



CAE Executive Committee (I. to r.); Henry St. Maurice, Treasurer; Al Strohschein, Past President; Mike Lubenau; Amy Jo Meyers, Secretary-Elect; Susan Cleveland, Past Secretary; Jake Flood, Vice President; Bruce Kraus; John Pearson, President.

President's Message



2024 was a very good year for the Columbus Area Endowment. Our funds continued to grow thanks to generous contributions from our communities and strong market performance.

Columbus Area Endowment had a record number of grant applications and gave out many grants. We had a very successful Celebration of Philanthropy.

The Executive Committee welcomed two wonderful new members. We also updated our by-laws. I want to thank everyone for their continued support as we progress in 2025 toward our million-dollar goal.

Warm regards, John Pearson

The Columbus Area Endowment is a component fund of the Madison Community Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) community trust. A financial statement of the Madison Community Foundation disclosing assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenue and expenses for the preceding fiscal year is available at www.madisongives.org/fs and will be provided to any person upon request.

More information about the Columbus Area Endowment can be found at www.madisongives.org/CAE

Endowed Funds

Columbus Area Aquatic Center Fund

Balance on 1/1/24 Grants Balance on 12/31/24

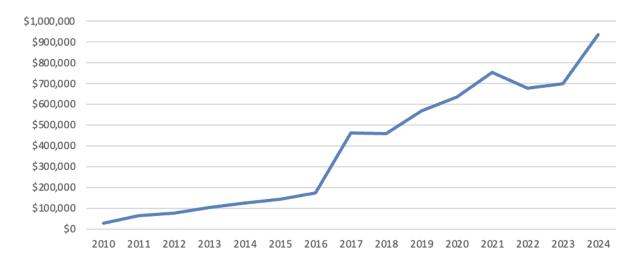
\$129,497 \$4,997 \$136,025

Columbus Area Endowment Fund

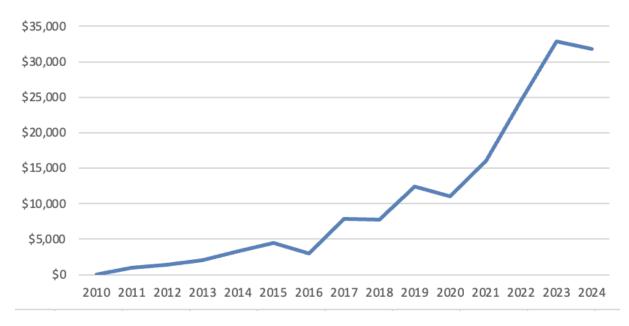
Balance on 1/1/24 Grants Balance on 12/31/24

\$721,888 \$26,784 \$797,854

CAAC & CAE Combined Endowments Growth



CAAC & CAE Combined Grants Growth



Donors

\$1000+

Louise Coleman
Joe Conlin
David Dodd & John Pearson
Pamela D. & Bruce A. Kraus
Robert M. Miller
Janet K. & George D. Roberts
Richard H. Valley

Recurring
Lee Columbus
Mary F. Roche
Al Strohschein & Kathy Hoch
Janice Ulrich

Grant Recipients

Columbus Area Aquatic Center for furniture
Columbus Historic Landmarks Preservation for Rest Haven
Columbus Public Library for accessible countertop
Columbus Recreation for water fountain
Columbus School District for oven
Savanna Oaks Community Center for outdoor bar
Scout Troop 99 for trailer

Philanthropists of the Year

Farmers & Merchants Union Bank: (I. to r.) Jason Strom, Head Underwriter; Randy Bobholz, CEO and President; John Pearson, CAE President; Nick Sharrow, Board Member; Noah Pearson, Assistant Vice President, Network Administrator and Facilities.

Shown at Honor Tree with CAE Executive Committee Member Mike Lubenau.





Columbus Area Endowment Mission Statement

To enhance the cultural, educational and economic vitality of the Columbus area through charitable awards that sustain the quality of life of its residents.

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