

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

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### **GRANT DEADLINES**

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# A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As we prepare for another busy holiday season and our upcoming 30th Anniversary celebration, we at the Foundation are truly humbled by the generosity of so many community members who are committed to building a legacy in Fairfield County through philanthropy and stewardship. We are also filled with excitement for all of the wonderful events planned through the end of the year. Thanksgiving falls late this year, so we'll be packing a lot into a shorter holiday season!

In this edition of the newsletter, we're encouraging community members to kick off the season of giving by participating in the 30-Hour Give in conjunction with #GivingTuesday on December 3rd. We are also excited to announce that this year's Donor and Ambassadors' Reception will also be a celebration of the Foundation's 30th Anniversary. We hope all of our supporters will join us to reflect upon 30 years of impact and celebrate our accomplishments together. See our invitation below for details about the event and be sure to RSVP before November 25th. Finally, we have included some important details about the 2020-2021 Scholarship Application.

As you begin to think about year-end giving, we hope you will consider making a gift to the fund(s) of your choice. Many folks find making a donation in honor of someone is a great gift for those "difficult to buy for" people on your list, and it's a gift that will continue to give for years to come. To conveniently make a year-end gift, you can visit our <u>website</u> and click on the purple DONATE link in the top right corner of our homepage.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving full of family, friends and good food!

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Amy Eyman Executive Director

# **#GivingTuesday is December 3rd -Support Local Non-Profits During the 30-Hour Give**

Since 2014, the Foundation has celebrated #GivingTuesday, a nationwide movement to raise awareness of community philanthropy and encourage spending with a purpose. Once again, the Fairfield County Foundation is encouraging community members to "Get Their Give On," this year during a 30-Hour Give event.

The 30-Hour Give will begin at 8 a.m. on #GivingTuesday, December 3rd, and donations will be accepted until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4th. Again this year, we will be providing local donors and

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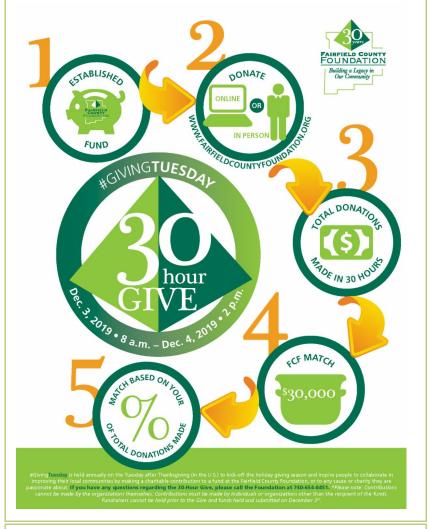
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non-profits that have a fund at the Foundation with a toolkit to help them promote the 30-Hour Give to their donors and friends. Donations must be made online or in person at the Foundation office in order to be eligible for the match.

Be sure to visit our <u>Facebook page</u> and look for our new *30 Ways in 30 Days* campaign, where we will shine a light on the great work being done by our local non-profits who have funds at the Foundation. If you have any questions, please call the Foundation at 740-654-8451.

\*Please note: Contributions cannot be made by the organizations themselves. Contributions must be made by individuals or organizations other than the recipients of the funds.



### **Ambassadors' Club Donor Reception**



# 2020-2021 Scholarship Application Opens December 1st

The scholarship application for the 2020-2021 school year will open on December 1, 2019 to anyone seeking financial support to further their education. For those who are excited to get started, there are a few things you can do before the application opens!

- Visit the <u>Scholarship FAQ</u> section of our website to find:
  - Insight into required documents
  - Tips on filling out the application
  - New information is added frequently, so check back often
- Follow us on Facebook for reminders (tell your parents to follow as well)
- Complete the <u>FAFSA</u> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Application opened October 1, 2019
  - We recommend filling out as soon as possible
  - You will be required to upload the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR) and report your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) from your FAFSA
- Obtain a copy of your transcript
  - You will need to include information about class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores
  - School counselor will upload official copy of transcript for high school seniors
  - Make sure you have their email address correct
  - Current college students will need to upload an OFFICIAL transcript that they have obtained from their current school (a DARS report or a screen shot of your

grades online is NOT acceptable)

- Preliminary Review
  - 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.

### Latest Videos in Foundation's 30 Year Celebration Video Series



Our 30 Year Celebration Series is nearing the finale, with videos 27, 28 and 29 below! The complete series is available on

our Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages.

Foundation staff are available to speak at local meetings to share information about charitable giving, grants, scholarships and other programs. Anyone interested in scheduling a speaker should reach out to the Foundation.

<u>Video 27:</u> Celebrating community while supporting local organizations.

Video 28: Gauging the needs of the community through connectedness with individuals, business leaders, and local organizations.

 $\underline{\mbox{Video}\ 29:}$  Celebrating the 2019  $\#\mbox{GivingTuesday}$  with the 30-Hour Give.

# **Get the Latest Foundation News**



Follow and like Fairfield County Foundation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We welcome your comments and questions!

Visit us on the web at <u>www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org</u>, where you'll find important information about upcoming grant and scholarship awards, creating a fund, making an online donation, and much more.

# 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.