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FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION PRESENTS LEGACY AWARD TO LOCAL LEADERS Sitterley and Johnston recognized for encouraging philanthropy throughout the community

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation presented the Foundation's prestigious Don C. Wendel Legacy Award to Robert Johnston and William Sitterley at its annual meeting on October 20.

Johnston and Sitterley were presented with the award by Judge Farrell Jackson, who received the first-ever Legacy Award in 2009. Johnston and Sitterley were instrumental in creating the Fairfield County Foundation more than 22 years ago, when Judge Jackson pulled community leaders together to develop an organization dedicated to philanthropy in the local community. Jackson noted, "These two men did the work. They made it happen."

Amy Eyman, executive director of the Fairfield County Foundation said that their contributions to the Foundation continue to present day. "Bob and Bill worked tirelessly to get the Foundation going and continue to be instrumental in our operations. Because of community leaders like them, our Foundation has provided more than \$19 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since its inception. Their leadership has been truly remarkable."

The Don C. Wendel Legacy Award is named for the first Chairman of the Fairfield County Foundation Board of Trustees. Don was instrumental in the success of the Foundation and his inspiration and leadership carried the Foundation through the challenges of its early years. Through service to charitable organizations, his establishment of the Mindi Wendel Scholarship for young people and his strong support of the arts, Don dedicated his life to making this world – and community – a better place. The Legacy Award celebrates the life of Don C. Wendel, his leadership, his loving spirit, his generosity and the example he set for others. The award is given to community members who have been instrumental in the success of philanthropy and who have made a significant contribution to our community.

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About the Fairfield County Foundation:

The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.