As we were completing this newsletter, we learned of Bob Hunter, Jr’s passing. It is with deep sadness that our community has lost this outstanding community servant. Bob cared about others and that is evident by the long list of nonprofit organizations for which he volunteered his time and legal expertise.

One of the organizations Bob cared deeply for was the Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center. The center was incorporated by his father six decades ago and Bob was the pro bono attorney for Interfaith during his career. In the summer of 2011, Bob approached the Foundation about establishing a fund for the benefit of the children that attended Stuckey Interfaith and as a way he could honor his mother and father. Thus, the Eileen K. and Robert T. Hunter, Sr. Charitable Fund was established and was funded by Bob and his wife, Mary Beth and his sister, Sue Commerson.

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For the last 6 years, it has provided valuable educational resources to Interfaith’s children.

Whether it is a cloth book for a baby, cardboard books for toddlers or pictures books for preschoolers, there just never seems to be enough money to supply books and educational materials whose lifecycle are short in the hands of young learners.

We are grateful to Bob’s foresight and the community legacy he left by establishing the Hunter Charitable Fund with us. If you would like to contribute a gift in Bob's memory, please go to www.GreaterAllianceFoundation.org.

With the recent passing of Dick Elliott, there has been much said regarding Dick’s tremendous involvement in community activities and organizations. He was “Mr. Alliance” and his legacy will be the standard for others to emulate in doing community work.

Our Debt to Dick Elliott

The GAF is deeply indebted to Dick as our community foundation was one of the organizations that Dick embraced and worked hard to help promote. From our logo, to our first newsletter, and then our first annual report, Dick provided the photos and stories to showcase the philanthropic impact individuals and organizations were accomplishing through their local community foundation. He was responsible for 12 GAF annual reports and here are a few of our favorite covers.

Thanks, Dick!

How can we help you leave a legacy for the community you call home?
Stop the Summer Slide

Did you know that low-income children can lose up to 2.5 years of learning by 5th grade compared to middle-class kids? At-risk kids do not spend their summers attending various camps, nor are they able to take day trips to visit libraries and museums or take family vacations. Their learning faucet turns off over summer.

This is especially true in Alliance where over 25% of our community lives in poverty and 80% of our school children are eligible for free and reduced lunches.

For 8 weeks in the summer, 70 children from Alliance School District’s 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade classrooms are engaged in Summer Explorers. They study the 6 pillars of character, study a different themed unit per week, and practice their reading, math and leadership skills. GAF is winning with this initiative! Last year, 100% of the children who attended Summer Explorers increased their proficiency in math and reading.

Get Moving! Fitness in Our Parks

This summer, our community will enjoy the Alliance park scene more due to the generous grant awards from the Robertson Family Charitable Fund and the Alliance Parks and Recreation Fund. Thanks to these 3 significant grants, area recreational facilities will be the place to go this summer.

Great American Art Comes to Alliance

Sponsored by the Greater Alliance Foundation, the University of Mount Union hosted the Gallery of American Masterworks from the The Butler Institute of American Art from April 8–April 13. We’re so glad we were able to bring this exciting and unique opportunity to the community!

Twenty-five works were featured at the American Masterworks exhibit from nationally-renowned artists Benjamin West, Reginald Marsh, and Roy Lichtenstein, among many others.

Become a Summer Explorers Donor. Send a gift to the Greater Alliance Foundation or make an online gift at GreaterAllianceFoundation.org.
Living, Loving & Prospering

As Carol Grove considered the opportunity to bless her hometown with a gift to the Greater Alliance Foundation she knew it was the right thing to do.

Carol grew up in humble circumstances, on Belleflower Street, the only child of Fritz and Helen Unger. In high school, she knew who Charlie Grove was, but that was all. He was an upper classman and they never interacted. During a college winter break, all that changed as Charlie cornered her at The Huddle, a local University of Mount Union ice cream parlor. Eventually, he convinced her to spend her life with him.

As Charlie served in the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Carol worked as a buyer for children’s clothing for Rike Krumler Company. After the military, they moved home to Alliance to join E. J. Grove in the family business, Grove Refrigeration. Carol was a homemaker while Charlie grew the appliance business.

Hard work and community involvement characterized their lives. Charlie passed on his reward in 2011 and Carol has stayed active in her clubs and charities ever since.

When Carol was approached to consider the Greater Alliance Foundation, which Charlie had founded with their good friends Jack and Madge Peters, an annuity gift was the appropriate act of charity to Alliance and one that Charlie would truly appreciate.

Carol politely said, “When you live in, prosper in and love your hometown, you should give back to it in any way you can. I feel strongly that if Alliance has been good to you, you should do all you can for Alliance.”

Thank you, Carol Grove!

Consider a Charitable Gift Annuity

Make a gift that pays you back for life and supports the community you love.

- Receive an immediate tax deduction
- Fixed income payments for you or a loved one
- Gifts can be made with cash or securities
- Fund your gift annuity with as little as $10,000
- Support the GAF’s mission of serving the community

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