



Summer 2026

Thriving Together

Healthy Aging in Our Region

Foundation Matters



Linda McClellan-Boyd at the Wayman Palmer YMCA, Jennifer Beachy Photography.



2026 AOoA's Senior Prom, Jennifer Beachy Photography.



Kathy Gush at White Oak Campground at Oak Openings, Jennifer Beachy Photography.

Aging Well Together In Northwest Ohio

Across northwest Ohio, older adults are the ones who raised families, strengthened neighborhoods, kept local traditions alive and quietly shaped the places we now enjoy. Honoring them means ensuring they can age with dignity, comfort and connection — the same care they poured into others for so many years.

The Community Foundation and the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio share a commitment to making that vision a reality. The three pillars that define what healthy aging looks like in practice:

Promoting long healthy lives through nutrition.

Strengthening connections to reduce social isolation.

Building the community infrastructure that makes independence possible.



Scan to watch a highlight reel of Area Office on Aging's "Senior Prom 2026."

Nutrition is central to this mission. The plan calls for expanding nutrition programming across senior centers, reducing transportation barriers to food access and home-delivered meals.

Organizations like Mobile Meals make that work tangible — and according to President and CEO Alison Foreman, the meal is only part of what gets delivered.

"A person who's usually too uncomfortable to ask for what they need will open up to our driver, because that driver is the one who shows up with their food, day after day," Foreman says. "They end up trusting our drivers to help them." That trust becomes a lifeline. Mobile Meals drivers enter clients' homes daily, weekly or twice a week — connecting people to resources, helping get them to senior centers and out of the house. Last year, the organization served nearly 3,000 people and delivered 26,000 meals, a 49% increase over the prior year. The need is accelerating. More than half of Meals on Wheels agencies nationwide

now carry a waitlist, and pandemic-era demand has never subsided. By 2030, Americans over 60 will outnumber those under 18.

For many older adults, those touchpoints are the thread that holds daily life together.

Marilyn, 78, lives in affordable senior housing on the Area Office on Aging campus and doesn't spend much time thinking about her age. "I'm not old," she says, crediting a deep social network and near-constant movement for her vitality. Her advice to peers is simple: "Keep it moving." But she's equally clear that movement needs a destination — a place to gather, to connect, to belong. "Senior centers are good," she says, "but it could just be a community room that you gather in."

It is that combination — nourishment, movement and belonging — that defines healthy aging in our region. With the right partnerships and community will, it is within reach for every older adult in northwest Ohio.



^ Adult volunteers at Hospice of Northwest Ohio's Path Finders Camp for Grieving Children.

Investing In Toledo, Together

A Conversation with Annie Baymiller and Amanda Murray

For Annie Baymiller, Global Chief Information Officer and Executive VP of Owens Corning, and Dr. Amanda Murray, associate professor at the University of Toledo, philanthropy is a way of life shaped early and carried forward into a shared commitment to the place they now call home.

“Giving and service has been a really big part of both of our lives growing up, and then into our professional lives as well,” Amanda said. Her work in healthcare keeps her close to the need. “I feel like I get a sense of purpose giving back.”

When the couple decided Toledo would be home, they made a deliberate choice to invest locally. “We wanted to feel like we were making our hometown better,” Annie said. Through her service on the Metroparks Foundation Board she came to see philanthropy’s ripple effect firsthand — not just beautiful parks but economic growth and thriving neighborhoods. “You see all these happy people and you see prosperity happening in areas of our community that did not have that in the past.”

Their giving has grown around shared passions and a recognition of what matters most to the other. Amanda hopes to one day help students afford the education that opened doors for her and strengthen the healthcare workforce in the process. “That would be truly a dream come true.”

Working with the Community Foundation has helped turn ideas into plans. “These are the discussions we

love having,” Annie said. “We don’t know where to start. Having a team that can say ‘we do that all the time’ just lets us plan into the future.”

Their advice for others: start where you can. As Amanda put it, “Time is a really important resource. Start off with whatever you can do.”



^ Toledo Metroparks Aerial View, Doug Hinebaugh 'DougieFresh'.



Scan to watch
the full interview.

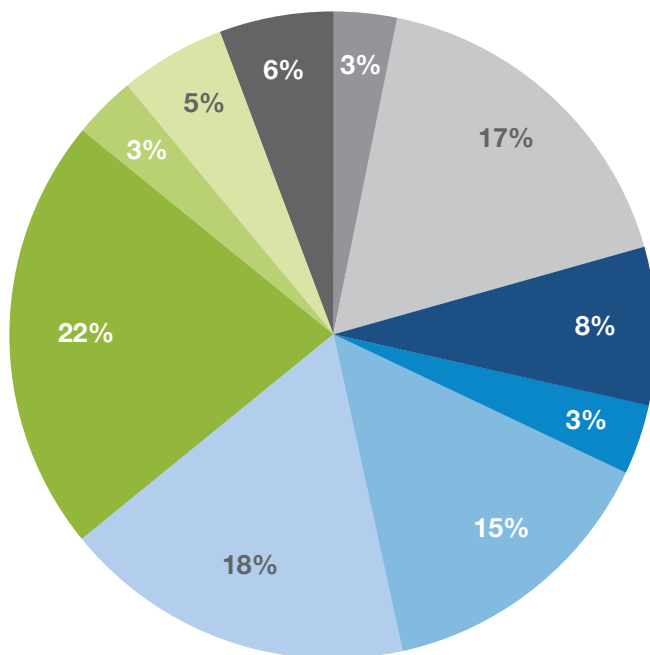
Annie Baymiller and Dr. Amanda Murray.



Your Generosity at Work

Grants Awarded

January 1, 2026 – May 31, 2026



Focus Area	Awarded
Animal Welfare	\$414,048
Arts & Culture	\$2,313,332
Basic Needs	\$1,048,399
Civic Engagement	\$462,277
Community Building	\$1,926,166
Education & Scholarships	\$2,325,213
Health	\$2,879,503
Natural Resources	\$411,680
Neighborhood & Economic Development	\$702,672
Religious	\$755,957

Totals

\$13,239,247

Investing In Those Who Built Our Community

Northwest Ohio's older adults shaped everything we value about this region. For tens of thousands, though, the later years bring isolation, declining health and a loss of connection.

The Healthy Aging Fund addresses this directly, prioritizing long, healthy lives through better nutrition, stronger connections that reduce social isolation and the community infrastructure that makes independence possible.

In partnership with the Area Office on Aging, the Community Foundation issues competitive grants to local nonprofits working to meet this need, ensuring the systems of support keep pace with the needs of our greatest generation.



Scan to learn how your partnership can make a difference.

✓ 2025 AOoA's 60+ Safari at the Toledo Zoo, Jennifer Beachy Photography.





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Our Vision

A vibrant region where all thrive.

Our Mission

The Community Foundation **creates** opportunities, **connects** generosity and **inspires** collective action, amplifying **impact** to strengthen our region.

Our Values

At the Community Foundation, we value innovation, integrity, excellence and collaboration.



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➤ Front Cover: Amy Herzig at Glass City Metroparks, Jennifer Beachy Photography.