

# Together

Quarterly

## The Mitchells: Corporate Giving



As we enter our 20th year, it is fitting that our first Corporate Advised Fund was established by Dave and Beth Mitchell, and their son Chas, owners of Grove Appliance. Twenty years ago Beth's father, Charlie Grove, was the co-founder with Jack Peters of our Greater Alliance Foundation. Our foundation's success is not only due to their vision, but due to many donors willing to give in order to build a better quality of life for our Alliance residents.

The Corporate Advised Fund is a way our local businesses can give back to the community that has supported their business through the years. We are thankful to Dave, Beth and Chas Mitchell for establishing the Grove Appliance Fund in order to recognize their continuing commitment to their employees, customers, and the greater community.

If you as a business owner would like to know how your business can advance your corporate philanthropy, take advantage of tax deductions, and reduce your administrative process, please contact the Greater Alliance Foundation at 330-823-8560.



Chas, his wife Jaclyn, Beth and David Mitchell

*Thank you, Dave, Beth and Chas!*



ECEA Staff: Kimberly Spears, Kelly Anstine, Liz Hibbs (Director) and Rockne Flugan Jr.

The Early Childhood Education Alliance, ECEA, is supported by the Greater Alliance Foundation. ECEA works to prepare Alliance's youngest children for success in school and in life. **One of ECEA's goals includes developing strong relationships with Alliance's preschool providers, helping them to achieve Ohio's 5-star Step Up To Quality Rating.** Currently, 4 out of our 7 preschools have a 5-star rating with the other 3 working toward their 5-star rating. Having high quality preschools provides Alliance's children with a strong educational foundation to build upon once they enter elementary school.

Through the Foundation's initiative, ECEA has been able to advocate on behalf of early childhood at the local, state and national levels. In September 2018, ECEA Director, Liz Hibbs, joined some of Ohio's finest early childhood advocates at the Vote for OHIO KIDS Leadership Forum. The goal was to stress the importance of quality early childhood experiences and education through a nonpartisan event.

In addition, through its management of the SPARK Alliance program, ECEA works closely with preschool aged children and their families to enhance kindergarten readiness. **Outcomes from SPARK, assessed annually through Kent State University, indicate Alliance is one of the strongest SPARK programs in the state** with program participants demonstrating significant gains in school preparedness.

ECEA hosts a variety of FREE quality early childhood events throughout the year. The most recent event took place at Hot Pots on March 2nd, funded in part by ArtsinStark

to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Suess. Children listened to a reading of *My Many Colored Days* and learned how to identify, process, and verbalize their feelings and emotions. ECEA facilitated discussion between the children and parents about their feelings and moods and created an artistic piece that symbolized the way they felt. Their art will be on display at the Rodman Public Library.

Each year, ECEA hosts an annual fundraiser to support SPARK Alliance, local early childhood education and quality early experiences. This year, ECEA will host its second annual Art Auction. The event will be held at Don Pancho's Restaurant on Friday, April 26th from 6-10 in the evening.



For information about the 2019 Art Auction or about future ECEA events, please like and follow the ECEA Facebook Page by searching "Early Childhood Education Alliance" in the Facebook search bar.

Please visit the ECEA webpage at [www.earlychildhoodeducationalliance.org](http://www.earlychildhoodeducationalliance.org).



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## Making a Difference for Tomorrow, Starts Today



June 4th is a big day for the Greater Alliance Foundation as we celebrate the launch of the fifth Summer Explorers. **We celebrate Summer Explorers due to the enthusiastic financial support of our donors, our extraordinary program partners in Synergy Alliance, and of course the children and their families we serve.**

Summer Explorers is *not* summer school. Rather, it is a way for Alliance's elementary students from low income families to engage in a variety of creative and fun activities over the summer and stay intellectually challenged. Thanks to the outstanding leadership of Gloria Whiteley-Magrath, Julie Poyser, and Betsy Brown, Summer Explorers provides an eight-week free of charge, hands-on learning approach.

In addition, the program includes weekly field trips. The field trips are purposeful as they tie into their classroom curriculum and provide an excellent learning alternative which many at-risk children do not have the opportunity to experience.

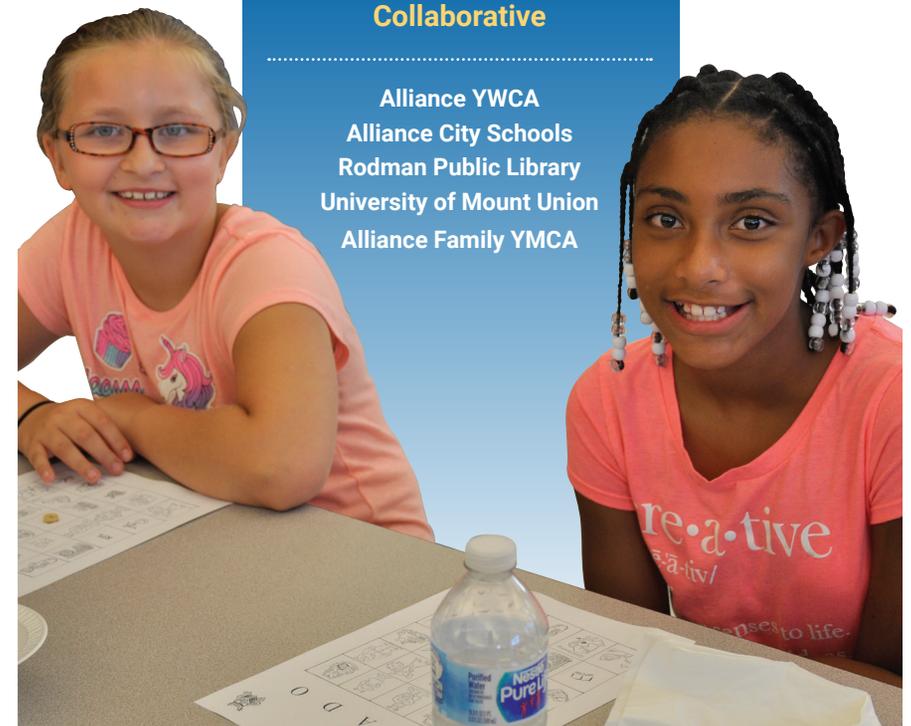
Outside of the academic lessons, each child learns leadership and community service skills. Last year a performing arts component was added thanks to the generosity of the **Alison Draves Performing Arts Fund** which took place at the University of Mount Union. Once again, a similar performing arts component will be incorporated using Magical Theater Company in Barberton.

The top goal of Summer Explorers is always to stop the backslide from the knowledge learned from the previous school year. **Over the last three years, the regular attendees demonstrated 100% growth in reading and math skills.** The success of Summer Explorers is due to the dynamic collaborative of the Synergy Alliance Team. Each partner provides a supportive component for the children to thrive. It is with this proven track record that the foundation is excited to kick-off Summer Explorers 2019.

**Thank you to all our donors for your past support and your continued interest in our children. Making a difference for tomorrow, starts today. Thank you!**

### The Synergy Alliance Collaborative

Alliance YWCA  
Alliance City Schools  
Rodman Public Library  
University of Mount Union  
Alliance Family YMCA





June Carlile

## Remembering June

Recently, we lost a dear friend of the foundation, June Carlile. She and her husband, Lloyd, have been ongoing supporters of our community foundation since 2005. For many years, the Carliles have worked through GAF with **The June and Lloyd Carlile Scholarship Fund**. Their scholarship supports employees' children from Custom Poly Bag and Marlinton students. Their generous scholarship has awarded \$225,000 to help students afford their college or technical pathways. The Carliles have also made many qualified charitable distributions from their IRAs to aid in the support of our

many community needs. **The community joins us in saying farewell to a beloved jewel who has left a generous legacy that will continue to enhance lives well into the future.**

*Thank you, June!*

## Recent Grants

**\$2,500**

### Canton Symphony Orchestra

Funds provide SymphonyLand to Alliance children at Stuckey Interfaith Child Development Center.

**\$3,690**

### One Book One Community

Funds provide hardbound copies to high school students at Alliance, Marlinton, Sebring and West Branch.

**\$30,000**

### Alliance Career Centre

Financial aid provided through the Adult Career Training Assistance Program.

Your contributions help us serve more people in the Greater Alliance Area. Please support the initiatives featured in our newsletter by sending a check to 960 West State Street, Suite 130, Alliance, OH 44601. **Check is payable to the Greater Alliance Foundation.**

### Yes! I support the Greater Alliance Foundation.

Enclosed is my contribution to the Greater Alliance Foundation to support Summer Explorers.

\$50  \$100  \$250  \$500 Other: \$

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