



## **Erie County Community Foundation 2017 Summer Internship Program**

The “Summer Internship Program” has completed the fifth successful year in Erie County with seven interns being employed by Erie County non-profit organizations. The program was started with the idea to introduce Erie County students to working in the non-profit corporate world and to attempt to have these same students remain in Erie County.

This 2017 summer internship program was made possible as the result of grants from the Sam S. and Rose Stein Foundation, the Wightman-Wieber Foundation, the Murray and Murray Charitable Foundation, the Randolph and Estelle Dorn Foundation, the Sidney Frohman Foundation, the Mylander Foundation, the Kenneth and Rhonda Watt Donor Advised Fund, and The Erie County Community Foundation. Grants received totaled \$23,000.00 plus the 2016 carryover of \$2,786.62 leaving the fund balance of \$579.94 for 2018.

The internship committee selected six Erie County organizations as host sites. They were Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County, Main Street Vermilion, Perkins Township, Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center, Sandusky Library and Follett House Museum, and Serving Our Seniors. These host sites were each given two student applicants which they interviewed and selected their summer intern.

Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County selected Danica Lombardi, an Edison High School graduate and student at Xavier University, as their intern. She works in all different volunteer positions and assists in the entire summer farm market process, including developing a volunteer tracking system, assisting in creating a volunteer handbook, and setting up an excel program to track donations.

Main Street Vermilion selected Alex Mills, a Sandusky High School graduate and student at the University of Mount Union, as their intern. Alex is responsible for creating a system for collecting and reporting data that would identify current business and housing trends in the downtown district and identify housing (rental) availability.

Perkins Township selected David Wood, a Perkins High School graduate and student at Kent State University, as their intern. David’s work includes assisting in planning and zoning projects, attending trustee meetings, reviewing floor plans for new buildings in the area, and creating and updating databases.





Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center selected David Grimes, a Sandusky High School graduate and BGSU Firelands student, as their intern. David assists with support programs and is creating a resource list that will provide those seeking recovery from mental health issues and substance abuse disorders with locations of detox and treatment centers.

Sandusky Library and Follett House Museum selected Alison Litz, a Huron High School graduate and University of Akron student, as their intern. Alison works mainly in the Children's Department, where she assists with the summer reading program, including sign-ups and activities, as well as general library duties such as re-shelving and pulling books and items.

Serving Our Seniors selected Megan Myers, a Perkins High School graduate and student at Ohio State University, as their intern. Megan's main task is to recruit volunteer Medicare counselors that go through an online training course before helping educate and assist citizens with Medicare.

The Erie County Community Foundation was able to budget an internship position for 2017. They selected Jordyn Baker, a Perkins High School graduate and student at the University of Michigan. Jordyn works as the Communications Intern, interviewing and writing profiles on major donors, board members, and organizations the Foundation works with, as well as building up the Foundation's library of history and communications materials.

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