

FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As we wrap up our 30th year of serving this incredible community, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our supporters who have helped us build a legacy over the years. It has been a true joy to reflect upon the various ways the Foundation has impacted our community since 1989.

This year's Ambassadors' Club and Donor Reception also served as a celebration of our 30th Anniversary, making it an even more memorable event. This is such a special way to kick off the holiday season! The Foundation has an incredibly generous group of supporters who really embody the spirit of the season. We are deeply grateful for the dedication and support of our Ambassadors and Donors.

We would also like to take a moment to thank all of those who participated in this year's record-setting 30-Hour Give event. It was our most successful "Give" event yet and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to impact so many in our community in a short 30-hour time period. Find out just how much we raised in the article below!

And, if you haven't donated yet but would still like to make a tax deductible donation for 2019, it's not too late! You can donate with ease via our website, through the mail, or in person as long as it is received by December 31, 2019.

We are so grateful for your support this holiday season, and throughout the year. We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year!

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Happy Holidays from the Foundation Staff! Pictured from left: Abby King, Amy Eyman, Stephanie Herman, Renee Reilly, Sarah Stoughton.

The 30-Hour Give Event Raises a Record-Breaking \$240,763

The Fairfield County Foundation hosted its annual "Give" event last week in conjunction with #GivingTuesday, which takes place annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) to kick-off the holiday giving season and inspire people to collaborate in improving their local communities.

Our "Give" events began in 2014 with \$48,536 donated for a total of \$73,536 awarded to participating funds. This year's 30-Hour Give event raised a record-breaking \$240,763 during the 30-hour time window that began at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3. The Foundation awarded a total of \$30,000 in matching gifts to the funds that received contributions, making the total award to participating funds \$270,763.

"We are thrilled that our community members rallied together to make a huge impact in Fairfield County ahead of the holiday season," said Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director, Amy Eyman. "Local non-profits with participating funds did an excellent job of spreading the word to their supporters, helping this be the most successful year yet! Our annual GIVE event is a simple, impactful way to support local needs and it has been incredible to watch it grow each year."

We are truly grateful to our donors and supporters who continue to make our annual 'Give' events such a success for the community. What an incredible way to kick off the Season of Giving!!



148 Hours of Giving - \$659,019 of Impact!!



2020-2021 Scholarship Application Now Open!

The <u>scholarship application</u> for the 2020-2021 school year is now open! The application opened on December 1st again this year to allow students time during winter break to start their applications. Current college students as well as high school seniors, graduate students and those applying to trade/technical schools are encouraged to apply. Our simple, general application will automatically narrow down the scholarships that each student is eligible for as well as suggest those that may require more information.

We have compiled a list of <u>frequently asked questions</u> that we recommend students review prior to submitting their application. We encourage students and parents to follow us on Facebook throughout the application process for important updates and reminders. Don't miss your opportunity to be awarded one of over 80 scholarships given annually!

We will be doing a Preliminary Review this year and we highly recommend that everyone takes advantage of this! If your application is fully submitted by Friday, February 14, 2020 the staff will review your application for completeness and email you with any issues by February 28, 2020 so that you can correct any problems before the final deadline on Friday, March 13, 2020. This does not increase your chances of receiving a scholarship but provides an opportunity for mistakes to be corrected before the deadline and decreases the possibility of your application being ineligible.



Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception

This year's Ambassadors' Club and Donor Reception was a special anniversary celebration marking 30 Years of Impact for the Foundation. The event was held on Wednesday, December 4th at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio and brought together more than 100 Donors and Ambassadors to reflect upon and celebrate our successes. It truly was a lovely evening! We appreciate your continued support of the Foundation's mission and your efforts to help us raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community.











Final Video in Foundation's 30 Year Celebration Video Series



The final video, which was unveiled at the Ambassadors' Club and Donor Reception recaps all 30 videos shared throughout the year. We hope you enjoyed the series and learned something about the many ways the Foundation has impacted our community over the past 30 years! The complete series can be found

on our Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages.

Video 30: 30 Ways in 30 Years

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What is a Community Foundation?

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