<i>Marilyn A. Stratton Herron</i>	<i>Kristy Simcox</i>
<i>Daryl Everson Bixler</i>	<i>Evelyn "Evie" Lower Kellogg</i>	<i>Jeanine Rians Smith</i>
<i>Kathleen "Sally" Blake</i>	<i>Caroline A. Webber Limestahl</i>	<i>Zebediah Luke Snyder</i>
<i>Richard "Dick" Paul Bosel</i>	<i>G. Russell Limestahl</i>	<i>David C. Stratton</i>
<i>Debra "Debbie" Jo Brantingham</i>	<i>Marilyn Ann Williams Loudon</i>	<i>Genesta Rose Vokovich</i>
<i>Deborah D. Cappa</i>	<i>Barbara Joan Thomas Marra</i>	<i>Martha F. Votaw</i>
<i>Ann Frances Dugas Coy</i>	<i>Larry Miller</i>	<i>Inez R. Jarvis Webb</i>
<i>Raymond Oliver Cox</i>	<i>William B. McElwee</i>	<i>Calvin Michael Weitz</i>
<i>Archie E. Crum</i>	<i>Brenda Jean Pittman</i>	<i>Gladys Aileen Bailey Wilhelm</i>
<i>Larry D. DeJane</i>	<i>Laurian Renaudat</i>	<i>John "Jack" Yarnell</i>
<i>Bernadette Jane Slanina Demechko</i>	<i>Suzanne Righetti</i>	



The Book of Memory is displayed in a special cabinet on the main floor of the Salem Public Library to honor deceased community members.

To memorialize a beloved relative or cherished friend by adding his or her name to *The Book of Memory*, send a contribution of \$25 or more with the individual's birth and death dates to Salem Community Foundation, P.O. Box 553, Salem, Ohio 44460.

All donations are acknowledged to the donor as tax-deductible contributions. The family of the individual being remembered receives a condolence letter from the Foundation notifying them of the tribute.

All memorial contributions, unless otherwise directed to a specific fund, are added to the Salem

Community Foundation's Memorial Fund.

All individuals that have been memorialized since the book was dedicated on August 8, 1967, may be viewed under the "Memorials" tab on the Salem Community Foundation's website at <https://salemcommunityfoundation.org>.

The Salem Community Foundation graciously accepts memorial contributions regardless of whether the person has passed away in the current year or previous years.

Thank you to all who have given to the Salem Community Foundation to memorialize a loved one. Our hope is that this thoughtful gesture offers comfort to families who are grieving the loss of a loved one.



Proactive Foundation Directors Help Salem City Schools

Thirty-six years after the Salem Community Foundation purchased 65 acres and gave it to the Salem City School District, the potential of the farmland near Southeast School is being realized with construction of the new kindergarten through eighth grade building.

Site work began in advance of the August 8, 2025, ceremonial ground-breaking. Exterior walls went up during the fall. The \$57 million facility is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

Salem Community Foundation President John E. Tonti said the Foundation gave the land, known as Whinnery Farm, in 1990 “with no strings attached” in the hope that it would be useful to the district at some point in the future.

Although Tonti was a Foundation director at the time, he was not among those who served on the Foundation committee, which, led by Reverend John W. Zimmann, searched for open land in the city.

During a recent interview, Tonti referred to minutes of a Foundation meeting on April 12, 1990, when Zimmann recommended the Foundation purchase 65 acres across from Southeast Elementary School on Merle Road. The Foundation board agreed to buy the land for \$275,000 and then offered the parcel to the school district a few days later.

On April 23, 1990, Zimmann and two other Foundation directors—Gary E. Moffett and Ruth Cosgrove—attended the school board meeting during which board members voted to accept the donation.

Tonti applauded the foresight of that long-ago committee and all the Foundation directors who agreed to invest the equivalent of \$700,000 in today’s dollars to purchase land that they then gave to school leaders to determine how it would be used.



The Salem City School's new kindergarten through grade eight school is scheduled to open in 2027.

He is also pleased that the Foundation assisted the school district in meeting the local funding match required to qualify for the state of Ohio to provide \$37,882,328, which is about 67% of the \$57 million school construction project.

In October 2027, per its agreement with the Salem City School District, the Foundation will make the first of ten \$1 million annual payments that will be directed toward reducing the principal of the school district’s \$22.5 million bond. The bond is a 37-year construction loan that the Salem City School District obtained to cover the 33% local share of the construction costs.

The Foundation’s funding for the new school will come from the Ruth Harkins McKeown Fund, which was the source for the money used to purchase the farmland in 1990 and to build the Salem Community Center in the early 2000s and later the Center Circle and CenterPlex. During 2026, the Foundation will make its last payment on its bond for the Salem Community Center.

Tonti said, “We are very excited as we follow the progress of the construction for the new K-8 campus. Its completion will open new opportunities for children currently residing in Salem and generations of children in the future.”



Making a Difference with the Best Foot Forward Program



A Salem Community Foundation grant for \$16,800 to The Salem Salvation Army's Best Foot Forward program provided footwear for 119 senior citizens and 229 children.

"I think that we are extremely blessed here to have such a strong Foundation who is willing to come alongside efforts that sometimes you can't fully explain what it's going to look like," Captain Amber Imhoff said of her first application to the Salem Community Foundation.

Captain Jason Imhoff and Captain Amber Imhoff have served as the Commanding Officers of the Salem Salvation Army since 2024.

As Captain Amber Imhoff developed the program to address the unmet need for footwear, she could only estimate how many people would apply and what the average cost per person would be.

As it turned out, the average cost ranged from \$150 to \$180 for each senior citizen, and about \$80 per child. Each person received a pair of winter boots, a pair of tennis shoes, and a package of socks from The Salem Salvation Army.

The Foundation annually supports The Salem Salvation Army's food pantry and community meals with distributions from the Foundation's SAFCO Fund, other donor-directed funds, and in response to The Salem Salvation Army's grant proposals. The most recent grant request that the Foundation funded occurred in July 2019 when the Salem Salvation Army needed a new refrigerator and freezer unit.

Personalized Fittings & Shoe Selections

Individuals who met the criteria for the Best Foot Forward program assistance had a scheduled fitting at Shoe Sensation in Salem. When they arrived at the store, Captain Amber Imhoff explained, "We said to them, 'Don't worry about how much the shoes cost. Worry about whether they fit and whether they're going to be durable for you.'" The Salem Salvation Army volunteers assisted store personnel with the fittings.

Shoe Sensation provided a 10 percent discount on all purchases. Makaylah Craig, the store manager, and

her staff had refreshments available during the four days the fittings were conducted.

J.D. Workman, the district manager for Shoe Sensation in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, traveled all the way from his home in Virginia to make sure everything went smoothly, including orders for shoes that people wanted but their sizes were not in stock.

Captain Amber Imhoff appreciated the extra efforts of Shoe Sensation employees to make sure all participants, particularly the elderly, obtained the quality shoes they wanted.

"It's so important—one, for them to have shoes that fit for good mental health, but two, it does get slippery out there. And if they've been wearing the same pair for a long time, the treads are not there ... and sometimes their feet have changed and their needs have changed because of medical issues."

Many elderly Salem residents on limited, fixed incomes simply can't afford to buy new shoes, Captain Amber Imhoff explained, pointing out, "You can wear old clothes. You can't really wear old shoes because your whole body feels it."

That is why she places a high priority on wearing properly fitting shoes. In addition to the Best Foot Forward program, Captain Amber Imhoff also initiated another program which distributed 200 twin beds to help people get better sleep.

"If you don't have good sleep and you don't have good footwear, that affects your mental health. And I think a lot of times we think about combating problems after they've already happened. But things like this [Best Foot Forward] combat a problem before it even occurs," Captain Amber Imhoff said.

"If you feel good, you are going to operate as a good citizen a lot, a lot better. If you are feeling good and you are sleeping well and you're eating well, your attitude's going to be totally different. Your physical health is going to change as well as your mental health.

"And those gifts are priceless in the long term for our community," she said.



Grants for Infrastructure Projects Help Burchfield Homestead Participate in State History Initiatives

Decades ago, the Salem Community Foundation helped renovate the Burchfield Homestead into a museum, including securing the literal foundation under the house where the artist Charles E. Burchfield lived from 1898 to 1922.

In 2024 and 2025, the Foundation funded infrastructure projects that Burchfield Homestead Society President Sara Baer describes as critically important for maintaining the property and facilitating the nonprofit's participation in initiatives that have the potential to attract more visitors to the museum at 867 East Fourth Street in Salem.

"The Salem Community Foundation provides the financial wherewithal to make these dream projects a reality," Baer said.

In a recent interview, Salem Community Foundation President John E. Tonti recalled that when he first visited the house in the mid-1990s it was in poor condition after decades as a multi-family rental property. He had misgivings but was persuaded by the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the leadership of Dick Wootten, who spearheaded the formation of the nonprofit Burchfield Homestead Society and secured funding from Burchfield's children to buy the house.

The Foundation's directors granted the Burchfield Homestead Society \$40,000 in 1997 to help with the renovations; \$2,500 in 1999 for a study by Youngstown State University researchers; and \$14,000 in 2008 to repair the cement block in the basement.

When Tonti toured the Homestead in 2024 with Brittany M. Maniscalco, Foundation Chief Operating Officer, he was positively impressed by the museum's displays, particularly the restoration of Burchfield's bedroom studio, and considers it a landmark for people to visit. "I can't believe how well this has developed," he said.

In 2024, the Foundation provided \$5,000 toward replacement of the roof on the Night Wind House, which is next door to the Homestead and is also owned by the Burchfield Homestead Society because it is featured in several of Burchfield's famous paintings.

In 2025, the Foundation provided \$23,170 to reconstruct the Homestead's rear entrance to resolve water damage and make it handicapped accessible, repair several Homestead window frames, and replace the exterior window and door trims on the Night Wind House.

Baer describes the value of these grants this way: "The dollars that we received from the Salem Community Foundation, just within the last few years, have set up the museum so that it is in a state of preservation for decades to come."



A new, gently sloping path leads through the garden gate to the wider rear door at the Burchfield Homestead. In addition to improving accessibility, the Foundation's grant to the Burchfield Homestead Society was used to improve drainage around the back porch and to address other maintenance issues at the boyhood home of Charles E. Burchfield and the Night Wind House. Both East Fourth Street buildings are featured in numerous Burchfield paintings.

She said the Homestead Society board is grateful for the Foundation's investments to preserve the homestead of one of Ohio's great artists—one of America's great artists.

"That level of commitment by Salem Community Foundation has untold value, and it allows us to continue the mission of sharing the life and legacy of Charles Burchfield and the fantastic stories of his family.

"The other piece is that without these dollars we would not be in a position to be entered into things like the Ohio Creativity Trail and History Pass. If we were in a state of disrepair, we would not be in a position as an organization to even look at those opportunities," Baer said.

The Ohio Creativity Trail, American Creativity Trail, and History Pass are part of the America 250-Ohio celebration of the nation's semiquincentennial. The Burchfield Homestead Society is also featured in the Bloomberg Connects Guide, a free smart phone app that provides virtual tours of the house and garden, the *Guide to Historic Artists' Homes & Studios* book, and the Ohio Literary Trail.

"The Foundation's investment will help us draw visitors through American Creativity Trail and students and families through the Fourth Grade History Pass this year, and countless others in the future," Baer said.



Community Remembers K-9 Simon's Excellent Service

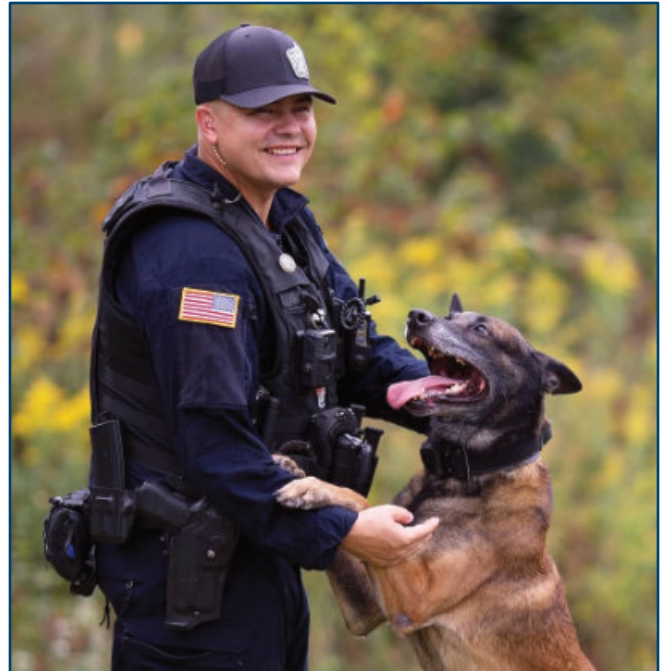
K-9 Simon, the Salem Police Department's first canine officer, was honored as "the public's dog" by his partner Sgt. Michael Garber during a January 4, 2026, memorial service that began with a motorcade through the city, a procession of K-9s and their partners, and tributes from multiple speakers.

Simon retired on December 3, 2024, and passed away on December 20, 2025.

Simon became an official member of the Salem Police Department on August 6, 2016, as a result of a fundraising effort that attracted donations from Salem area residents of all ages. The outpouring of support led to the establishment of the Salem Police Department K-9 Fund with the Salem Community Foundation in 2015. For the past decade, the K-9 handlers' fundraising and grants from the Ruth Harkins McKeown Fund have helped with K-9 equipment and maintenance costs.

Salem Community Foundation Chief Operating Officer Brittany M. Maniscalco led a prayer during the memorial service in the Salem High School auditorium. "When Simon joined the Salem Police Department, he represented more than a new program, he represented progress," she said.

Salem Police Department Chief J.T. Panezott said Simon excelled at deterring crime and taking bad guys off the street during more than 1,000



Sgt. Michael Garber and K-9 Simon served Salem together for about 9 years.

deployments. In addition to Simon's amassing of strong crime-fighting statistics, Panezott said, "The most important thing that Simon did was bring our community and our police department closer together."

Foundation Treats Children to Books

The Salem Community Foundation distributed more than 600 books to Salem area children at the Trail of Treats on October 14, 2025, in Waterworth Memorial Park.

The books were purchased with monies from the Louis H. and Maude S. Brush Memorial Fund, which is held by the Foundation.

The Salem Parks Department has coordinated this fun autumn event for children and their families every year since 2015.



The Foundation's station at the 2025 Trail of Treats in Waterworth Memorial Park was one of 50 sponsored by organizations, businesses, and individuals.

Leaving A Legacy

The minimum to establish a new Principal Fund is \$5,000. Salem Community Foundation welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with individuals and organizations interested in working toward this threshold or to discuss future giving plans.

Gifts May Be Made In The Following Ways:

➤ Designated Organization / Agency Funds

Donors identify one or more charitable organizations to receive an income stream in perpetuity.

➤ Donor Advised Funds

Donors are involved in the grant-making by recommending the qualified charitable organization(s) that should receive grants from their advised fund. These funds enable donors to address a wide variety of issues.

➤ Field of Interest Funds

Donors support broadly defined area(s) such as the arts, education, human services, and community services.

➤ Foundation Directed Funds

Donors support the important work of Salem Community Foundation through contributions and bequests through their contributions and estates.

➤ Scholarship Funds

Donors may customize a scholarship to provide educational opportunities for studies in a specific academic program or at particular institutions of higher education.

➤ Unrestricted Funds

Donors place no restrictions on how these funds are to be directed. These funds are useful as they provide flexibility to Salem Community Foundation to meet the needs of the community.

➤ Memorial Funds

Donors make contributions in the name of one or more individuals.



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Salem Community Foundation promotes philanthropy and charitable giving to benefit Salem area residents. Grants awarded from the pooled Principal Funds of donors' contributions support long-term solutions and address ever-changing social, cultural, and educational needs of children, adults, and nonprofit organizations.

Salem Community Foundation strives to connect caring individuals, organizations, and businesses with causes that enhance the health and well-being of Salem area residents now and in the future. Tax-deductible contributions of all amounts to Salem Community Foundation aid in continuing our legacy and build momentum for new and exciting initiatives.

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