

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grant Applications Due: May 10
- Women's Giving Circle: May 19 via Zoom



If you are interested in being a sponsor of 250 Plates, please reach out to Sarah Stoughton at stoughton@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

2021-2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE UNDER REVIEW

Review of scholarship awards has begun and will continue until early



June. Students who receive a scholarship offer from an online scholarship will be notified via the email address used to log on to their account. Not all scholarships are awarded at the same time.

Students will need to complete and return the contract by uploading it to the online portal and answering the corresponding questions.

Students can visit the online portal anytime to check the status of each scholarship they were eligible to receive.

****If there are any changes to your application including change in school, major or financial aid received that are different from your original application, please email the changes to Abby King at aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.*



**ATTENTION:
STUDENTS**

Scholarship Update!

UNDER REVIEW NOW



FOUNDATION GRANTS AT WORK



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CYCLE 1 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the first grant cycle of 2021. The Foundation awarded grants totaling more than \$281,000 to 14 local organizations at their March Board meeting:

Patricia A. Beam Fund

Foundation Shelters – Building restoration

Ann Chess Fund

Wagnalls Memorial Preservation Fund, Inc. – Norman Rockwell Traveling Museum Exhibitions

Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community Fund

Eagle Rock Church – Compassion in Action Food Outreach storage expansion
 Fairfield 33 Development Alliance – Fairfield County Career Readiness Program
 Lancaster Festival – Arts education and creative opportunities for youth
 Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency – Sanderson Center Paving Project
 Ohio Glass Museum – Marketing plan; New crucible; Other furnace and STEAM class equipment
 Spreading the Sparkle – Keep Kids Reading Project – Books for kids in the Berne Union School District

Jerry & Janet Nauman Foundation Fund

Lancaster First United Methodist Church (First Community Kitchen) – Double stack oven upgrade and backpack beds for the homeless

Wendel Family Fund

Lancaster Festival – Lancaster Festival Orchestra
 Lancaster Festival – Stage replacement

George & Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial Fund

American Red Cross-South Ohio Chapter – Home fire preparedness and disaster response
 Decorative Arts Center of Ohio – Distinctly Paramount Exhibit
 Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio – Roof replacement for Lancaster ReStore/Office

Following are the deadlines for next grant cycle:

CYCLE 2:

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in May - May 10, 2021
- Invitations to submit full grant sent second week of May

- Grant Application: Due second Monday of June - June 14, 2021
- Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - July 15, 2021

To discuss grant requests or determine whether your project fits within the Foundation's grant guidelines, contact Program Officer, Abby King, at 740-654-8451 or aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org. To view the preliminary grant application and more grant information, visit our [website](#).

FUND SPOTLIGHTS



UTLEY CHILDREN'S FUND

The Utley Children's Fund was established in 1999 by the late George and Frances Utley. George and Fran had a passion for helping children in our community and started this fund as a resource for those in need. The fund provides footwear and/or medicine for kindergarten through sixth grade children from low-income families who attend the following public school districts in Fairfield County: Lancaster City Schools, Amanda-Clearcreek, Berne Union, Bloom-Carroll, Fairfield Union, Liberty Union and Walnut Township.



George Utley worked for the Drew Shoe Company, located in Lancaster, Ohio, which specializes in shoes for individuals who require special care including diabetic, arthritic, and other types of medical conditions. The Utley's passion for footwear is what drove their decision to open the Children's Fund with a focus on providing shoes for local children in need.

Recommendations for funding for shoes and/or medications can be submitted by school principals, school counselors, school nurses and community leaders. Requests can be directed to Sarah Stoughton, Donor Services Officer, at sstoughton@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org. *The Fairfield County Foundation will work with these individuals to identify students who meet the above requirements on a case-by-case basis.*

GET TO KNOW OUR BOARD MEMBERS



CONNOR SMITH

Current board member Connor Smith was born and raised in Lancaster, Ohio with his family's history here dating back to the mid 1900's. His great-grandfather, Clarence Miller served as Mayor of Lancaster in the 1960's. His grandparents worked for Anchor Hocking and taught in Lancaster City Schools, and his parents John Smith and Jennifer Rhonemus both live and work locally as well.



Connor currently serves as Senior Wealth Advisor for Juncture Wealth Strategies, where he focuses on retirement and estate and tax planning strategies for individual and corporate clients.

Outside of his professional role, he spends much of his time with his wife Olivia and their one-year-old son, Fletcher. They enjoy spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, hiking and boating.

Connor chose the Foundation as his way of giving back to the community because he believes the Foundation not only serves as a phenomenal way for donors to give back to their community, but also gives the board and committee members an opportunity to use their time and insights to get to know and support advancements in the non-profits of Fairfield County. During his time on the board, Connor's ultimate goal is to assist the Foundation in continuing its position as the

best resource for donors to create lasting legacies in our community. He hopes to learn more about the various non-profits in Fairfield County and help ensure that the Foundation's resources are being most efficiently allocated.



OUR MISSION...

Building a legacy through philanthropy and stewardship to strengthen our community.

Since 1989, the Fairfield County Foundation has helped donors create lasting charitable legacies that carry on their names, their values and their priorities. Within the Foundation are more than 390 individual charitable funds, each created by donors to address those local causes they are most passionate about. Today, Foundation grants support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics and much more. From scholarships for deserving Fairfield County youth and equipment to keep people fit and healthy, to improvements to green spaces throughout our county and grants to feed the hungry, the Fairfield County Foundation touches every member of our community in some way.

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Building a Legacy in Our Community

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