



Harrison County
Community Foundation

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT





The Harrison County Community Foundation hosted an event at Christopher's Farm Goods & Provisions to announce its 2023 grant recipients and to celebrate its Growing Home Fellow. Pictured at the event are HCCF committee members (from left) Kris Puskarich, Matthew Puskarich, Jim Rocchi, Karli Ray, Lori Milleson, Todd Dunlap, Allison Anderson, Sam Smith, Sandi Thompson and Sherri Simons, director of outreach at FAO.

ABOUT US

The Harrison County Community Foundation (HCCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Harrison 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 Harrison 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 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.

OUR COMMITTEE

- ALLISON ANDERSON
- TODD DUNLAP
- LORI MILLESON
- KRIS PUSKARICH
- MATTHEW PUSKARICH
- KARLI RAY
- JIM ROCCHI
- SAM SMITH
- JOHN TABACCHI
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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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



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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 Harrison County Community Foundation.



Among the many treasured memories made at 4-H Camp Piedmont are the countless moments spent around its large fire circle. A 2023 HCCF grant is funding improvements at the camp.

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Harrison County Community Foundation awarded 11 grants, totaling \$31,890, in 2023.

CADIZ CUB SCOUT PACK 269

Cadiz Cub Scout Pack 269's annual day camp engages scouts in STEM activities – from building rockets to dissecting owl pellets. At this year's camp, scouts will learn about the life cycle of butterflies and even take home a caterpillar to raise into a butterfly, thanks to a grant that is funding materials and a new projector that the group will use year-round.

DEERSVILLE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

The Deersville Community Players serves as a center for artistic enrichment for individuals of all ages and a destination for local theater while maintaining the village's historic theater. Building on the impact of a 2022 grant that funded the replacement of the theater's stage flooring, this grant is enhancing areas used for costume, prop and scenery storage.

EASTERN OHIO EXTENSION CAMPS – 4-H CAMP PIEDMONT

For more than 70 years, 4-H Camp Piedmont has delivered local youth summer experiences and memories that last for lifetimes while also serving Harrison County families, businesses, nonprofits and visitors. This grant is funding new utility poles at the camp, increasing safety and enhancing the personal, social and environmental educational opportunities offered there.

HARRISON COUNTY DOG POUND VOLUNTEERS

The Harrison County Dog Pound Volunteers provide veterinarian services for homeless dogs that find themselves in the pound. This grant is supporting the nonprofit organization's work, with priority given to spaying and neutering – all in preparation for finding these furry Harrison County residents forever homes.

HARRISON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

In 1938, Cadiz was designated the "Proudest Small Town in America" – a recognition of the many individuals of national prominence who hailed from the community and a testament to the contributions small towns make to American life. This grant is helping fund a new mural on Cadiz's Main Street that pays tribute to the 1938 recognition while beautifying the village and inspiring pride in the community.

HARRISON COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

Over the past three years, HCCF grants have contributed to a community effort to construct an outdoor performance stage and a backstage area at Sally Buffalo Park, culminating in the facility's opening in June 2023 and a successful inaugural summer concert series. The latest grant is sponsoring artists for the 2024 summer concert series, bringing the arts to the community and a boost to the local economy.

2023 GRANTS



A 2023 HCCF grant is supporting Lakeland Academy Community School's before-school programming, including free breakfast, and helping it to launch a new after-school program.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISON COUNTY

The Humane Society of Harrison County has been trapping and spaying or neutering feral and stray cats in Harrison County since 2020 – entirely through the efforts of volunteers who fundraise and apply for grants to cover costs. This grant is supporting their work and their mission to lower the overpopulation of cats in Harrison County.

THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION

This grant is funding the participation of four Harrison 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.

LAKELAND ACADEMY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Lakeland Academy Community School offers students before- and after-school care, giving local children a source of nourishment and academic support outside traditional school hours. This grant is funding educational supplies and snacks for the program, which provides free breakfast and after-school help with reading, math and homework as well as internet access for students who do not have that essential learning tool at home.



A 2022 grant from HCCF allowed the Humane Society of Harrison County to spay or neuter at least 45 additional cats.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Harrison County families stay an average of 12 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 to cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

INVESTING IN HARRISON 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.

HCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to the Harrison Central Senior Group. The grant is funding a service-learning project spearheaded by four Harrison Central High School seniors who, in partnership with their peers in the school's shop class and community organizations, are creating a StoryWalk on the Conotton Creek Trail in Scio.

StoryWalks allow adults and children to read a book, section by section, while walking along a path, fostering a love of reading and for the outdoors and physical activity. The students spearheading this project aren't just giving back to their community; they're embarking on their legacies of service and making history as the StoryWalk will be the first in Harrison County.

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- Harrison Central Senior Group, creators of the StoryWalk on the Conotton Creek Trail

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$1.9
MILLION**

In assets under the
HCCF umbrella



**\$32,462
AWARDED**

Across HCCF's family
of funds



**\$750
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
HCCF and FAO funds



**10
FUNDS**

Partnering with
HCCF in service to
our community

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

- Harrison County Community Foundation
- Cadiz High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Chad Clay Memorial Fund
- Fill the Freezer Harrison County
- Gulfport Energy Fund
- Harrison Central Soccer Fund
- Harrison County Arts & Culture Fund
- Harrison County Imagination Library Fund
- Husky Education Fund
- Jewett United Methodist Church Endowment
- The W. Donald and Marian Porter Huffman Family Scholarship Fund

Our Growing Home Fellow

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including Harrison County resident Karli Ray, a children's librarian at Puskarich Public Library.

The Growing Home Fellowship is designed to recruit, retain and nurture our region's next generation of community builders. The inaugural class of 121 fellows, the "Classroom to Community Cohort," includes 18- to 35-year-olds who work with our

region's K-12 population. 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 that includes service, skill development and peer learning.

Since becoming a Growing Home Fellow, Karli has volunteered to serve on HCCF's committee, adding to her record of service to her community.





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

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

GIVE TO HCCF

Gifts to the Harrison County 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 Harrison County 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:

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

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/HCCF
or www.tinyurl.com/GiveHarrison

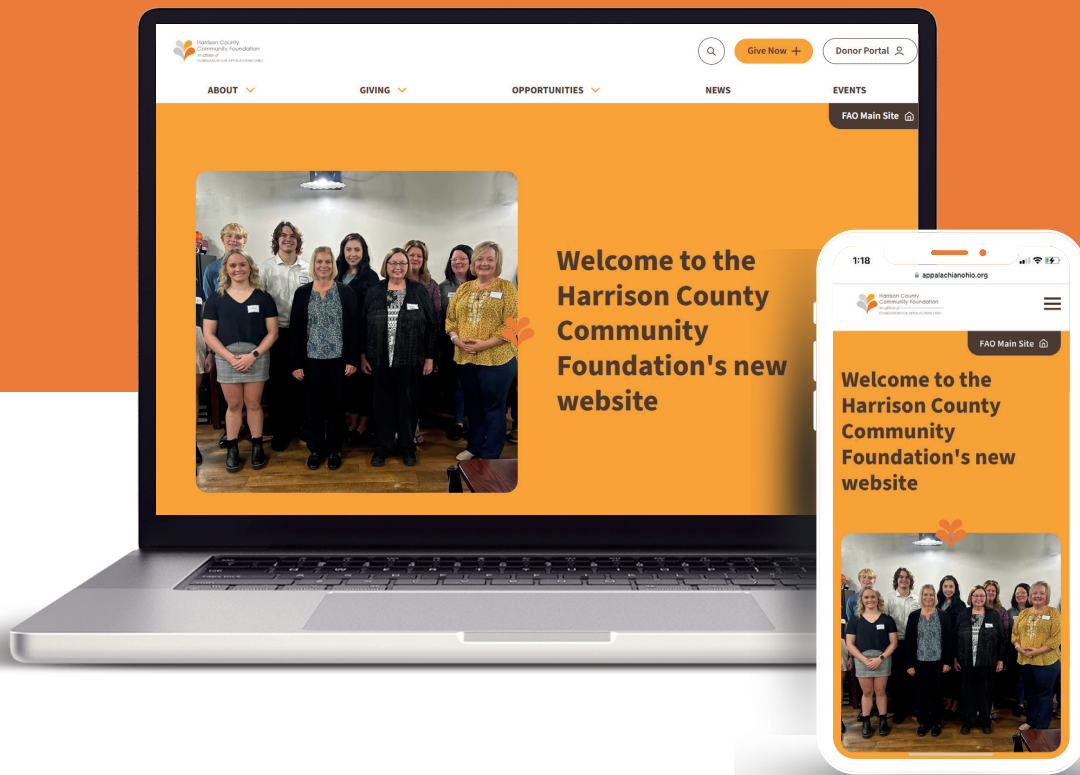
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