

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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### **GRANT DEADLINES**

To learn more about our new grant process and timelines, please visit the <u>Grants page</u> on our website.

### 2019 Annual Report Coming Soon!



A sneak peak at our 30th Anniversary Annual Report coming to your mailboxes soon!

### **Board of Trustees:**

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# A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

We are facing a significant moment in our country - where we are called to address many challenges that we must overcome to create change that leads a better future for all Americans. As an organization committed to strengthening and building a better community for future generations, we recognize the importance of this work and call on our supporters to come together in unity to fight social injustice and racism for a brighter tomorrow.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find information about the latest COVID-19 Fund recipients and the latest grant awarded by the Women's Giving Circle. You will also find our Board Spotlight, featuring Vic Christopher, Immediate Past Chair of the Fairfield County Foundation Board of Trustees and current member.

Our staff continues to work part-time in the office and part-time from home. We can be reached via email or by calling the Foundation office and are happy to assist you or answer any questions you may have. Our office remains closed to the public through July 3rd. Please also remember that donors may continue to access their funds through their donor portals. To access your donor portal, visit our <u>website</u> and click on the orange Donor Login tab in the upper right corner. If you have not yet set up a login to access your fund, please contact <u>Sarah</u> <u>Stoughton</u> and she will get you set up.

As always, we want to express our sincere gratitude to our donors and supporters. We thank you for your continued support of the Foundation and hope you all enjoy the long days of summer!

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#### Fairfield County Foundation





June Office Hours

The Foundation Office will be closed to the public through July 3, 2020.

Our staff will be working in the office, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm, and may be reached via email or by calling 740-654-8451.

Our staff will be working remotely on Friday's and may be reached via email.

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## Foundation Announces Second Round of Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund Grants

The Fairfield County Foundation (FCF) and the United Way of Fairfield County (UWFC) recently announced the second round of organizations that received funding from the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund. This fund was established to provide flexible grant resources, up to \$5,000, to qualified charitable organizations operating in Fairfield County that are directly supporting residents whose basic needs are going unmet due to COVID-19.

The second round of grants, totaling \$25,708, were distributed to nine nonprofit organizations:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** Match supplies/PPE for in-person meetings

**Columbus Blessing Boxes Project** Food/supplies for 10 boxes in Fairfield County

**Destination Downtown Lancaster** Hand sanitizer stations & supplies, social distance markers

**Fairfield Community Health Center** 

PPE for their locations

Fairfield County TeenWorks Laser thermometer, masks, hand sanitizer and wipes

Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency Commercial upright freezer for increased need

**Robert K Fox Family YMCA** Childcare cost/needs due to reduced ratio - Sanderson location

> St. Vincent de Paul Society Increased demand for food boxes

#### Sozo Pediatrics

#### Cleaning supplies and PPE

Individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations interested in making charitable contributions to the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund can donate in one of three ways:

- Make checks payable to Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund and mail to Fairfield County Foundation, 162 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130 OR United Way of Fairfield County, PO Box 2299, Lancaster, OH 43130-2299
- Give <u>online</u>
- Text "FCCOVID19" to 91-999

The next date of review for applications is June 16th. Non-profits interested in receiving funding must complete a COVID-19 Relief Fund Application, found on the FCF or UWFC website, and submit the application to either <u>Amy Eyman</u> or <u>Scott Reed</u>. Distributions will be made on a rolling basis as fundraising continues throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis.

# Women's Giving Circle Awards Grant to Fairfield Community Health Center

The Fairfield County Foundation's Women's Giving Circle is pleased to announce a donation to the Fairfield Community Health Center (FCHC) to kick-off their Pediatric Dental Health Initiative.

The grant to FCHC was proposed by Debby Rockwood at the Women's Giving Circle meeting in February. Debbie's grant proposal won by majority vote, receiving 75% of the funds raised during the meeting.

The Women's Giving Cirlce is a volunteer-led and member-managed group developed to connect, invest and inspire hope for youth and women in Fairfield County by awarding grants to local non-profits. Community members interested in joining or learning more about the Women's Giving Circle are encouraged to reach out to <u>Sarah Stoughton</u>, Donor Services Officer.



L-R: Sherry Orlando-WGC Chair; Julie McCoy-FCHC Director of Quality Improvement; Debby Rockwood-WGC Member & FCHC Board Secretary; Sandy Smith-FCHC Board President; Lisa Evangelista-FCHC Executive Director

## Meet Our Board: Vic Christopher

Victor (Vic) Christopher currently works as a CPA for Snyder & Company and is the Immediate Past Chair of the Fairfield County Foundation Board of Trustees.

Vic grew up in Pittsburgh and came to central Ohio to attend The Ohio State University. After graduating, he worked in downtown Columbus before movi ng to Florida to work for his uncle's CPA firm. A few years later, he and his family moved back to central Ohio to be closer to family. Vic was not familiar with Lancaster and after receiving a job offer from both Snyder & Company and another firm in Columbus, he felt that there was just something "right" about taking the position in Lancaster. A few years after accepting the position at Snyder & Company, Vic was asked



to become a partner in in the firm and Vic says saying "yes" to that question was one of the best decisions he has ever made. He is proud to be a business owner in Fairfield County.

He and his wife Yvette reside in Canal Winchester with their daughter, Brie and twins, Evan and Addy. Outside of his professional roe, Vic and Yvette enjoy going to concerts and music festivals. Vic also enjoys running. What started as running 5K's for charity, quickly turned into running a half marathon, which then turned into Vic traveling to several big cities across the US to run in full marathons. Most recently, he ran his first overseas marathon in Scotland.

Vic chose the Foundation as his way of giving back to the community because he enjoys being part of an organization that can reach so many people. The fact that the Foundation has the ability to impact thousands of lives every day through the scholarships and grants it provides is something he is proud to be a part of.

In 2019, Vic served as Chairman of the Board and in that role got to know the dedicated staff at the Foundation and learned how each staff member plays a role in the success of the Foundation and its initiatives -he says that aspect was truly rewarding. With his remaining time on the Board, he plans to continue doing his part in helping the Foundation implement its strategic planning initiatives.



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## What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.