

## FOUNDATION CONNECTION



### IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- **35th Anniversary Dinner Celebration (sold out):** April 17
- **Nonprofit Summit:** April 18
- **Cycle 2 Preliminary Grant Application Due:** May 13
- **Women's Giving Circle:** May 15 at Ale House

## 35 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



### Fairfield County Foundation Celebrates 35 Years of Community Impact

The Fairfield County Foundation is pleased to announce it is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. Since 1989, the Fairfield County Foundation has been building a legacy in our community by providing opportunities for local citizens, businesses and organizations to positively impact its neighbors based on its own charitable goals. During that time, the Foundation has established 476 new funds, awarded nearly \$44 million in grants and scholarships, and received more than \$66 million in contributions. As of February 2024, the Foundation has more than \$70 million in assets.



To pay tribute to this significant milestone, the Foundation will be holding a special dinner celebration in April and working with local non-profit fundholders to provide special monthly gifts -- from April

through December and in quantities of 35 -- that will benefit the individuals they serve and the community at large. Following are the monthly gifts:

- **April:** 35 trees will be donated to Lancaster City & Fairfield County parks.
- **May:** 35 \$10 gift cards to Keller Market House will be distributed by Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County to local senior citizens.
- **June:** 35 toys or gifts will be provided to The Lighthouse.
- **July:** 35 tickets to the Lancaster Festival will be distributed by 2-1-1 to local seniors who may not otherwise be able to afford the Festival.
- **August:** 35 pairs of shoes will be donated to the Charity Newsies clothes drive.
- **September:** 35 spays/neuters will be funded for the Fairfield Area Humane Society.
- **October:** 35 sponsorships for Dolly's Imagination Library will be provided through the United Way of Fairfield County.
- **November:** 35 welcome baskets for homeless veterans will be distributed by Lutheran Social Services and the Foundation will make a \$35,000 donation to local food pantries.
- **December:** 35 toys will be donated to Maywood Mission and at least a \$35,000 match will be divided among funds that received donations during the 35-Hour Give.

“We’re honored to have reached another important milestone and thrilled to give back to the community as part of the celebration,” said Amy Eyman, CEO. “None of this is possible without the generous contributions of our donors and supporters throughout Fairfield County.”

“This is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the Foundation’s accomplishments over the years,” said Eileen Competti, Fairfield County Foundation Board Chair. “In doing so, we strengthen our resolve to continue our work and identify creative, new strategies for growing and enhancing our impact on the Fairfield County community.”

If you would like to support the 35th anniversary celebrations, visit <https://fairfieldcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list> and donate to the Fairfield County Foundation Community Impact Fund.

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## NONPROFIT SUMMIT

# Nonprofit Summit



**FAIRFIELD COUNTY  
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Join us as we bring together our local nonprofits for networking, growth, and funding opportunities.  
Lunch provided.



April 18th

11:30 am

River Valley Campus FMC

RSVP to Andrea by April 5th  
[aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org)



Thank you to Jennifer Sitterley and Sitterley Law, LLC for your sponsorship of this event



## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



### 2024-2025 Scholarship Applications Under Review

The 2024-2025 scholarship application is closed. Review of scholarship applications has begun and will continue through early June. Because of the delay to FAFSA, students only had their ESTIMATED SAI at the time of submission. Once students receive their FINAL SAI from the FAFSA, we are asking that they please email a copy to Andrea Spires at [aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org), so we can update the application with the correct information.

If there are any changes to your plans for the 2024-2025 school year, including a change in school, major or other financial aid received, that would require a change to the information submitted in your original application, please email the changes to [aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](mailto:aspire@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org).

Once review is complete, students who receive a scholarship offer from an online scholarship will be notified via the email address used to log on to their account. Not all scholarships are awarded at the same time. Students will need to complete follow-up information in

the online portal, if awarded. Students can visit the online portal anytime to check the status of each scholarship they were eligible to receive.

## GRANTS



### Foundation Announces Cycle One Grant Recipients

The Fairfield County Foundation recently announced the recipients for the first of three grant cycles in 2024. The Foundation awarded grants totaling \$167,814 to 10 local organizations at their March Board meeting.

"We are excited to kick off another year of grants to support a variety of deserving organizations that are creating a positive impact on the Fairfield County community," said Amy Eyman, CEO of the Fairfield County Foundation. "We are grateful for all of our donors, who help us continue to support a wide range of important goals with each grant cycle!"

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

**Janet S. Crist**

Carroll Area Historical Society – Projector Purchase for Public Programs

**Jerry & Janet Nauman Fund**

Hardbarger Impact Ministries – Bed Brigade Table Saw

**Richard L. Roundhouse**

Concrete Orkidz Foundation – Youth Summer Camp, Fairfield County  
Snack/Trip Costs

Geneva Hills Group – Geneva Lodge Kitchen Update

**Robert A. Schatz**

American Red Cross of South Central Ohio – Building Disaster  
Resiliency in Fairfield County

Wagnalls Memorial Foundation – Wagnalls Memorial Podcast Studio

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

Lancaster Festival – Arts Education and Creative Opportunities for  
Youth

Ohio Glass Museum – Rotunda Showcases

**Wendel Family**

Decorative Arts Center of Ohio – MOD: Visual, Social, Cultural  
Renaissance of the 1960s

Lancaster Festival – Lancaster Festival Orchestra performances during  
the Festival's 40th season

### Remaining 2024 Grant Cycle Deadlines

**CYCLE 2:**

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in May - May 13, 2024
- Approval to submit full grant application emailed second week of May
- Grant Application: Due second Monday in June - June 10, 2024

- Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - July 18, 2024

### CYCLE 3:

- Preliminary Grants: Due second Monday in September - September 9, 2024
- Approval to submit full grant application emailed second week of September
- Grant Application: Due second Monday in October - October 14, 2024
- Grant Committee recommendations to Board of Trustees for approval - November 21, 2024

For more information, visit the Foundation's website at:  
[www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/grants/)



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