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FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Cycle 1 Grant Applications Due: February 14, 2022
- Scholarship Preliminary Review Deadline: February 21, 2022
- Women's Giving Circle Meeting: February 23, 2022
- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 11, 2022



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

By making a donation to the GIVE 365 campaign, you are supporting the Fairfield County Community Impact Fund, which enables the Foundation to respond to changing community needs, support innovative solutions to local problems, and enhance the quality of life in Fairfield County.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of the local movement to ensure Fairfield County is equipped to respond to the challenges and opportunities of the future.

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SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Scholarship Application Review Tips

Following are a list of common mistakes that would make a scholarship application



ineligible:

- Official Transcript: If your application does not have an OFFICIAL transcript, it will be marked ineligible. Current college students must make sure they are requesting an OFFICIAL transcript from their school. High school students must also confirm that their counselors upload their transcript BEFORE the deadline.
- **SAR:** If your application does not include the first page of your SAR that shows your estimated financial contribution (EFC), which is obtained from completing the FAFSA for the 2022-2023 year, it will be marked ineligible. The document should include your name or the last 4 digits of your social security number, the EFC number they assign and the date of the FAFSA.

You can find example documents and tips in the <u>FAQs section</u> of our website. Don't wait until the last minute! You need time to request transcripts and if applicable, letters of reference. Some scholarships require additional information, which can only be viewed and requested AFTER you submit the general application portion.

GRANTS UPDATE



Evelyn Hazel Miller Foundation Receives Grant for Wreaths of Honor Project

The Fairfield County Foundation recently awarded a grant from the Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community Fund to the Evelyn Hazel Miller Foundation to support the Wreaths of Honor Project, which was funded by a variety of individuals and organizations within the community.

The Wreaths of Honor Project was organized by Penny Miller, who used the funds to purchase artificial wreaths that can be used year after year to honor fallen heroes at Lithopolis Cemetery.

Volunteers ranged in age from four to 92 years old. A number of individuals, including students from Bloom Carroll and Fisher Catholic, along with members of the Lithopolis United Methodist Church and the Canal Winchester Senior Citizen Club, gathered the day before Thanksgiving to unpack the wreaths and prepare them for laying. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, more than 50 people gathered at the Cemetery to lay the wreaths and celebrate and honor those who have served our country. Collectively, nearly 600 veterans were celebrated with individual wreaths at their grave sites.

"The entire project from beginning to end was a wonderful example of coming together in the spirit of community," said Penny Miller.

The ripple effect will be carried on for years, by many generations.







FUND SPOTLIGHT



Harcum House Agency Fund Established to Support Efforts to Serve the Most Vulnerable Community Members



Founded in 2008 by David and June Harcum, the Harcum House is a nonprofit organization based on the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) model. CAC's are community-based programs designed to meet the unique needs of a community. As such, no two CAC's look alike. However, all CAC's share the common goal of facilitating more effective prevention, detection, investigation and treatment of child abuse.

The mission of Harcum House is simple, yet powerful. Harcum House values the ability to connect, empower and build trust with every client, patient, partner, stakeholder and coworker. The agency offers several services in the realm of forensic interviews, advocacy, medical examinations, and education.



In late 2020, Harcum House welcomed Ona, their support dog trained through Canine Companions for Independence in New Albany. Ona was welcomed to the Lancaster community to comfort children and remind them of their strength and courage during difficult times. The Fairfield County Foundation's Women's Giving Circle was proud to award Harcum House a grant in October 2020 to assist in the cost of getting Ona trained.

Harcum House created their Endowment Fund with the Foundation in 2017 with the intent of using the funds to help support their mission. In 2021, Harcum House created the Harcum House Agency Fund which will provide additional operating funds for the agency and will allow them to continue their mission of serving the most vulnerable members of our community. To learn more about the Harcum House, visit https://www.harcumhouse.org/



OUR MISSION...

Building a legacy through philanthropy and stewardship to strengthen our community.

Since 1989, the Fairfield County Foundation has helped donors create lasting charitable legacies that carry on their names, their values and their priorities. Within the Foundation are more than 390 individual charitable funds, each created by donors to address those local causes they are most passionate about. Today, Foundation grants support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics and much more. From scholarships for deserving Fairfield County youth and equipment to keep people fit and healthy, to improvements to green spaces throughout our county and grants to feed the hungry, the Fairfield County Foundation touches every member of our community in some way.

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