ECEA Endowed

Jack and Madge Peters have been generous benefactors to our foundation and to many other charitable organizations in our community for years. In July at our 20th year anniversary celebration, Randy Hunt, chairman of the foundation’s development committee, announced a major gift from the Peters to endow the work of the Early Childhood Education Alliance (ECEA).

In 2005, Jack Peters and our founding trustees discussed the creation of an exceptional early childhood development program to serve the entire city of Alliance. The intent with Jack Peters leading, was to sponsor a pilot program, and if feasible, a permanent program advocating quality early learning education opportunities for the children of Alliance. Collaborating with representatives from the City of Alliance, the Alliance City School District and the University of Mount Union, ECEA was formed in 2006. With the support of these three entities and the financial backing of the foundation over the last fourteen years, ECEA has been a tremendous resource and advocate for our local child development centers and Alliance families. This gift from Jack and Madge Peters will make sure the next generation of Alliance children have the opportunity to succeed thanks to the great work of the Early Childhood Education Alliance.

Thank you, Jack and Madge!
Establishing Home Libraries

Efforts to bring Alliance into a partnership with the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library have been underway for several months, and in early July, GAF agreed to become the fiscal agent for this project. The Rodman Public Library Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Fund was recently established at the foundation and will be funded by private donations along with local area service organizations.

GAF announced that we will be the first to lend support because we believe that quality literary habits begin at home. To kick off this program, we have decided to sponsor the first 100 families. According to Rodman Public Library Director, Eric Taggart, “There are approximately 1,800 children in Alliance who are 4 years old or younger. This program helps parents to build a home library for their children, and this is a critical indicator of academic success.”

With our mission to strengthen our community by serving and connecting people and resources, and our literacy friends at the Rodman Public Library, we are partnering with Early Childhood Education Alliance (ECEA) and Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to establish home libraries for all Alliance families in the 44601 zip code area at no cost to the family.

As a community foundation, we know that we can accomplish more together than any of us can do as individual organizations. Once a family signs up at the Rodman Public Library, this new program provides an age appropriate book on a monthly basis which will be delivered by the US Mail for a child from birth to 5 years old. At the end of five years, the child will have access to over 60 high-quality books of their own to foster the love of reading and grow into healthy readers. ECEA will work closely with the post office for transient families so books get delivered.

If you find yourself an avid reader and are within means to lend support, we would appreciate you joining us by making a donation payable to GAF for the new Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Fund.

Many thanks to our financial partners!
Celebrating our 2019 Scholarships Recipients

Athena Scholarship
Fatima Magana

Carnation City Players Scholarship
Rachel Warner

Lloyd and June Carlile Scholarship
Alivia Collins

Chloe Evans

Sidney Graffice

Carly Payton Kolleth

Alyssa Skelding

Cindy Shetler Sacco Wellness Warrior Scholarship
Abby Moore

Sarah Grace Stanley Memorial Scholarship
Lindsay L’Amoreaux

Jane Moncrief Spirit of Nursing Award
Kayla Leeson

Robert T. White Academic Excellence Scholarship
Madison Taylor

Robert T. White Perfect Attendance Scholarship
Gina Arbogast

Constance Tenney

Robert T. White Outstanding Achievement Scholarship
Renee Vacha

Stronger Mind and Body Alliance Police Department

As a supporting organization to the recently formed Alliance Community Health Foundation, the Alliance Police Department received the first grant award through us. This grant provided the department with strategic and professional strength training equipment at the department to improve the overall health and mindset of the police officers who protect and serve our community.

Honoring Alliance Veterans

Jim Springer was the first through the door to secure 6 banners to honor the veterans in the Sarchoine Family. Joe, Eugene, Harry, John and Jeff Sarchoine will be represented along with Carvela (Sarchoine) Fraser. These banners will be placed on State Street or Union Avenue to honor our hometown veterans who have served our great nation in the US Military. The Honoring Alliance Veterans Committee is chaired by Mayor Alan Andreani and the GAF will serve as fiscal agent. If you would like to participate, visit cityofalliance.com for an online application and to learn more about the new program.

Thank you to all our Hometown Veterans!
Recent Grants

**Alliance Area Habitat for Humanity**
- $30,000
- Support for Habitat's office roof replacement

**Friends of the Parks**
- $5,000
- Matching funds for handicap pool chair lift and carnation photo mural at Silver Park

**YMCA**
- $8,400
- Matching funds to repair and seal parking lot

**University of Mount Union**
- $7,500
- Grant for first Visiting Artist Series Program to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peters for their commitment to community philanthropy

**Shade Tree Commission**
- $3,800
- Grant provides beautification to community

**City of Alliance**
- $3,600
- Funds provided strength training equipment for the Alliance Police Department

**Rodman's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Fund**
- $2,500
- Startup support

**Honoring Alliance Veterans Fund**
- $1,000
- Support for veteran community banner project

**Alliance Family Health Center**
- $5,000
- Matching support to purchase an ultrasound machine

**YWCA**
- $1,300
- Grant for exit emergency lights

**RT White School of Practical Nursing**
- $5,300
- Provide training videos for LPN students