



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

In anticipation of the upcoming holiday season, we are reminded of all we have to be grateful for. The Foundation is truly thankful for continued community support and we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with gratitude.

In this edition of the newsletter, we're encouraging community members to participate in the 29-Hour Give in conjunction with #GivingTuesday on November 27th. We are also happy to share information about a recent grant we provided to the Afterschool Program of Lancaster and the Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club to support students in a unique opportunity to speak to the International Space Station. We also share information about the Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception and important details about the 2019-2020 Scholarship Application.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving full of delicious food and precious time with family and friends.

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

#GivingTuesday is November 27th - Support Fairfield County's Non- profits During the 29-Hour Give

Since 2014, the Foundation has celebrated #GivingTuesday, a nationwide movement to raise awareness of community philanthropy and encourage spending with a purpose. This year, the Fairfield County Foundation is encouraging community members to "Get Their Give On" during a 29-Hour Give event.

The 29-Hour Give will begin at 8 a.m. on #GivingTuesday, November 27th, and donations will be accepted until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28th. Again this year, we will be providing local donors and non-profits that have a fund at the Foundation with a toolkit to help them promote the 29-Hour Give to their donors and friends. Donations must be made online or in person at the Foundation office in order to be eligible for the match. If you have any questions, please call the Foundation at 740-654-8451.

**Please note: Contributions cannot be made by the organizations themselves. Contributions must be made by individuals or organizations other than the recipients of the funds.*

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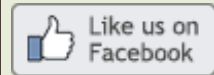
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#GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities by making a charitable contribution to a fund at the Fairfield County Foundation, or to any cause or charity they are passionate about. If you have any questions regarding the 29-Hour Give, please call the Foundation at 740-654-8451. *Please note: Contributions cannot be made by the organizations themselves. Contributions must be made by individuals or organizations other than the recipient of the funds.

Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception



Please join us in celebrating the season of giving at our

Ambassadors' Club
DONOR RECEPTION

Wednesday, November 28th • 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Fairfield County Foundation
162 East Main Street • Lancaster, Ohio 43130

RSVP by Monday, November 19th
to 740.654.8451 or stephanie@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org

Foundation Grant Allows Lancaster

Students to Talk to International Space Station

The Fairfield County Foundation awarded two grants supporting the Afterschool Programs of Lancaster as one of 13 national recipients of the ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) Grant. The opportunity allows students to communicate with astronauts on the International Space Station to promote learning as part of the STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Math) initiative. The Foundation awarded \$4,624 to The Lancaster and Fairfield Co. Amateur Radio Club to purchase the equipment for the ARISS contact and \$400 to the Afterschool Programs of Lancaster to purchase the Space Station Hands-on Learning Equipment.

Tallmadge Elementary students eagerly listened as astronauts on the International Space Station radioed in on the morning of October 31. A handful of students communicated through the radio system, asking the astronauts questions about their experiences in space. Students benefited from the unique educational experience and gained knowledge about space research and travel.

Following the event, the equipment provided by the Foundation's support will remain beneficial to the Afterschool Programs of Lancaster as educational tools that can be used at schools in other locations. The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club plans to use the equipment for mock disaster training and working with local agencies in the case of a real disaster. The Foundation was pleased to provide resources to support this unique learning opportunity.



2019-2020 Scholarship Application Opens December 1st

The scholarship application for the 2019-2020 school year will open on December 1, 2018 to anyone seeking financial support to further their education. For those who are excited to get started, there are a few things you can do before the application opens!

- Visit the [Scholarship FAQ](#) section of our website to find:
 - Insight into required documents
 - Tips on filling out the application
 - New information is added frequently, so check back often
- Follow us on Facebook for reminders (tell your parents to follow as well)
- Complete the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - Application opened October 1, 2018
 - We recommend filling out as soon as possible
 - You will be required to upload the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and report your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA
- Think about the best people (at least 2) to serve as references for you and ask them before adding them on your application
 - Reference letters must be uploaded online by the reference before the deadline (March 15, 2019)
 - We only require two, but be prepared to ask others if the original two cannot complete before deadline
 - Make sure you have a correct email address
- Obtain a copy of your transcript
 - You will need to include information about class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores
 - School counselor will upload official copy of transcript for high school seniors
 - Make sure you have their email address correct
 - Current college students will need to upload an OFFICIAL transcript that they have obtained from their current school (a DARS report or a screen shot of your grades online is NOT acceptable)

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.