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In late September, the Oxford Presbyterian Church held their yearly Apple Festival. Since the first festival in 1989, this event has become a beloved family tradition, and its purpose has shifted from funding the restoration of the church after a fire, to raising money to support those who invest in the Oxford area community. Each year a local service organization is selected to be the primary beneficiary of the day's proceeds. This year, the OPC Apple Festival committee selected the Oxford Educational Foundation.

This year's event was extremely successful, drawing one of the largest crowds to date and featuring live entertainment including Nashville recording artist Chris Monaghan, artist demonstrations, crafters, kettle-cooked apple butter, pies, and cider, as well as many free activities for children. When the proceeds were tallied, the Oxford Educational Foundation was presented with a donation check for \$6,000. These funds will assist the OEF in working towards their mission of enhancing the quality of education in the Oxford Area School District by providing a mentoring and tutoring program for the students and professional grants for the faculty that encourage the development of innovative programs. The Foundation would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Oxford Presbyterian Church for its generosity.



Pictured above is Neeley Spotts and Sharon Brooks, OPC Apple Festival co-chairs, presenting a donation check from the proceeds of the 2015 OPC Apple Festival in the amount of \$6000 to Steve Roberts, OEF President, and Dr. Ray Fischer, OEF Executive Director.