

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: Tim Stanford

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

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Supported the College Access program
- Supported the Allen Lima Leadership program
- Supported Activate Allen County
- Support the South Jackson Street Urban Garden Project
- Assisted with the Walter C. Potts Entrepreneur Center
- Supported moving forward with the Transform Career Mentoring Program
- Managed funding and leases for the Center for Business Services
- Successfully continued to raise funds for the Center for Business Services Capital Campaign
- Paid down the foundation loans for the Center for Business Services
- Expanded opportunities for the Greater Lima Region Energy District to serve businesses

2022 GOALS:

- Raise awareness of the Lima Area Chamber Foundation
- Support following programs: College Access, Allen Lima Leadership program for youth and adult leaders, Activate Allen County, South Jackson Street Urban Garden Project, Walter C. Potts Entrepreneur Center Makerspace project and programs, Transform Career Mentoring Program and assist in other opportunities to assist entrepreneurs
- Provide a venue through the foundation for raising money for community and business development
- Assist with sustainability for Allen Lima Leadership, College Access, Makerspace and Activate Transform Career Mentoring and Activate Allen County initiatives
- Work with the City of Lima to move the Arctaris Project forward
- 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
- Develop a policy for the Lima Area Chamber Foundation Account to fund Livability activities and projects in the future