



March 1, 2026

Dear Friends,

March is upon us, and Spring is right around the corner. Before you know it, we will turn the calendar page for May. Time for the Strimbu BBQ! Since its inception in 1990, the Strimbu Memorial Fund has provided over \$5 million to support academic scholarships, local economic development and charitable groups, and individuals in need. We strive to follow our philosophy of “giving a hand up, not a hand out.” Thank you for helping to make this possible by supporting the Strimbu Memorial Fund for the past 37 years.

This year’s event will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at the historic Yankee Lake Ballroom in Brookfield, Ohio. Our guests will feast on a mouth-watering array of BBQ dishes, prepared by Chef Jeffrey Chrystal, that are guaranteed to please any hungry crowd. A wonderful collection of auction items, provided by generous donors like you, will be available for bidding throughout the evening. Our musical entertainment for this year’s event is the Jim Scott Blues Band. We hope that you will continue to partner with the Strimbu Memorial Fund by contributing an auction item or service that entices our guests and engages them in bidding. **An auction form is included for you to complete and return.**

Tickets for the 37th annual Strimbu Memorial Fund BBQ are available at a cost of \$175 each. Tables can be reserved if 8 or more tickets are purchased. In keeping with the theme of last year’s smaller sized event, ticket sales will be limited to 800. If you have any additional questions or wish to purchase tickets, please contact Tracey Dill at (330) 448-4046, ext. 115. We also encourage you to check out our website at www.strimbumemorialfund.org.

Sincerely,
Nancy Strimbu Lukasko
Strimbu Memorial Fund Board of Directors