



Gallia Community Foundation
An affiliate of
FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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 areas of need, 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.



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OUR COMMITTEE

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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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OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$1.2M
IN ASSETS**

Under the GCF umbrella



**\$35,668
AWARDED**

Across GCF's
family of funds

9 FUNDS

Partnering with GCF in service to our community

1. Gallia Community Foundation Fund
2. Bill C. and Marianne B. Campbell Memorial Endowment
3. The French Art Colony Endowment
4. Gallia County Arts & Culture Fund
5. Gallia County Downtown Revitalization Project
6. Gallia County Fair Relocation Fund
7. Gallipolis Railroad Freight Station Museum Fund
8. Ohio Valley Bank Foundation Fund
9. WJT Paying It Forward Fund

Learn more at www.AppalachianOhio.org/GCF

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Gallia Community Foundation awarded nine grants, totaling \$20,966, in 2023.

APPALACHIAN BREASTFEEDING NETWORK

Breastfeeding rates in Appalachia are well below national and state averages. The Gallipolis-based Appalachian Breastfeeding Network aims to remove barriers to breastfeeding in the region through empowerment, education and increased access to lactation care. This grant is funding Gallia County residents' participation in Appalachian Latch Leader, a train-the-trainer program designed to increase lactation education in the community.

COURT STREET MINISTRIES

Court Street Ministries provides basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing, and rental and utilities assistance to Gallia County residents who are lost, hungry, unsheltered and struggling. In 2022, the nonprofit served 5,053 people, and the need rose by 25 percent in 2023. This grant is funding children's holiday stockings, community dinners and other items for our unsheltered and at-risk neighbors.

EASTERSEALS CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST OHIO

With the help of previous grants from GCF, Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio has enrolled 1,207 Gallia County children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio, which mails children ages 5 and younger a book each month. This grant funds the enrollment of an additional 157 Gallia County children, fostering an early love of reading and putting our youth on a pathway to success.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



A 2022 GCF grant funded the next chapter in a partnership between the Economic and Community Development Institute's Women's Business Center (WBC) of Central Appalachia and the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce: the addition of an evening Dinner-and-Development series to complement a Lunch-and-Learn program.

The funding allowed the WBC and Chamber to co-host 12 training events, including an eight-week entrepreneurial bootcamp in 2023, providing opportunities for existing and aspiring business owners to learn from experts, network with their peers and access capital and other resources.



Special thanks to the AEP Foundation for a visionary gift to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to support philanthropic growth in the region, including FAO's partnership with the Gallia Community Foundation.

2023 GRANTS

OHIO UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

The Ohio University Diabetes Institute's CAT Camp serves youth ages 8-17 with Type 1 diabetes, providing an environment that encourages independence in self-management. Through this experience, campers gain confidence in controlling their diabetes and fostering positive life-long habits. This grant is helping to fund Gallia County youth's participation in the summer 2024 camp.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Gallia County families stay an average of 275 nights each year at the Ronald McDonald House – a home away from home while caring for their children who are battling serious illness at Columbus-area hospitals. This grant is helping cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

SQUARE ONE GJM

In 2019, a grassroots effort to bring a new shelter to the community culminated in the establishment of Square One GJM, offering a safe place for those in need and one-stop access to agencies committed to helping people begin a new life. This grant is funding the purchase of groceries to stock the shelter's pantry and kitchen.

UNIVERSITY OF RIO GRANDE AND RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

In fall 2023, the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College launched their Center for Entrepreneurship, an on-campus space that helps turn students' ideas into operating businesses. The goal? Providing the next generation of local entrepreneurs access to training, technology, tools and one-on-one coaching. This grant is supporting the center's inaugural student pitch competition.

No one goes hungry in Gallia County

The Gallia County Junior Fair is a community tradition dating back to 1950. Last year's fair saw the start of a new community tradition – the Gallia Community Foundation's inaugural Fill the Freezer campaign, bringing local residents and businesses together to fight hunger, one pig at a time.

With corporate sponsorship from Columbia Gas and the NiSource Charitable Foundation and in partnership with the fair board, 4-H members and the Southeast Ohio Foodbank, the campaign invited buyers at the fair's livestock sale to donate their hog purchases to fill the freezers of the county's food pantries.

The result? Twenty-five hogs donated to feed those in need in Gallia County, monetary donations to cover the cost of meat processing and a beautiful example of community coming together to make a difference.



2023 saw GCF debut its Fill the Freezer campaign, an innovative, community approach to fighting hunger in Gallia County.



INVESTING IN GALLIA COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS

In 2023, FAO partnered with its affiliate foundations to fund projects developed and implemented by local youth under age 18. The goal of this funding is to empower young leaders and inspire them to embrace greater roles in their communities.

GCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to:

THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION

This grant is funding the participation of five River Valley High School students in the 2024 iBELIEVE Youth Leadership Workshops at no cost to them or their families. The workshops focus on leadership skill development with the goal of equipping young people to create positive change in their schools, communities and beyond.

inspiHER GIRLS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

GCF is helping to finance the 2024 inspiHER Girls Leadership Retreat at the University of Rio Grande. More than 125 Gallia County fifth- through eighth-grade girls will spend a day immersed in the skills, resources and tools needed to overcome challenges and become confident leaders in their schools and in the community. Approximately 20-30 high-school girls from Gallia County will be trained to serve as mentors during the retreat.

OUR GROWING HOME FELLOWS

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including six Gallia County residents. The Growing Home Fellowship is designed to recruit, retain and nurture our region's next generation of community builders. In exchange for committing to live, work and volunteer in their communities for five years, the fellows receive a financial stipend and access to a leadership program.

Pictured with GCF committee member Olivia Rees are two of Gallia County's Growing Home Fellows, Aarika Stanley and Samantha Leaver. The other Gallia County fellows are Jake Click, Ashleigh Day, Cortney Hall and Maddie Wright.



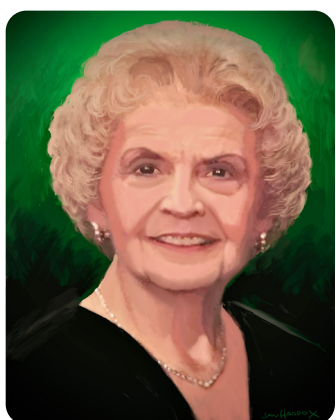
Growing Home Fellowship

A Program of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio



Marianne Boggs Campbell was a woman of many firsts – and a woman determined to ensure there was a second, third, fourth, etc. Photo above/right: Marianne is seen receiving FAO's 2014 Child of Appalachia Award with FAO President and CEO Cara Dingus Brook, FAO Board member Nancy Lusk Zimpher and Mary Ann Jorgenson.

The life and legacy of Marianne Boggs Campbell



MARIANNE BOGGS CAMPBELL

July 28, 1926 - Jan. 29, 2024

The Gallia Community Foundation dedicates its 2023 Annual Report to Marianne Boggs Campbell, an early champion for the creation of GCF, one of FAO's earliest supporters and a founding FAO board member, and an unwavering supporter and source of inspiration.

A direct descendent of the French 500 who settled in Gallipolis in 1790, Marianne found a home here in 1948 and spent the next 75-plus years seizing her moments of opportunity and creating mountains of opportunity for others.

Marianne was instrumental in launching Gallipolis' WJEH-FM, serving as general manager for 17 years. She spent the second half of her career with Holzer Medical Center,

where she helped establish its fundraising arm. Upon retiring, she jumped from career to community, becoming a full-time volunteer for the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce and the Community Improvement Corporation of Gallia County – later becoming the first woman president of both organizations.

Her legacy of love, generosity and commitment to community lives on in GCF, the many local and regional endowments she helped establish – including the French Art Colony Endowment and Bill C. and Marianne B. Campbell Memorial Endowment Fund –and the countless lives and hearts she touched.

“Marianne taught us so much about how to live a good and joyous life. She found happiness in giving her gifts where they were needed, in being committed to her vocation, her community, her marriage and her friends. And she loved being part of a team advancing something far greater for the future. Her legacy is one of love, and her spirit and way of moving through the world has left an imprint on our community and on our hearts.”

— Cara Dingus Brook,
FAO president and CEO



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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

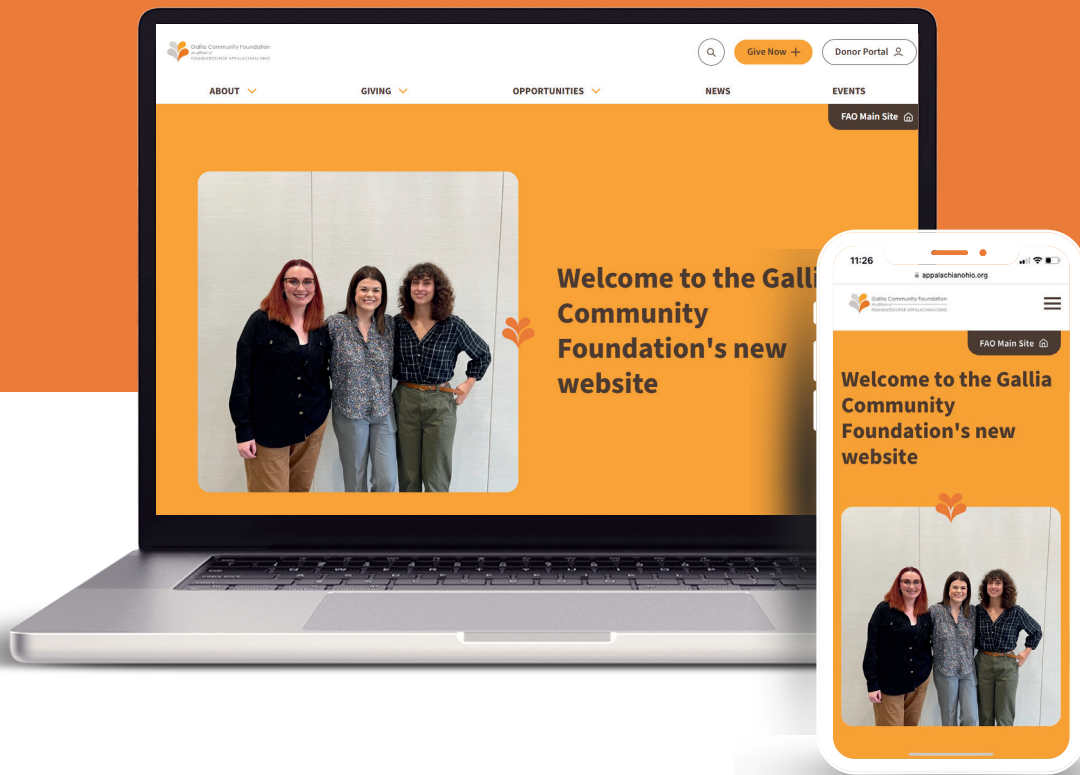
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