



Gallia County Foundation
An affiliate of
FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO

Gallia Academy High School | 2025 grant recipient



Court Street Ministries | 2025 grant recipient



Gallia County Board of Developmental Disabilities | 2025 grant recipient



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2025 Annual Report

ADVANCING A FLOURISHING GALLIA COUNTY

FOR A FLOURISHING *Gallia County*

ABOUT US

The **Gallia County Foundation** (GCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), 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
- Olivia Rees
- Nick Roach
- Arun Sharma
- Nick Smith
- Nancy Lusk Zimpher

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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NEW NAME, SAME MISSION

In 2025, the Gallia Community Foundation changed its name to the Gallia County Foundation to better reflect the community we serve. While our name has changed, our commitment remains the same: supporting philanthropy, investing in our communities and nurturing a Gallia County where everyone flourishes.



Football players from Gallia Academy High School help Court Street Ministries assemble and distribute food boxes. A 2024 grant from GCF covered five months of food delivery fees for the nonprofit. A grant awarded in 2025 will cover those fees for an entire year.

2025 GRANTS

The Gallia County Foundation, with support from our donors and in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, awarded 10 grants, totaling \$23,750, in 2025.

COURT STREET MINISTRIES

It costs Court Street Ministries \$100 a month to have food provided by the regional foodbank delivered to its building for distribution to Gallia County residents who need assistance. This grant is covering those delivery fees for a full year, and GCF awarded the nonprofit an additional grant later in the year to support other foodbank expenses.

EASTERSEALS CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST OHIO

Since 2019, nearly 66,000 books have reached Gallia County children ages five and younger through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. This grant is supporting Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio, which manages the program locally and covers half its cost, as it seeks to grow enrollment and put more children on pathways to success.

GALLIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Powerful. Eye-opening. Somber. Heart-breaking. Needed. That's how AP English students at Gallia Academy High School described their October 2025 visit to the Auschwitz exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center. A GCF grant covered transportation costs, allowing students to engage firsthand with history as a meaningful follow-up to a memoir they studied in class.



Nearly 50 students in Gallia Academy High School's AP English class experienced the Auschwitz: Not Long Ago, Not Far Away exhibit at the Cincinnati Museum Center, with a GCF grant covering their transportation costs.



GCF grants have supported Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio program in Gallia County since 2022.

2025 GRANTS

GALLIA COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Gallia County Board of Developmental Disabilities received two GCF grants:

- To purchase sensory items that will be integrated into special education classrooms, community programs and therapy sessions
- To fund an emergency repair of the commercial walk-in freezer at Guiding Hand School

GALLIA COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Enhanced communication, self-confidence and connectivity. Those are just a few of the benefits Gallia County seniors have reported after completing iPad/tablet training through the Gallia County Council on Aging. Grants supported by the AT&T Foundation through GCF have funded these beginner and next-level technology and digital literacy trainings for Gallia County seniors for the past two years.

GALLIA COUNTY LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Gallia County Local School District has been piloting small-scale art and recreational activities for students residing at the Children's Center of Ohio and attending the Southern Ohio Digital Academy – and seeing improvements in student behavior and peer relationships. This grant is funding art supplies, STEM kits and physical education equipment to expand those efforts.

JOHN GEE BLACK HISTORICAL CENTER

The John Gee Black Historical Center hosts local students, community organizations, civic groups and more, providing educational and cultural experiences that preserve and build upon African American history in Gallia County and beyond. This grant is funding additional audio and visual equipment to expand the center's programming, educational services and community events.



In 2025, the John Gee Black Historical Center, which preserves the history and legacy of Bethel A.M.E. Church of Gallipolis, was added to the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Since 2022, GCF has awarded three grants to support the center and its mission.

VINTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death in the United States. Prompt and proper use of CPR and an automated external defibrillator (AED) are critical to survival, especially in rural areas where EMS response times are longer. This grant is funding the purchase of AEDs for the fire department's response vehicles.

"We are honored to support the visionaries and volunteers who are working every day to strengthen our communities. Thanks to generous donors who are committed to our neighbors and communities, we're able to invest in everything from food security and senior digital literacy to classroom learning tools and public safety equipment."

— NICK ROACH, GCF COMMITTEE MEMBER



BRINGING COSI AND CAREER EXPLORATION TO GALLIA COUNTY YOUTH

Baking soda rockets. Elephant toothpaste. Virtual reality labs – and more!

That's what Gallia County youth experienced last summer when we partnered with the Center for Science and Industry (COSI), local employers and FAO to bring COSI programming to our community. Gallia County middle and early high school students were invited to participate in a morning of hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, math and medicine – all tied to in-demand career opportunities in our communities.

Thanks to Holzer Health System for sponsoring this opportunity, providing the venue and joining our other industry partners (Gavin Power Plant, JB-Nets Broadband Services, J-LAR Fab Worx and Rolling Hills Generating) in leading many of the day's activities – and to the many Ohio Valley Bank volunteers who helped out. Together, we are encouraging our youth to dream big and envision their futures right here in Gallia County.



ANSWERING THE CALL TO LEAD AND SERVE IN GALLIA COUNTY

Through FAO's **Growing Home Fellowship**, Aarika Stanley of Gallipolis serves as a child advocate for Ohio Court Appointed Special Advocates and is designing resource guides to connect parents and foster providers with local support systems for children.

She is one of three Gallia County residents serving through this inaugural fellowship that is investing in emerging leaders across the region, both financially and through a targeted program that teaches them how to identify community needs, develop solutions and assemble a network of partners to address local challenges.



FIGHTING HUNGER IN GALLIA COUNTY – ONE PIG AT A TIME

In 2023, GCF debuted its Fill the Freezer campaign, inviting buyers at the Gallia County Fair's Junior Livestock Sale to donate their hog purchases to fill the freezers of the county's food pantries and others to donate money to cover the meat processing costs. The goal? To fight hunger – one pig at a time.

Over the past three years, 73 hogs have been donated. In 2025 alone, 27 hogs were donated, producing 4,933 pounds for Gallia County, where 17 percent of residents experience food insecurity, while supplying high-quality protein to our food pantries. The Southeast Ohio Foodbank, which serves 10 Appalachian counties including Gallia County, reports that only 12 percent of the commodities it receives and distributes is perishable protein.

Fill the Freezer is held in partnership with the Gallia County Fair Board, local 4-H and FFA members, the Southeast Ohio Foodbank, local food pantries and meat processors, and FAO. For the past three years, corporate sponsorship from Columbia Gas through the NiSource Charitable Foundation has helped cover the cost of meat processing.

Fill the Freezer, which operated in seven counties served by FAO affiliate foundations in 2025, was presented FAO's 2025 Changemaker of the Year Award. Since 2021, the program has provided a combined 92,000 pounds of fresh, local protein to help fight hunger.



Thank you
2025 Fill the Freezer corporate sponsors!



Across our region, communities are putting food on the tables of families in need, supporting those working on the front lines of food insecurity and demonstrating the difference we can all make when we work together.



Learn more about Fill the Freezer and support our next campaign. Scan the QR or visit us at:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/gallia/fill-the-freezer

OUR IMPACT

OUR ASSETS



\$1.6M+

in restricted assets to support Gallia County causes designated by fund creators

\$393,060

in unrestricted assets through GCF's endowment fund to support our annual grantmaking*

* Our endowment fund is designed to provide continuous investment in Gallia County. Our endowment is invested. The earnings generated from those investments fund the grants we award each year, providing resources to meet the community's needs today while preserving the fund to serve Gallia County for generations to come.

OUR IMPACT IN 2025

\$23,750

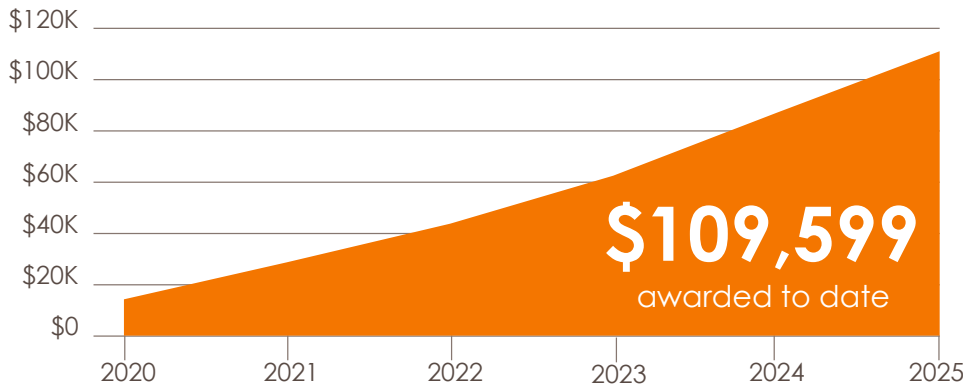
awarded through GCF's unrestricted endowment fund

\$20,438

awarded through restricted funds created by donors

OUR IMPACT TO DATE

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED THROUGH OUR ENDOWMENT



\$290,417

AWARDED ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS TO DATE

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

- Gallia County Foundation**

(This is the endowment fund that fuels our annual grantmaking.)

- Arc of Appalachia Preserve Stewardship Fund for Gallia-Lawrence-Jackson Counties
- Bill C. and Marianne B. Campbell Memorial Endowment Fund
- Fill the Freezer Gallia County
- The French Art Colony Endowment
- 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



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**Help support the people, places,
programs and future of Gallia County**

GROW GCF'S ANNUAL GRANTMAKING

Gifts to the Gallia County Foundation's endowment fund are invested. The earnings generated from those investments fund the grants GCF awards each year to nonprofit and public organizations working to increase quality of life in our communities.

Give to GCF's endowment fund by:



Scanning the QR code or visiting
www.AppalachianOhio.org/Gallia/give



or mailing your gift to
Gallia County Foundation
c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
35 Public Square
Nelsonville, OH 45764

You can also establish an unrestricted fund – named in honor of your family or a loved one – that will contribute to GCF's grantmaking each year.

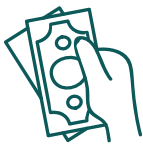
FUND WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU

Provide sustained support for what's closest to your heart by establishing a restricted fund through GCF. We can help you create endowments to support specific charitable organizations or schools; scholarships to provide educational opportunities; donor-advised funds for family or corporate giving; funds that benefit an area of interest; and more.

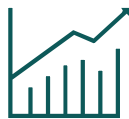
LEAVE A LEGACY WITH A PLANNED GIFT

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.

Gifts to the Gallia County Foundation are tax-deductible and can be made in a variety of ways, including:



CASH



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ROYALTIES



QUALIFIED CHARITABLE
DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAs

Gifts of all sizes and kinds make a difference!

For more information about establishing a fund or planned gift, **contact us today!**

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