



FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION NEWS

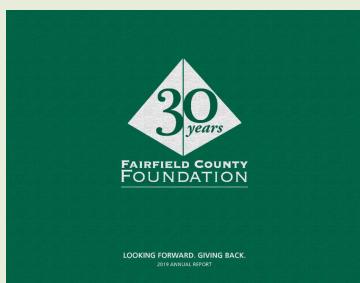
HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

Please feel free to use the "forward to a friend" feature of this newsletter to help us spread the word about how the Fairfield County Foundation is building a legacy for our community.

GRANT DEADLINES

To learn more about our new grant process and timelines, please visit the [Grants page](#) on our website.

2019 Annual Report



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A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

While the holiday season will likely look a bit different for all of us this year, I believe the importance of turning our focus to and acknowledging all we have to be grateful for is more important than ever. At the top of our list of things to be grateful for is people, like you, who support the Foundation and share our commitment to building a legacy that will strengthen our community for years to come. What we have accomplished together this year, in the midst of so many challenges, is truly remarkable.

In this edition of the newsletter, we're encouraging community members to kick off the season of giving by participating in the 31-Hour Give in conjunction with #GivingTuesday on December 1st - 2nd. We are also excited to participate in National Community Foundation Week, which takes place November 12th-18th. We're excited to announce that this year's Ambassador's Reception on December 2nd will be a COVID-safe celebration that brings a new spin to our annual tradition. See our invitation below for details about the event and be sure to RSVP before November 23rd. Finally, be sure to review the important details about the 2021-2022 Scholarship Application.

Please remember our new [donation portal](#) is now live. Of course, donations can still be accepted by mailing a check to the Foundation office, or dropping a check off in person.

Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Increase Your Impact During the 31-Hour Give

The Foundation has celebrated #GivingTuesday, a nationwide movement to raise awareness of community philanthropy and encourage spending with a purpose, since 2014. Once again, we are encouraging community members to "Get Your Give On," this year during the Foundation's 31-Hour Give event. The 31-Hour Give will begin at 8am on #GivingTuesday, December 1st, and donations will be accepted until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd.

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 31-Hour Give to their donors and friends. Donations must be made online or in

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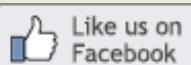
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person at the Foundation office in order to be eligible for the match. Be sure to watch our Facebook page for a new "Because you give..." video that will feature a variety of local non-profits and fund holders who received funds during previous "Give" events.

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.



National Community Foundation Week

The Fairfield County Foundation is pleased to join in a nationwide celebration to recognize the increasingly important role community foundations play in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges. National Community Foundation week will take place November 12-18, 2020.

For more than a century, community foundations have served as a trusted partner and resource whose effect can be seen in the lives of millions and in the vibrant neighborhoods that continue to thrive through their mission-driven work. During this time, community foundations come together to share and reflect on the stories of impact over the past year.

"We are proud of our efforts to bring community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions to some of our most challenging problems, all while building a legacy for future generations," said Amy Eyman, Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director. "It is important to step back and reflect on our work and celebrate our successes. National Community Foundation Week is a great opportunity to do this."

As community foundations find solutions for communities large and small,

urban and rural - it is the collective work of these organizations that will have the most profound impact. This was most evident amid this year's coronavirus pandemic where over \$1 billion was distributed by community foundations in response to the crisis.

In Fairfield County, we partnered with the United Way to establish the [Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund](#), which has distributed more than \$133,450 in grant funding since April. Additionally, the [Fairfield County Diversity and Inclusion Fund](#) was established this year in partnership with Krile Communications to foster conversation, collaboration and action that drives positive change in our community. The fund has received over \$25,000 in donations and is currently accepting applications for funding.

Community Foundation Week was created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush to recognize the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.



Ambassadors' Club Drive-Thru Reception

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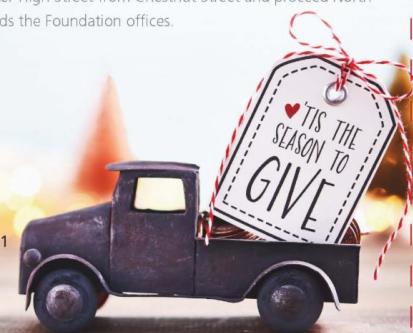
WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 2, 2020
5PM – 7PM

PLEASE RSVP

by Monday, November 23 to Sarah Stoughton at sstoughton@fairfieldcountycfoundation.org or 740.654.8451 to help us ensure we have the correct number of gifts.



We do not want to miss the opportunity to show our appreciation and greet each of you this holiday season. So, to protect your health and safety and that of our team, we have decided to host a drive-thru event this year. The Fairfield County Foundation staff will be outside to greet supporters and offer a poinsettia, a special gift and holiday greetings. High Street will be closed off for the event—guests are asked to enter High Street from Chestnut Street and proceed North towards the Foundation offices.



2021-2022 Scholarship Application

Opens December 1st

The scholarship application for the 2021-2022 school year will open on December 1, 2020 to anyone seeking financial support to further their education. Opportunities are available for everyone from graduating high school seniors to graduate students, as well as those attending a vocational or technical school! For those who are excited to get started, there are a few things you can do before the application opens.



Visit the [**Scholarship FAQ**](#) section of our website to find:

- Information on our new application system for 2021
- 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 and tips (tell your parents to follow as well).

Complete the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

- Application opened October 1, 2020
- 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 after first semester grades are posted.

- You will need to enter information on the application about class rank, GPA, ACT/SAT scores
- School counselors will upload an official copy of the 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 accepted as official)

Preliminary Review

If your application is fully submitted by Friday, February 12, 2021 the staff will review your application for completeness and email you with any issues by March 1, 2021. This will give you time to correct any problems before the final deadline on Friday, March 12, 2021.

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.

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Visit us on the web at www.fairfieldcountycfoundation.org, 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.