

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 10
- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grants Due: May 8
- Women's Giving Circle: May 24
- Cycle 2 Grant Applications Due: June 12

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Scholarship Application Review Tips

The deadline for the 2023-2024 scholarship application is quickly approaching. **The application will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2023.**

Review of scholarship applications will begin shortly after and will continue through 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 follow-up information in the online portal, if awarded. Students can visit the online portal anytime to check the status of each scholarship they were eligible to receive.

PLEASE NOTE: If there are any changes to a student's plans for the 2023-2024 school year (a change in school, major or other financial aid received) that would require a change to the information submitted in the original application, please email the changes to Abby King at aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

Lastly, don't forget to check out the scholarship opportunities that still have paper applications. These include the Edward N. Sands Scholarship for Liberty Union graduates and the Trevor and Violet Jones Memorial Scholarship for Millersport high school graduates. These applications can be found on our website at: <https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/scholarships/applications>

FUND SPOTLIGHT



Women's Giving Circle Selects Pearls of Hope Project

The Fairfield County Foundation Women's Giving Circle met in mid-February and heard presentations from three fantastic local organizations: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County, The Family Adult & Children First Council, and The Recovery Center. In a close race, our members voted to award funds to The Recovery Center to assist in their Pearls of Hope Project.

The Pearls of Hope Project addresses the needs of families on the brink of homelessness when other community resources are not available. The funds awarded from our Women's Giving Circle will go towards their child center. These funds will allow The Recovery Center to use their Jungle Gym Child Center to its full potential, providing children with a safe space to go while their parent attends counseling services. The funds will support purchase of interactive activities, storage, cleaning, safety and snack supplies. Having this space available for children allows parents to have peace of mind, knowing their children have a safe space to learn and play while they are receiving uninterrupted treatment services.

Since 1973, The Recovery Center has offered local, family-centered outpatient treatment, prevention and aftercare for individuals with Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Health Disorders. Their mission is to: Provide a broad spectrum of substance abuse and mental health prevention, intervention, and treatment. Their vision is to: Continue to provide efficient, effective opportunities for healing, growth and change in a professional, compassionate manner.

The Women's Giving Circle is proud to partner with The Recovery Center to make this project a success.

If you are interested in learning more about the Women's Giving Circle, please reach out to Sarah Stoughton at sstoughton@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.



GRANTS UPDATE

Grant Supports Fairfield Community Action Agency Recycling Center



The Fairfield County Foundation recently awarded a grant from the Robert A. Schatz Fund to the Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency for the Recycling Center Grappling Skid Loader.

Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency serves approximately 10,000 low-to moderate-income individuals living in Fairfield County each year. Their recycling services provide members of the community with recycling options for materials that would otherwise end up in the landfill. They are responsible for recycling over 2,800 tons per year. The center provides 13 local jobs as well as job training to clients in need of community service hours. Many of those trainees have then been hired by the Recycling Center. They also host Earth Camp each year for children in grades 3-5 and attend various events throughout the county to educate the public on reducing, reusing and recycling.

This grant supported the purchase of the equipment needed to move recyclables from drop-off and storage areas to other areas of the facility. It can then be compacted and bound together for shipment to a processing facility. This second grappling skid loader has a scoop and arm that grabs and carries large quantities of recyclable materials, preventing backups in services when the primary skid loader is down for maintenance or repair. This piece of equipment is also part of a larger \$1,000,000 Recycling Center Improvement Project. These improvements have allowed for the modernization of the facility, along with enhanced workflows and greater capabilities.

The Fairfield County Foundation is proud to be a supporter of Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency and their recycling program.



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