

# ANNUAL REPORT 2013

How we **met** our **mission**

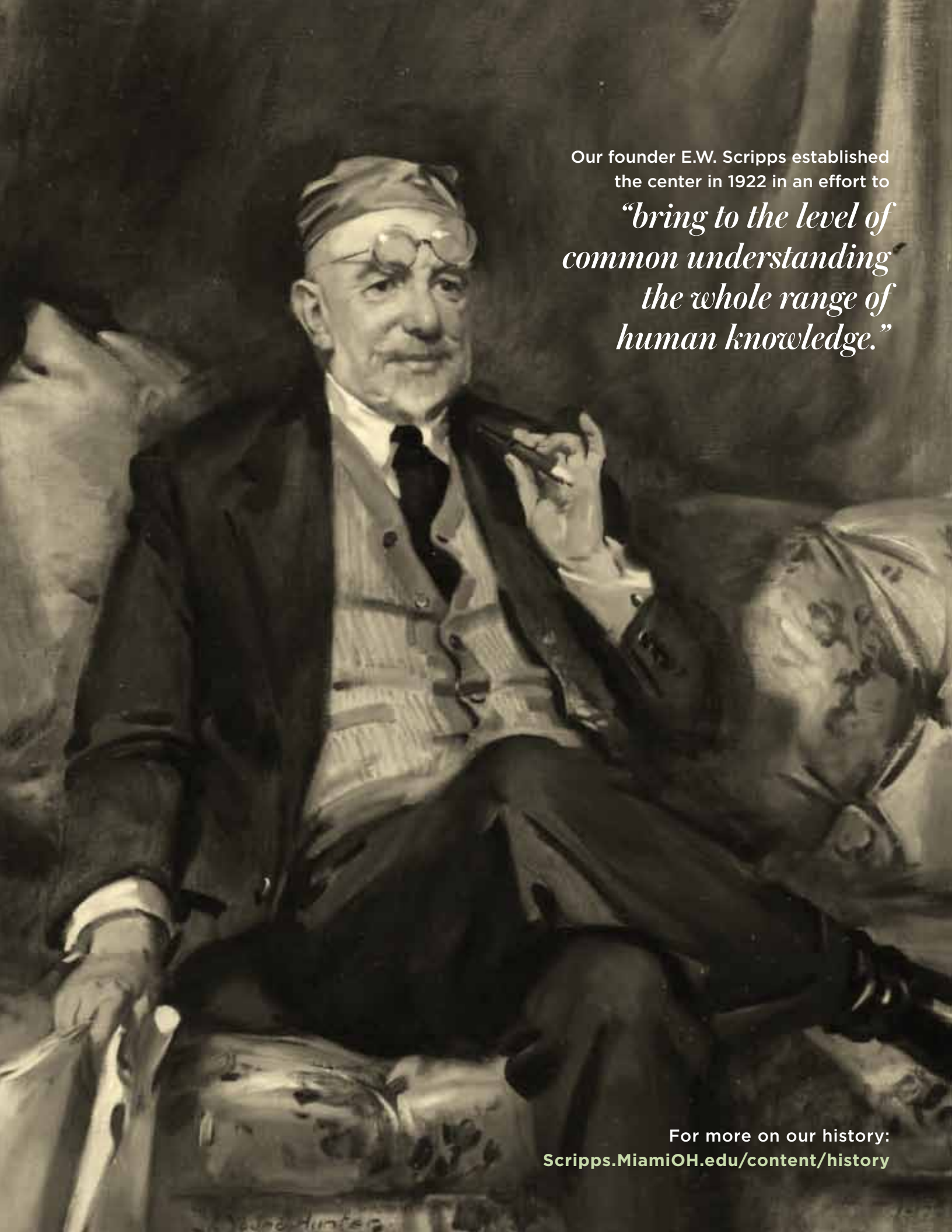


SCRIPPS GERONTOLOGY CENTER  
An Ohio Center of Excellence

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Our founder E.W. Scripps established  
the center in 1922 in an effort to

*“bring to the level of  
common understanding  
the whole range of  
human knowledge.”*

For more on our history:  
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## MISSION

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OUR MISSION IS TO DO

*work that  
makes a  
positive  
difference*

IN THE LIVES OF AGING  
INDIVIDUALS, THEIR FAMILIES  
AND COMMUNITIES, AND TO  
MEET THE NEEDS OF AGING  
SOCIETIES.

WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION  
THROUGH *research,*  
*education,* AND *service.*

**“OFTENTIMES I SAY TO MY  
COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER  
STATE AARP OFFICES,  
‘WOW, I DON’T KNOW  
WHAT WE WOULD  
DO WITHOUT AN  
INSTITUTION  
THAT IS SO  
DEDICATED  
TO AGING  
ISSUES.’”**

JANE TAYLOR  
State Director  
AARP Ohio

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# *Impact, Innovation, and Excellence*

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## **THE WORLD IS GETTING OLDER, AND IT'S HAPPENING FASTER**

than ever before. But we're not alarmed. In many respects, this change is the success story of humankind, fueled by innovative solutions in public health and economic development. And the ways that innovation can further improve our lives is a story that continues to unfold. The first generations of gerontologists tackled the earliest hurdles, identifying promising solutions for future generations. This next generation of gerontologists brings fresh perspectives and asks different questions as they work to create a better world in which to grow old. At Scripps Gerontology Center, we are poised at the center of this evolving story, focused on making a positive difference, and steadfast in our commitment to excellence and impact.

## **BUT WE CANNOT ACHIEVE OUR GOALS WITHOUT FURTHER INNOVATION—**

new ideas and creative solutions that continue to add value to the lives of those we serve. Taking a truly innovative approach by always looking deeper and farther for new possibilities is not an easy path. But for gerontologists at Miami University, nothing less will suffice. The process of aging is universal but the experiences of aging are diverse. From rural Ohio to metropolitan Bangkok, the joys and complications of aging are different. Meeting the needs of aging people around world requires research, education, and service rooted in respect for those differences, and inspired by openness to new vistas and a commitment to positive impact. That is the heart of the mission that empowers our work.









**“THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT...IT IS HARD TO THINK OF WORK THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO TOUCH MORE LIVES THAN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND SERVICE FOCUSED ON AGING.”**

SUZANNE KUNKEL, PhD  
Director, Scripps Gerontology Center



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# *From the Director*

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*Dear Friends,*

Putting together an annual report is a tremendous opportunity to look back and to look forward. At such times, I am often reminded of adages about roots and wings. Our work benefits from very deep roots—in our history and in our mission. This grounding keeps us focused on two things: our commitment to do work that makes a positive difference for our aging population, and standards for excellence and impact set for us nearly 100 years ago, upheld by the generations of researchers and educators who preceded us.

This past year was also a time to spread our wings through innovation. We built on 90 years of excellence in demography with a new product: web-based state and county information about Ohio's population characteristics and projections. Nearing a quarter-century as Ohio's source for informed answers on aging through the Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project, we also produced several reports on trends and innovations in the way long-term services and supports are delivered. Our local, state, national, and international impact was evidenced in 2013 through \$1.3 million in external funding through 29 grants, numerous presentations and publications, and 59 appearances of our research experts or their findings within the media.

Our involvement in gerontology education is essential to our vision for a new world of aging—a world led by people with knowledge and insight about aging, and a passion for positive change. We committed to investing in that future. We include graduate students in almost every research project we oversee. We worked with 65 graduate students in 2013 from 12 countries and provided 9,490 hours of hands-on training through graduate assistantships and summer employment opportunities. Over 220 undergraduate students participated in the transformational experience of Opening Minds through Art.

The future is bright. As the evolving realities of aging present us with new opportunities and challenges every day, it is hard to think of work that has the potential to touch more lives than education, research, and service focused on aging.

Thanks to all of you—our alums, faculty, students, staff, fellows, partners, and other countless friends—for your support, interest, and involvement in the Scripps Gerontology Center. We couldn't do it without you!

**SUZANNE KUNKEL, PhD**  
**DIRECTOR**

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SOMETHING THAT’S NEVER  
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AND IT DOES KEEP ME  
GOING EVERYDAY.”

ROBERT APPLEBAUM, PhD

Director of The Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project



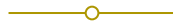
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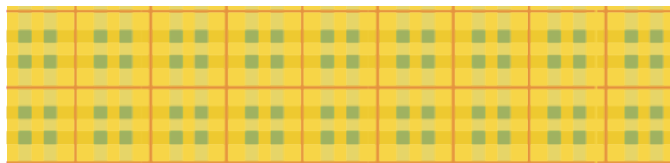


# *Let's Talk Budget.*



To us, this number represents more than our total funding. It represents important questions answered, knowledge attained, students trained, and service provided.

To us, it represents  
**our mission accomplished.**

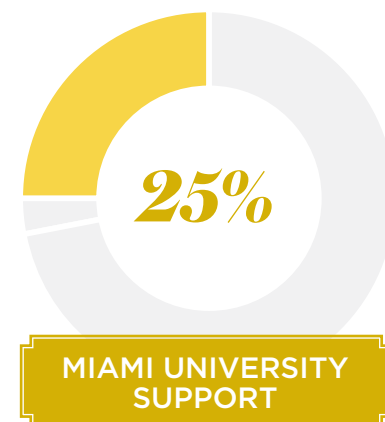




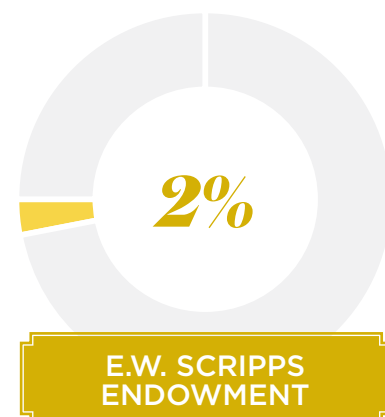
Research matters to us and the people that fund us. In 2013, Scripps managed **29 externally funded research grants** that generated **\$1.3 million** in funding. That's **seventy-three percent** of our total operating budget funded through our research.



We've been a part of Miami since our inception—**that's nearly 100 years now**. Our leadership in education and focus on external funding are **important contributions to the Miami mission**. That's why in 2013, **Miami provided twenty-five percent** of our budget to help us deliver on our mission.



If you haven't noticed, **we're pretty proud of our history**. And our original endowment from E.W. Scripps stands as **a testament to our longevity**. It's so much more than a part of our budget. **It's a name and reputation** that has earned us recognition as **one of the premier institutions** in aging research and education.

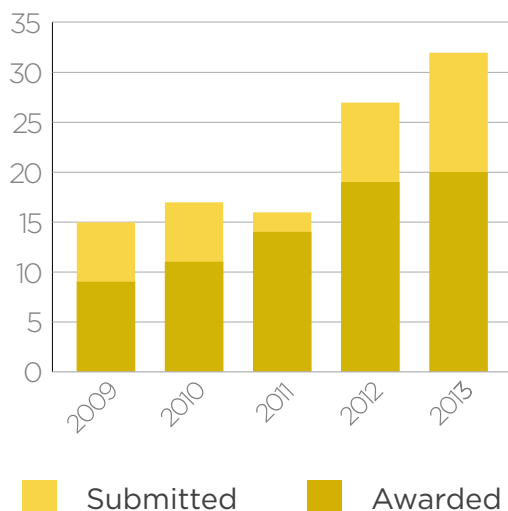


# RESEARCH

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## *Grants Submitted & Awarded*

We push ourselves every year to expand our efforts and grow our impact. In the last 5 years, we've **doubled** the number of research proposals we submit and the number of awards we have received. In 2013, we went after 32 funding opportunities and landed 20 of them. Six of our 2013 proposals are still pending, including 3 federal proposals.



SCRIPPS MANAGED  
A TOTAL OF

# 29

*grants in 2013*

WE GENERATED

# \$1,322,000

*in external research funding*

# 42

The **number of publications in journals, books, and reports** produced by our staff and fellows.

# 59 }

THE NUMBER OF TIMES OUR RESEARCH OR RESEARCH  
SCHOLARS **appeared in the media** IN 2013.



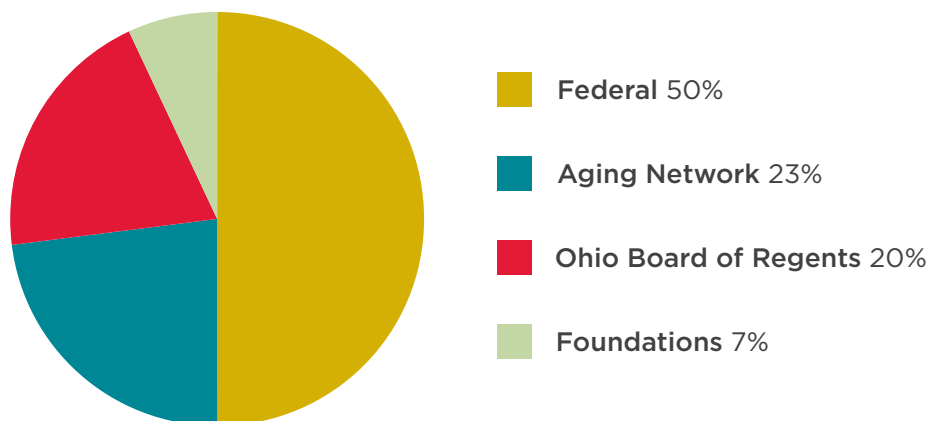
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## *External Research Funding by Source*

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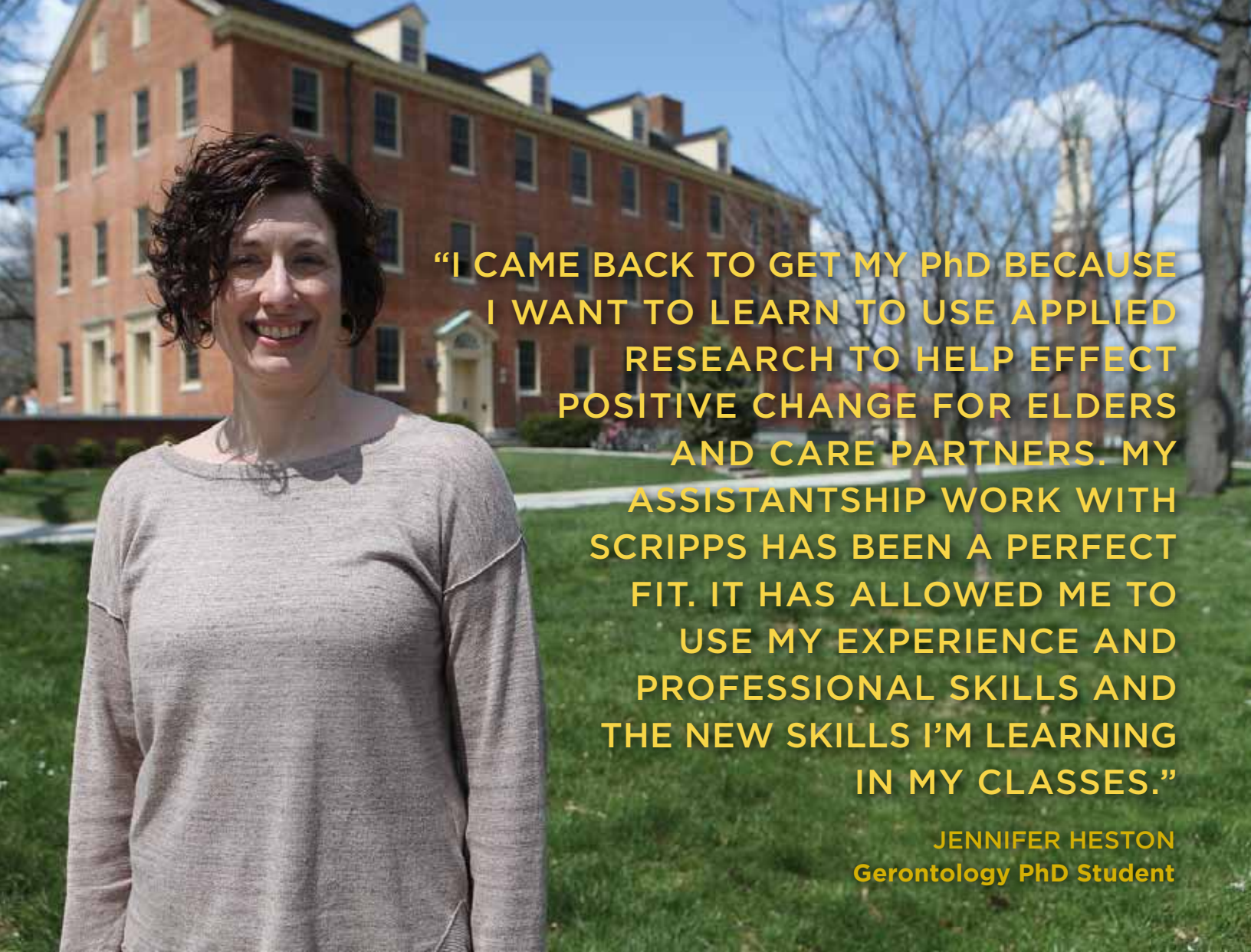
### **HALF OF OUR EXTERNAL FUNDING IN 2013**

came from federal sources. All of our projects are designed for maximum impact like **A Caregiver Respite Strategy for the State of Ohio**. Kathryn McGrew, Senior Research Scholar, describes the work saying, “We are excited about finding and evaluating new ways to support caregivers that have a real impact on sustaining care at home as long as possible and appropriate. We think it starts with person-centered caregiver assessment and a much broader view of respite.” With projects like this, we seek to challenge the status quo and discover innovative improvements that have a measured and lasting positive impact on people.



===== A FEW *of our* RESEARCH PROJECTS AND FUNDERS FROM 2013 =====

Providing Data to Improve Ohio's Long-Term Services & Support System
• <i>Ohio Department of Job and Family Services</i> •
Understanding US Regional Health & Mortality Disparities: A Life Course Approach
• <i>National Institutes of Health</i> •
2012 ODA Nursing Home Family Satisfaction Survey
• <i>Ohio Department of Aging</i> •
Evaluation of the Elderly Services Program
• <i>Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio</i> •
Organizational Best Practices in Ohio Nursing Homes & Home Care Agencies
• <i>The Ohio State Office of Sponsored Programs</i> with funding from the <i>Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration Grant</i> •
Process Evaluation of Older Americans Act Title III-E National Family Caregiver Support Program
• <i>The Lewin Group, Inc.</i> with funding from the <i>Department of Health &amp; Human Services</i> •
Information & Planning: Understanding the Capacity of the Aging Network
• <i>National Association of Area Agencies on Aging</i> •
Opening Minds through Art (OMA): An Intergenerational Art Program for People with Dementia
• <i>Funded by multiple partner sites</i> •
Measuring Ohio's Progress in Achieving a Balanced System of Long-Term Services & Supports
• <i>Ohio Department of Medicaid</i> •
The Ohio Long-Term Care Research Project
• <i>Ohio Board of Regents</i> •
Generativity in the Lives of Older Women (GLOW)
• <i>Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, University of Maryland</i> with funding from the <i>National Institutes of Health</i> •



**“I CAME BACK TO GET MY PhD BECAUSE I WANT TO LEARN TO USE APPLIED RESEARCH TO HELP EFFECT POSITIVE CHANGE FOR ELDER AND CARE PARTNERS. MY ASSISTANTSHIP WORK WITH SCRIPPS HAS BEEN A PERFECT FIT. IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO USE MY EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND THE NEW SKILLS I’M LEARNING IN MY CLASSES.”**

**JENNIFER HESTON**  
**Gerontology PhD Student**

Jennifer came back to graduate school after 16 years in social work. As a first year PhD student she is the project manager on a grant looking at innovative caregiver respite strategies. We value the skills and experience that our students bring with them. And we provide them with opportunities to hone and expand their skills through our assistantships.



Learn more about Jennifer’s experience and the Caregiver Respite Strategy for the State of Ohio project at <http://bit.ly/JHeston> or scan the code with your mobile device.



# EDUCATION

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Like all of our colleagues at Miami University, we embrace the higher education goal of nurturing critical and creative thinkers. For us this means fully integrating world class graduate education with research by including assistantships in our proposals for funding. This creates a learning environment at Miami unlike any other because it's centered on the student research experience, grounding them in the essentials and empowering them with hands-on opportunities.

MIAMI IS

1 OF ONLY 9 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD  
OFFERING GERONTOLOGY DEGREES AT

*all three levels:*

Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD

AND WE'RE THE

ONLY UNIVERSITY TO OFFER

*an international joint masters degree*

IN POPULATION AND SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY

65

The number  
of students  
engaged in  
graduate level  
gerontology  
programs at  
Miami in 2013

*We're investing in the next generation  
of leaders in our field.*

{ By building graduate assistants into our research proposals,  
we were able to provide over }

• **\$116,844** •

in funding so students could receive hands-on experience with some of the  
top research projects in the country. That translates to

• **9,490** •

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP & SUMMER RESEARCH HOURS.

## Graduate Student Countries of Origin

— — — — —  
US  
CHINA  
INDIA  
KENYA  
GERMANY  
NEPAL  
PHILIPPINES  
RUSSIA  
SOUTH KOREA  
TAIWAN  
THAILAND

WITH HELP FROM OUR DONORS

WE PROVIDED OVER

# \$8,000

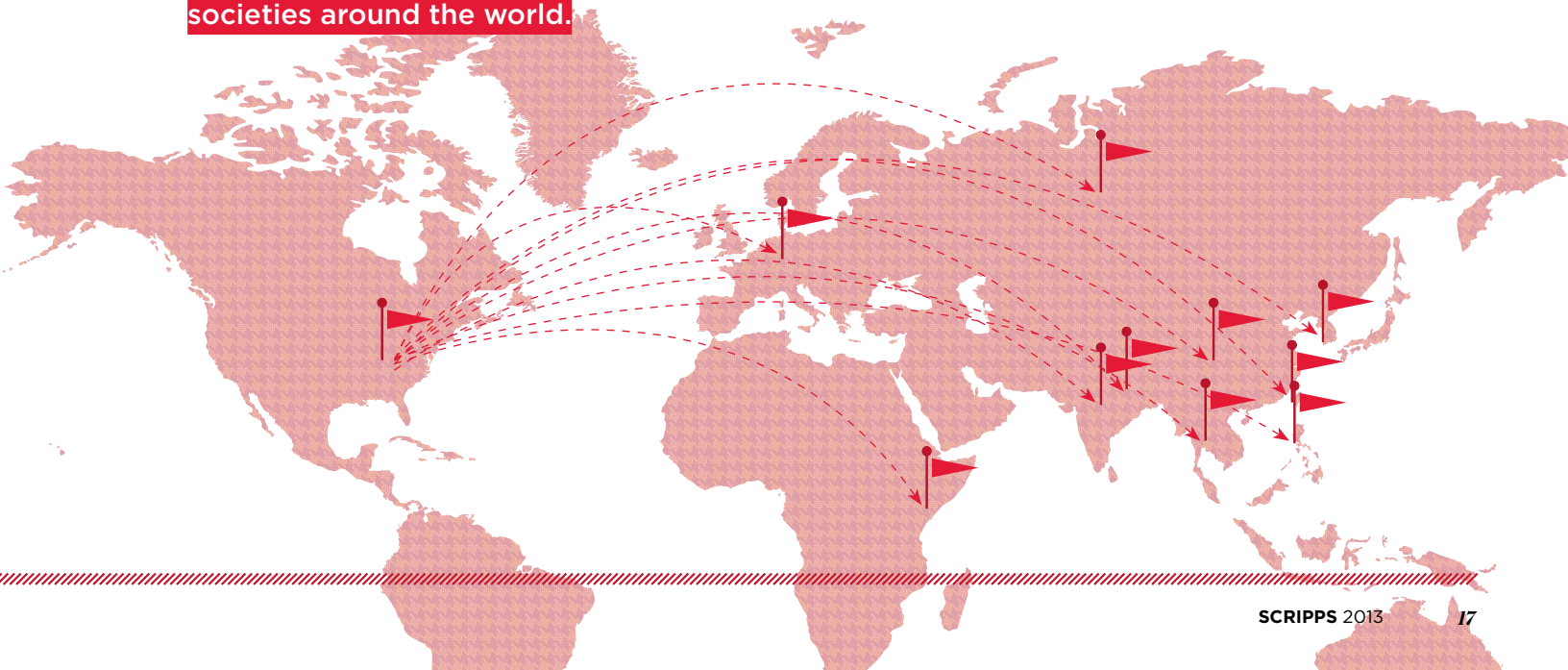
in professional development assistance for

# 23

graduate students in 2013.

This allowed students to gain valuable experience  
by attending professional conferences and making  
research presentations in professional settings.

The diversity of the students we train and interact with allows us to have a global impact. Investing in these future leaders is a direct investment in the future of aging societies around the world.



# SERVICE

**WE VALUE SERVICE AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT PRODUCE IMPACT.** Simply put, we want to make a difference any way we can. And we're willing to go beyond the normal work week to do it. Our staff members provide professional service and leadership in many volunteer roles at the local, state, and national levels. They do everything from mentoring faculty at other institutions to serving on the editorial boards of national publications like *The Gerontologist* and holding governor-appointed positions on bodies like the Task Force on Nursing Home Quality.

## A FEW of the WAYS OUR STAFF AND FELLOWS PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE in 2013

*President, Ohio Association for Gerontology and Education*

*Executive Council Co-Chair, North American Network in Aging Studies*

*Board Member, Association for Professionals in Aging (Cincinnati)*

*Editorial Board Member, Journal of Applied Gerontology*

*Editorial Board Member, The Gerontologist*

*Treasurer-Elect, Gerontological Society of America*

*State Appointee, the Committee on Improving Quality of In-Home Care*

*Executive Council Member, AARP Ohio*



**WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WILL MEET OUR MISSION AND SERVE AS A TOUCHPOINT TO THE COMMUNITY.** In 2013 we partnered with Rookwood Pottery Company, an iconic Cincinnati brand with deep roots, much like our own. Rookwood worked with our Opening Minds through Art (OMA) program to lead 35 elders with dementia in producing one-of-a-kind decorative ceramic tiles, an activity usually reserved for professional Rookwood artists. This innovative collaboration had a direct impact on the lives of those older adults and their families. Read more about the partnership in Miami's alumni magazine online at <http://bit.ly/OMA-Rookwood>.



**OUR RESEARCH SERVES THE STATE OF OHIO AND ITS LEADERS.** In meetings with legislators we provide information to inform future policy decisions. In 2013, we met with legislators and State of Ohio officials (from the Ohio Office of Health Transformation, Department of Aging, and Department of Medicaid) to provide them with findings from our long-term care research. We design our research to answer questions that can help inform policy and budget decisions. We take it as our duty to produce valuable information and assure that it gets to the people who can use it.



*We also serve the community by empowering Miami undergraduate students with opportunities to lead through acts of service.*

In 2013,

**222**

undergraduates

*including 110 Honors students*

invested over

**6,000**

service-learning hours with our

*Opening Minds through Art program (OMA).*

And OMA provided

**23**

students with valuable leadership experience as OMA student-leaders.



A photograph of a university campus in autumn. In the foreground, a large circular bronze seal is embedded in a brick-paved plaza. The seal features a book in the center, surrounded by the Latin motto "SCIENTIA PRODESSERE OMNIBUS" and the word "MAMIENSIS" at the bottom. In the background, a large brick building with a central archway and a clock tower is visible, framed by trees with vibrant yellow and orange autumn foliage. Two wooden benches are positioned on either side of the path leading to the building.

# *The Support of Many*



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## *Donors*

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### **PEOPLE ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MISSION.**

And these people have helped sustain our work in critical ways by partnering with us through charitable donations. We couldn't do it without our donors. Their generous support helps extend our capacity to meet our mission year in and year out.

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## Partnerships

### **PARTNERSHIPS ARE ANOTHER WAY WE EXTEND OUR CAPACITY AND ENRICH OUR WORK.**

The following organizations partnered with us in 2013 by hosting student interns, providing expertise to our classes and as sites for our Opening Minds through Art program.

- » AARP State Office, St. Petersburg, FL
- » Acclaim Hospice, Columbus, OH
- » Adult Day Services, Oxford, OH
- » Berkeley Square Retirement Community, Hamilton, OH
- » Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging, Lexington, KY
- » Catholic Charities of Queens and Brooklyn, New York, NY
- » Cedar Village Retirement Community, Mason, OH
- » Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Bethesda, MD
- » City of Oxford, OH
- » Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, Cincinnati, OH
- » Episcopal Retirement Homes, Cincinnati, OH
- » Generations United, Washington DC
- » Jewish Family Services, Cincinnati, OH
- » The Knolls of Oxford, OH
- » Liberty Nursing Center of Oxford, OH
- » Madison Senior Center, Madison WI
- » Maple Knoll Communities, Cincinnati, OH
- » National Center for Creative Aging, Washington, DC; New York, NY
- » National Church Residences, Columbus OH
- » Ohio Department of Aging, Columbus OH
- » Oxford Senior Center, Oxford, OH
- » Queens Community House & Forest Hills Co-OP, New York, NY
- » Schroder Manor, Hamilton, OH
- » Westover Retirement Community, Hamilton, OH
- » Woodland Country Manor Inc., Somerville, OH







*What do  
we see  
in the  
future?*

*Impact.*

*Innovation.*

*Excellence.*

THESE PRINCIPLES GUIDE US AS  
WE SEEK TO MAKE THE WORLD  
OF AGING BETTER THAN BEFORE.



# CONNECT

**MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR PRESENT AND PAST SUCCESS.** Become a part of our future—stay connected.

## *Connect Online*

Want to know more about our work and mission? There are many ways to get (and keep) in touch with us:

- » Go to [ScrippsAging.org](http://ScrippsAging.org) to visit us online and interact with our research and learn more about the students we train

- » Connect with us on social media:



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- » And hear directly from our staff, students, and alumni:



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## *Giving*

Another way you can connect with our mission is through giving. You can partner with us in a number of ways and help us continue to provide quality research, education, and service with charitable donations to these funds:

- » Scripps Enrichment Fund
- » The Whelpton Memorial Lecture Fund
- » The W. Fred Cottrell Leadership Development Program Fund
- » Our General Operations Fund

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