

October 2023

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES



- Cycle 3 Grant Application Due: Oct. 9
- **34-Hour Give:** Nov. 28 at 8 a.m. Nov. 29 at 6 p.m.
- Ambassadors' Event: Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m.
- Scholarship Application Opens: Dec. 1

250 PLATES

Thank you for joining us at the table!

Our 250 Plates Community Meal just keeps getting better! This year, 320supporters gathered for a delightful evening of food, fun and community in downtown Lancaster. If you weren't able to attend, or just want to relive the fun, check out the awesome event video created by our favorite local video production company and 250 Plates sponsor, Innerphase Video Productions.



Thank you again to our sponsors, who made the event possible and allowed us to raise critical funds for our local food pantries and Keller Market House! We look forward to seeing you at the table next September!



34-HOUR GIVE



Foundation Celebrates 10 Years of Giving Tuesday Fundraising Events

We are busy preparing for another holiday season, and with that comes our annual "Give" event on Giving Tuesday. This year's 34-Hour GIVE will be our 10th one and to celebrate, we will be giving away an **extra \$10,000 to 10 participating funds!**

Over the past ten years, the Fairfield County Foundation has generated more than \$1,171,000 in charitable donations during our

annual "Give" events

This year's 34-Hour Give event will begin at 8am on #GivingTuesday, November 28th, and donations will be accepted until 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 29th. Again this year, we will be providing local donors and non-profits that have a fund at the Foundation with a toolkit to help them promote the 34-Hour Give to their donors and friends.

If you have any questions, please call the Foundation at 740- 654-8451.



GRANT SPOTLIGHT



DACO Grant Helps Fund Summer Exhibition

In grant cycle 1 of 2023, the Foundation awarded funds to The Decorative Arts Center of Ohio (DACO) from the Wendel Family Fund in support of their summer exhibition, "Intrinsic Luminescence."

The exhibition featured the art of three Ohio artists whose works create a sense of inner light. Judith Brandon creates dreamlike, epic landscapes. Stanka Kordic uses layered and sublime figurative paintings and drawings to acknowledge the layers of life. Finally, Michael Mikula creates one-of-a-kind glass sculptures by drawing inspiration from the environment around him.



Their collective works were on display across four exhibition rooms in the main gallery. The show was curated by Ross Lesko, gallery director of the Kenneth Paul Lesko gallery in Cleveland, Ohio.

DACO saw over 2,000 in-person visitors to the museum during this display and even more enjoyed information about the exhibition through online media. A DACO volunteer shared, "As a docent, I've

loved the conversations I've had with visitors. Their observations lead me to see more in the art, their questions fuel more learning about the artists. The whole experience of the exhibition becomes greater than the sum of its parts."





SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Changes to FAFSA for 2024-2025 School Year

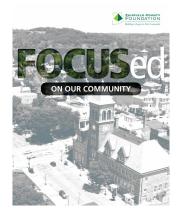
The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will open up sometime in December 2023. This is a one-time change for the 2024-2025 school year. The FAFSA will have expanded eligibility for federal student aid and be a more streamlined process for anyone pursuing higher education.

Once the FAFSA is open, you will be able to complete the application and upload your FAFSA Submission Summary to your Fairfield County Foundation Scholarship Application. To find out more about the FAFSA changes you can visit: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> v=UOglb7StyPU.

To learn more about our community Scholarship and FAFSA night, which will be open to the public, make sure you check our Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldcountyfoundation/</u>.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



We are excited to share that our 2022 Annual Report, FOCUSed on our Community, is now available! Please take a moment to review our accomplishments from the past year, including scholarship and grant recipients, new funds established, program updates and our financial statements.

The complete Annual Report is now available to download on our website.





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