

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- **Scholarship Application Open:** Dec. 1
- **Cycle 1 Preliminary Grant Application Due:** Jan. 8
- **Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Jan. 15
- **Cycle 1 Grant Application Due:** Feb. 12
- **Women's Giving Circle:** Feb. 21, 5-7 p.m. at Ale House 1890
- **Scholarship Application Deadline:** Mar. 8

Year-End Donations

If you have not made your tax deductible year-end donations yet, it's not too late! You can donate in-person or through the mail, as long as it is received in our office before 2 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2023. Online donations can be made using our donor portal through December 31, 2023.

We are so grateful for your support this holiday season, and throughout the years. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and good fortune in 2024!

AMBASSADORS' CLUB DONOR RECEPTION

This year's Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception was held on Wednesday, November 29. A special thank you to the team at Ale House 1890 and Kate Adler, who never fail to impress us with their hospitality!



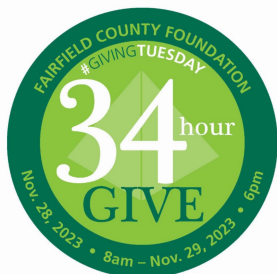
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Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception



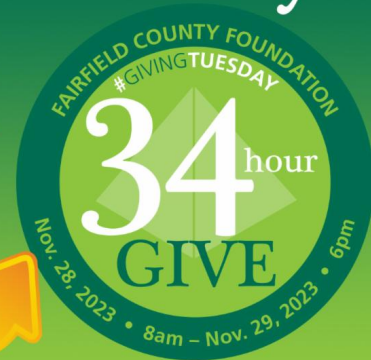
34-HOUR GIVE

Foundation Raises Record \$313,996 through
34-Hour Give Event



Thank You Fairfield County!

\$313,996
+ the \$34,000 match +
additional 10 year anniversary
bonus of \$10,000 =
\$357,996



The Foundation's annual "Give" events began in 2014, making this year the 10th anniversary, and the community celebrated accordingly! During this year's 34-Hour Give, which began at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28 and ran through Nov. 29 at 6 p.m., the Foundation raised \$313,996. With the matching gifts, the total awarded to participating funds this year was \$357,996.

"Each year, I am truly in awe of how the community comes out to support this event. This year, we celebrated 10 years getting our give on and this community showed up in a big way," said Fairfield County Foundation CEO, Amy Eyman. "We have raised nearly \$1.5 million through these events and when you add the Foundation's match, that is almost \$1.8 million to support our community. We simply could not have built such a successful event without the support of our local non-profits who raise awareness and every single donor that calls, walks through our door, or gives online during the time window. We are so grateful to serve this community."

The Foundation's \$34,000 match is distributed to funds that received contributions during the 34-Hour Give on a pro-rata basis, which gives everyone who participates the opportunity to have their donations increased. The \$10,000 bonus gift in recognition of the 10th anniversary was awarded as \$1,000 contributions to 10 participating funds, which were chosen out of a fishbowl on Facebook Live at noon on Friday, Dec. 1:

- Lancaster Campground Quality of Life Scholarship
- Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund
- Lancaster High School Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund
- Scipio Smith Statue Fund
- Mowry Family Fund
- Peters Planetarium Preservation Fund
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County Agency Fund
- St. John's Episcopal Church Mithoff Fund
- Chase Haley Project Fund
- Jessie J. Smith Christian Advancement Fund

For more information about the 34-Hour Give, visit:

www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.



Foundation Announces Cycle 3 Grant Recipients

The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the third and final grant cycle in 2023. The Foundation awarded grants to 11 organizations totaling \$167,000 at their November Board meeting.

“Over three grant cycles this year, the Foundation awarded 39 grants totaling \$404,429,” said Amy Eyman, Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfield County Foundation. “We are proud to support such a diverse and important list of community initiatives across Fairfield County.”

Below is a complete listing of the Cycle 3 grant recipients:

Meals on Wheels Fairfield County, Inc.

Gas Generator to Support Refrigeration Units for Food Storage
Alma S. Busby, Ward R. & Dorothy Delancy Halteman, Wendel Family,
Pickering Family, Fairfield County Foundation Community Impact,
Richard L. Roundhouse Funds

Lancaster Chorale

*Performing Season 2023-24: Magnificat/At the Manger/Love Songs
for Spring*

Ann Chess, Hoyman Family Fine Arts, Janet S. Crist, Pickering Family
Funds

United Way of Fairfield County

Fairfield County Welcome Home Newborn Visiting Program
George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial and Jerry & Janet Nauman
Funds

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County

The Mentor Center
Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community and Wendel Family
Funds

Baltimore Downtown Restoration

Ballroom Floor Refinishing, Victoria Opera House
Janet S. Crist Fund

Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

Community AED Supplies and Replacement Parts
Health Fund

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio

Ronald McDonald House Family Room
Health Fund

The Period Pantry Project

Purchase of Period Products
Patricia A. Beam Fund

Maywood Mission

New Safe and Trauma-Informed Fencing for Learning Center
Patricia A. Beam Fund

Lancaster Vineyard Church Food Pantry

Purchase of Food and Personal Hygiene Items
Fairfield County Foundation Community Impact Fund

Fairfield County Early Childhood Association, Inc.

Gift of Time
Jerry & Janet Nauman Fund

2024 Grant Cycle Deadlines

CYCLE 1:

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in January - Jan. 8, 2024
- Approval to submit full grant application emailed second week of January
- Grant Application: Due second Monday in February - Feb. 12, 2024
- Grant Committee recommendation to Board of Trustees for approval - Mar. 21, 2024

CYCLE 2:

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in May - May 13, 2024
- Approval to submit full grant application emailed second week of May
- Grant Application: Due second Monday in June - June 10, 2024
- Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - July 18, 2024

CYCLE 3:

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in September - Sept. 9, 2024
- Approval to submit full grant application emailed second week of September
- Grant Application: Due second Monday in October - Oct. 14, 2024
- Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - Nov. 21, 2024

For more information, visit the Foundation's website at:

<http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants>

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



2024-2025 Scholarship Application Now Available Online

The Fairfield County Foundation is currently accepting applications for more than 100 different scholarship funds for local students for the 2024-2025 school year using one online application. The application officially opened on December 1, 2023 and the deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 8, 2024. Applicants are encouraged to check out the [scholarships page](#) on our website for more details, criteria, tips and frequently asked questions to assist in filling out the application. The Foundation's application system filters down which scholarships students are eligible to receive based on the criteria of each scholarship fund.

"Our scholarship program continues to grow, with opportunities for virtually every area of interest for students, and a wide variety of criteria for eligibility," said Amy Eyman, Chief Executive Officer, Fairfield County Foundation. "Whether you are a high school senior getting ready to head to college for the first time, or someone who wants to return to college after being in the workforce, there is a scholarship that fits your need."

The Foundation staff will conduct a preliminary review for completeness on all applications submitted by Friday, February 16, 2024. Applicants will receive an email with any issues by March 1, 2024 so that any problems can be corrected before the final deadline on Friday, March 8, 2024. This does not increase the chances of receiving a scholarship but provides an opportunity for mistakes to be corrected before the deadline and decreases the possibility of an application being ineligible.

Generally, scholarships are reserved for residents of Fairfield County or graduates of a high school in Fairfield County; however, there are a few that are available to students outside of the county. Applicants can be graduating high school seniors, current undergraduate, graduate, non-traditional or vocation/technical school students.

FAFSA & Scholarship Nights

The program staff will be conducting FAFSA and scholarship nights throughout the next few months at the local high schools. They will also be conducting a night at the Fairfield County District Library on Thursday, January 18 at 5 p.m. To RSVP for this night please email aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.



HOLIDAY HOURS



Holiday Hours

December 25 - 26

CLOSED

January 1

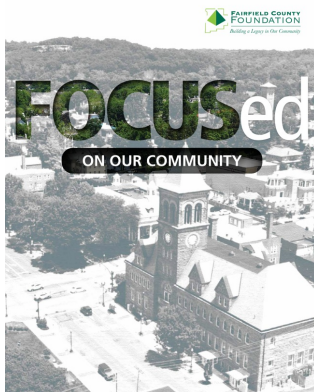
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*OUR REGULAR OPERATING HOURS ARE
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-4PM*



All gifts must be received by 2pm on Friday, December 29 to be deposited for the 2023 calendar year.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



We are excited to share that our 2022 Annual Report, *FOCUSed on our Community*, is now available! Please take a moment to review our accomplishments from the past year, including scholarship and grant recipients, new funds established, program updates and our financial statements.

The complete Annual Report is now available to [download on our website](#).



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GRANTS



SCHOLARSHIPS

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