

Community Foundation

of St. Clair County

Priority Areas (2016-2018)

Mission

Address our region's opportunities and challenges while helping donors achieve their goals by connecting them with like-minded donors and partners striving to improve our quality of life and increase our regional vibrancy and prosperity.

**GIVE LOCAL.
GRANT LOCAL.
LOVE LOCAL!**

Ranked by priority:

1. Community & Economic Prosperity

- Placemaking
- Our downtowns – their vitality and continued revitalization
- Waterfront development and utilization
- Regional collaboration and planning
- Entrepreneurism
- Nonprofit capacity building

2. Cradle to Career

- Emphasis on skilled trades and apprenticeship programs
- Exploration and preparation for career and lifetime success after K-12
- Childhood literacy
- Pathways to careers in skilled trades
- Hands-on learning & training programs for youth and adults alike, including under-educated or under-trained adults looking for new career options
- Programs & projects to re-engage students who do not complete a college degree in a traditional timeframe or who leave college to explore other options

3. Healthy Lifestyles

- Friday Food and the coordination with feeding older siblings
- Year-round access to healthy foods and necessities
- Greater access to healthy food year-round including summer-time food programs, farmers markets, mobile food trucks, and farm-to-table programs, projects and initiatives, especially those targeting at-risk and neglected segments of our population
- Coordination of efforts aimed at providing basic necessities to school-aged children and a more systematic effort at aiding these support systems year-round
- Programs, projects and initiatives targeting the entire family; their well-being and their success in life and their ability to contribute to our region's growth and prosperity

Vision Statement

We enhance the spirit of philanthropy within our community and identify opportunities for collaboration which help transform our community – both the people and the place – by compounding the resources of our donors and the efforts of the "doers".

Through the creation, management and administration of permanently endowed funds along with project specific funds, the Foundation supports the efforts of our donors, volunteers, friends and partners to work for the common good of the residents of St. Clair County.

Our goal is to help transform our communities and the lives of our residents by collaborating to tackle big challenges facing our region – as well as seizing upon new opportunities.

We bring together the doers and donors from among our constituents, our residents, other nonprofits, business, government and other sectors – the people who care about our community and know how to get things done.