



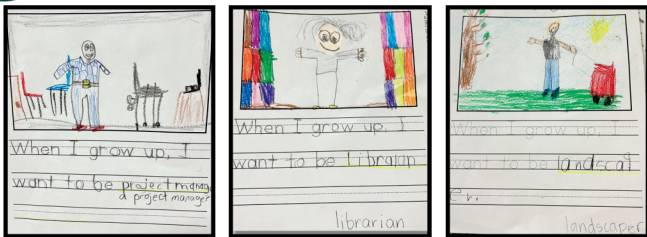
FOCUSED ON STUDENTS

4 KEY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Barry County Students Benefit from our Education-Focused Support

The Barry Community Foundation has always made education a priority. From providing classroom grants to generous scholarships, we know education is a key ingredient to fostering a healthy and vibrant community. This is why the board of directors, affiliate foundations, and the staff at BCF support several initiatives and programs for students. These four programs demonstrate just a fraction of the impact on communities and in our schools.

1 KickStart to Career



WHEN I GROW UP...

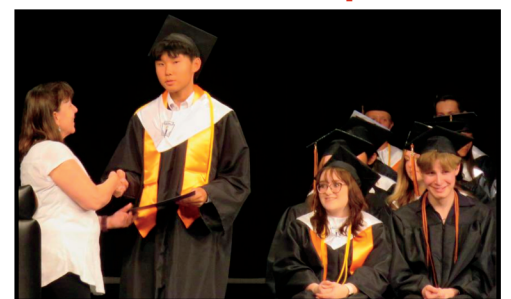
Each Kindergartener gets \$50 in a KickStart account to encourage them to dream and save for the future. As a part of the program's enrollment period, Program Coordinator, Sam Waller visits each participating school in Barry County to encourage students to save, dream, and sometimes share stories of what they want to be when they grow up. (see left from Mrs. Wolfe, St. Rose Kindergarten class)

REVIEWING HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS

In 2023, \$217,000 in scholarships were awarded to 66 students. Volunteers spend hundreds of hours meticulously reviewing all the scholarship applications. 2024 scholarships will be awarded in May to graduates from area high schools. Partnering with members of the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation and Delton Kellogg Education Foundation, we present area high school graduates with scholarship awards.

Scholarship Funds

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3 Driver Training Fund



LOCAL DONOR IDENTIFIES A NEED

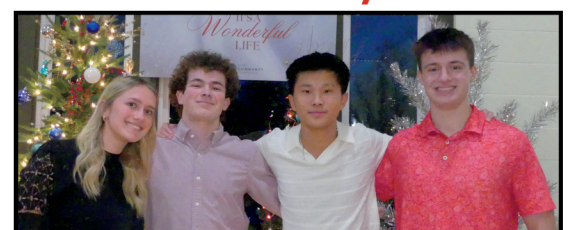
High schools no longer offer driver education programs, creating a financial barrier for some families. Seeing this as a disadvantage for some, a local donor started a fund to aid area teens, ensuring no student is deprived of this essential training. By partnering with high schools, we find students in need, connecting them to the fund for driver training fee coverage. To date, this fund has provided over \$9500 to help area students.

FUTURE PHILANTHROPISTS

30+ teens from four area schools meet monthly to plan and complete service projects, fundraise, review grants, teach others about philanthropy, and build leadership skills. "We support programs designed to help kids in our county," explains Evan Liu, president of YAC. By providing over \$22,000 in grants, these students learn the importance of supporting their community and schools.

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