



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

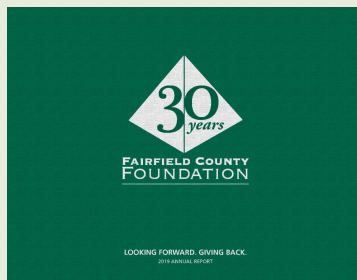
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GRANT DEADLINES

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2019 Annual Report



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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Happy New Year! We hope you were able to enjoy the holiday season and are feeling optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead in the new year. Here at the Foundation, we are continually seeking to improve and expand upon the ways we can better our community while helping individuals, families and organizations achieve their philanthropic goals. With the challenges of the past year, our work is more important than ever.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will get to know the Foundation's newest board member, Rick Ricketts, as well as our new financial officer, Kerry Sheets. In addition, the scholarship application is open and you can learn more about new virtual FAQ sessions we will be holding in January to provide applicants the opportunity to ask their questions directly. Finally, we are featuring the R. Brian Cline Scholarship Fund which was recently established to honor Brian's legacy as a lover of life and his commitment to the field of Engineering.

As always, we are very grateful for your ongoing support of the Foundation. We hope each of you have a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Foundation Welcomes Kerry Sheets as New Financial Officer

We are pleased to announce that Kerry Sheets, CPA has been hired to serve as the new Financial Officer for the Foundation. In this role, Sheets will be responsible for coordinating all financial policies and procedures of the Foundation, including payroll, general accounting, grant disbursements, financial statements, long term investments, annual operating budgets and more.

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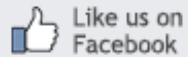
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"We're thrilled to have Kerry join our team full-time," said Amy Eyman, Executive Director. "Kerry's unique experience, in the corporate world, with small businesses and non-profits, will be very valuable as she works to help us grow our assets. With Kerry on board, we are excited to expand our work with professional advisors in the community, helping them better understand the full benefits the Foundation can offer their clients."



Sheets was most recently the CFO at the Robert K. Fox Family YMCA and helped to steer the organization through many challenges in light of the pandemic. Prior to this, she held accounting roles at KPMG in Columbus and local accounting firm Snyder & Co. She is a 1998 graduate of Heidelberg University, where she received a bachelor's degree in accounting and computer information systems. She moved to Lancaster immediately following her graduation.

Sheets and her husband have three children and are very active within the Lancaster community. She currently serves as the treasurer for the Central Ohio Pride, a local girls' softball organization, where she also acts as a coach. She is also the financial advisor for the Cordle Cares Foundation. Her husband, Dr. Jerome Sheets, is the Director of Elementary Education at Lancaster City Schools and coaches wrestling.

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to continue serving my community in this new capacity," said Sheets. "I have seen, especially through my time at the YMCA, how instrumental the funding provided by the Foundation is to local nonprofits. Now, I have the opportunity to directly support these organizations and their efforts. I'm looking forward to helping create a positive impact for a range of people, initiatives and programs that make Fairfield County such a wonderful place. It is truly exciting!"



Foundation to Offer Virtual FAQ Sessions for Scholarship Applicants



Due to many in person meetings being canceled this year, the Fairfield

County Foundation is offering two zoom sessions - on January 15th and January 20th - to discuss scholarship opportunities and provide applicants (and caregivers) the opportunity to ask questions directly. Please follow the link below to Survey Monkey to sign up for one of the two January sessions. If you can't attend either date, please use the survey to let us know a better timeframe for you and if we schedule more sessions, we will contact you at the email you provided. A link for the meeting will be sent to those who sign up through the Survey Monkey link below. If you have any questions, please contact Abby King at aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

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R. Brian Cline Scholarship Established to Support Local Engineering Students

The R. Brian Cline Scholarship Fund was established by the parents of Brian, to honor his legacy as a lover of life and to his commitment to the field of Engineering. Brian passed away on November 19, 2020. He grew up in Lancaster and graduated from Lancaster High School in 1978 as the valedictorian of his class. He went on to become a Buckeye at The Ohio State University and later earned his master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Arizona.

Shortly after Brian's graduation from OSU, he accepted a job with Hughes Aircraft, which later became part of Raytheon. He worked there for 38 years, retiring in July, 2020. He worked in missile design and spent the last years in his career as a Chief Engineer for the Standard Missile-3 Block program in Japan. Brian also spent time teaching courses at both the United States Naval Academy and Johns Hopkins University.

One of Brian's proudest moments was being inducted into the Lancaster High School Hall of Fame in 2015. To continue Brian's legacy in the engineering industry, students are invited to apply for the R. Brian Cline Scholarship under the following conditions:

- Students seeking a degree in engineering and have been formally accepted into the College of Engineering at their school/university
- Students must attend a state school in Ohio

This scholarship will become available during the 2022-2023 academic year.



Foundation Welcomes Rick Ricketts to Board of Trustees

The Foundation's newest Board member, Rick Ricketts, is a life-long resident of Violet Township and graduate of Pickerington High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University and is a 1985 alumnus of Capital University Law School.

Rick is the managing partner of Ricketts & Clark Co., L.P.A, which is located in Pickerington. Having grown up on a family farm, and with his educational background in agriculture, Rick is recognized as a top practitioner in the agricultural law arena. He is also actively involved in real estate development.



Rick is married to Dulcie and has four adult children and two grandchildren. He is excited to join the Foundation Board and provide his expertise to help facilitate the continuation and expansion of the organization's efforts.

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