

## FOUNDATION CONNECTION



### IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- **Lancaster Rotary Scholarship Reception:** May 23rd from 7-8:30pm at Ohio University Lancaster
- **Women's Giving Circle:** May 24th from 5:30-7:30pm at Ale House 1890
- **Cycle 2 Grant Applications Due:** June 12th (for those invited to apply)



### Fairfield County Foundation and Destination Downtown Lancaster Announce 2023 Date for 250 Plates Fundraising Event

The Fairfield County Foundation and Destination Downtown Lancaster are pleased to announce that the 250 Plates Community Meal to benefit Fairfield County food pantries and Keller Market House will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 from 5pm-8pm. The event will have a slightly different location this year, moving to Broad St., between Main St. and Bank Alley. Guests will enjoy an inspired menu of locally-sourced food prepared by the chefs of participating downtown restaurants, a cash bar, and live music. This event raised more than \$52,000 for local food pantries and the Keller Market House since it started in 2019.

“We are excited to bring another 250 Plates Community Meal to the Fairfield County community,” said Amy Eyman, Chief Executive Officer of the Fairfield County Foundation. “We’ve decided to make a slight change to our location,

primarily to address the challenges we've had with the wind in the alley in past years. While the long tables down Bank Alley were unique and picturesque, we hope the move to Broad St. will provide a more comfortable setting for our guests!"

"250 Plates has become a signature event for Downtown Lancaster," said Amanda Everitt, Executive Director of Destination Downtown Lancaster. "We look forward to bringing the community together again to enjoy delicious locally-sourced and prepared foods, connect with friends and neighbors, and raise funds to support these vital local organizations."

Tickets will go on sale on June 15, 2023 and can be purchased at [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org). Sponsorships are available. Please contact Sarah Stoughton at [stoughton@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:stoughton@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) for more information.

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



### 2023-2024 Scholarship Applications Under Review



ATTENTION:  
STUDENTS

*Scholarship Update!*

UNDER REVIEW NOW



The 2023-2024 scholarship application is closed. Review of scholarship applications is in progress 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 your plans for the 2023-2024 school year, including a change in school, major or other financial aid received, that would require a change to the information submitted in your original application, please email the changes to Abby King at [aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).

## GRANT SPOTLIGHT



### Fairfield Area Humane Society Grant Supports Program to Spay/Neuter Cats

The Fairfield County Foundation recently awarded a grant from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial Fund to the Fairfield Area Humane Society's Beat the Heat T-N-R Program.

The Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program is a management technique in which homeless, free-roaming (community) cats are humanely trapped, evaluated and sterilized by a licensed veterinarian, vaccinated against rabies, and then returned to their original habitat. As the leader in animal welfare in and around Fairfield County, the Humane Society gives all cats a full exam. They then spay/neuter, give a rabies vaccine, pain meds and then their left ear is "tipped." Other basic issues such as fleas, upper respiratory concerns, wounds and even dental or eye concerns are also addressed. Cats or kittens found to be candidates for adoption are pulled from the group and put into their foster or shelter program for future adoption into an indoor forever home. Then all of the cats fixed through this program are logged and a new location is identified. The location is pinned on the intake and TNR map to help the Humane Society determine where resources are best utilized as well as demonstrate the success of this program in the future.



As a result of this program, 50 traps are on loan to the community and 428 cats have been spayed/neutered so far. After a year of the program, they anticipate serving more than 650 cats.

## FUND SPOTLIGHT



### Company Wrench Employee Care Fund



Company Wrench LTD, a well-known company headquartered right here in Fairfield County, recently established the Company Wrench Employee Care Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide assistance to Company Wrench employees who are experiencing a sudden, unanticipated financial burden resulting from a severe, overwhelming, and unexpected event that is beyond their control.

Headed by the Oversight Committee of Company Wrench, the fund will allow for employees to apply to the assistance fund once per year when an unexpected need arises. The fund will provide assistance in cases of natural disasters, fires, dislocation due to an unsafe living environment, domestic abuse, military deployment, or one-time medical emergencies, just to name a few examples.

The idea of the fund was suggested by several employees who shed light on the importance of the "tight-knit, family-like culture" at Company Wrench and wanted a way to give to their fellow employees who may fall on hard times. With the initial \$10,000 gift from Company Wrench to establish the fund, employees will now be able to designate a portion of each paycheck to go directly to the Employee Care Fund.

If you are a business interested in learning more about establishing your own employee care fund—please reach out to the Foundation at 740.654.8451.

## 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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