



Gallia Community Foundation
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Gallia Community Foundation
2024 Annual Report

Advancing a flourishing Gallia County

FOR A FLOURISHING *Gallia County*



About us

The Gallia Community Foundation (GCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Gallia County to support our people and communities, today and for years to come.

Donor generosity fuels the work of doers who give their time and talent to meet our communities' greatest needs and opportunities – all while building a strong foundation for Gallia County's future.

With the support of our donors, we award grants annually to nonprofit and public organizations for projects and programs that advance opportunities across five funding areas, known as our Pillars of Prosperity.



Arts & Culture



Community
& Economic
Development



Education



Environmental
Stewardship



Health
& Human
Services

Our investments improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences.

Our committee

- Lynn Angell
- Jeff Fowler
- Cole Massie
- Olivia Rees
- Nick Roach
- Arun Sharma

Honorary members

Nancy Zimpher, *FAO Fellow
& Board Member*

*In memory of Marianne Boggs Campbell,
FAO Volunteer from 1999-2024*

Want to learn more?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to GCF or to create a fund to support a cause closest to your heart, please contact us!



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2024 Grants

The Gallia Community Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, awarded 10 grants, totaling \$24,191, in 2024.

Dr. Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library

This grant is funding the purchase of an early literacy station for children ages 2-8, providing young learners a safe educational experience on a digital platform. The station will include more than 90 award-winning, pre-loaded educational software titles – spanning everything from handwriting and coding to fiction and nonfiction e-books – as well as 5,000+ activities.

Court Street Ministries

In 2024, a GCF grant allowed Court Street Ministries to provide more than 2,600 six-day supplies of food – packed with vegetables, fruit, dairy, grains and protein – to Gallia County households who are unsheltered, at-risk and financially disadvantaged. This grant is continuing that assistance and helping the growing number of Gallia County families facing hunger.

E3THREEE

Research suggests that children start developing financial behaviors by age 7. This grant is supporting the development of a financial literacy program for Boy and Girl Scout troops in Gallia County, allowing local youth to earn badges in those areas of study while instilling important skills sets they will carry throughout their lives.



Court Street Ministries provides an avenue for area residents, businesses and organizations to give their time, talent and treasure in service to our neighbors who need a helping hand. GCF grants have helped the nonprofit provide food to those it serves for the past two years.



Of the thousands of individuals who rely on the Gallipolis First Church of the Nazarene's monthly food pantry for assistance, 28 percent are children, and 26 percent are seniors. A 2024 grant from the Gallia Community Foundation is helping to stock the pantry this year.

Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio

An additional 201 Gallia County children, ages 5 and younger, were enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio in 2024, thanks to a grant from GCF. This grant is enrolling more Gallia County children in the program, which mails them a book each month and puts them on a pathway to success in school and in life.



Economic and Community Development Institute

The Economic and Community Development Institute operates Women's Business Centers to provide wraparound support to entrepreneurs, helping them overcome barriers and create economic impact in their communities. This grant is supporting an eight-week entrepreneurship bootcamp to help Gallia County residents who have a new business idea or plan to expand an existing business.



Gallipolis First Church of the Nazarene Food Pantry

In 2024, Gallipolis First Church of the Nazarene served an estimated 2,700+ individuals at its monthly food pantry – with more than half of those needing assistance either seniors or youth under age 17. This grant is purchasing food for those monthly distributions of much-needed community support.

As the local partner for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio, Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio covers half of the cost of the books provided to Gallia County children enrolled in the program – the past two years with assistance from GCF grants.



The John Gee Black Historical Center collaborates with Gallia County Local Schools, Gallipolis City Schools, Gallipolis Christian schools and many others to provide history education to students and the greater community. A GCF grant is funding audio and visual equipment that will take the center's programming to the next level.

Gallia County Council on Aging

The Gallia County Council on Aging provided two iPad/tablet training classes for seniors in 2024, thanks to a Healthy Aging Grant from the Ohio Department of Aging. This grant, supported by the AT&T Foundation through GCF, is providing training – as well as devices for at-home use – to 20 additional seniors, increasing their digital literacy and connectivity.

God's Hands At Work

For the past 11 years, Gallipolis-based God's Hands At Work has provided support and resources – everything from housing and food to financial assistance – to help meet the needs of fellow community members. This grant is funding the purchase of two new freezers for the nonprofit's food pantry operations.

John Gee Black Historical Center

Every year, the John Gee Black Historical Center hosts students and visitors from near and far interested in learning about the culture, heritage and contributions of Black Americans living in southeastern Ohio. This grant is funding audio and visual equipment for programming and presentations at the center, advancing its mission and impact.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio

In 2024, a GCF grant helped fund stays for 21 Gallia County families at the Ronald McDonald House – a home away from home while caring for their children who are battling serious illness at Columbus-area hospitals. The grant is continuing that assistance in 2025, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

"We are thrilled to provide funding to those who give their time and talent in service to the people and communities of Gallia County. These grants are a gift from Gallia Community Foundation supporters and a reflection of our shared commitment to the well-being of all who call our county home, today and for years to come."

– ARUN SHARMA, GCF COMMITTEE MEMBER





Answering the call to lead and serve in Gallia County

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundation partners welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including five individuals living and/or working in Gallia County. In exchange for committing to live, work and volunteer in their communities for five years, these young community builders receive a financial stipend and access to a leadership program and coaching. In 2024, the fellows began implementing service projects in our communities.

Samantha Massie



A third-grade teacher at Gallia County Local Schools, Samantha Massie is dedicating her Growing Home Fellowship service to creating opportunities for students and community members to engage with the arts.

In 2024, Samantha was part of a team that established the new Musette Performing Arts School in Gallipolis to increase access to the arts in Gallia County. She helped host building workdays and fundraising events, bringing the community together to create a space that reflects the needs of local residents.

Samantha teaches dance classes and choreographs community performances, and this year, she will be the first to offer dance classes for adults at the center.



View the 2023-2024 Growing Home Fellowship Impact Report and see how we are investing in our region's next generation of community builders and leaders.





Fighting hunger in Gallia County – one pig at a time

For the second consecutive year, Gallia County food pantries will have enough sausage to stock their freezers for months, thanks to the growing number of individuals and businesses who are supporting our Fill the Freezer campaign.

Launched in Gallia County in 2023, the campaign invites buyers at the Gallia County Fair Junior Livestock Sale to donate their hog purchases to fill the freezers of the county's food pantries and fight hunger in our communities – one pig at a time. The campaign is held in partnership with the fair board, 4-H members and the Southeast Ohio Foodbank and with corporate sponsorship from Columbia Gas and the NiSource Charitable Foundation, which covered the costs of processing the meat.



Thanks to the community's generosity, the Gallia Community Foundation met its goal for the 2024 campaign – 25 hog donations, resulting in more than 3,100 pounds of sausage, valued at \$14,256. That sausage is being distributed through five organizations battling hunger in Gallia County, where more than 17 percent of the population is food insecure, according to data from Feeding America.

“Every year, we receive funding requests from organizations throughout our county who are helping those in need. Through Fill the Freezer and the Gallia Community Foundation, everyone can give something – time, talent or treasure – to lift up our residents and our communities, today and for generations to come.”

– OLIVIA REES, GCF COMMITTEE MEMBER

Thank you 2024 Fill the Freezer corporate sponsors





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HELP SUPPORT THE PEOPLE, PLACES, PROGRAMS AND FUTURE OF GALLIA COUNTY

**Gifts to the Gallia Community Foundation are
tax-deductible and can be made in a variety of ways.**

GIVE TO GCF

Gifts to the Gallia Community Foundation's endowment fund permanently grow grant funding, with priorities locally determined, for nonprofit and public organizations working to increase quality of life in our communities. Your generosity supports efforts that improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences.

CREATE A FUND

Provide sustained support for the causes closest to your heart by establishing a named fund through the Gallia Community Foundation. We can help you create endowments to support specific charitable organizations or schools; scholarships to provide educational opportunities; donor-advised funds for family giving; corporate funds for a company's charitable grantmaking; and more.

LEAVE A LEGACY

Include charitable giving in your estate planning, giving you the peace of mind of knowing the communities and causes closest to your heart will continue to receive your support beyond your lifetime. The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio can assist you and/or your advisors with charitable research, provide options and create necessary documents or language for your plan.

How to make a gift



Mail to:

Gallia Community Foundation
c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
35 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/GCF
or www.tinyurl.com/GiveGallia

For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Gallia@ffao.org or call 740.753.1111.

GIFTS OF ALL SIZES AND KINDS – CASH, STOCK, REAL ESTATE, ROYALTIES OR QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAS – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Our impact in 2024



**\$1.6
MILLION**

In assets under
the GCF umbrella



**\$52,505
AWARDED**

Across GCF's family
of funds



**50 HOGS
DONATED**

to "fill the freezers" of
local food pantries over
the last two years



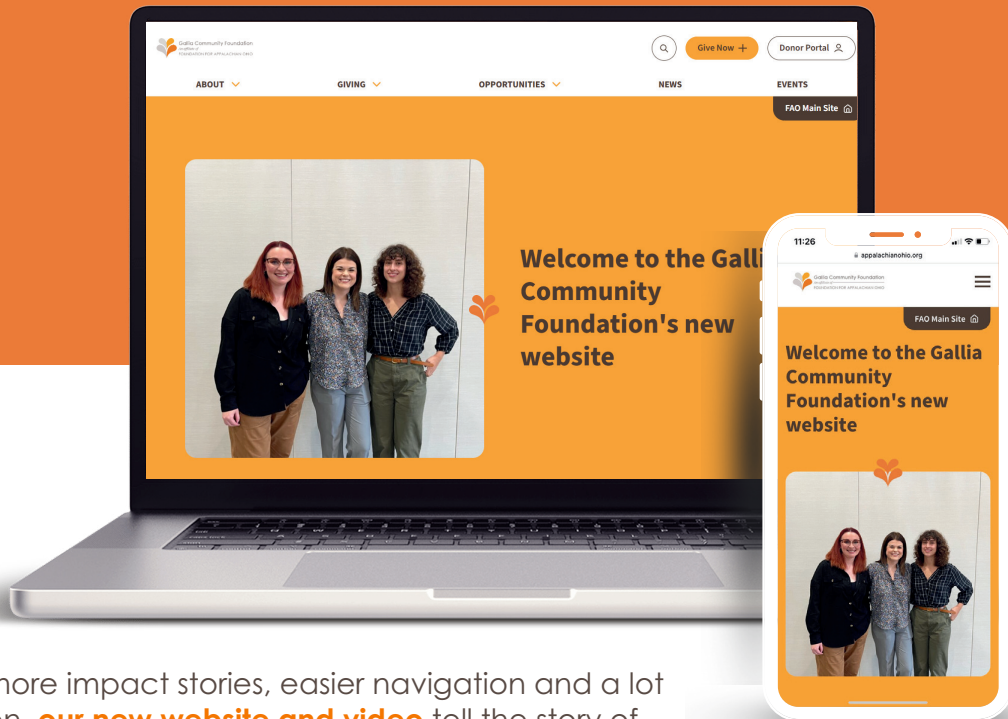
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Partnering with GCF
in service to
our community

Our family of funds

- Gallia Community Foundation
- Arc of Appalachia Preserve Stewardship Fund for Gallia-Lawrence-Jackson Counties
- Bill C. and Marianne B. Campbell Memorial Endowment Fund
- The French Art Colony Endowment
- Gallia County Arts & Culture Fund
- Gallia County Downtown Revitalization Project Fund
- Gallia County Fair Relocation Fund
- Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum Fund
- Gavin Power Plant Foundation Fund
- Ohio Valley Bank Foundation Fund
- The Ohio Valley Symphony Evelyn Kirkhart Concertmaster Chair Endowment
- WJT Paying It Forward Fund

Check out our new website!



Featuring more impact stories, easier navigation and a lot of inspiration, **our new website and video** tell the story of the Gallia Community Foundation and a community of givers who are championing our people and communities. Discover how far we've come, where we're going and how you can leave your legacy for generations to come.

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