



**LAWRENCE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



# LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE



## Greetings from the Lawrence County Community Foundation!

Lawrence County is abundant in residents and businesses who want to make a difference and who have ideas on how to improve our communities. The Lawrence County Community Foundation (LCCF) was established in July 2022, bringing together all those resources – our time, talent, and treasure – to benefit our county’s residents and communities today and into the future.

The Lawrence Economic Development Corporation, Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization, and Lawrence County Commission spearheaded the creation of LCCF, which is governed by a volunteer advisory committee of community leaders, all of whom have either made personal founding gifts or represent an entity that has. Our overarching goal is to improve the quality of life throughout Lawrence County by investing in projects and programs that meet needs and seize opportunities today and for generations to come.

We are a local affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), a regional community foundation, which provides us back-office services. With generous support from our founding organizations, local businesses, and residents, we have raised more than \$1 million, which was matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to funding from FAO. These funds will be reinvested in Lawrence County for years to come.

Because of the love, hard work, support, and generous spirit of many, we’re already making a difference and are filled with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead. Please join us in championing the future of Lawrence County and spreading the word about the life-changing and community-enhancing work we can do together.

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### Want to learn more?

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

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# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND MOVING LAWRENCE COUNTY FORWARD

The Lawrence County Community Foundation is committed to helping fill the needs we see every day while building a strong foundation for the future.

With the support of our donors, we will award grants annually to nonprofit and public organizations for projects and programs benefiting the people and communities in Lawrence County. We give preference to efforts that increase quality of life, create access to opportunities, or implement a solution to a local need, focusing on five areas essential to creating transformative and sustainable change: arts and culture, community and economic development, education, environmental stewardship, and health and human services.

In partnership with FAO's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Fund, last fall LCCF awarded its first grants, totaling \$10,000, to the following local organizations:

### RLB Ministries

Last year, RLB Ministries' Backpack Buddies program served 150 families through its emergency food pantry and 615 children through its back-to-school clothing giveaway; provided 350 children winter coats and weekly backpacks of food to nourish them over weekends; and gave 400 families holiday meal boxes. An LCCF grant will help fill those needs in 17 Lawrence County schools.



### Ironton in Bloom

Public and private partnerships have resulted in many revitalization efforts in downtown Ironton in recent years. A grant from LCCF will help fund a new one – construction of a mini-park near the Ohio River Bridge, which will enhance the main entrance to the Ironton Historic Downtown District, preserve history, and educate visitors about some of the city's history.

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# OUR IMPACT IN 2022

## IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND MOVING LAWRENCE COUNTY FORWARD (CONTINUED)

### Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church is Ohio's first Black church and the only surviving antebellum Black church in the state. An LCCF grant is providing the last of the funding needed to complete the church's historic structure report, which will include an assessment of its current condition and recommendations for renovation plans, paving the way for the future of this county treasure.

### New Hope United Methodist Church

For the past 15 years, New Hope United Methodist Church has been providing Lawrence County youth backpacks and supplies to ensure that they start the school year with the resources needed to learn and thrive in the classroom. A grant from LCCF will allow the back-to-school giveaway to expand and serve more children in three of the county's school districts.

### Third and Center

Since 2020, Third and Center has collaborated with local artists, other community groups, and the city of Ironton on a Riverfront Beautification project that has resulted in the revival of three murals and the installation of four more. With support from an LCCF grant, the project will be expanded to include an interactive arts experience, detailing the murals' history and significance and encouraging users to explore Ironton and Lawrence County.



**\$2.02 MILLION**  
IN ASSETS UNDER THE LCCF UMBRELLA



**\$10,000**  
AWARDED TO FIVE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN 2022



**\$12,250**  
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LAWRENCE COUNTY STUDENTS



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CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH LCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Collins Career Technical Center Fund
2. Dr. Karen LaRoe Scholarship