



BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Describing the year 2020 as challenging would be an understatement. The unprecedented health and economic impacts of a global pandemic were felt across the world, the nation and the Buckeye Lake Region. Yet, we also saw the value of resiliency and perseverance and, as the year came to a close, we saw many individuals, businesses and nonprofits moving forward. While the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation faced many adversities throughout the year, we were able to stay true to our mission to advance programs, plans and studies that will bring sustainable economic, environmental and entertainment developments to the Buckeye Lake Region.

This year's Annual Report highlights how the generous financial support of our donors enabled the Foundation to continue funding the strategic planning initiatives and projects executed by the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. These pages are filled with an overview of our accomplishments for the year, highlights of our financials and a look ahead at our goals for the future. The Annual Report is also our opportunity to recognize our individual and Champion of the Lake donors.

I want to sincerely thank every donor, partner and board member for their time, commitment, support and dedication to the Buckeye Lake Region. Without you, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation would not be able to execute on its mission and goals. This support was uniquely critical during 2020 and underscores the value that our donor community and supporters place on positively transforming the Buckeye Lake Region.

I hope you will continue to join us on this exciting journey.

Yaromir Steiner
CHAIRMAN

BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION





OUR MISSION AND WHO WE ARE

OUR MISSION

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation was founded to provide financial funding to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, which exists to implement the community vision adopted by the citizens of the Buckeye Lake Region

WHO WE ARE

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation is part of a collaborative effort to transform the Buckeye Lake Region into the most popular year-round tourism destination in the Midwest.

WHAT WE DO

By securing donation and grants from individuals, businesses and foundations (public and private), the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation provides the financial assistance needed by the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to execute on the community vision outlines in the BLR 2036 Declaration.

HOW WE DO IT

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation reviews and approves grant funds for specific projects and operations requests from the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation. We depend on generous donations from individuals, businesses and foundations to help us transform the Buckeye Lake Region.



BOARD MEMBERS

The Executive Committee and Board Members are integral to the success of the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation. Our Board is comprised of business and community members from across Central Ohio. They provide the strategic guidance and critical insights that are needed to ensure the Foundation remains on course, while strengthening donor relationships.

"The BLR 2036 Declaration and Community Vision serve as the Foundation's guiding principles."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

YAROMIR STEINER | CHAIRMAN

KAREN COOKSTON | VICE CHAIRMAN

RICHARD SMITH | TREASURER

MIKE FORNATARO | SECRETARY

BOARD MEMBERS

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TOM JOHNSON

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BILL SCHOTTENSTEIN

ANDY WOLF

CHRIS MOONEY

DOUG POORMAN

BRENDAN UNDERWOOD

AMY EYMAN

CONNIE HAWK



HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Since its founding, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation has achieved many significant milestones. Below is a highlight of major BLRCF accomplishments achieved over the past four years:

BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016 – 2020

- Established the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, providing continuous monetary and organizational support
- Serve as the primary funding resource to execute the vision of the BLR 2036 Declaration
- Funded the Gruen + Gruen Economic Impact Study
- Funded the EMH&T Buckeye Lake Watershed and Feeder Channel Water Quality Study
- Established charitable giving funds at the Licking, Fairfield and Perry County Foundations
- Coordinated and funded the Buckeye Lake Region Hospitality Plan executed by MKSK
- Coordinated and funded the Public Access Crystal Lagoon Economic Study executed by VenuBlue
- Coordinated and funded the Thorn Township Advisory Task Force
- Coordinated \$1,200,000 in grants for Feeder Channel restoration
- Secured \$200,000 for dredge recommissioning.
- Successfully advocated for the purchase of a new dredge for Buckeye Lake
- Secured \$392,000 for the Phase 1: Design and Concept to support the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation's efforts to re-imagine the North Shore Park
- Secured \$75,000 to support the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation's efforts to bring a public access crystal lagoon to Buckeye Lake
- Secured \$250,000 to begin structural and amenity upgrades to Canal Drive in Millersport





2020 GOALS AND PROJECTS

The Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation seeks to achieve its mission by funding approaches that contribute to the transformation of the Buckeye Lake Region. Below is an overview of projects the Foundation was focused on in 2020, along with funding goals and project status.

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY PARK TRANSFORMATION

The Foundation was instrumental in securing funds within the State of Ohio Capital Budget for the transformation of the North Shore Community Park located in the Village of Buckeye Lake. This transformation will include construction of a community pier, which is currently in the design and general engineering phase.

2020 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE FUNDING FOR PHASE 1: DESIGN AND CONCEPT**

PROJECT STATUS: **\$392K SECURED, PHASE 1 TO BE COMPLETED IN SPRING 2021**

STATE OF OHIO CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

The Foundation was instrumental in securing successful budget requests for multiple projects, across the Buckeye Lake Region, within the 2021 State of Ohio Capital Budget. These include: Millersport Canal Improvements: \$250K, Crystal Lagoon Economic Study: \$75K, Dredge recommissioning and purchase: \$200K. These budget requests will enable the ongoing work of both the Foundation and the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation.

2020 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE SUCCESSFUL BUDGET REQUESTS**

PROJECT STATUS: **FUNDING FOR ALL ITEMS SECURED**

PUBLIC ACCESS CRYSTAL LAGOON

The Foundation secured funds to coordinate an economic and feasibility study by VenuBlue to evaluate the possibility of bringing a public access crystal lagoon to Buckeye Lake.

2020 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE FUNDING TO COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

PROJECT STATUS: **\$50K IN FUNDING SECURED. STUDY AND CORRESPONDING INFOGRAPHIC COMPLETED**

BUCKEYE LAKE REGION HOSPITALITY PLAN

The Foundation secured funds to coordinate a hospitality study and plan by MKSK to evaluate the potential hospitality and entertainment development opportunities across the Buckeye Lake Region.

2020 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE FUNDING TO COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

PROJECT STATUS: **\$50K IN FUNDING SECURED. STUDY AND CORRESPONDING INFOGRAPHIC COMPLETED**

THORN TOWNSHIP ADVISORY TASK FORCE – TASKFORCE

At the request of Thorn Township, the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation assembled a task force of renowned designers, architects, engineers and environmental experts to provide Thorn Township with information on how to successfully develop the western side of Honey Creek. The Foundation provided monetary support to coordinate the task force and execute multiple Town Hall meetings.

2020 FUNDING GOAL: **PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS STRATEGIC BLRC INITIATIVE.**

PROJECT STATUS: **\$10K IN MONETARY SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE BLRC. ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BLRC TO THORN TOWNSHIP. ONGOING SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH 2021**

BUCKEYE LAKE REGION CORPORATION

Additional funding to maintain operation of the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation, which is the backbone of the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation's efforts.

PROJECT STATUS: **ONGOING; 2020 FUNDING SECURED AND PROVIDED**



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2020 FINANCIALS AT-A-GLANCE

In 2020, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation received generous donations from a range of individual contributors and Champion of the Lake donors.

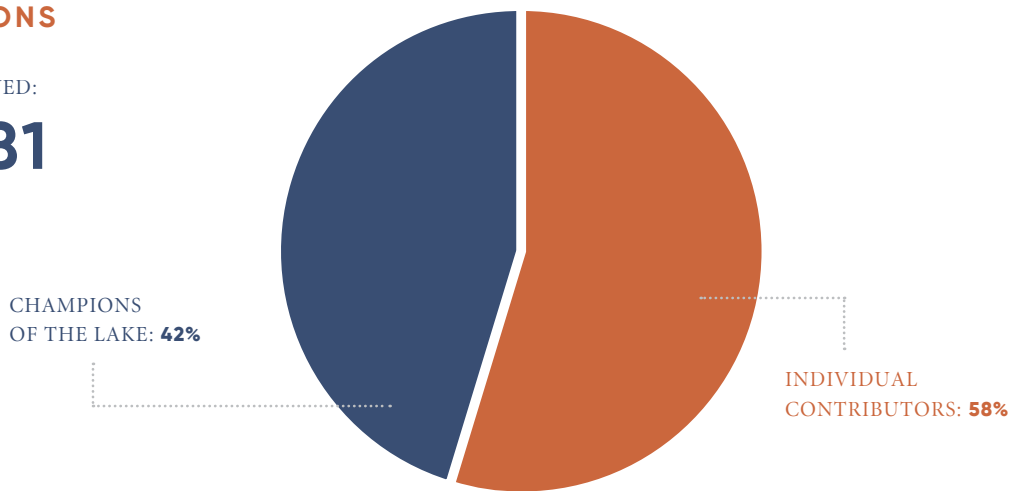
In 2020, the Foundation also received financial support from individual donors that participated in the Columbus Foundation Big Give 2020 event; these individual donations were matched by the Columbus Foundation. In addition, both the Fairfield County Foundation and the Licking County Foundation provided matching funds to donations made by donors during annual Giving Tuesday events, such as the Fairfield County Foundation 30-Hour Give event.

These financial contributions were utilized to continue forward momentum on critical, regional projects as well as to maintain the operations of the Foundation and the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation.

2020 DONATIONS

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED:

\$158,081

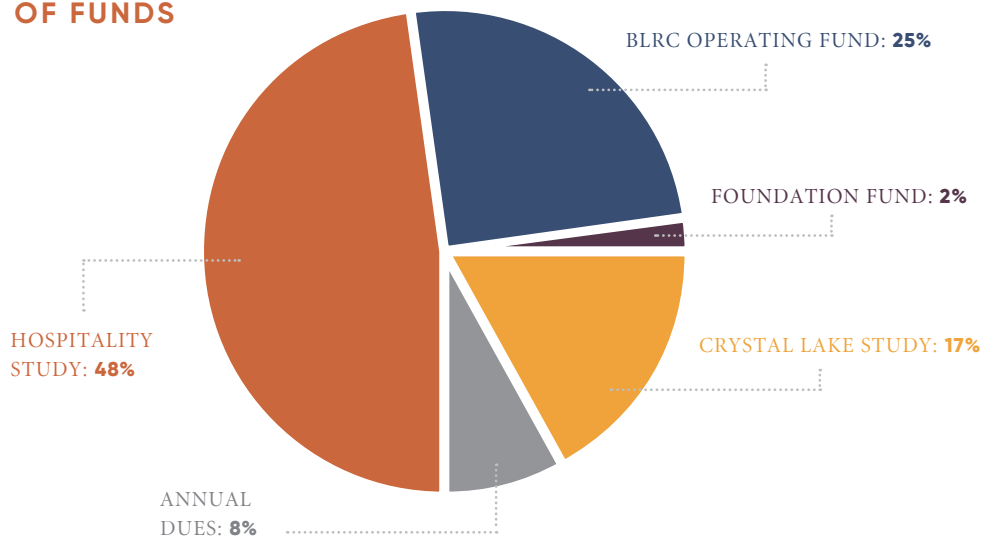


2020 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

TOTAL EXTERNAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED:

\$148,550

*Operating funds are distributed to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation which is responsible for the execution of initiatives that support the BLR 20236 Declaration and Community Vision.

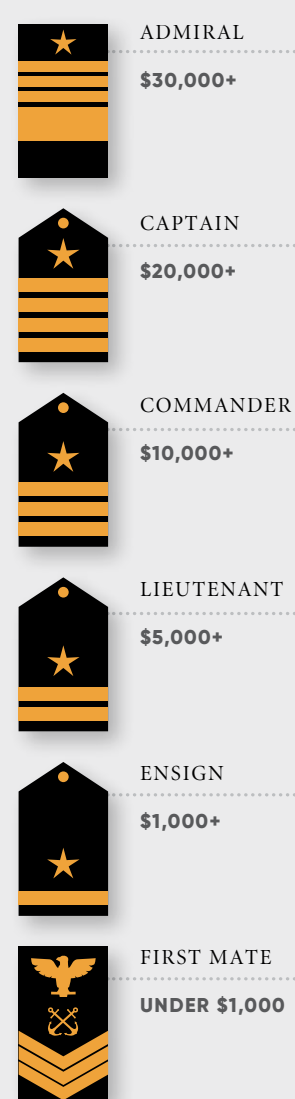


2020 INDIVIDUAL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTORS

The efforts of the Foundation would not be possible without the financial support of our donors. We would like to recognize the following individual contributors for their generous donations provided in 2020.

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\$30,000+
- CAPTAIN**
\$20,000+
- COMMANDER**
\$10,000+
- LIEUTENANT**
\$5,000+
- ENSIGN**
\$1,000+
- FIRST MATE**
UNDER \$1,000



HALL OF FAME CONTRIBUTORS

Foundation Hall of Fame contributors are those donors that have generously supported the Foundation through monetary contributions. We would like to recognize and thank our Hall of Fame donors, included below.

ADMIRAL (\$30,000+)

Robert F. Wolfe and Edgar T. Wolfe Foundation
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Ken Morris

CAPTAIN (\$20,000+)

Pat and Yaromir Steiner

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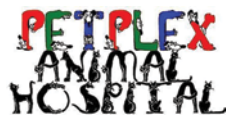
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Donna L. Parker
Mr. Yaromir Steiner
Mr. Richard Smith
Nancy Laver
Bretz Family Trust



CHAMPIONS OF THE LAKE

OUR IMPORTANT CORPORATE DONORS

The Foundation currently recognizes fifteen businesses as Champion of the Lake donors. This donor designation status is awarded to businesses that have committed to a three year reoccurring donation of \$5,000. The Foundation is grateful for the continuous financial support of these business donors.





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