



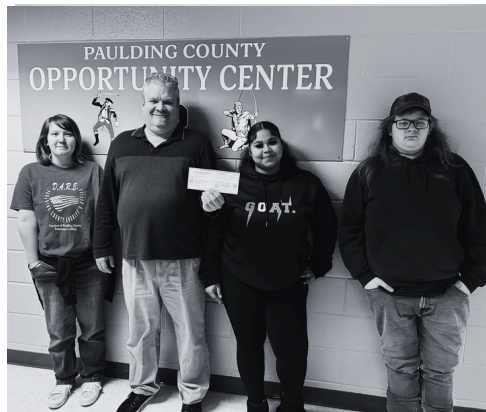
Paulding County Area
FOUNDATION

2025 Annual Report

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Paulding County Area Foundation exists to enrich the quality of life for our community.

A Year of Accomplishments



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In a small town like ours, community isn't just a word—it's the way we live every day.

It's neighbors showing up when someone is in need. It's familiar faces at ballgames, church dinners, and school events. It's the quiet generosity that doesn't always make headlines, but makes all the difference. At the Paulding County Area Foundation, we see this spirit of giving again and again, and it reminds us of a simple truth: we thrive together.

Every gift given, every scholarship awarded, every project supported is rooted in the belief that when one of us succeeds, we all do.

Our strength comes from people who care deeply about this place—its families, its farms, its businesses, and its future. You believe, as we do, that Paulding County is worth investing in, not just for today, but for generations to come.

Because of your support, young people are given opportunities, traditions are preserved, and hope is planted where it's needed most. These aren't abstract outcomes—they're real lives, real stories, and real moments that shape our community.

Thank you for being part of something bigger than yourself. Thank you for believing in your neighbors. Thank you for helping ensure that Paulding County remains a place where people look out for one another and where the future is built together.

With gratitude and pride,

Lisa McClure
Executive Director
Paulding County Area Foundation



GIVING TUESDAY

\$10,900 in donations on GivingTuesday
+ \$10,900 matching contributions

Total Contributions
\$21,800

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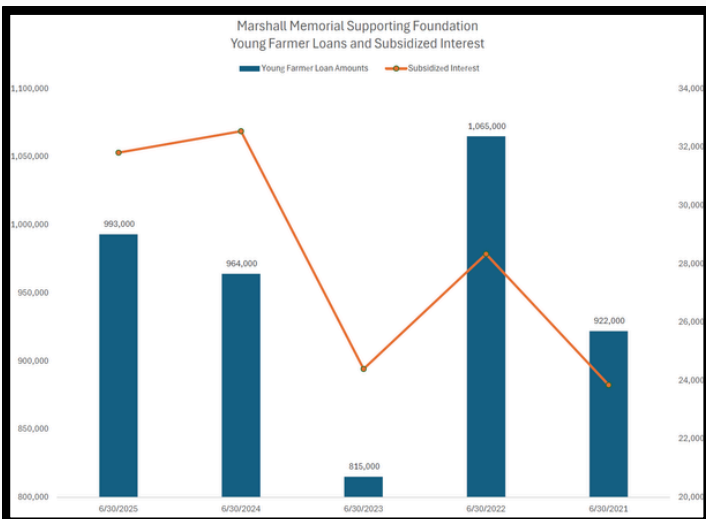
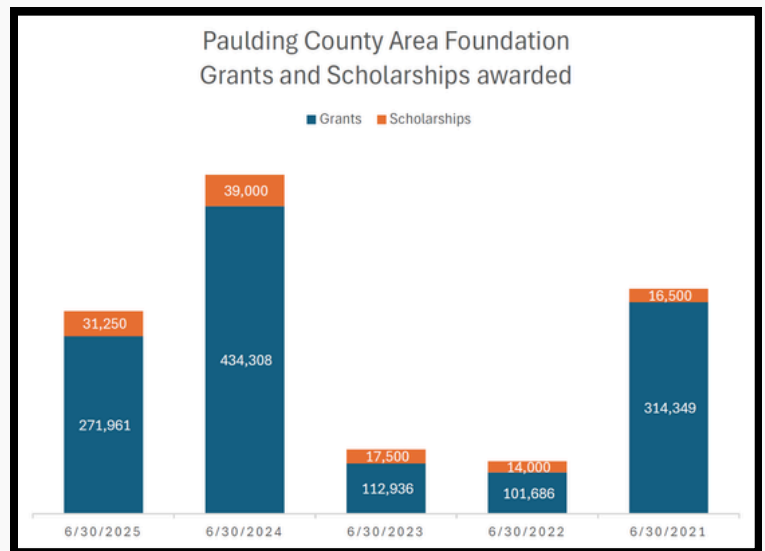
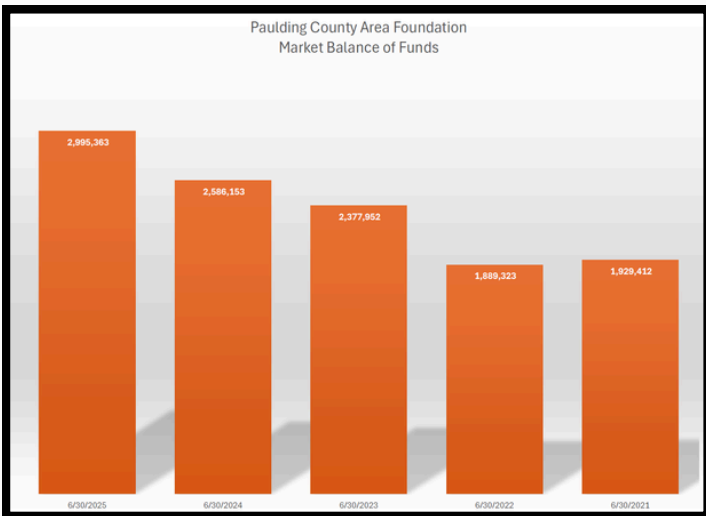
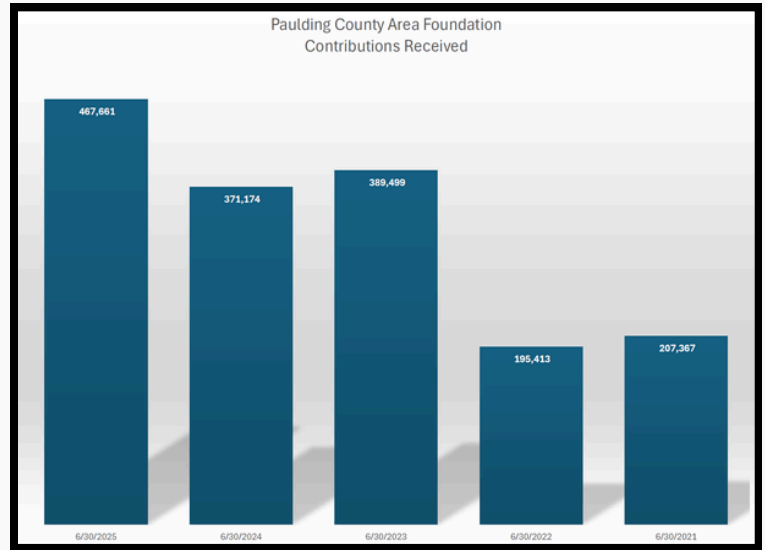
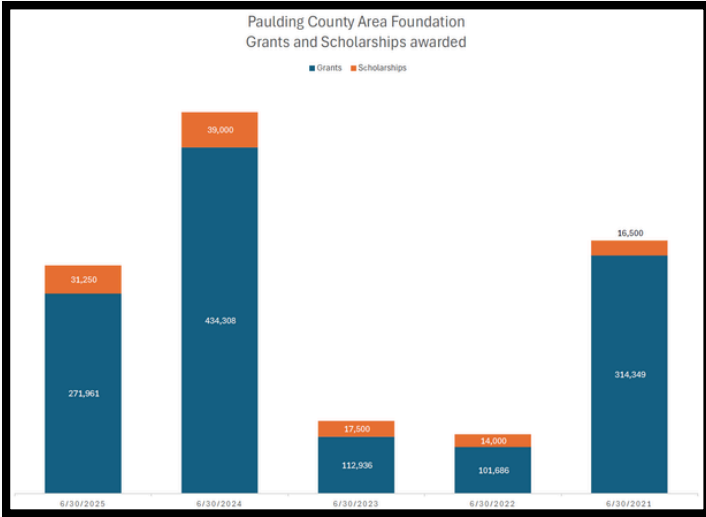
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships award in 2025 to
Paulding County Students

\$79,875



Financial Review



PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND

GRANTS AWARDED

Payne EMS

Our current LUCAS automatic CPR device is no longer serviceable by the manufacturer, because these components are no longer being produced, any malfunction could leave the device out of service for an extended period (or permanently).

Investing in the latest model, the LUCAS 3, would significantly strengthen our ability to provide life-saving care. This upgraded device delivers consistent, high-quality chest compressions, reducing the manpower required on scene, lowering the risk of fatigue-related injuries to responders, and greatly increasing the chances of successful resuscitation for patients in cardiac arrest.



Paulding Opportunity Center

PCOC supports students academically and personally through initiatives like its monthly food pantry in partnership with the West Ohio Food Bank, providing essential groceries to families on the second Thursday of each month. With the help of community partners, this program promotes stability, dignity, and meaningful local impact for students across Paulding County.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Every month children, newborn up to age 5, receive a book per month for free through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Ohio program. This program is specifically designed to encourage early reading, enhance comprehension, and literacy. "To date over 1300 children have graduated from the program. Currently we have over 580 kids enrolled to receive books every month in our county!" Stated Lora Lyons, Executive Director of United Way.



Defiance Area Youth for Christ

BreakAway is a one overnight Camp for 6-8th grade students at Camp Lutherhaven. This is a strategic event we host for young people in our Ministry Year to talk about who Jesus is. This event also aids in our relationship building with young people. This event also sets the foundation of how we journey with young people throughout the year. It also gives a short amount of time to "break away" from whatever they have going on at home or in their lives. Gives young people a safe and positive place for them to be. Money will be used to help cover the cost of Paulding students attending the event.

Science4U

Science Central's line of educational programming for all people of all ages. This includes field trips, outreaches to local schools. Each program features hands-on elements, allowing participants to engage on a deeper level with the content. Whether the topic is astronomy, biology, zoology or anything in between, Through this program, Science Central will work to increase Paulding Counties students' interest in rapidly growing STEM fields. Our program curriculum includes Outreach, Hands-on Kits, Virtual Programs and Field Trips.



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