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ABOUT US

The **Guernsey County Foundation**, a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Guernsey 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 Guernsey 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.



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 GROWING HOME FELLOWS

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including seven individuals living and/or working in Guernsey County: Zack Canter, Kirstin Carpenter, Nicole Earley, Luke Fabian, Layne Neuhart, Brittany Nixon and Emily Regan.

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.



Growing Home Fellowship

A Program of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Guernsey County Foundation awarded 17 grants, totaling \$46,372, in 2023.

CAMBRIDGE AREA YMCA

The local YMCA serves as a resource for individuals and families looking to stay active and engaged in their community. This grant is funding equipment for the organization's gymnastics team, weekly gymnastics classes and those attending events at the YMCA – helping our community tumble toward success and contributing to an advanced training facility.

CAMBRIDGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (2 GRANTS)

Two grants are helping to fund incentives for high achievement and positive behavior at Cambridge Intermediate School. One grant is supporting a school visit from the Columbus Zoo and animal ambassadors for an end-of-year celebration. The other is helping to stock the school's PAX store, providing students with tangible rewards and incentives for exhibiting positive behaviors and promoting important social and emotional skills.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF GUERNSEY COUNTY

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four girls and one in six boys will experience sexual abuse before reaching the age of 18. This grant is helping to fund a new program that will offer comprehensive child sexual abuse prevention training to adults in Guernsey County.

DICKENS VICTORIAN VILLAGE

Known as the "Most Unique Holiday Destination in the Midwest," Dickens Victorian Village showcases Guernsey County to visitors from near and far. This grant is funding a sound system for events, which will enhance the Trolley Tours, Cemetery Tours, Victorian Teas, school field trips and public gatherings hosted by the organization.



A 2022 Guernsey County Foundation grant allowed Cambridge Intermediate School to launch an after-school STEM Club, providing students more exposure to the STEM curriculum and hands-on, real-world experiences – from designing and modeling school spirit window clings to engaging in robotics.

EAST CENTRAL OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

The Family Reading Festival offers hands-on literacy activity stations, a Reader's Corner where local authors and community members read to children and Author's Alley where kids can meet Ohio authors. This grant helped fund the purchase of books and bags for the 2024 festival.



2023 GRANTS

EAST MUSKINGUM LOCAL SCHOOLS

East Muskingum Local Schools is bringing kindness to the forefront with a goal of empowering students to be academically successful as well as caring, empathetic individuals. This grant is supporting the district's Try Kindness program, fostering a culture of kindness, inclusivity and positive behavior among students, staff and the wider school community.

GUERNSEY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

The Guernsey County Senior Citizens Center and Meals on Wheels Guernsey County, through the Meals on Wheels America-Premier Partnership with Abbott Laboratories, is collaborating with the local healthcare system and nonprofits to better serve individuals battling cancer. This grant is providing nutritional supplemental beverages to Guernsey County residents ages 60 and older who are diagnosed with cancer.

HOSPICE OF GUERNSEY INC.

Hospice of Guernsey's bereavement program has helped hundreds of individuals cope with grief, free of charge. Its annual widows' retreat brings women together for a weekend of activities, workshops guided by professional counselors and experience sharing. This grant is covering rental costs and supplies for the 2024 program.

NAZ CAFÉ

First Church of the Nazarene started its community outreach program, Naz Café, after finding many of the children picked up for Sunday morning services were coming to the church hungry. This grant is supporting those efforts, including a free weekly breakfast that serves individuals experiencing homelessness and the greater Guernsey County community.

ROLLING HILLS LOCAL SCHOOLS

Byesville Elementary School created a social-emotional wellness room that has been successful in decreasing discipline issues, assisting with the transition back to the classroom after episodes and educating students on coping skills. This grant is funding equipment for a new social-emotional wellness room for all students in grades 3-8.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Guernsey County families stay an average of 393 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 helps cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

2023 GRANTS

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRIST OUR LIGHT CONFERENCE

When a healthcare worker came to Society of St. Vincent De Paul Christ Our Light Conference for assistance with bills, the nonprofit saw an opportunity to help – while filling a community need. This grant is helping offset training and testing costs for residents to become certified State Tested Nurse Aides, helping our neighbors advance their careers and increasing the number of medical professionals.

VILLAGE OF BYESVILLE

Project Phoenix provides matching funds for commercial property renovations and business development in Byesville – positively impacting the community, culture and economic well-being of the village and its people. This grant is supporting Project Phoenix and its collaborative approach to promoting economic growth and opportunity in the community.



VILLAGE OF SENECAVILLE

This grant is helping to fund the initial phase of a project, spearheaded by the Village of Senecaville's Betterment Council, to create a safe place for families and community members to gather outdoors. The project will include the construction of a covered pavilion and purchase of picnic tables.

INVESTING IN GUERNSEY COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS

In 2023, FAO partnered with its affiliate foundations to support 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. The Guernsey County Foundation awarded youth-led project grant funding to:

CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

This grant will help cover travel costs for Cambridge High School students participating in the annual Ohio Model United Nations Conference, a three-day global education simulation that allows youth to learn about the operations and role of the United Nations. Forty-three Cambridge High School students are expected to participate in 2024.

THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION

The grant is funding the participation of five Guernsey County 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.



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 Guernsey County Foundation.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$15.5
MILLION**

In assets under
the Guernsey County
Foundation umbrella



**\$307,716
AWARDED**

Across the Guernsey
County Foundation's
family of funds



**\$235,798
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
the Guernsey County
Foundation and FAO



**77
FUNDS**

Partnering with the
Guernsey County
Foundation in service
to our community

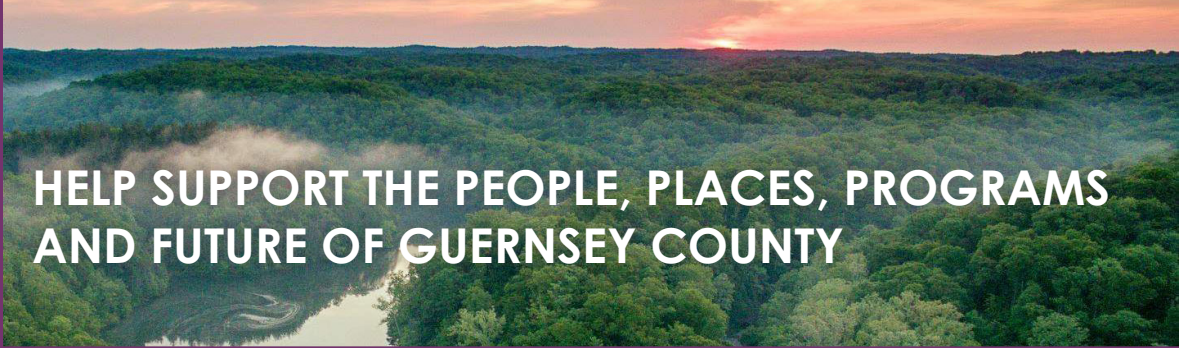
OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

1. Guernsey County Foundation
2. Achilles Nicholakis Scholarship Trust Fund*
3. Antrim Community Cemetery Association Endowment Fund
4. Art Clemenson Scholarship*
5. Blaine and Martha Neilley Family Fund
6. Bruce Orahoske Scholarship Fund*
7. Byesville Rotary Christmas Food Basket Fund
8. Byesville Rotary Fund
9. Cambridge Alumni & Friends Educational Fund
10. Cambridge City Schools Foundation Fund
11. Cambridge Singers Scholarship Fund
12. Cecil J. McFarland Science Scholarship*
13. Charles E. Chippi Scholarship Fund
14. Charles E. Jefferson Award*
15. Charles R. Nelson Scholarship Fund*
16. Charles W. and Olive L. Hanna Scholarship Fund*
17. CHS Class of '57 Scholarship Fund
18. Citizens for Rolling Hills Schools Fund
19. Don Coss Memorial Scholarship Fund
20. Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship
21. East Guernsey Fine and Performing Arts Fund
22. Elizabeth Burgess Briggs Trust Fund*
23. Erven Trust Fund*
24. Frank & Esther Ricketts Memorial Fund
25. Friends of East Guernsey Education Fund
26. G.D. Agnew Foundation Scholarship Fund
27. George and Mary Ellen Ontko Scholarship Fund
28. Gregory Cardamone Scholarship*
29. Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities Scholarship Fund
30. Guernsey County Drug Coalition Fund - CHOICES
31. Guernsey County Education Assistance Grant Fund
32. Guernsey County Senior Citizen Center Endowment Fund
33. Gulfport Energy Fund
34. Harvey and Edna Ferrier Scholarship Fund*
35. Isaac and Carey Esper Scholarship Fund*
36. James R. Milligan Legacy Fund
37. Jeff & Jane Schumacher Cox Fund
38. Jeff and Jane Schumacher Cox Scholarship Fund
39. Jenny Cornelius-Woltz Memorial Scholarship Fund
40. Joe Mowad Memorial Scholarship Fund*
41. John and Rose Dunlavy Scholarship Fund*
42. Kathryn L. Duffey - Baker and Hostetler Scholarship*
43. Kevin Ritz Family Foundation Fund
44. Leadership Guernsey
45. Lester D. and Thelma I. Ellwood Educational Scholarship
46. The Living Word Outdoor Drama Endowment Fund
47. Loran & Shirley Stutz Fund
48. Loran & Shirley Stutz Scholarship Fund
49. Madison High School Alumni Scholarship Fund
50. Mandy McGlumphy Social Work Scholarship
51. Maribeth Wright Community & Economic Development Fund for Appalachian Ohio
52. Maribeth Wright Fund for Guernsey County
53. Mary E. Knauer Scholarship Fund
54. Mary Kackley-Brill Scholarship Fund
55. Mary Moore Scholarship Fund*
56. McGlumphy Family Fund
57. Michael C. Long Legacy Scholarship Fund
58. Miriam Hawes Legacy Endowment Fund
59. Myron Fishel Scholarship Fund
60. Nicolozakes Trucking & Construction, Inc. Environmental Stewardship Fund for Appalachian Ohio
61. Ohio Arts and Crafts Foundation Fund
62. Old Guernsey County Conservation Association Fund
63. Paul Sayanek Scholarship
64. Ralph G. Ferguson Scholarship Fund*
65. Rolling Hills Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund
66. The Rose Elizabeth Bell MacConkey Scholarship Fund for Women Going into a Career in Business
67. Russel B. Diehl Scholarship*
68. Sara Lee Stevens-Youngs Family Memorial
69. Scottish Rite Valley of Cambridge Endowment Fund
70. The Stemmer Family Foundation Fund
71. Teresa Clark Memorial Scholarship
72. Tostenson Family Foundation Fund
73. United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Endowment Fund
74. W. Grant Hafley & Patricia J. Hafley Fund
75. Whitney Proctor Scholarship Fund*
76. Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Scholarship Fund
77. Zelma Gray Medical School Scholarship

**This fund is part of Cambridge City Schools Scholarship Funds.*



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Gifts to the Guernsey County Foundation are tax-deductible and can be made in a variety of ways.

GIVE TO GCF

Gifts to the Guernsey County 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 Guernsey County 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



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c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
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or



Online:

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www.GuernseyCountyFoundation.org
www.tinyurl.com/GiveGuernsey

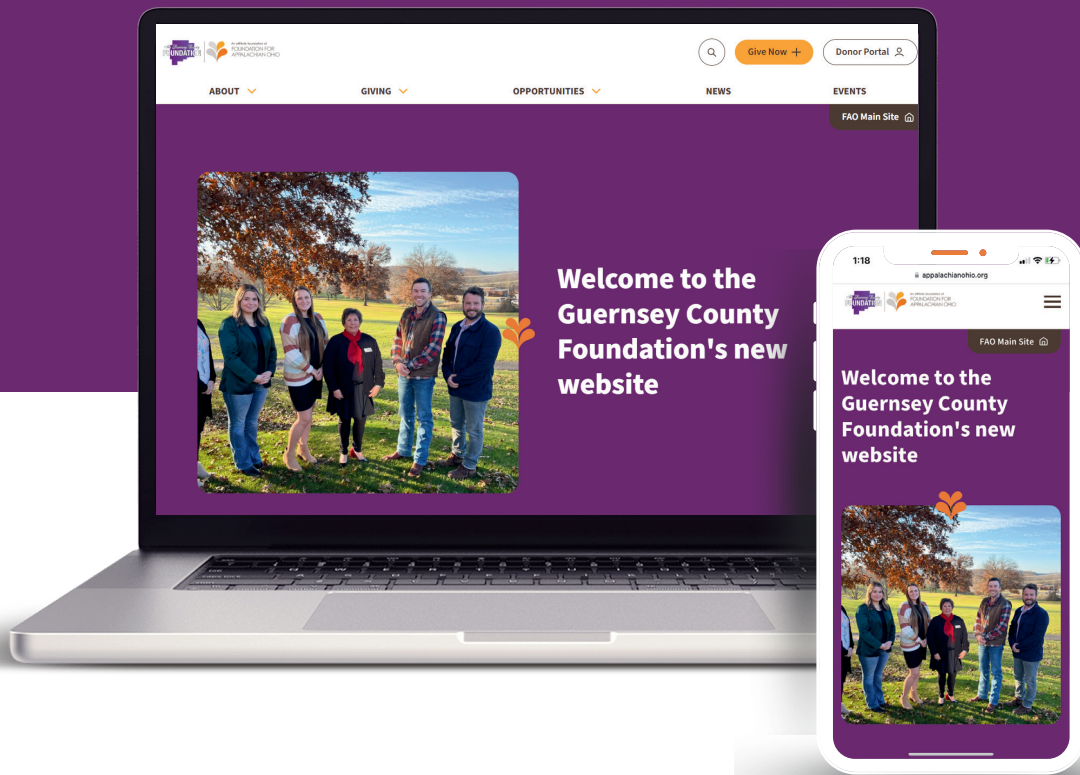
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