



FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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on Fairfield & Fairfield Township

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Message from Board President, Justin Krueger



Believe it or not we are one year into our affiliation with the Hamilton Community Foundation. I think you'll see as you read through our first newsletter as an affiliate organization that the choice to partner was and is a wise one, and synergies between our two foundations are already being realized. We are incredibly excited

about the new things happening at the Fairfield Community Foundation and I'm extremely excited for our community to see how we are reaping the benefits of our affiliation.

In this newsletter, you are going to learn about a positive change in our office location, you'll learn about the growth we are already experiencing as an affiliate of the HCF, and you'll see how the Fairfield community is being represented with our own identity and purpose.

What I'd personally like to share with you is the importance of the Fairfield Community Foundation's Community Grant Fund (CGF). There are many ways that a community foundation serves

its community, none more important than granting to local organizations who serve the City and Township directly. Those grants are made possible through Unrestricted Funds created by donors and by the Foundation's Community Grant Fund.

As you consider how best to support your community, I'd like to encourage you to consider a gift to our Community Grant Fund. The more we grow this fund the more we can put back into this community for programs, services and initiatives that are happening here, at home. You'll find a wonderful example of how this fund can make a difference in the article about the Facility Dog program.

Assisting you with your charitable goals is what we do at the Fairfield Community Foundation. Whether you are creating a fund of your own or supporting our granting efforts through CGF, we look forward to growing our assets in the coming months so that we can better serve the needs of our community. When you give to the Fairfield Community Foundation your dollars are guaranteed to have local impact.

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Celebrates New Office with Open House

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open House on August 17. We loved sharing our new office space with you!



Fairfield Schools Receive \$50,000 from Community Grant Fund

If you have animals, you know how much joy they can bring to your life. Dogs, in particular, have been proven to assist their owners in therapeutic ways. In the Fairfield City School District, we are seeing how the presence of a Facility Dog can de-escalate, provide comfort and offer incentive for good behavior.



Meet Warren. He was “hired” as the Facility Dog for Fairfield South Elementary School. The cost to bring Warren to the school was \$10,000 and according to Fairfield South faculty he is worth every penny.

“Warren’s unwavering affirmation and acceptance have significantly improved the mood and behavior of

our students,” says Andrea Goins, Guidance Counselor at Fairfield South, and Warren’s handler.

Warren’s presence is cited as a major contributor to a 50% reduction in behavioral issues at the school.

The Fairfield Community Foundation Board was inspired by the program and voted to support the purchase of 5 new Facility Dogs with a \$50,000 grant.

“This particular project serves both the City and Township through the schools and is a wonderful opportunity for us to give to a really good initiative,” says Justin Krueger, FCF Board President.

“Time and time again we have heard amazing stories about how one of our dogs helped to lift a child up,” says Billy Smith, Fairfield City Schools Superintendent. “The Fairfield City School District will forever be grateful to the Fairfield Community Foundation for their support of our Facility Dog program.”

With the support of the grant, North Elementary and Creekside are slated to be the next schools to receive a facility dog.

If you’d like to support the Community Grant Fund, go to fairfieldcommunityfoundation.org – Donate Now.



NEW FUNDS Are How Community Foundations GROW

The Fairfield Community Foundation team has been meeting with current and potential donors in Fairfield and Fairfield Township, not only to educate and explain the affiliation process but also to inform about new opportunities. Those conversations have resulted in new relationships and the creation of new funds.

NEW FUNDS that have been created thus far in 2023 are:

- Fairfield Firefighter Book Brigade Fund
- Fur Fund - Leadership Fairfield 2023
- Jeff Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Koenig Daggs Advised Fund
- Lauren Kristine Welsh Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Megan Filipek Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Tom Wagner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Each new fund created provides a pathway for supporting the community directly. Let us help you establish your fund with the Fairfield Community Foundation and begin your journey of giving locally for local impact.

Call Jacob Stone-Welch at 513-341-6985 for more information.

Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial



The dedication for the Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial took place Saturday, June 3 with hundreds of veterans, dignitaries and residents in attendance.

A committee led by Dr. Fred Valerius created the Fairfield Twp Veterans Memorial Fund in 2019 to raise money for the construction of a

perpetual monument to the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen of Fairfield Township. Valerius says the dedication was a culmination of nearly seven years of planning and development.

The impressive Memorial is located at Heroes Park, 6116 Morris Road and includes a Center Core Memorial, Seating Circle, Military Branch Monuments and Flagpoles. Plaques recognizing former and current servicemen and women are featured on each Branch Monument.

Valerius says the Veterans Memorial Fund was created at the Fairfield Community Foundation so that donors of the project could have their donations accounted for and recognized and because the Fairfield Community Foundation serves the interests of the Fairfield community as a whole.

Fairfield High School Hosts Scholarship Reception



More than 600 guests were in attendance at the Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center for the 2023 Hamilton Community Foundation Scholarship Reception. The Reception honors scholarship recipients from nine local schools: Hamilton, Fairfield, Ross, Lakota East, Lakota West, New Miami, Talawanda, Edgewood and Badin.

“Fairfield has a beautiful, spacious Performing Arts Center and they were kind enough to host our event this year,” says Kasey Rouse, Scholarship Program Manager.

“Due to the affiliation in 2022, we were able to award 69 additional scholarships from the Fairfield Community Foundation,” says John Guidugli, President and CEO of the Foundation. “The addition of these scholarships enhances our commitment to education in the communities we serve.”

The Reception allows for donors to meet the students who receive their scholarship and conversely gives students the opportunity to thank their scholarship donor directly. In all, 299 scholarships were awarded to deserving students in the region.

The 2024 Scholarship cycle will be open from December 8, 2023 to January 7, 2024

REASONS to CHOOSE Fairfield Community Foundation for your Donor Advised Fund

- 1. Mission.** We are mission driven, not dollar driven.
- 2. Service.** We provide outstanding customer service and stay well versed on the needs of the community.
- 3. Investment.** Earnings on your investment go back into your Fund so it continues to grow.

The Fairfield Community Foundation is the local expert on charitable giving. To talk to someone about moving your Donor Advised Fund, or creating a new one, call Jacob Stone-Welch, Director of Donor Services at 513-341-6985.



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Jeff Clark's Legacy Will Continue With Scholarship

When former Fairfield Choir Director Jeff Clark lost his battle to cancer, many mourned the loss of a one of a kind teacher and person. Fairfield City Schools Spanish teacher Suzanne Conrad decided to ensure his legacy would last in the Fairfield community with the establishment of the Jeff Clark Memorial Scholarship.

Tiffany Mason, a former student of Clark, says "Jeff Clark was the type of teacher/director you often hear people brag about. Not only was he one of the great vocal instructors, directors and show choir designers, but he was an incredible human." She continues, "He wanted us to be great and we wanted to prove to him we were."

Mason was a student of Mr. Clark from her sophomore to her senior year and also performed in Fairfield Pure Elegance, which Clark directed.



Donations to the Jeff Clark Memorial Scholarship can be made by scanning the QR code or by going to www.fairfieldcommunityfoundation.org – Donate Now.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who participates in the choral program at Fairfield High School and who plans to pursue a degree in music education.

We've MOVED!

**Stop and see us at
our new space:**

**701 Wessel Drive,
Suite A,
Fairfield, OH 45014**

Office Hours:

Tuesday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

**We are also available to
meet by appointment.**

Call us at 513-829-6355.

Meet Your Fairfield Community Foundation Team

The Fairfield Community Foundation team is here to serve you! Please feel free to reach out regarding anything related to the Fairfield Community Foundation and/or how you can become more involved in your community. Your charitable goals are our priority.



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