

# Community Foundation honors donors at annual dinner

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Photo courtesy of T-G/Liz A. Hosfeld: Ashland County Community Foundation Board of Trustees chair Dr. Andrew Stein, left, and past chair Anne Cowen, center, pose with the Foundations executive director and CEO James Cutright, during its donor appreciation reception at the Ashland University Convocation Center Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016.

The Ashland County Community Foundation took time to celebrate the donors who make its numerous charitable gifts throughout the county possible.

Community foundation executive director James Cutright told the donors gathered for dinner Wednesday evening that the foundation has reinvested more than \$10 million into the community from assets that total over \$33,446,157. Twenty-seven new endowments have been created throughout the past year and 183 scholarships, including 20 for Ashland University students, he said. "That's a remarkable achievement and you all are responsible for that," Cutright said to the donors.

The foundation is celebrating its 21st year serving the Ashland community.

"By our 21st year, we may have educated ourselves, so that we have a better understanding of what our role is in our society," Cutright said, elaborating on the theme of "21 Years -- Coming of Age" -- the annual report insert in today's Times-Gazette. "Our maturity as an organization has inspired even more confidence of those who have engaged with us as donors to create endowment for the future, allowing for further education opportunities and increase in capacity for our valued partner agencies."

Cutright took time to honor trustees who are stepping down, including Keith Boales, Emily Hess and Susan Shafer. He also welcomed three new trustees: Anne Cowen, Jay Myers and Tom Zupan. "The trustees are vital to our success in so many ways," he said.

Anyone can donate to the Community Foundation and can do so at any time. To contact call 419-281-4733 or visit [communityfoundation.org](http://communityfoundation.org).

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