

## **LIMA AREA CHAMBER FOUNDATION**

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To establish and operate non-profit educational programs in the Lima-Allen County area including without limitation the recruiting, development and training of community and civic leaders, the development and support of a small business enterprise center to train and assist persons interested in the operation of small businesses, and to support educational programs, workshops, seminars, information and research programs to assist community and business leaders of all economic, racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Chairperson: Judy Wells, Apollo Career Center

Committee meets as needed throughout the year with at least one annual meeting.

### **2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Supported the College Access program.
- Supported the Allen Lima Leadership program.
- Assisted with the Walter C. Potts Entrepreneur Center.
- Managed funding and leases for the Center for Business Services.
- Supported the Allen County Community Branding Project.
- Successfully raised funds for the Center for Business Services Capital Campaign.
- Paid down the foundation loans for the Center for Business Services.
- Activate Allen County was approved to be placed under the Foundation.
- Approved the Greater Lima Region Energy District.

### **2018 GOALS:**

- Raise awareness of the Lima Area Chamber Foundation.
- Facilitate business partnerships with local school districts.
- Support programs for youth and adult leaders.
- Provide a venue through the foundation for raising money for community and business development.
- Assist with sustainability for Link Lima, College Access and Activate Allen County initiatives.
- Monitor the agency leases, expenses and financial sustainability of the Center for Business Services facility.
- Continue to secure funding for the Center for Business Services capital improvements.
- Secure grant opportunities for the Chamber, Chamber Foundation and Community Initiatives.
- Expand opportunities with the Greater Lima Region Energy District.