

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Cycle 1 Grant Application Due: February 13
- Women's Giving Circle: February 15, 5:30-7:30pm at Ale House
- Scholarship Preliminary Review Deadline: February 17
- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 10
- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grants Due: May 8

Foundation Launches New Planned Giving Portal on Website

Earlier this year, the Foundation launched a new section of the website dedicated exclusively to planned giving. The planned giving site includes a wealth of information and resources designed to help donors make giving decisions that will allow their values to extend to future generations. The site includes articles, videos, planning guides, a wills planner, calculators, donor stories, and more, to help guide donors through the process.

Visit <u>the site</u> today to learn more and sign up for our free planned giving enewsletter.



FUND SPOTLIGHT



Pillar Family Scholarship Fund

The Pillar Family Scholarship Fund was created in November 2022 to support non-traditional college students. The scholarship will support skills training for students entering the workforce or job enhancement classes through workforce development or vocational programs.

Adam and Patricia Pillar started this fund because they believe in Fairfield County and want to leave a lasting legacy that can help others. Three of their four parents did not graduate high school and the fourth did not graduate college, so an investment in a scholarship fund was important to them. While



Patty earned her degree in education at Ohio University-Lancaster, Adam had never earned a degree himself. When they learned there was limited financial support available to those looking to forego college and take a different route, it solidified their decision to create a scholarship to benefit those looking for certifications and technical skills training.

Adam, who recently retired as Chief of Police, worked for the Lancaster Police Department for 32 years. Patty has worked for Lancaster City Schools since graduating from college.

If you are interested in starting a fund of your own, please contact Amy Eyman at aeyman@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

If you are a graduating senior or current college student, please check out our scholarship opportunities <u>here</u>.



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Scholarship Application Review Tips

As the preliminary review deadline is quickly approaching, we'd like to offer 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 final deadline.

SAR: If your application does not include the first and second page of your SAR that shows your estimated financial contribution (EFC), which is obtained from completing the FAFSA for the 2023-2024 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 FAQs section 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.

Remember our preliminary review deadline is **Friday**, **February 17**th and our final application deadline is **Friday**, **March 10**th, **2023**.

If you have any questions, please email Senior Program Officer, Abby King at aking@fairifeldcountyfoundation.org

GRANTS UPDATE



Grant Supports Community Members in Need through God's Garage Program

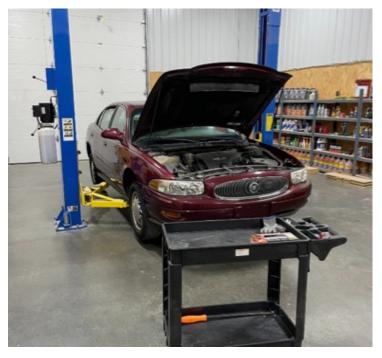
The Fairfield County Foundation recently awarded a grant from the Jerry & Janet Nauman Fund to Hardbarger Impact Ministries for their program, God's Garage.

Hardbarger Impact Ministries was founded in 2018 to continue the mission started through their local church of providing beds to those in need. With their expansion, they were able to start a program focused on vehicle repairs and maintenance for individuals and families who are not able to afford them on their own. Their vision includes breaking the cycle of poverty in our community by helping those in need ensure they can have safe and reliable vehicles that provide critical transportation to work, school and other necessities.

This grant supported the purchase of the necessary equipment needed to mount and balance tires in their shop. Clients of God's Garage are vetted through Fairfield County Job and Family Services before being referred for services. When these clients have reliable transportation, they are able to get to work and school and participate in our community in a positive way. Without God's Garage, these families would not be able to financially afford the repair and maintenance of their vehicles.

In addition, God's Garage can take donated vehicles, fix them up and give them to someone in need. They have also expanded this ministry to include teaching the trade of auto maintenance to individuals who may need a new skill set to secure a job. The Fairfield County Foundation is proud to be a supporter of Hardbarger Impact Ministries and their work with God's Garage.





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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