



BUCKEYE LAKE REGION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The year 2021 presented businesses and nonprofits with even more waves of unprecedented challenges and changes, particularly as organizations worked to understand the residual effects of the pandemic would lead to large-scale shifts in how people work and how business gets done. As in years before, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation was not immune to these issues and yet we remained steadfast in our commitment to carry through our mission and commitment to bring sustainable economic development to the Buckeye Lake Region. We found creative ways to engage with local political entities, our communities and our constituents.

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 recognition 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. Your support has never wavered, even during the most uncertain times, which 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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

MATT BAUMANN

TOM JOHNSON

DAVE LEVACY

KEN MORRIS

DON PINNELL

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 AT-A-GLANCE 2016 TO 2021

- 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
- Established the Thorn Township Taskforce along side Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to fund design support for possible development options along Honey Creek
- Worked collaboratively with Buckeye Lake Region Corporation to facilitate community focus groups and surveys to identify the top priority projects to be funded; water quality topped the list across all of the options
- Provided support to Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow installation of aerators across the Region to improve water quality





# 2021 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 2021 along with funding goals and project status.

## WALNUT TWP ADVISORY TASK FORCE

A core value of the Foundation is to support BLRC in its mission to help guide growth to be sustainable and have a positive impact. At the request of the property owners and Walnut

Township, the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation assembled a task force of renowned designers, architects, engineers and environmental experts to provide guidance and gather community input on creative concepts consistent with community values. The project includes funding for design and market study work that will be made available to the public.

2021 FUNDING GOAL: **PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THIS STRATEGIC BLRC INITIATIVE**

PROJECT STATUS: **COMPLETED; \$10K IN MONETARY SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE BLRC. ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BLRC TO WALNUT TOWNSHIP AND THE LAND-OWNERS. ONGOING SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH 2022**

## 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.

2021 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE FUNDING FOR PHASE 1: DESIGN AND CONCEPT**

PROJECT STATUS: **\$392,000 SECURED, PHASE 1 IN PROCESS**

## THORN TOWNSHIP ADVISORY TASK FORCE – TASKFORCE

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.

2021 FUNDING GOAL: **SECURE FUNDING TO COMPLETE ECONOMIC AND FEASIBILITY STUDY**

PROJECT STATUS: **COMPLETED; \$10K IN MONETARY SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE BLRC. ADVISORY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BLRC TO THORN TOWNSHIP. ONGOING SUPPORT 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; 2021 FUNDING SECURED AND PROVIDED**



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# 2021 FINANCIALS AT-A-GLANCE

In 2021, the Buckeye Lake Region Community Foundation received generous donations from a range of individual contributors and Champion of the Lake donors.

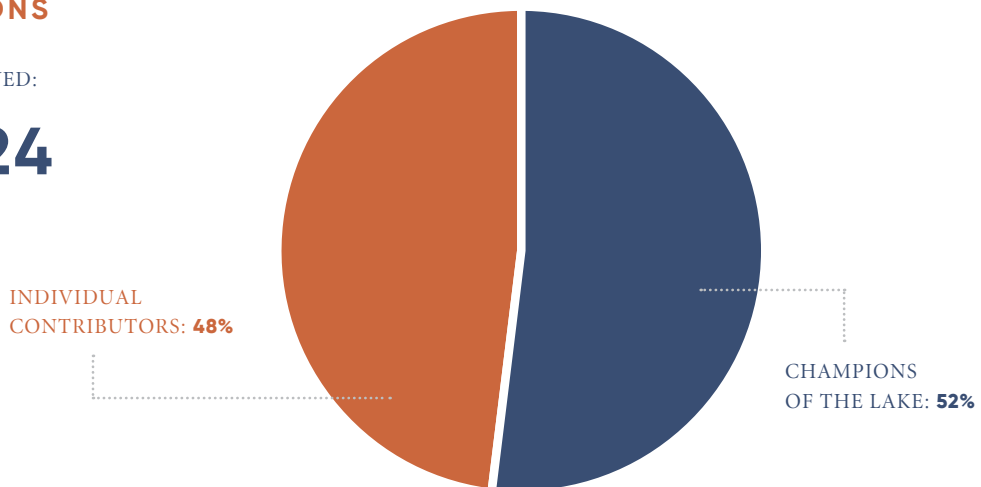
In 2021, the Foundation also received financial support from individual donors that participated in the Columbus Foundation Big Give 2021 event; these individual donations were matched by the Columbus Foundation. In addition, both the Fairfield County Foundation and the Licking County Foundation provided 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.

## 2021 DONATIONS

TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED:

**\$133,424**

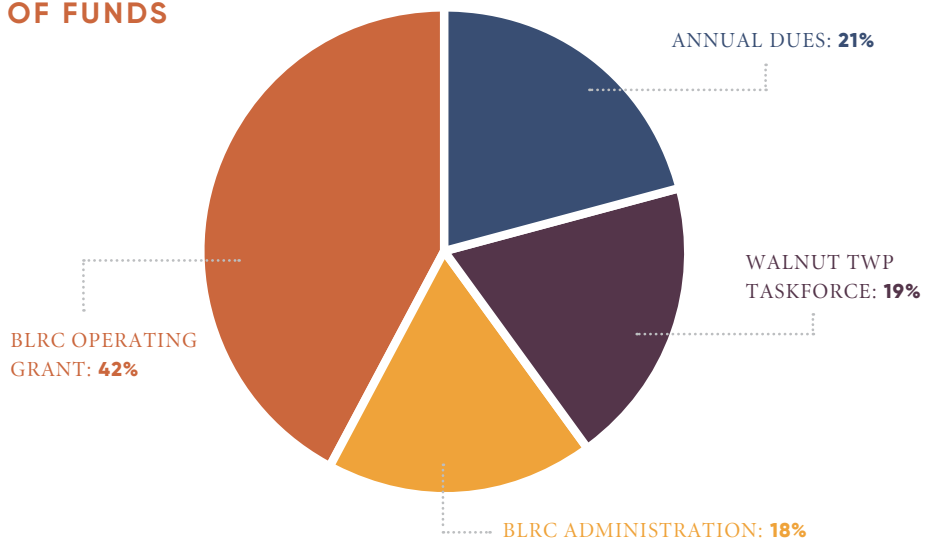


## 2021 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

TOTAL EXTERNAL GRANTS DISTRIBUTED:

**\$57,000**

\*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.





# 2021 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 2021.

DONOR NAME	DESIGNATION LEVEL
PAT AND YAROMIR STEINER	COMMANDER
KEN MORRIS	LIEUTENANT
SAUL SCHOTTENSTEIN FOUNDATION	LIEUTENANT
STEINER + ASSOCIATES	ENSIGN
RICH AND BEV SMITH	ENSIGN
MARK MOYER	ENSIGN
CASEY CLARK	ENSIGN
ANDREW B. WOLFE	ENSIGN
RICHARD SMITH	ENSIGN
BARBARA SILLS	FIRST MATE
JUSTIN WHITNEY	FIRST MATE
DOROTHY NELSON	FIRST MATE
SIP RESTAURANTS, INC. / DONATOS PIZZA	FIRST MATE
WHIT'S ICE CREAM BUCKEYE LAKE	FIRST MATE

**BLRCF DONOR LEVELS**

- ADMIRAL**  
\$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  
The Columbus Foundation  
Ken Morris

## CAPTAIN (\$20,000+)

Pat and Yaromir Steiner  
Pinnell Dance Center  
Buckeye Lake Marina Inc  
Karen Cookston, Ameriprise Financial  
PetPlex Animal Hospital  
Saul Schottenstein Foundation D  
Park National Bank

## COMMANDER (\$10,000 - \$19,999)

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Waste Away/ Affordable Portables

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Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association  
Mr & Mrs Mark Moyer

## FIRST MATE (UP TO \$999)

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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 seventeen 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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