

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The scholarship application process is now live on our <u>website</u>. Deadline to apply for the 2015-2016 school year is April 1, 2015.

2013 Annual Report Available



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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.

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

While the snow is still flying around us here in Fairfield County, we might have to remind ourselves that spring is right around the corner. Spring is a busy time for the Foundation, as we have two very important deadlines: March 9th is the deadline for preliminary grant proposals, and April 1st is the deadline for scholarship applications. We hope all eligible organizations and students will apply for these funding opportunities!

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll read about a local community hero we had the pleasure of honoring, and learn about a recent grant we gave to the Ohio Glass Museum.

We continue to be grateful to our donors and supporters throughout Fairfield County, who help make these projects and programs possible.



Amy Eyman Executive Director

Preliminary Grant Proposals due March 9, 2015

The spring grant cycle begins with the Preliminary Grant Proposal deadline on Monday, March 9, 2015. Grant guidelines and the Preliminary Grant Proposal application can be found on our website. The first step of the grant process is to contact Executive Director, Amy Eyman, to discuss your grant request idea and to determine whether your project fits within the Foundation's grant guidelines.

Scholarship Application Process Now Live



The Fairfield County Foundation scholarship application process is now live on our <u>website</u>. Once again we are working with AcademicWorks, a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution, that allows the

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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 is similar to last year's process. The deadline for all applications to be complete is Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

Foundation Sponsors 2015 Fairfield Hocking County American Red Cross Community Hero Award



Pictured from right to left: Jeff Miller, Major Gifts Officer, Angie Hedrick, 2015 Community Hero Award Recipient and Amy Eyman, Executive Director of the Fairfield County Foundation

The Fairfield County Foundation is proud to sponsor the 2015 Community Hero Award. The Foundation has sponsored this award since its inception, 12 years ago. This year's Community Hero Award was presented to Angie Hedrick. Angie is the founder of Chelsea's Christmas in Amanda. Angie began this fundraiser 16 years ago in memory of her daughter to help needy children. From funds raised and her family's own contributions, hundreds of families have received gifts from Chelsea's Christmas program.

Building a Legacy, One Grant at a Time



The Fairfield County Foundation awarded a grant from the Terry McGhee/Sally Grimm Fund to the Ohio Glass Museum (OGM), in the spring of 2014, for the modification of the lighting in the museum Gift Shop. The award allowed for the replacement of four lamp fixtures with three lamps with LED lighting, along with the addition of new track lighting and six pendant lights for over the display cases.

"Since the Gift Shop is the greatest source of income, the enhanced lighting has been so helpful to reflect the beautiful colors of the hand blown glass," said Doug Ingram, President of the OGM. "The Gift Shop sales on Small Business Saturday were increased by 50 percent over the last year and we credit this to the enhanced lighting that has made our hand blown glassware show off all the beautiful colors. We have had many comments on how much better the glassware looks as a result of this new lighting."

The Ohio Glass Museum is located at 124 W. Main Street in downtown Lancaster, Ohio. Museum hours are March-October: Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm and by appointment, closed on Mondays. November-February: Tuesday-Saturday 1-4 and by appointment, closed on Sunday and Monday.

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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