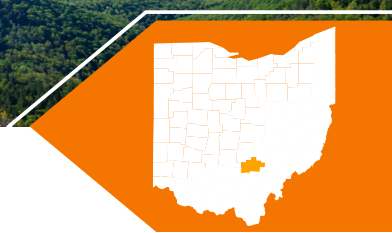




Hocking County
Community Fund

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT





HCCF committee members celebrate with five of the seven individuals living and/or working in Hocking County who were commissioned as members of the inaugural class of FAO's Growing Home Fellowship, a program designed to recruit, retain and nurture the region's next generation of community builders. Hocking County's Growing Home Fellows are Summer Ballinger, Cristie Collins, Kaleigh Cox, Cort Forgrave, Brianna Johnson, Gretchen Weber and Chloe Wilson.

ABOUT US

The Hocking County Community Fund, a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Hocking County to give 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 Hocking 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.

OUR COMMITTEE

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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 Hocking County Community Fund.

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Hocking County Community Fund (HCCF) awarded 12 grants, totaling \$22,415, in 2023.

EASTERSEALS CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST OHIO

Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio has enrolled 1,100 Hocking County children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio, which mails children ages 5 and younger a book each month. This grant is funding the enrollment of an additional 105 Hocking County children, fostering a love of reading and putting our youth on a pathway to success.

FOSTERHUB

In the next two years, an estimated 13 Hocking County teens will age out of the foster care system – left to learn adulting on their own and putting them at risk for homelessness, incarceration, suicide, and sex trafficking. This grant is supporting FosterHub in helping these young adults navigate life's transitions by providing basic needs, housing, resources, tools and guidance.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council plans to host 30 Hocking County girls, ages 5-17, at its 2024 Beckoning Trails Day Camp. Their experiences, skill development and leadership programming are funded in part by an HCCF grant – an investment in the next generation of changemakers and community leaders in Hocking County.

DIAPER AND FORMULA BANK

Last year, more than 125 Hocking County children received diapers, wipes and/or formula from the Hocking County Diaper and Formula Bank – with financial assistance from an HCCF grant. Another grant in 2023 is continuing to provide these essentials to the youngest Hocking County residents while showing love and support to local families in need.

INSPIRE THE IMAGINATION



A long-held community dream became reality in January with the opening of the Hocking Hills Children's Museum in downtown Logan. The museum is the result of many community investments, including grants from HCCF and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, which helped fund a water and sensory play area.

LOGAN-HOCKING LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

In 2022, more than 900 Logan-Hocking students received free admission to the district's sporting events, band concerts, and music and theatre performances – thanks to the new Student Sponsorship Program. A 2023 grant is supporting the program's continuation, allowing local youth and their families to more easily afford these experiences while supporting the schools and the greater Hocking County community.

2023 GRANTS



Southern Ohio Fishers of Men Association/Out of the Boat Ministries and community members held the first playhouse build in April 2023.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Hocking County families stay an average of 94 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.



SOUTHERN OHIO FISHERS OF MEN ASSOCIATION/OUT OF THE BOAT MINISTRIES

In spring 2023, the Logan-based Southern Ohio Fishers of Men Association, doing business as Out of the Boat Ministries, hosted a project that brought the community together to build playhouses for local families in need. This grant is funding the purchase of five more playhouses and another opportunity in 2024 for neighbors to help neighbors.

THE BOWEN HOUSE

The Bowen House, a community center for arts and education in Logan, will host its third annual Arts Festival in August 2024 – an opportunity for local artists to display and sell their work and for community members to gather and support local artists. This grant is funding the event's marketing materials and building momentum for this community gathering.

FILLING LOCAL FOOD PANTRY FREEZERS

HCCF's 2023 Fill the Freezer campaign saw buyers at the Hocking County Fair's livestock sale donate 20 hogs – and others donate funds to cover meat processing costs – to stock the freezers of Hocking County food pantries. A Logan-Holl Foundation Fund grant allowed HCCF to purchase 160 Thanksgiving turkeys for local families in need.



INVESTING IN HOCKING 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. HCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to:

INSPIHER GIRLS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

HCCF is helping to finance the 2024 inspiHER Girls Leadership Retreat at Logan-Hocking Middle School. More than 125 Hocking 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 Hocking County high-school aged girls will be recruited and trained to serve as mentors during the retreat.

LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Each year, student leaders at Logan High School host community bloodmobiles on campus, partnering with the American Red Cross to schedule, organize and work each event. A grant from HCCF is supporting these students' efforts and service to community while inspiring local residents to give the gift of life.

LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Logan High School Student Leadership Team is working to create a positive culture and climate at the school. To that end, the students are using grant funding to conduct "Staffisity" days, through which different categories of staff will be recognized each month for their hard work and dedication within the district and the community.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



Logan Head Start students help plant pollinator gardens on HAPCAP property in Hocking County in 2023 – a project funded by a 2022 grant from HCCF.

LOGAN HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION

In 2022, the Logan High School Technology Student Association designed and fabricated a donation receptacle for Hocking County's Bishop Educational Gardens. A 2023 grant is funding the materials needed for welding students to create additional donation receptacles, allowing students to hone their skills in manufacturing and skilled trade fabrication while helping local nonprofit organizations and the greater community.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$6.5
MILLION**

In assets under the
HCCF umbrella



**\$124,278
AWARDED**

Across HCCF's family
of funds



**\$5,500
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
HCCF and FAO funds



**51
FUNDS**

Partnering with
HCCF in service to
our community

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

1. Hocking County Community Fund
2. Arthur and Dorothy Kalklosch Family Fund
3. Artista Rock School Fund*
4. Barton and Regina Holl Legacy Fund
5. Bishop Educational Gardens Endowment Fund
6. Bison Hollow Conservation Fund
7. The Bowen House Endowment Fund
8. Chieftain Center Fund
9. Dayton Schultheis Mathematics Award Endowment
10. Debby Angle Memorial Fund
11. Dollars for Holiday Lights Fund*
12. Faith & Mary Ruth Krinn Memorial Fund
13. Fireworks Fund*
14. The Frank Judy Family-Logan High School
15. Frederick M. Ervin III Legacy Fund for Hocking County
16. Friends of the Hocking Hills State Park
17. Helen Grettler "Got Music" Endowment Fund
18. Hocking Area End of Life Care Fund
19. Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce Family of Funds
20. Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation
21. Hocking Hills Conservation Endowment Fund
22. Hocking Valley Scenic Trails*
23. Jim Raeder Helping Hand Scholarship Fund
24. Ken & Joan Danes Farmers Market Fund
25. Keynes Drive Recreation Complex*
26. LifeWise Logan-Hocking County Endowment
27. LilyFest Fund
28. Logan Gates*
29. Logan High School Work/ Study Endowment
30. Logan-Holl Foundation Fund
31. Logan in Bloom Fund*
32. Logan Mural Project*
33. Logan Rotary Community Fund
34. Logan Theater Fund
35. Logan Town Center*
36. Long Term Recovery Team*
37. Loryn Cassady Memorial Fund
38. Merchants National Bank Fund for Hocking County
39. Mingo Park Project Fund*
40. Operation Santa*
41. Pamela Jones Brooks Legacy Fund for Hocking County
42. Park National Bank Community Fund for Hocking County
43. Phillip Davis Memorial Endowment
44. Ruth and Edgar "Jake" Huffman Endowment
45. Scenic Hills Senior Center & Educational & Wellness Center Endowment
46. Schmidt Family Endowment
47. Sherman and Regina Prater Fund
48. Supporting Families Fund
49. Tedd McCormick Memorial Fund
50. Union Furnace Elementary Endowment
51. VCNB Family Fund for Hocking County

**This fund is part of the Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation.*



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

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

GIVE TO HCCF

Gifts to the Hocking 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 Hocking County Community Fund. 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:

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

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/Hocking
www.tinyurl.com/GiveHocking
or scan the QR code above!

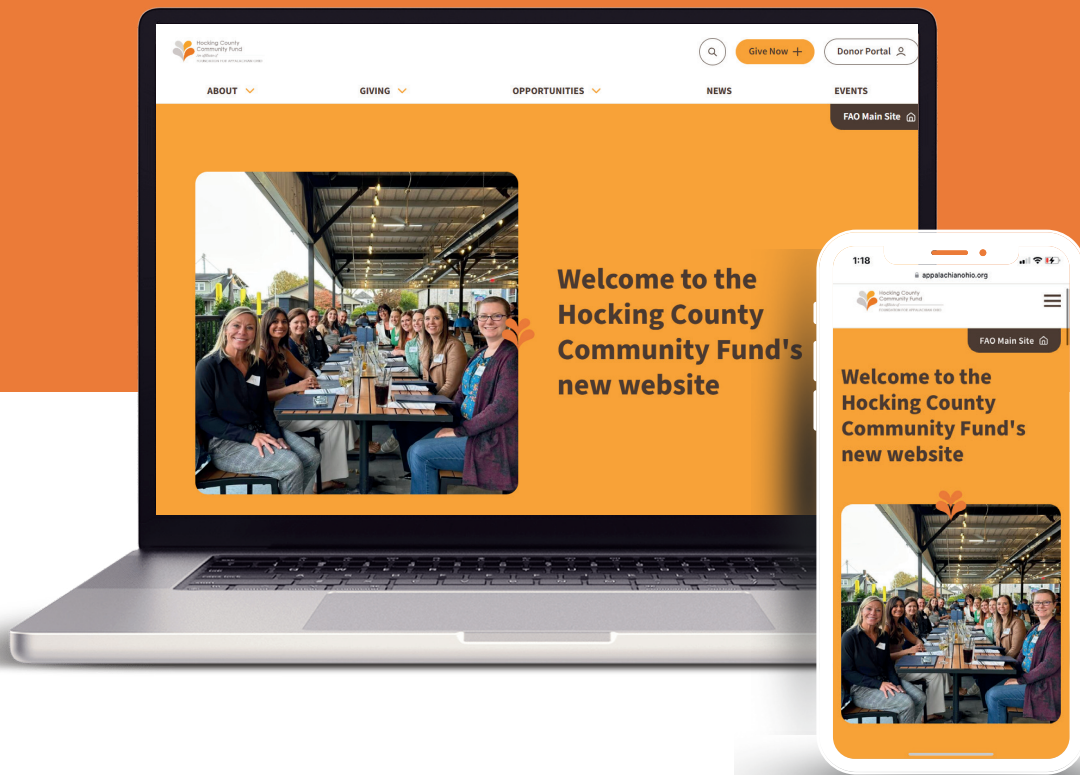
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