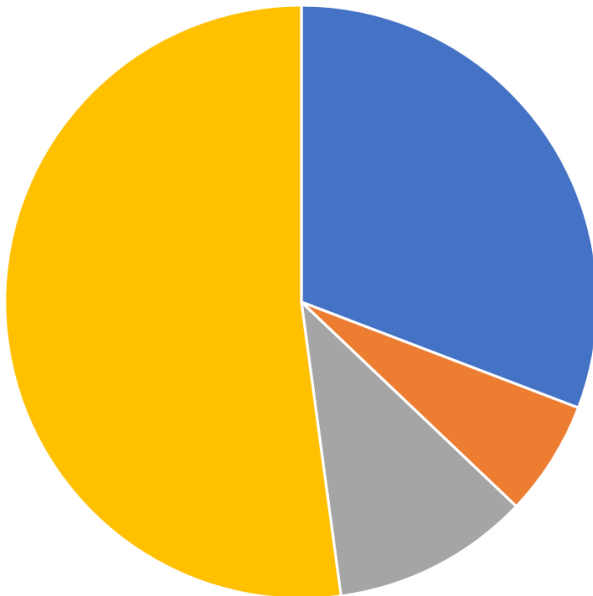




# ANNUAL REPORT 2020

We envision a vibrant, progressive community where everyone belongs and everyone thrives.

2020 Grants



■ Sustainable Arts ■ Leadership Development ■ Family Support Systems ■ Community Grants

26 Grants totaling **\$465,201** invested in our community

**Total Giving since 1998:  
\$11,510,187**

**Our Grantee Partners:**

- Alma Randolph Charitable Foundation
- Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame Museum
- Boulevard Mission
- Civic Engagement Institute
- Community Dental Clinic
- Goodfellows Club
- The Help Office
- Junior Achievement
- Kentucky Nonprofit Network
- Kids Camera Project
- Leadership Owensboro
- OASIS
- Owensboro Dance Theatre
- Owensboro Museum of Fine Art
- Owensboro Museum of Science & History
- Owensboro Public Schools—  
Foundation for Excellence (2 grants)
- Owensboro Symphony Orchestra
- RiverPark Center
- Salvation Army
- Theatre Workshop of Owensboro
- United Way of the Ohio Valley—  
COVID 19 fund (2 grants)

## Our Mission:

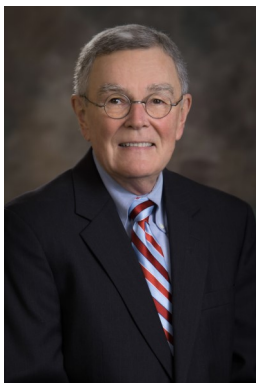
We are a capacity-building resource:  
opening minds, supporting the development of new skills, and linking efforts  
to ensure economic opportunity, well being, and prosperity for our citizens.

## Reflections from our Board Chair

In its first 20 years, more than **\$11,500,000.00** has been granted by the Marilyn and William Young Foundation\* to Owensboro/Daviess Count nonprofit organizations that help local people. These grants have supported education, the arts and the many local nonprofits that provide services to families, especially children, in need of services, specialized help or support during difficult periods in their lives.

The Foundation has supported educational programs and construction of facilities for students K-through college/university. It has provided support for the visual arts, music for both symphony and bluegrass, performance arts such as dance and drama and arts education. It has funded programs that address issues and give support to low or no income families, dental services and help to a myriad of local people who needed help to work through difficult circumstances.

We are optimistic about our next twenty years. Our board has grown from 3 to 9 members and our new board members bring new, valuable experiences that will help us meet the obligation of our vision - ***a vibrant, progressive community where everyone belongs and everyone thrives.***



Joe Overby

When you read our mission printed at the top of this page you will understand how our money will be used and for what we are working. This goal will require all of us, not just the board or the nonprofit organizations but all of us working together to reach this vision.

In our next 20 years the Young Foundation hopes to provide another **11.5 Million Dollars or more** to make our community a better place for all of us.

\*The Young Foundation was established in 1998 by Marilyn Field Young to honor her husband Bill shortly after his death. By doing this Marilyn formalized what had become a family tradition for both the Young and Field families.

## Our Guiding Principles:

Excellence \* Partnerships \* Accountability \* Integrity



Our Foundation partnered with the City of Owensboro, Daviess County Fiscal Court, the Green River Area Community Foundation, the United Way of the Ohio Valley and other donors to create a collective Response Fund. This coalition of philanthropy, government, and business partners united to create a Response Fund that rapidly deployed resources to community-based organizations at the front-lines of Western Kentucky's current Covid-19 pandemic. Over \$700,000 was raised for the fund and then granted to community agencies. Additionally, many alliances formed between the local non-profits.

Furthermore in September, the Foundation partnered with Daviess County Fiscal Court to deploy \$60,000 in grants to area art and cultural agencies to assist with their unmet needs.



Girls Inc. (above) distributed school supplies to their clients and the Cliff Hagan Boys and Girls Club (below) provided food baskets to the families of their participants.



# 20th Anniversary Celebration

## *Student Leadership Grants*

In August of 2019, the Young Foundation invited all schools in each of the three local school districts to join our 20th Anniversary celebration through our Student Leadership Grants program. These grants were intended to encourage the leadership and problem solving potential of our local students by empowering them to design a service project supported by our foundation with a \$1,000 grant for each participating school. The projects were developed and implemented by students to address a need or issue in our community or in their school.

The thoughtful projects executed by the youth in our community have exceeded all expectations, and truly fulfilled our goal of fostering leadership in our young citizens. We recognized the students and their work with a Celebration on January 27th at Riverpark Center. Students were invited to display their projects in the lobby and also present their projects on the Cannon Hall stage to our community.



## Civic Engagement Institute

*Redefining Leadership for the Common Good*



This partnership between the Marilyn and William Young Foundation and the Leadership Owensboro program at the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce was launched in 2020. The initial Civic Leadership Institute class of 14 community members learned about adaptive change during monthly sessions from May to October. In June, the group chose to pursue a **community challenge focused around race, diversity, and inclusion in the Owensboro community**. The class will actively pursue several interventions in the next year to reach their goals.



**ENGAGE**  
OWENSBORO

**Engage Owensboro** is an interactive database funded by the Young Foundation which was created to more fully engage citizens in Greater Owensboro. Talent recruitment and retention are key components to our community's health.

In partnership with the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, the software was designed to be a tool to connect talent to service opportunities and ultimately provide more depth in community leadership. Members of the community can choose to create an account and indicate interest in community organizations and opportunities such as board positions, internships or volunteer service. Engage Organizations will be notified when a community member has expressed interest in their organization and can facilitate communication to get community members involved with non-profit and civic boards. To learn more visit the Engage Owensboro page at [www.chamber.owensboro.com](http://www.chamber.owensboro.com).

## Non-discrimination and Socially Responsible Investment Policies

This year our Board adopted the following Non-discrimination Policy which must be agreed to by all grantees prior to receiving funds from the Foundation: The Marilyn and William Young Charitable Foundation does not discriminate with regard to its grant making to nonprofit organizations due to race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability or any legally protected classification. By entering into this agreement, your organization agrees to and understands that the funding awarded may not be used in any discriminatory manner as listed above.

Additionally, a Socially Responsible Investment Policy was approved by the Board which precludes the Foundation from making investments in companies engaging in the following activities: tobacco, manufacturing of weapons of mass destruction, or pornography.



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