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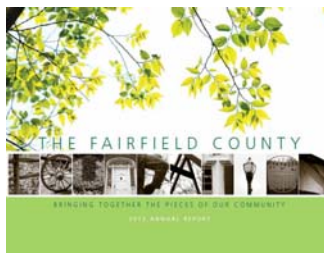
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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

2014-2015 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Our scholarship process is going digital! Check our [website](#) for more details on how to apply.

2012 Annual Report Now Available



Click [here](#) to view!

Professional Advisors Manual Available

The Foundation's Professional Advisors Manual contains all the latest information about the Foundation and how we can help you better serve your

A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

It is so hard to believe that the holidays are upon us already! This is a time of year when we all reflect on the past year and look forward to the coming year with great anticipation and excitement. Here at the Foundation, we recently hosted our annual Ambassador's Club Donor Reception, which allowed us to personally thank so many of you who support the Foundation's outreach in the community. This annual event has become a personal favorite of mine because it reminds me of what an incredibly generous group of supporters our Foundation has and starts the holiday season off with feelings of generosity and gratefulness.

This is a busy time of year for everyone, including the Foundation, as we strive to meet the ongoing needs of the community and keep you informed of giving opportunities. This edition of the newsletter includes quite a bit of information, including articles about our recent Ambassador's Reception and charitable IRA rollovers. We are also excited to share that our scholarship process has officially gone digital! More details are below.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Foundation. I hope you each have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director



**Happy Holidays from the Foundation staff (left to right):
Amy Eyman, Debee Monger, Mindy Farrow and Renee Reilly!**

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Foundation Holiday Hours

Monday, December 23rd and Friday, December 27th: 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, December 24th: 9 am - 1 pm

Wednesday, December 25th: Closed, Merry Christmas!

Thursday, December 26th: Closed

Monday, December 30th: 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday, December 31st: 9 am - 2 pm

Wednesday, January 1st: Closed, Happy 2014!

ALL donations must be in our office by 4 pm on Monday, December 30th to guarantee that they will be deposited in 2013.

Scholarship Application Process Now Online!



The Fairfield County Foundation is thrilled to announce that our scholarship process is now available [online](#). We have been working with AcademicWorks to set up this process that will make applying for scholarships more efficient. AcademicWorks provides a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution that allows foundations to automatically match students with relevant scholarships; facilitate the committee review process; make and monitor awards; and recognize scholarship donors. Over 220 foundations and institutions have selected AcademicWorks to improve the compliance, utilization and stewardship of their scholarship funds, while enhancing services to students, donors and the community.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship process, please contact the Foundation office.

2013 Ambassador's Donor Reception

Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Ambassador's Donor Reception on December 4th, and to all of our Donors and Ambassadors. Without your ongoing support of the Foundation, we would not be able to raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community and share information about the Foundation's efforts locally, and for that we are so grateful.





2013 Charitable IRA Rollover Ending Soon!

Congress reauthorized the IRA rollover for 2013, but this opportunity expires on December 31, 2013.

If you are 70 ½ or older you can make a charitable gift up to \$100,000 from your IRA. Your gift will qualify for your 2013 minimum distribution and you will not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given from your IRA to the Fairfield County Foundation.

By transferring some of your IRA required minimum distribution to the Fairfield County Foundation, you can lower your taxable income. With lower taxable income, you could reduce your income and capital gains taxes this year, while also reducing your future taxable estate. Please contact us at the Foundation office for more information and contact your attorney, tax professional or investment advisor to see how this might benefit you.

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.

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