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FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

2012-2013 APPLICATIONS are currently being processed. The Foundation received a record number of scholarship applications this year: 2,003!

2013-2014 applications will be available this fall.

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As Spring is now upon us, the Foundation is in its busiest time of the year! We are currently processing just over 2,000 scholarship applications and waiting for 28 nonprofit organizations to submit grant applications totaling more than \$455,000 for review. We are proud that we can impact the quality of life and future of our community in such profound ways through these scholarships and grants.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll learn more about the Fairfield County DD Celebration of Possibilities awards we sponsored, read about the new Bark Park under construction by the Fairfield Area Humane Society and learn about a new fund set up for New Horizons. As you know, the Foundation is able to provide funding for important programs and projects through generous contributions from our donors. We are grateful for your support!

Enjoy these April showers, and stay dry!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Foundation Sponsors Celebration of Possibilities Award

The Foundation recently sponsored the Commitment Award at the Fairfield DD's Celebration of Possibilities event.

The award went to two very fitting winners: Art Brate and Bob Sulick. Art, retired from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Bob, Executive Director of Fairfield County Habitat for Humanity, have committed countless hours to completing The Tree House project at the Lancaster Sensory Trail. This project included the completion of a 1,300 square foot tree house built for the students at Forest Rose School and the general population.



The Tree House offers an activity room, clutter bridge, crow's nest, bird blind and shade pergola that will give children with disabilities the experience of being among the tree tops in the woods.

Art represents the Friends of the Sensory Trail, a multiagency and community group that is developing the trail as a non-profit entity.

Bob and Habitat have partnered with Fairfield DD on several homes for people with disabilities, and he represents Habitat in serving as general contractor on the TreeHouse project.

Photo: Art Brate (speaking) and Bob Sulick accept the Commitment Award at the Fairfield DD's Celebration of Possibilities event.

Foundation Helps Establish New Horizons Youth Fund

The mission of New Horizons Youth and Family Center and Pickerington Area Counseling Service is to improve community health and well-being through the behavioral health care they provide and the partnerships they build.

Locally founded and incorporated as a non-profit, drug abuse prevention and treatment agency in late 1971, today New Horizons/PACS provides

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comprehensive mental health care to approximately 5,000 people of all ages and from all walks of life each year.

One way that New Horizons is commemorating forty years of continuous community care is through the establishment of a fund at the Fairfield County Foundation, The New Horizons Youth and Family Center Endowment Fund.



Demand for care in both Lancaster and Pickerington continues to increase, and new programs and services are being established to meet community needs.

A hallmark of the agency has been its ability to offer the sliding fee scale (deeply discounted fees) to uninsured individuals and families. However, significant reductions in the local and state public funding that New Horizons receives have led to the cessation of the sliding scale over the last two years.

Tony Motta, Chief Executive Officer, stated: "We hope that over the long-term, the endowment fund that we have established through the Fairfield County Foundation will allow us to once again treat people who very much need our care but who have an inability to pay the full cost of the care."

Building a Legacy: One Project at a Time

Grants provided by the Fairfield County Foundation continue to touch every corner of our community, helping organizations accomplish their goals. This month, we are featuring a new project being spearheaded by the Fairfield County Humane Society: An off-the-leash Bark Park.



A rendering of how the Fairfield County Humane Society envisions the new dog park on its grounds.

Dave and June Harcum of Reynoldsburg recently donated \$25,000 to the Park. The couple, who founded the Abuse Prevention Fund through the Foundation, has donated to the Humane Society before, and believe that this park will be beneficial to the animals who still need to be adopted.

"If there is another way to show them off and get them into better homes, then it's worthwhile," said Dave.

The Humane Society hopes to complete the project with \$250,000. The organization has already received \$56,000 in funding and Corey Schoonover, Executive Director of the Fairfield Area Humane Society, said he is hopeful that more people will make donations once the project gets underway.



Dave and June Harcum, along with Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director, Amy Eyman, present Corey Schoonover, Executive Director of the Fairfield Area Humane Society, with a check for the Society's new Bark Park. The donation of \$25,000 was from the Dave and June Harcum Abuse Prevention Fund of the Fairfield County Foundation.

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