

## FOUNDATION CONNECTION



### IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Cycle 1 Preliminary Grants Due: January 9
- Youth Advisory Committee Grant Application Due: January 31
- Cycle 1 Grant Application Due: February 13
- Scholarship Preliminary Review Deadline: February 17
- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 10
- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grants Due: May 8



## GET TO KNOW OUR BOARD MEMBERS



### Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Fairfield County Foundation has recently welcomed four new members to its Board of Trustees: Chris Claypool, Ron Collins, Jodie Phayer and Edie Waugh.

“We are thrilled to welcome our newest members to the Board of Trustees,” said Amy Eyman, CEO of the Fairfield County Foundation. “These are outstanding community members who bring a diverse set of experiences and expertise to our organization. We look forward to their contributions as members of the Foundation Board.”



**Chris Claypool** is a lifelong Fairfield County resident and recently retired CEO of Claypool Electric, a third-generation family business started by his parents in 1954. After graduation from Ohio Northern University with a degree in electrical engineering, Chris served on the Ohio National Guard 160<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron as he began his career with Claypool Electric. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio, a licensed electrical contractor and fire alarm

installer/designer, and serves as the Vice Chairman of the Electrical Section Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board for the Ohio Department of Commerce. Chris and his wife Barb have three children and are grandparents to five grandchildren.

**Ron Collins** spent his career in the banking industry. He served as the Chief Credit Officer for The First Bremen Bank from 1998-2000 and President from 2000- 2009, when it was acquired by Vinton County National Bank. Ron was the President of Vinton County National Bank from 2009-2020, when he retired. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Vinton County National Bank and previously served on the boards of the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, Fairfield 33 Alliance and the Pickaway County Economic Development Board. Ron and his wife Gayle reside in Carrol. They have two children and three grandchildren.



**Jodie Phayer** is a Lancaster native who loves all things Lancaster. She co-founded Arbuckle Phayer Accounting Group, LLC, a public accounting firm, in 2013. Her firm is a Champion Member of The Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, a Legacy Member of Destination Downtown Lancaster and was recognized as Small Business of the Year by the chamber in 2022. Jodie is currently a Board Member and Treasurer for Lancaster Rotary Club, a Board Member and Treasurer for The Salvation Army of Fairfield County, and a Board Member

and Finance Chair of Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency. She is also a member of Blue Star Mothers. Jodie enjoys time at the beach and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren.

**Eddie Waugh** has over 30 years of experience in project and special event management, human relations and budgeting. She has served as CEO and Chair of the Eden Board of Directors since January 2018. Prior to that, she spent three decades at The Ohio State University, serving in several capacities including program manager for the Todd Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male as well as the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and administrative coordinator for the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA), among other administrative positions. She is also a licensed real estate agent with a passion for educating and providing remodeled homes to first-time buyers and others. Eddie is the proud mother of a daughter, has a six-year-old grandson and resides in Pickerington.



## FUND SPOTLIGHT

### Bleu George Memorial Fund

The Bleu George Memorial Fund was established by the parents of Bleu







## Review

If your application is fully submitted by **Friday, February 17** the staff will review your application for completeness and email you with any issues by March 1. This will allow applicants to correct any problems before the final deadline on Friday, March 10. You will not receive an email if everything is filled out correctly. You may submit your application without the third party documents (transcripts or letters of reference). High school counselors are asked to wait until after the first semester grades are posted to submit transcripts for graduating high school seniors.

If you have changes to your information (i.e. school, major or other scholarships received) after you submit the application, you can email us directly and we will update that information for you. If there are any questions, please contact Abby King, Senior Program Officer, at [aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) or 740-654-8451.

## GRANTS UPDATE



### Youth Advisory Committee Grant Application is Open



The 2022-2023 Youth Advisory Committee is now accepting grant applications for the 2023 year! The current committee met twice in 2022, with over 15 students participating from schools throughout the county. During these two meetings, the Foundation staff has discussed the purpose of a community foundation, how they operate and how they support nonprofits in the area through grants. The committee has also heard from leaders at Salvation Army and American Red Cross, who have graciously hosted meetings at their space. During our next two meetings, students will be hearing from Harcum House and Geneva Hills about ways their nonprofit organizations serve our community and how youth can get involved.

This grant cycle will provide hands-on experience to educate committee members about how grants are collected, evaluated and funded. Any nonprofit serving Fairfield County with a youth-related project can apply for up to \$2,000 through this committee. The deadline to submit applications is January 31. Please visit our website for more details and access to the online application. If you have further questions, contact Program Officer Andrea Spires at [aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) or 740-654-8451.



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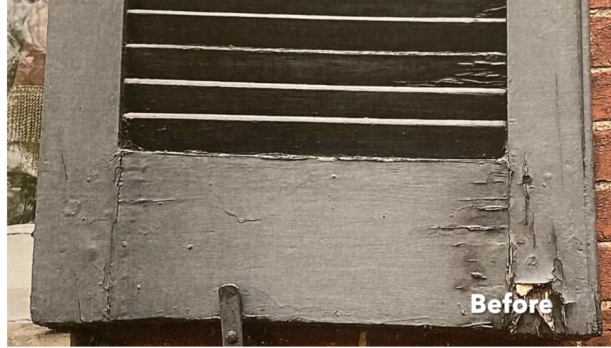
## Grant Supports Painting and Repair Projects at Georgian Museum

The Fairfield County Foundation recently awarded a grant from the Wendel Family Fund to the Fairfield County Heritage Association for the Georgian Museum Repair and Repainting Project.

The Fairfield County Heritage Association is responsible for the restoration and preservation of the Georgian House in Downtown Lancaster which is visited by 1,500-2,000 people annually. To maintain the structural integrity of the building, all gutters, eaves, downspouts, windows, and columns were repaired and repainted. The shutters were also repaired or replaced as needed, and all other exterior trim received a fresh coat of paint.

Previously, there were issues allowing rain and snow to get into the wood trim in the eaves of the building. This was causing problems with peeling paint and rotting wood. All downspouts were checked and all leaks were repaired to avoid future foundation issues.

This grant allowed them to resolve these issues in a timely manner to prevent further damage and preserve a valuable piece of Fairfield County history. The museum was able to maintain regular tours and open hours during the maintenance of the building. The Fairfield County Foundation is proud to be a supporter of the Fairfield County Heritage Association.



## 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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