

The BIG FIVE OH!

Ways to Contribute

The BIG FIVE OH! has taken the form of a donor advised fund at The Middletown Community Foundation. The foundation provides key services for our project. They include receipt of donations, acknowledgments to donors, providing tax receipts to donors, management of the funds, and distribution of the funds to specific expenditures approved by the advisory committee (our classmates).

The several formats under which a member of our class can contribute to the project are outlined below.

- The simplest format is a one-time cash donation. This can be in the form of a check sent to the Middletown Community Foundation or via a credit card payment.
- If it is more comfortable for you, you can make a series of donations (e.g. X dollars per month for twelve months). As above, these donations can be made either by check or credit card.
- If you know what you would like to do in the coming months, you may make a pledge by simply indicating your intentions. The form of the pledge can be a one-time gift or a series of donations over time, as described above. You can communicate your pledge to the Middletown Community Foundation or send it to Jim Nein or Jim Ginter (email address below).
- One of the advantages of working with The Middletown Community Foundation is that they can accept and process non-cash donations. These could be a variety of financial instruments such as stocks or bonds (no used toasters, please!). If this is of interest to you, you may want to contact The Middletown Foundation directly to learn of some special tax advantages of donating assets whose value has appreciated.
- If you would like to encourage other classmates to participate, you might consider making a matching gift. This would take the form of a match to funds donated by others up to a maximum amount. We have already received substantial commitments of matching funds to help our project build momentum.
- If you would like to make an even more valuable contribution to the project, you might consider a leadership gift. This is a larger amount that confirms the viability of the project, energizes others, and increases the impact we are able to have in the Middletown community. To get more information, see [Why Make a Leadership Gift.](#)

- If you would like to explore another way to contribute, please contact either Duane Gordon, at The Middletown Community Foundation, or Jim Ginter, at **ginter.1 at osu.edu** (remove spaces and change “at” to @).
- To actually make your donation, please go to the page labeled “How to Donate” on this web site.

THANK YOU for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you (and to seeing you at the reunion activities, July 26 and 27, 2013).