



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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GRANT DEADLINES

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2016 Annual Report Available



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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are feeling ready and inspired to take on the many challenges and opportunities that come with each new year. Here at the Foundation, we are continually seeking to improve and expand upon the ways we can better our community while helping individuals, families and organizations achieve their philanthropic goals. As you plan for 2018, we hope that you will continue to rely on our team to serve as a trusted resource for all of your philanthropic needs.

We are excited to welcome four new members to our board of trustees. Get to know a little more about them in the article below. We are also pleased to announce we were, once again, able to support our local food pantries during their greatest time of need this holiday season. Finally, please note that our scholarship application is now live! All applications are due by March 12, 2018.

As always, we are very grateful for your ongoing support of the Foundation. We hope each of you have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Foundation Donates \$30,000 to Local Food Pantries

The Foundation donated \$30,000 to local food pantries over the holiday season. The donation, from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Fund, is distributed throughout the county to 13 different pantries in nearly every local community:

- Baltimore-Thurston Area Food Pantry
- Bremen Food Pantry
- Canal Winchester Human Services Food Pantry
- The Foundation Dinners
- The Key to Giving
- Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency
- Lancaster Vineyard Food Pantry
- Lutheran Social Services of Fairfield County
- Maywood Mission Food Pantry
- Millersport Community Food Pantry
- PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington
- Salvation Army of Fairfield County Food Pantry

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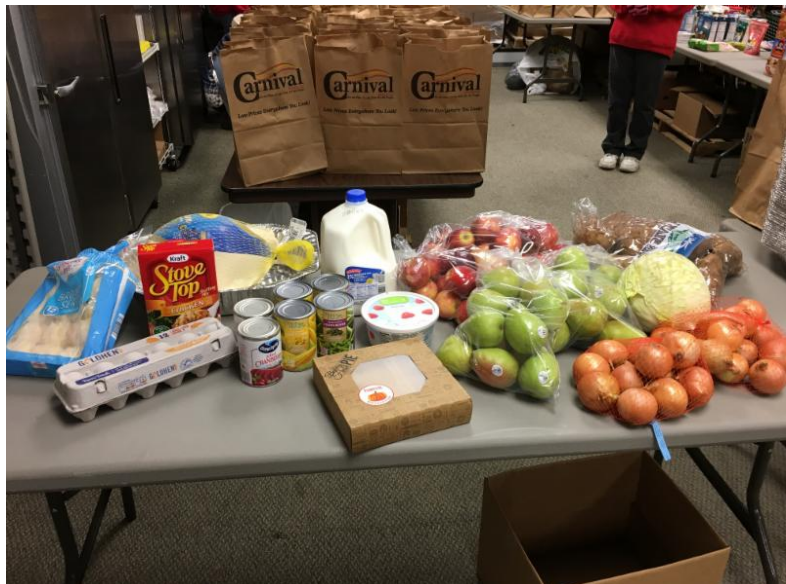
- St. Vincent DePaul of Lancaster Food Pantry



Fairfield Union High School students deliver items from the Bremen Food Pantry.



Volunteers for Lutheran Social Services preparing holiday boxes.



Items included in the holiday boxes for the Lancaster Vineyard Food Pantry.

Scholarship Application NOW OPEN!

The scholarship application for the 2018-2019 school year is open! We hope students took advantage of their time during winter break to start their applications. In addition to opening the applications a month earlier, this year only TWO letters of reference are required. We advise giving your references plenty of time to upload their letters online before the March 12, 2018 deadline.

Current college students as well as high school seniors are encouraged to apply. Our simple, general [application](#) will automatically narrow down the scholarships that each student is eligible for as well as suggest those that may require more information.

We have compiled a list of [frequently asked questions](#) that we recommend students review prior to submitting their [application](#).

Don't miss out on your chance to be awarded one of over 80 scholarships given annually!



Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome four new members to the Board of Trustees: Jeff Beard, Aundrea Cordle, Mike Lieber and Melissa Walker.



Jeff Beard holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Tiffin University and a Master of Business Administration from Capital University. In addition, Jeff completed the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin and is a Certified Public Accountant. He currently serves as the President and CEO of Standing Stone National Bank and SSNB, Inc., a position he has held since January 2013. Jeff completed the Fairfield

Leadership program and is active in the Lancaster Rotary. He serves a number of local organizations, including: United Way of Fairfield County Impact Council, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County Board of Directors (Treasurer), Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Board of Directors, Ohio Bankers League BankServices Board of

Directors and the Tiffin University Alumni Association Board of Directors (Chairman).

Aundrea Cordle earned her Bachelor of Science in Communications and Master of Business Administration degrees from Ohio University. She has spent her career as a public servant with Fairfield County Job and Family Services, where she has worked in a variety of roles that led her to the Director position in 2014. Aundrea has served on the Robert K. Fox Family Y Board of Directors for the past 15 years. She is a former Board Member of Fairfield County Red Cross and the campaign chair for the Government Division of The United Way of Fairfield County. In addition, she is an active volunteer for Lancaster City Schools, over the years serving as a Board of Education member, co-chair on several bond and levy committees, the Chair of the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee, a member of the Marketing Education Advisory Committee and PTO president.



Mike Lieber is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelors of Arts in Journalism. A recent retiree, Mike spent the last 12 years of his career as Executive Director for the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, where he oversaw the operation of a \$2.5 million non-profit with 100 employees. During his tenure, he facilitated the purchase of the RecPlex facility, which has allowed the Y to offer the community additional activities including indoor tennis, baseball, volleyball and gymnastics. Mike is a member of the Lancaster Rotary and was recently elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Melissa Walker is a life-long Lancaster resident and owner of WalkerShoe Center, the second oldest family-owned shoe store in the nation and a mainstay on Main St. in Lancaster since 1960. Melissa started working in her father's shoe business in 1976. After graduating from Lancaster High School, studying business at Ohio University and time honing her skills at a Stride Rite store and in the family business, Melissa purchased Walker Shoe Center in 2000. The shoe store received the Small Business of the Year Award from the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce in 2014 and the Ethical Business Award from The Lancaster Rotary Club and the Eagle Gazette in 2016. Melissa is a proud supporter of various local community organizations, including the Lancaster Noon Rotary, where she is the past president, and the Harcum House, where she serves as a board member.



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.