

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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GRANT DEADLINES

To learn more about our new grant process and timelines, please visit the <u>Grants page</u> on our website.

2017 Annual Report



A sneak peak at our 2017 Annual Report! Look for it in your mailbox this summer.

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

With another school year coming to an end, we'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the graduates and wish them the best of luck as they move towards the next exciting stage in their lives.

We are so proud that our scholarship funds can help to make college more affordable for families and students in our community and we're excited to see application numbers continue to grow each year.

In this edition of our newsletter, we have included important information for scholarship applicants regarding monitoring the status of their applications. In addition, we are excited to support AHA! A Hands-On Adventure, A Children's Museum on their journey. Photos from their grand opening event and information about the grants the Foundation provided to support their work is included below.

As always, we want to express our sincere gratitude to our donors and supporters. We thank you for your continued support of the Foundation and look forward to the warm days ahead.



Amy Eyman Executive Director

Students Encouraged to Monitor Status of Scholarship Applications



Students who submitted their complete application prior to the March 12th deadline can use the following link to periodically check their application status:

Fairfieldcountyfoundation.academicworks.com

Log-in using your original log-in information and you will find the status of each opportunity. We encourage applicants to check the website regularly for status updates between May and July.

Scholarship recipients will receive an official letter by email or mail, as well as an instruction sheet regarding how to claim a scholarship. These emailed/mailed documents will be sent to the address that was provided by the applicant on the General Application/Student Profile. Award recipients should be on the lookout for these documents to arrive. Read them and respond in a timely manner.

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AHA! Children's Museum Celebrates Grand Opening of New Building

Congratulations to AHA! A Hands-on Adventure, A Children's Museum on the April 23rd grand opening of their new 8,000 square foot building. The new adventure space features more than 35 hands-on exhibits and activities for children ages 0-8.

AHA! provides a place for children to learn as they engage in their most important "work" of play. This is just the beginning of the journey in their new space, as they plan to open a new outdoor play area in the summer of 2018.

We are proud to support this organization, most recently with a grant from the Terry A. McGhee and Sally J. Grimm Community Fund to help build the outdoor area. The Foundation also provided a grant from the Wendel Family Fund for renovations to the Theatre exhibit. More information about the museum can be found on their website.









What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.