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## **Fairfield County Foundation Announces Staffing Changes**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation is pleased to announce that Abby King, program officer for the Foundation for the last five years, has been promoted to senior program officer and Andrea Spires was recently hired to serve as the organization's new program officer.

"The Foundation has experienced significant growth recently and we are thrilled to expand our staff to better serve the community," said Amy Eyman, executive director. "Abby and Andrea will make an excellent team and I'm excited to see how they utilize their unique talents and experiences to lead our programs into the future."

Spires is a 2010 graduate of Miami University, where she received a bachelor's degree in speech communication with a minor in family relationships. Previously, she served as director of community impact at the United Way of Fairfield County, where she was responsible for managing a variety of programs, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Feeding our Future. She wrote grants to cover program costs, led the collaborative review of applications for agency funding, and fostered partnerships throughout the county to ensure the agency was meeting the needs of the community. Prior to joining United Way, Andrea worked at Integrated Service for Behavioral Health, and Western and Southern Life.



Andrea spends her free time volunteering for a variety of local nonprofits. She is president-elect for Kiwanis Club of Lancaster, serves on the Keller Market and Chamber boards and is a committee member for Young Professionals of Lancaster. In 2021, she was recognized as Big Sister of the Year for BBBS, and she received the 2022 Young Professional of the Year from the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce.



Abby King joined the Foundation in 2017 as program officer. Over the past five years, she has awarded and processed more than 2,300 scholarship awards totaling over \$3,946,000 and facilitated the migration to a new online scholarship and grant application software. She helped the Foundation respond to growing community needs by implementing an additional grant cycle each year and has helped create and facilitate the Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee and the 250 Plates event.

As senior program officer, Abby will be responsible for the creation, oversight, and management of the Foundation's external programs, including grants, scholarships, and special community initiatives. Abby currently serves as vice president for Kiwanis

Club of Lancaster, is a member of the Young Professionals of Lancaster and a graduate of the Chamber's Leadership Program.

Community members interested in learning more about the Fairfield County Foundation's efforts are encouraged to visit [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) or contact the Foundation at 740-654-8451.

*About the Fairfield County Foundation: The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants*

*today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).*

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