

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



We are excited to start a fresh year and wanted our communications with you to reflect our enthusiasm for all the new and exciting things ahead. Our newsletter may look a bit different, but the important updates and news priorities remain the same! We hope you'll find this newsletter easier to read and enjoy. Thank you for supporting the Fairfield County Foundation!

- Scholarship Preliminary Review Deadline: February 12
- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 12
- Cycle 1 Grants Awarded: March 18
- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grants Applications Due: May 10
- Fairfield County Diversity, Inclusion and Empowerment Fund Application Deadline: March 18

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



WHAT TYPES OF MISTAKES WOULD MAKE YOUR APPLICATION INELIGIBLE?

If your application does not have an OFFICIAL transcript, it will be marked ineligible. Current college students need to make sure they are requesting an OFFICIAL transcript from their school. High school students need to confirm that their counselors upload their transcript before the deadline.

If your application does not include the first page of your SAR that shows your EFC (obtained from completing the FAFSA) for the 2021-2022 year, it will be marked ineligible. You can find example documents and tips in the [FAQs section of our website](#).

Don't wait until the last minute! You need time to request transcripts and if applicable, letters of reference. Some scholarships require additional information which can only be viewed and requested AFTER you submit the general application.

FOUNDATION GRANTS AT WORK



YOUTH LED CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

The Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee recently granted \$1,500 from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Fund to Lancaster Vineyard Church Youth Group for "Christmas Outreach." Specifically, the youth group partnered with seven local organizations to help families in need during the holidays. They conducted fundraising, which allowed them to match more than 100% of the grant funds they received and increase the scope of the project. They also shopped, wrapped, and coordinated distribution of all the gifts.



Trees and decor donated to Fairfield County 211 for distribution



Kinship Family Event held in partnership with Victory Hill Church.

A tree and decor was provided to a special family adopted through Child Protective Services.



The youth group enjoyed shopping for gifts!



Santa was enlisted to help with delivery of gifts!



Wrapping gifts is fun when done with friends!

FUND SPOTLIGHT



KENNY KOSCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Kenny Kosch retired from Liberty Union-Thurston in January 2014 with 26 years of service to the district. He began his career as a maintenance assistant and through the years was promoted to custodial supervisor. The biggest accomplishment in his career was the remodel of the high school, elementary school and construction of the middle school, district office and the maintenance/bus facility. He loved working at the schools because he loved being around the students. His main concern was how his work affected the students and how he could make the school a better place for them.



In his time with the district, he worked with electricians, plumbers, HVAC, painters, construction workers, firefighters and more. He respected and appreciated all of these professionals in their areas of expertise. What many do not know is that Kenny had a trade school education himself. He learned the majority of his skills while on the job.

Kenny had a passion for students, specifically those who wanted to further their education at a Trade or Technical School. The students Kenny had in mind for this scholarship are those planning to become future nurses, x-ray technicians, firefighters, EMT's, plumbers, carpenters and more. What makes this scholarship even more special right now is that many of the professions identified have been deemed essential during recent times.

This scholarship will be available to a Liberty Union graduating senior who desires to attend a Trade/Technical School to further their education. To learn more, visit the [Scholarships page](#) on our website.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

MOLLY BATES NAMED NEW CHAIR OF FOUNDATION BOARD



Molly Bates was recently appointed as Chairwoman of the Fairfield County Foundation Board of Trustees. As an Assistant Vice President for Park National Bank, Molly serves as the Branch Manager of the Lancaster Downtown Office as well as Retail Administration.



Molly was born in Lancaster and graduated from Lancaster High School. She began college at Ohio University-Lancaster and later transferred to the main Campus in Athens, where she received her degree in Organizational Communication.

Molly and her husband Dan have four children: Nathan (Heather), Sarah (Wyatt), Clark and Matthew and six grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Lilian, Jordyn, Emersyn, Karah and Addyson. Outside of Molly's professional role, she enjoys attending her children and grandchildren's various events, spending time with family and traveling.

Growing up watching her parents volunteer with various service organizations has made it instinctual for her to give back to her community. She feels her position at Park National Bank has allowed her to learn more about the needs in Fairfield County.

She is honored to serve as a member of the Foundation Board and enjoys helping the organization advance its mission. Whether it is by awarding scholarships to students to help them succeed, or awarding grants to local organizations, Molly believes the Fairfield County Foundation is working hard to improve the lives of everyone in Fairfield County.

While on the board, she hopes to help continue to uncover the evolving needs of our community and to increase awareness of the Fairfield County Foundation's initiatives.



A LOOK BACK AT 2020



GRANTS

to public charities in Fairfield County, totaling more than:

\$2.1M



SCHOLARSHIPS

awarded to Fairfield County students to help in their goal to attain higher education:

\$705,095



ASSETS

in total as of
December 31, 2020:

\$59.6M



CONTRIBUTIONS

in memory/honor of loved ones, to support a special fund or charity, to establish a new fund, or as estate bequests:

\$2.5M



NEW FUNDS

established to support the causes important to individual donors:

19

ALL GRANTS PAID BY PROGRAM AREA



COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

\$156,000 raised and awarded in collaboration with United Way of Fairfield County to address COVID-19 related needs throughout the community



For more information about how you can get involved with the Foundation:
Call our office at **740-654-8451** or visit our website at www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org
162 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130-3712

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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