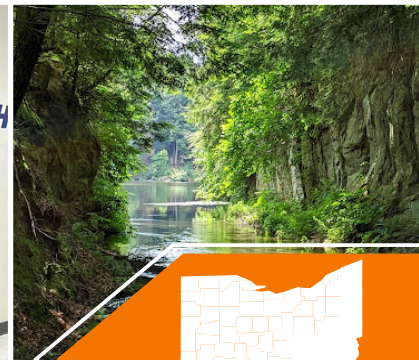




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2023 ANNUAL REPORT





In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including eight individuals in Jackson County. 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. Pictured with Emily Vigue, director of outreach at FAO, and JCCF committee members John Jones, Susan Stockmeister, Carol Wright and Kyle Exline are fellows (from left) Maddie Allman, Shannon French, Bri Jenkins, Gracie Walburn and Mallory Spengler. The other Jackson County fellows are Chelsea Mullins, Anna Siders and Eli Wagner.

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 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

- MARILYN BOGGS
- KYLE EXLINE
- JUDY HAMILTON
- BRIANNA JENKINS
- JOHN JONES
- SETH MICHAEL
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- 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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A 2022 JCCF grant helped God's Hands At Work serve 300 families through its mobile food pantry. Contributing to its efforts were community members who volunteered to package food boxes, including individuals from two nonprofit organizations, church groups and students from the local middle and high schools.

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Jackson County Community Foundation awarded nine grants, totaling \$18,050, in 2023.

CITY OF JACKSON

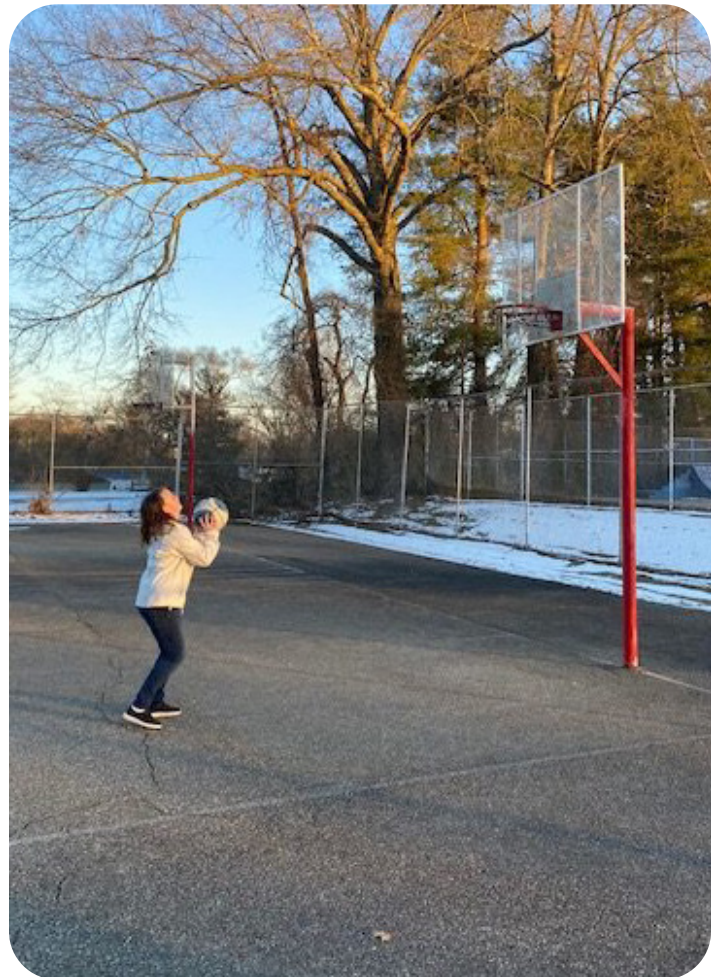
Jackson's Hillcrest Park features a swimming pool, basketball/pickleball court, skatepark, shelter houses – and soon playground equipment that will provide recreational opportunities for younger children. This grant is helping fund playground installation, adding to the health and wellness benefits the park provides and fulfilling a community dream.

GOD'S HANDS AT WORK

God's Hands At Work started its Jackson County mobile food pantry three years ago to help address food insecurity in the county's most rural areas. At quarterly distributions throughout the county, they provide 300-400 individuals with a box containing enough food for approximately two weeks. This grant funds the purchase of food for those distributions.

GRACE CLINICS OF OHIO INC.

Jackson County Grace Clinic is a free medical ministry that provides uninsured and underinsured community members with free medical appointments, prescription assistance and specialist appointments. This grant is helping to fund the clinic's pharmacy vouchers and operational expenses, providing increased access to medical care.



Residents of Jackson County have expressed a desire for additional playground equipment at Hillcrest Park – a project that received funding through a 2023 JCCF grant.

2023 GRANTS

JACKSON COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COUNCIL

With support from a JCCF grant, the 2023 Jackson County Spring Project Fair and 4-H Open House resulted in 52 additional 4-H members and 71 more adult volunteers. This grant is supporting the purchase of curriculum and supplies for the 2024 event – an investment in our youth and in 4-H, which teaches life skills and encourages our young people to be engaged, active and healthy community members.

MAKE WELLSTON BEAUTIFUL INC.

The Ohio Hill Country (OHillCo) Festival observed its 50th anniversary in 2023, a milestone moment for this celebration of Wellston's rich Appalachian heritage. This grant is purchasing materials for new quilt racks and art display boards for the festival's Art Show and Quilt, Needlework and Craft Show. These items will be built by Wellston OHillCo Society members and volunteers from Make Wellston Beautiful and Wellston Rotary.

OAK HILL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Oak Hill Area Chamber of Commerce is commemorating the village's 150th anniversary – and making history – by commissioning "The World's Largest Acorn" sculpture at Central Memorial Park. This grant is contributing to the fabrication and installation of the sculpture, which will serve as a permanent reminder of Oak Hill's sesquicentennial and attract visitors to the community.

SOJOURNERS CARE NETWORK

Youth experiencing homelessness face significant hurdles throughout the year, but the holiday season can be especially difficult. This grant will provide Jackson County youth experiencing homelessness a warm holiday experience, offering them a respite from their daily hardships in a nurturing environment where they can feel a sense of community, support and the simple joys of the season.



HONORING AND REMEMBERING SANDY BORDEN

The Jackson County Community Foundation lovingly dedicates its 2023 Annual Report to Sandra "Sandy" Leigh Borden, who passed away on Sept. 10, 2023, and whose legacy of service to Jackson County includes serving on JCCF's committee.

During her time as a JCCF leader, Sandy gave as she did in so many ways in our communities – with the heart of a servant and a commitment to uplifting opportunities for all who call Jackson County home. She was a child of Appalachia whose love and dedication to serving others embodied her career and her community involvement.

The footprint Sandy left in Jackson County and in JCCF's journey will continue to guide our path for many years to come.



INVESTING IN JACKSON 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.

JCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to two Jackson County nonprofits, established by local high school students to assist their peers and families in our communities.

KICKS 4 COATS

This grant is supporting Kicks 4 Coats, a nonprofit founded by Jackson High School senior Ethan Crabtree that provides warm coats to Jackson County children ages 1-18.



"A lot of parents in the community and just even around the world today are struggling. It's a hard world to live in, especially now," says Ethan. "I figured the best way I could help was just getting the stuff that at least would help keep them warm."

Ethan, who also involved his football teammates in his work, raised enough money to distribute 124 coats in 2022. His goal for 2023 was 150 coats, but with the grant from JCCF, Ethan gave away more than 300 coats last year. The coats are being provided to all schools in Jackson, Oak Hill and Wellston, as well as to the Jackson Area Festivals & Event's Christmas program.



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 Jackson County Community Foundation.

INVESTING IN JACKSON COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS

SOUTHERN OHIO SOLES INC.

This grant is supporting Southern Ohio Soles Inc., a nonprofit established by local high school students Isaac Slark, Dayne Neff and Max Gentry. Their mission? Ensure that every student in Jackson County has an adequate pair of footwear, empowering local youth to take a step toward a brighter future.

"Growing up, I always noticed the differences in the classroom," says Isaac, a Jackson High School senior. "Some kids didn't have a winter coat; kids didn't have a lunch. ... This past summer, I came together with my friends, and we decided that we wanted to make a big difference in our community."



In the first semester of the 2023-24 school year, the nonprofit gifted 89 pairs of shoes to students in need in Jackson County's public schools. The JCCF grant will fund nearly 100 additional pairs of shoes.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$1.5
MILLION**

In assets under the
JCCF umbrella



**\$67,550
AWARDED**

Across JCCF's
family of funds



**\$40,000
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
JCCF and FAO funds



**9
FUNDS**

Partnering with
JCCF in service to
our community

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS



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1. Jackson County Community Foundation Fund
2. Adena Health System Fund for Jackson County
3. Bellisio Foods Foundation Fund
4. Bellisio Foods Scholarship Fund
5. Dr. Allen Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
6. Jackson High School Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund
7. The Stockmeister Family Fund
8. Sylvester Memorial Library Fund
9. VCNB Family Fund for Jackson County



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**Gifts to the Jackson County Community Foundation are
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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:

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

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Online:

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

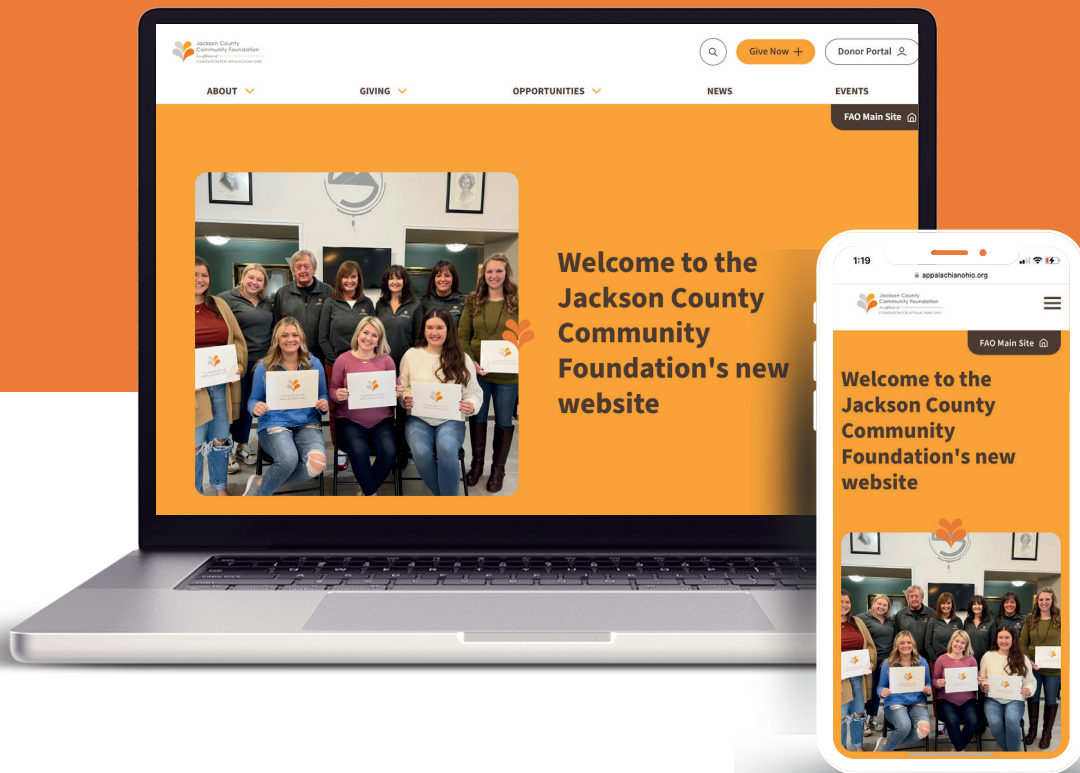
For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Jackson@ffao.org or call 740.753.1111.

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