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**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE                                                       April 10, 2018**

**Fairfield County Foundation Announces Grant Recipients**

LANCASTER, Ohio – The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the first of three grant cycles in 2018. The Foundation awarded grants to 16 local organizations totaling over $277,000 at their March board meeting.

“We're honored to have the resources that allow us to support a wide range of local organizations and their work to better our community,” said Amy Eyman, Executive Director of the Fairfield County Foundation. “And this year, we have increased the number of opportunities for local organizations to apply for and receive grants through the Foundation, which is very exciting!”

Below is a complete listing of the Cycle 1 grant recipients:

**Ann Chess Fund**

Frontier Players Assoc. Inc. – Marquee Canvas Tent & 40th Anniversary Marketing Materials

**Janet S. Crist Memorial Fund**

Lancaster Men’s Chorus – Digital Piano and Storage Shelves for Props

**Hoyman Family Fine Arts Fund**

Nostalgics Big Band – Music Purchase

**Terry A. McGhee/Sally Grimm Community Fund**

AfterSchool Programs – Academic Enrichment Project

AHA! Children’s Museum – Outdoor Space Construction

Fairfield Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy – Wheelchair Ramp & Home Modification Project

Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club – Equipment for International Space Station Contact

Lancaster Fairfield County Charity Newsies – Back-to-School Clothing & Supplies Project

Lancaster Festival – Youth Activities

Pleasantville United Methodist Church – Breakfast 4 U Program

**Pickering Family Fund**

American Red Cross – Disaster Cycle Services

**Robert A. Schatz Fund**

Salvation Army – Multi-Purpose Program Space Conversion Project

**Wendel Family Fund**

AHA! Children’s Museum – Theater Renovation

Decorative Arts Center of Ohio – *Creating the Illusion* Exhibit

Lancaster Festival – Festival Orchestra

**George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial Fund**

Fairfield Area Humane Society – Low-Cost Clinic & Boarding Expansion Project

Meals on Wheels – ADA Access for New Site

Following are the deadlines for the remaining grant cycles in 2018:

**CYCLE 2:**

* Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday of May - May 14, 2018
* Invitations to submit full grant sent second week of May
* Grant Application: Due second Monday of June - June 11, 2018
* Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - July 19, 2018

**CYCLE 3:**

* Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday of September - September 10, 2018
* Invitations to submit full grant sent second week of September
* Grant Application: Due second Monday of October - October 8, 2018
* Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - November 15, 2018

To view grant guidelines and preliminary grant application, visit http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/

*About the Fairfield County Foundation:*

*The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 © (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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