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What Does it Mean to be an Affiliate?

In 2022 the Fairfield Community Foundation became an affiliate of the Hamilton Community Foundation. There are many benefits to becoming an affiliate, but change can be confusing. So let us explain affiliation from the experts, John Guidugli, President and CEO of the Hamilton Community Foundation and Katie Braswell, Vice President.

1. What does it mean to be an affiliate?

An affiliate organization has its own Advisory Board, funds and community focus but with the guidance and leadership of an accredited organization like the Hamilton Community Foundation. HCF provides oversight, administrative functions, fundraising expertise, investment practices and more to FCF. All donor and granting focus remains within the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township communities.

Affiliation is a tool for communities to establish (or in the case of FCF, continue) a local “foundation” – without the burden of IRS filings, federal and state regulatory compliance, and investment management.

2. What are the benefits of being an affiliate?

In addition to the administrative elements that the Hamilton Community Foundation provides, the Fairfield Community Foundation also receives accounting/financial, program and communications assistance. FCF will be featured in HCF print pieces, on the HCF website and in social media. Most importantly, the Fairfield Community Foundation maintains its own identity with its own logo, office space, marketing materials, newsletter, etc. So FCF benefits from the additional awareness that HCF brings while owning its own presence in the Fairfield community.

3. Will the Fairfield Community Foundation continue its legacy in the community?

Short answer, absolutely. As mentioned above the Fairfield Community Foundation will maintain its own Advisory Board, marketing materials, social media identity and presence in the Fairfield community.

4. What are the next steps for the Fairfield Community Foundation?

The most important next step for the Fairfield Community Foundation is growth. Focus is now and will continue to be to work with local donors to grow the organizations assets. The more the foundation grows the more impact it will have on the community. Impact is what we strive for at the Hamilton Community Foundation and that same focused energy will be implemented in Fairfield.

5. How does the Hamilton Community Foundation feel about welcoming FCF?

We are honored that the Fairfield Community Foundation came to us with the idea of affiliation. We are committed to working closely with current donors; we are actively meeting with and identifying potential new donors and we look forward to growing the Fairfield Community Foundation so that it can have maximum impact in the community through scholarships and grants.

For information about how you can support the Fairfield Community Foundation, call Katie Braswell at 513.805.0220.

Founded in 1951, The Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) has the largest collective impact on the quality of life in Hamilton, Ohio. By professionally managing more than 1,000 individual, family and corporate funds, as well as nonprofit agency endowments, the Foundation awards more than \$5 million in grants and scholarships annually. HCF works to address new and emerging issues of community concern, while remaining focused on health and social issues, education and community revitalization. As the largest community foundation in Butler County, HCF is a public charity with \$140 million in assets.