



# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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## GRANT DEADLINES

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## A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

It's Fair week in Fairfield County - the last and best county fair in Ohio! We hope to see you out and about enjoying the shows, rides and, of course, the scrumptious fair food!

In this edition of the newsletter, we're encouraging our supporters to help us promote this year's 29-Hour Give, which takes place on #GivingTuesday. We are also happy to share information about a recent grant we provided to the Salvation Army to help them better serve their program participants, as well as important information about the 2019-2020 Scholarship Application.

Your continued support in the funding of our programs and projects does not go unnoticed, and we thank you for all that you do for our community!

Amy Eyman  
Executive Director

## Donors and Non-Profits Encouraged to Help Promote the 29-Hour Give

Since 2014, the Foundation has been participating in #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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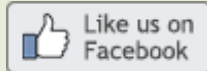
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#GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) to kick off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities by making a charitable contribution to a fund at the Fairfield 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.

## Foundation Grant Allows Salvation Army to Convert Multi-purpose Room, Purchase New Carpeting

During the first grant cycle of 2018, the Fairfield County Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Robert A. Schatz Fund to the Salvation Army of Fairfield County to assist with converting their multi-purpose room to better serve the increasing number of participants in their programs.

We recently conducted a site visit with Captain Brian DeMichael, one of the Salvation Army's Corps Commanding Officers, to get a look at the converted multi-purpose room. According to Captain DeMichael, the items purchased with the funds were "greatly needed" and have made a world of difference for the many participants in the Salvation Army's programs.

The conversion of the multi-purpose room started with the removal of the pews. The sanctuary, being such a large portion of the Salvation Army's facility, was being underused due to the stationary seating. Now that they have the Advantage church chairs, which were purchased with this grant money, the room can be utilized for a wide variety of programs which serve 40 to 60 children, 30 teens, and about 50 adults. For one program, staff turned the sanctuary into a circus tent-themed area that provided space for fun, summer activities for children. They also plan to hold a much-needed summer day camp in this room for children with working parents who cannot afford traditional daycare. Being able to stack and move the chairs opens up this space for so many great programs.

In addition, we learned that the Salvation Army is experiencing flooding on a regular basis. As a result, a large portion of the grant money was used to purchase heavy-duty carpet squares that do not mold and can be salvaged easily during these floods. This same carpeting has already been implemented elsewhere in the facility and still looks fantastic for the amount of wear it has received. This saves the organization significant funds and allows them to focus their resources on other worthwhile programs that directly benefit

the community, such as Adult Daycare, Food Pantry, and Youth Outreach.



## Important Scholarship Application Details

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.