



Jackson County
Community Foundation

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2024 Annual Report

Advancing a flourishing Jackson County



Pictured are (front row, from left) Jackson County Growing Home Fellows Maddie Allman, Shannon French, Brianna Jenkins, Gracie Walburn and Mallory Spengler; and (back row, from left) Emily Vigue, former director of outreach at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, and Jackson County Community Foundation committee members John Jones, Susan Stockmeister, Carol Wright and former committee member Kyle Exline.

About us

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

- **Macie Arthur**
- **Marilyn Boggs**
- **Brianna Jenkins**
- **John Jones**
- **Seth Michael**
- **Susan Stockmeister**
- **Carol Wright**

Want to learn more?

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



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More than 500 students participated in the Jackson-Vinton Farm Bureau's 2024 Agricultural Experience Day. Thanks to a grant from JCCF, the 2025 event will extend the learning experience by providing teacher's packets to be used throughout the school year.

2024 Grants

The Jackson County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, awarded nine grants, totaling \$15,600, in 2024.

Christ Church of Jackson

Through its "Thanksgiving to Go" project, the church's Mission Team serves meals to residents of the Cambrian Apartments, which provide assisted housing for the elderly and individuals with disabilities; men at Warriors for Christ in Jackson, a nonprofit, faith-based drug and alcohol addiction treatment center; and home-bound individuals from the church. This grant is supporting the project's continuation in 2025.

Community Assault Prevention Services

In 2023, Jackson-based Community Assault Prevention Services assisted more than 1,400 individuals through its domestic violence shelter and court case support. This grant is helping to fund the domestic violence shelter and its crisis hotline, both of which operate 24/7, creating an ecosystem of support that includes partnerships with law enforcement, medical providers and court personnel.

Jackson County Forward

Jackson County Forward is on a mission to bring together local public and private organizations and elected officials with a goal of creating healthier and more vibrant communities. This grant is supporting two of the nonprofit's projects: the installation of trailhead signs at Hammertown Lake and signage for the community garden in Jackson.

Jackson-Vinton Farm Bureau

For 20+ years, the Jackson-Vinton Farm Bureau has held an Agricultural Experience Day, a free day of education and on-the-farm experiences designed to teach second graders how the food they eat gets to their tables. This grant is expanding the program's impact, funding teacher's packets to allow learning to continue after students return to the classroom.





Since 2013, Oaks United has been bringing the community together to provide Oak Hill students food boxes over the Christmas break. The 2024 effort received funding from a JCCF grant.

2024 Grants

Oak Hill Historical Society

The Oak Hill Historical Society has been hard at work creating a new park for the community: the Edwards Corner Park on the former Edwards Hotel property. This grant is supporting further development of this community space, providing fill (topsoil and sand) to finish the project and solar panels for the streetlights.

Oaks United

Oaks United partners with local community members, churches, businesses and organizations to provide monthly food bags to the approximately 275 Oak Hill School District students enrolled in the Growing Oaks Food Program. This grant is helping to fund food boxes for the Christmas school break, ensuring this assistance is available during the winter holidays.

Southern Hills Arts Council

Movies at Manpower, outdoor movie screenings at Manpower Park in Jackson, debuted in fall 2024. This grant is supporting the 2025 Movies at Manpower program, which will run from June through October in conjunction with the Sidewalk Market events, providing entertainment while strengthening community ties and the local economy.



Community highlight

The Jackson County 4-H Spring Project Fair and Open House gives local 4-H youth an opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects while encouraging other youth to get involved. Thanks to JCCF grants supporting this event for the past two years, Jackson County's 4-H enrollment has grown from 452 to 537 youth, and the number of 4-H members participating in non-livestock projects has nearly quadrupled.



For the past two years, JCCF grants have helped advance the mission of Southern Ohio Soles Inc., a nonprofit established by Max Gentry, Dayne Neff and Isaac Slark when they were high school students in Jackson County. They have expanded to neighboring Vinton County with a vision to eventually serve students across southeastern Ohio.

Southern Ohio Soles Inc.

In 2024, a JCCF grant helped Southern Ohio Soles Inc., a nonprofit established by three then-Jackson County high school students, provide nearly 60 pairs of shoes to local students, ensuring that at least one of their essential needs was met. This grant is continuing that assistance, easing a financial burden on our students and their families.

The Lillian E. Jones Museum

Our newspapers provide a unique look at our community's past, containing a source of Jackson County history that doesn't exist anywhere else. This grant is helping to fund equipment to digitize a collection of historical newspapers dating back to 1858, preserving our history and making these stories accessible to all.

Answering the call to lead and serve in Jackson County

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundation partners welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including seven individuals living and/or working in Jackson County. The fellows have committed to live, work and volunteer in their communities for five years and receive a financial stipend and participate in a leadership program that includes coaching. In 2024, the fellows began implementing service projects in our communities, including:

Bri Jenkins



Bri Jenkins of Jackson is a high school science teacher at Jackson City Schools. For her service, Bri participates on the committees for the Jackson County Community Foundation (JCCF) and Jackson County Forward (JCF). JCCF raises funds to grow its endowment, which funds annual grants to grassroots initiatives in Jackson County. JCF serves to increase local tourism, maintain and promote historical properties, and create recreational spaces in the community to provide healthier activities for Jackson County residents. Bri participated in FAO's inaugural Growing Home Fellowship pitch competition and secured funding for a JCF project that is installing vinyl wraps on downtown electrical boxes that include images and QR codes for additional information about local landmarks.



View the Growing Home Fellowship Impact Report and see how we are investing in our region's next generation of community builders and leaders.

Our impact in 2024



**\$1.8
MILLION**

In assets for the people
of Jackson County



**\$66,350
AWARDED**

Across JCCF's family
of funds



**\$41,250
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
JCCF and FAO funds



**11
FUNDS**

Partnering with JCCF
in service to
our community

Our family of funds

- Jackson County Community Foundation Fund
- Adena Health System Fund for Jackson County
- Arc of Appalachia Preserve Stewardship Fund for Gallia-Lawrence-Jackson Counties
- Bellisio Foods Foundation Fund
- Bellisio Foods Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Allen Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jackson High School Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund
- Paul and Eleanor Essman Family Scholarship
- The Stockmeister Family Fund
- Sylvester Memorial Library Fund
- VCNB Family Fund for Jackson County

Making a difference across Jackson County



From Jackson

Jackson's Hillcrest Park is a destination for both community members and groups. But prior to 2024, it lacked outdoor climbing and recreational equipment for younger children. A 2023 grant from JCCF helped fund a new playground structure for youth ages 2-5 in a fenced area near the kiddie pool and splash pad.



To Oak Hill

Oak Hill will soon be home to "The World's Largest Acorn" sculpture, a project spearheaded by the Oak Hill Area Chamber of Commerce and supported by a 2023 JCCF grant. In the meantime, a 2024 grant is helping to fund the creation of Oak Hill's newest park, the Edwards Corner Park.



To Wellston

Local artists displayed more than 60 pieces of art – everything from quilts and needlework to paintings and photography – at Wellston's 2024 Ohio Hill Country Festival. All that talent was showcased on new quilt racks and art show displays funded by a 2023 JCCF grant and built by dedicated volunteers.



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

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

GIVE TO JCCF

Gifts to the Jackson 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 Jackson 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:

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

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/Jackson
or www.tinyurl.com/GiveJackson

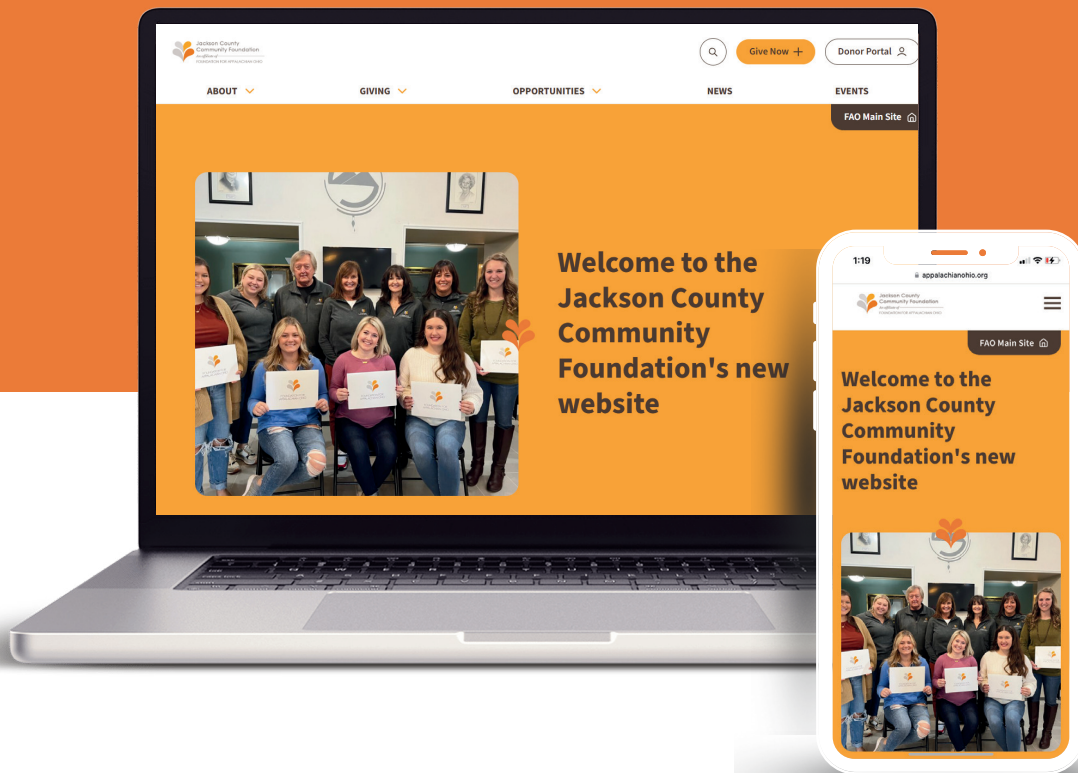
For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Jackson@ffao.org or call 740.753.1111.

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Our new website!

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Featuring more stories of impact, easier navigation and a lot of inspiration, **our new website** tells the story of the Jackson County Community Foundation and a community of givers who are championing our people and communities. Discover how far we've come, where we're going and how you can leave your legacy for generations to come.