



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Please check our [website](#) after January 1, 2015 for more details on how to apply for the 2015-2016 school year.

2013 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 clients. It is available on our [website](#).

Board of Trustees:

A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

With the holiday season upon us, we are looking forward to the coming year with great anticipation and excitement. Here at the Foundation, we recently hosted our annual Ambassador's Club Donor Reception. This annual event is a 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 edition of the newsletter includes details from our Ambassador's Reception, our holiday hours, and important information regarding charitable IRA rollovers. Also, don't forget that our scholarship application process goes online January 1, 2015. We're excited to be able to support a new pool of deserving applicants!

We are so grateful for your support this holiday season, and all year-round. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director



Happy Holidays from the Foundation Staff!
Pictured left to right: Debbie Monger, Amy Eyman, Mindy Farrow and Renee Reilly

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Foundation Holiday Hours

Monday, December 22nd: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23rd: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th, Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th: Closed, Merry Christmas!

Monday, December 29th: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30th: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday December 31st: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st: Closed, Happy New Year!

ALL donations must be in our office by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30th to guarantee that they will be deposited in 2014.

Scholarship Application Process Goes Live January 1, 2015



The Fairfield County Foundation scholarship application process will go live on our [website](#) beginning Thursday, January 1, 2015. Once again we will be working with AcademicWorks, a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution, that allows the Foundation to automatically match students with relevant scholarships. This online scholarship process makes applying for scholarships more efficient for both the students and the reviewers. The application process will be similar to last year's process. The deadline for all applications to be complete is Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

2014 Charitable IRA Rollover Ending Soon!

Congress reauthorized the IRA rollover for 2014, but this opportunity expires on December 31, 2014.

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 2014 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.

New Grant Guidelines for 2015

The Fairfield County Foundation has established new grant guidelines for 2015, effective December 1, 2014. To download the new guidelines, [click here](#). Please contact the Foundation if you have any questions.

2014 Ambassador's Club Donor Reception

Thank you to all those who stopped by our Ambassador's Club and Donor Reception on December 4th, and to all of our Donors and Ambassadors! Without your continued support of the Foundation's many projects and programs, we would not be able to raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community, and for you we are truly grateful.





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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