



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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The Foundation's Professional Advisors Manual contains all the latest information about the Foundation and how we can help you better serve your clients. It is available on our [website](#).

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Happy 2016! With a New Year comes new goals, both personal and professional. Here at the Foundation, we strive each year to better our community by helping individuals, families and organizations achieve their philanthropic goals. We hope that as you plan for 2016, you take a moment to consider the ways in which you can better our community through philanthropy.

We are excited to welcome three new members to our board of trustees. Get to know a little about them in the article below. Also, a reminder that our online scholarship application is now live. All applications are due by Monday, April 4, 2016.

Thank you for your continued support of our projects and programs. We look forward to an exciting and prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Scholarship Application Process Now Live



The Fairfield County Foundation scholarship application process is now live on our [website](#). Once again we are working with AcademicWorks, a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution, that allows the Foundation to automatically match students with relevant scholarships. This online scholarship process makes applying for scholarships more efficient for both the students and the reviewers. The deadline for all applications to be complete is Monday, April 4, 2016.

Foundation Awards Local Food Pantries with Grant from Zimpfer Fund

Due to high demand during the holidays, the board approved that the Foundation support local food pantries with discretionary grant funds. The Foundation is pleased to announce that it was able to award \$26,500 from the George and Dollie Zimpfer Fund to 13 local pantries over the holiday

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season. See below for the full list of pantries.

- Baltimore Thurston Food Pantry
- Bremen Food Pantry
- Canal Winchester Human Services
- Community Action
- Lutheran Social Services
- Maywood Mission
- Pleasantville Pantry
- Pickerington Food Pantry
- Salvation Army
- Lancaster Vineyard
- Millersport Food Pantry
- St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Foundation Dinners



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Distribution

Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Fairfield County Foundation is pleased to welcome three new board members, Cathy Bitler, Vic Christopher and Gerri Strigle.

Cathy Bitler holds both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts degree in Communication from Ohio University and is a graduate of the Management Internship Program sponsored at the University of Wisconsin by the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association. She is employed as Vice President of Member Service and Community Relations at South Central Power Company. She is an adjunct faculty member at Ohio University Lancaster, teaching in the Business Management Technology program.



Cathy just completed a two-year term as President of City Council of Lancaster, Ohio. She is the current chair of the 33

Development Alliance and a past president of Lancaster Rotary. She is a recipient of the Athena Award presented by the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, a Distinguished Service Award presented by the Ohio University Alumni Association, and a regional Alumni Leadership Award from Ohio University Lancaster. Cathy and her husband, David, live in Lancaster and are the parents of an adult daughter.



Vic Christopher holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and has completed Advanced Accounting Courses from the University of South Florida. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Valuation Analyst. He is employed as Principal at Snyder & Company, and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts.

Vic is the past chairman of the board of the Fairfield County Chapter of the American Red Cross, a past treasurer and board member of AHA! Children's Museum and a current member of the Lancaster Rotary Club. He is an avid runner and baseball fan.

For nearly 50 years, Gerri Strigle has lived and worked in Lancaster as she raised her family and dedicated her time and energy to community service. Having worked at both The Ohio State University Hospital and at medical practices in Lancaster, Gerri has a keen awareness of public health and community issues. Gerri hopes to ensure her family legacy lives on through the Fairfield County Foundation by working with the board of trustees to make sure the Strigle Scholarship is fiscally sound and available for many years.



Gerri has served as a volunteer since 1985 for Meals on Wheel; as a volunteer at Lutheran Social Services Homeless Shelter since 2010 and Maywood Mission since 1995. Gerri also volunteers as a driver for Safer Harbour when at her home in Hilton Head, SC, to help the elderly stay in their homes.

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.

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