



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Youth Advisory Committee Continues to Create an Impact and Inspire Future Leaders

LANCASTER, Ohio - The Fairfield County Foundation's Board of Trustees and the Youth Advisory Committee of 2022-2023 awarded grants totaling \$15,000 to 14 organizations to benefit youth in Fairfield County.

- **AHA! A Hands-on Adventure, A Children's Museum** for storage and supplies to reestablish a makerspace.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County** to purchase a Cricut easy press, vinyl and shirts for creative match activities.
- **Canal Winchester Human Services** to purchase games, art activities, food, and pool passes for Fairfield County youth during summer outreach events.
- **Decorative Arts Center of Ohio** to purchase supplies for youth summer art camps.
- **Destination Downtown Lancaster** to purchase movie rights for free movies to show in downtown Lancaster for kids and families in the community.
- **Fairfield County Strings and Keyboards** to purchase new scores for musical performances.
- **FairHope Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc** to purchase books and journals for grieving teens.
- **Geneva Hills Group, Inc** to purchase a water slide for their pool.
- **Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council, Inc** to purchase day camp supplies and t-shirts.
- **Lancaster Fresh Market, Inc/Keller Market House** to support free produce tokens for kids to exchange for items of their choice at the 2023 Farmers Market.
- **Ohio Glass Museum** to purchase equipment for their student fused-glass program.
- **Robert K. Fox Family YMCA** to purchase balls, crafts, jump ropes and other summer equipment to be used during summer camp.
- **Vineyard Food Pantry** to purchase art supplies for youth outreach at the food pantry.

The Fairfield County Foundation Youth Advisory Committee was established in 2018 to empower Fairfield County high school students through leadership and community service. Participants have the opportunity to get involved in projects that support initiatives for youth in their own communities and gain real-world experience, with responsibilities for reviewing submissions, completing site visits and presenting recommendations to the Board of Trustees.



The 20-person committee, which changes each year, is made up of juniors and seniors from across the county. Nine of the 11 Fairfield County High Schools were represented in the committee this year.

To learn more about the Youth Advisory Committee, contact Senior Program Officer, Abby King, at 740-654-8451 or [aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) or visit: <https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/youth-advisory-committee>.

*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, call 740-654-8451 or visit [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).*

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