

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Our scholarship process for the 2016-2017 school year is now complete.

Please visit our <u>website</u> beginning January 1, 2017 to apply for the 2017-2018 school year.

2015 Annual Report 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:

John Baughman,

A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

It's hard to believe that despite the 80 degree temperatures, October is nearly over and the holiday season is just around the corner! We always look forward to this time of year in our community, filled with love, gratitude and opportunities to give back.

In this month's newsletter we're pleased to share with you the date of our upcoming Ambassador's Club Donor Reception. Be sure to mark your calendars and check out the article below for more information on how you can become an Ambassador's Club member.

We're also pleased to share new FAFSA guidelines for students - see the article below for details on the recent changes for the 2017-2018 school year. Also included is a highlight on recent grant recipient, the Keller Market House.

Finally, please save the date for this year's #GivingTuesday, held on November 29, 2016. Look for more details of this exciting event in next month's newsletter!

We are continually grateful for your support in the funding of our programs and projects. We hope you enjoy these crisp fall days and look forward to the upcoming holiday season!



Amy Eyman Executive Director

Ambassador's Club Donor Reception



Please join us in celebrating the season of giving at our

News from the Fairfield County Foundation

Chairman

Sheila Heath, Wednesday, November 30th - 5:30-7:30 p.m. Vice Chairman At the Fairfield County Foundation

162 East Main Street - Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Ambassador's Club Donor Reception!

RSVP by Wednesday, November 23rd to 740-654-8451 or mfarrow@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org

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2017-2018 FAFSA Information



New for the 2017-2018 school year, students may begin filling out their FAFSA beginning October 1, 2016. In the past, the start date has been January 1, so you now have an additional three months to submit the information.

Additionally, for the 2017-2018 FAFSA, students (and parents) may report their 2015 income and tax information rather than waiting for their 2016 income information. This makes it easier because most people will have already filed their 2015 taxes by then, and you can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically import your tax information into FAFSA.

To start your FASFA, click here. As a reminder, the Fairfield County Foundation's Scholarship Application will go live January 1, 2017 and the deadline is Monday, April 3, 2017. For more information on Foundation scholarships, click here.

Fairfield County Foundation Ambassadors' Club



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The Ambassadors' Club provides the funds to help the Foundation raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community and share information about the Foundation's efforts locally. Becoming a member of this generous group allows you the opportunity to directly support the Foundation's work through an unrestricted fund for the needs in our community.

As an Ambassadors' Club member, you are the face of the Foundation, making it possible for us to tell our story in the community and carry our mission forward. We will keep you informed of our activities and also invite you to attend Foundation functions such as our year-end Ambassadors' Club event and our annual meeting.

To date, Ambassadors' Club members have contributed more than \$155,000 directly to this cause, and we ask that you consider making a contribution of your own today. As a reminder, the Foundation now offers the option of online giving. The online portal allows donors to securely give the amount of their choosing to either an existing fund or to a broad issue area that addresses a specific community need. In addition to a one-time

donation, it also gives donors the opportunity to give a recurring monthly or annual donation. The Foundation partnered with Network for Good, a nonprofit-owned for-profit that offers online fundraising software, to securely process online credit card payments.

Click here to donate online now.

Building a Legacy, One Grant at a Time

The Fairfield County Foundation continues to touch every corner of our community, helping organizations accomplish their goals. This month we want to highlight recent grant recipient, the Keller Market House.

Keller Market House was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Fund to assist with the costs associated with the startup of the Market. On September 8, 2016, Valerie Irion, Grant Administrator, made a site visit to look at the progress of the project. David Scheffler of Destination Downtown Lancaster provided a tour of the facility and explained how they had equipped the building. A market similar to this one, which was located in Clintonville, was closing down and Keller Market was able to obtain freezers and coolers and display racks from them.

As of this time, they estimate they have had over 1,000 visitors per month. All of the products offered are locally grown and the fresh meat is locally raised. While still in its infancy, Keller Market House is a wonderful addition to our community, and as it continues to be developed, will enhance the downtown Lancaster experience!



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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