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ABOUT US

The Lawrence County Community Foundation

(LCCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Lawrence 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 Lawrence 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.

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LCCF committee members (back row, from left) Bill Jesse, Donna Dingus, Shannon Smith, (front row, from left) LCCF Chair Dr. Joe Freeman and Shirley Dyer are pictured with 2023 LCCF grant recipient Hometown Love of Chesapeake volunteers Cathy Rideout, Tonya Hagley and Julie Todd.

2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Lawrence County Community Foundation awarded seven grants, totaling \$15,000, in 2023.

HOMETOWN LOVE OF CHESAPEAKE

The name says it all. This group of volunteers is showing and inspiring hometown love by joining together to improve and beautify the Village of Chesapeake. This grant supports the group's latest efforts – a beautification project that includes building a stone flower bed by the "Welcome to Chesapeake" sign near the Sixth Street bridge, lighting the sign, placing flowerpots on the other corners of the intersection and sprucing up Village Hall.

inspiHER GIRLS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

LCCF is helping to finance the 2024 inspiHER Girls Leadership Retreat at South Point Middle School. Lawrence 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 Lawrence County high-school aged girls will be trained to serve as mentors for the retreat.



In 2019, a group of volunteers united to form Hometown Love of Chesapeake and has been enhancing and beautifying their hometown ever since – this year with the help of an LCCF grant.



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 Lawrence County Community Fund.

2023 GRANTS

IRONTON aLIVE

Downtown Ironton's Friends Park continues to flourish – thanks to community collaboration and generosity. This year will see the addition of a children's train ride, courtesy of the Friends of Ironton, to complement the children's splash park. This grant is helping to purchase storage containers for the train ride. These containers will be painted with Appalachian-themed murals, bringing art, community pride and a touch of history to this Lawrence County destination.



The Friends of Ironton is installing a children's train ride this year, and an LCCF grant is helping secure some artsy storage for the ride.

TRI-STATE STEM + M EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (2 GRANTS)

One of the goals of Tri-State STEM + M Early College High School is to prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine – skills that will allow our youth to succeed in a competitive job market and contribute to the local economy. Two LCCF grants are advancing that mission, supporting students and community with the purchase of new computers and the development of a student-led musical that highlights the positive impact of the arts on mental health.

WILLIAM C. LAMBERT MILITARY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVE

Nestled in the lobby of the Ironton City Building is the William C. Lambert Military Museum and Archive. This museum serves as a repository of historical artifacts, records and stories of Lawrence County veterans who shaped our national experience – and an inspiration for each of us to do our part in shaping our communities. This grant supports the creation of a new permanent exhibit at the museum, "The Korean War: Soldiers Stories of Lawrence County."

RESTORING MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2024 will see Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church – Ohio's first Black church and the only surviving antebellum Black church in the state – transformed into a historic site and community center. LCCF is one of many partners who have invested in the preservation and rebirth of this local, state and national treasure, providing a 2022 grant to complete the church's historic structure report.



INVESTING IN LAWRENCE COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS



LCCF's youth-led grant recipient, Impact Prevention, operates under the motto: "Inspiring youth and empowering the lives of all."

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.

IMPACT PREVENTION

LCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to South Point-based Impact Prevention to help fund a youth-led weekend conference for Lawrence County youth. During the conference, high school-aged youth will serve as mentors and educators for fifth- and sixth-grade students.

The conference will focus on mental health. This topic was chosen by the youth-led teams based on data from the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, facilitated by the Ohio

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to better understand student needs at the local level. During the conference, students will learn about mental health promotion, healthy coping skills and stress reduction techniques as well as engage in team-building exercises and activities to foster greater group cohesion. They will leave with plans to share what they've learned at their home schools, extending the reach of the weekend experience and their leadership skills.

Our Growing Home Fellows

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including four Lawrence County residents: Zoie Clay, Ellen Fields, Isaac Floyd and Alison Franz. The Growing Home Fellowship is designed to recruit, retain and nurture our region's next generation of community builders. 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.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



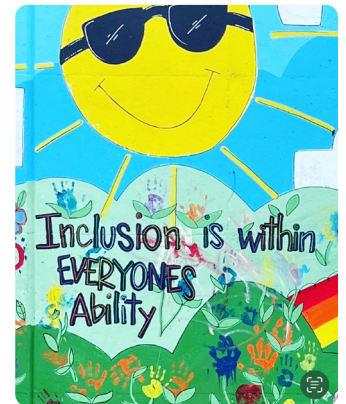
More than 50 Lawrence County students and adults left their mark on a new mural on Ironton's riverfront – a project, funded by a 2022 LCCF grant, that served as a day of celebration during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Using arts to inspire community impact in Ironton

Third and Center launched its Riverfront Beautification Project in 2020, collaborating with local artists, other community groups and the City of Ironton to repair and replace the historical murals on Ironton's riverfront.

A 2022 grant from LCCF allowed the nonprofit to install a new mural on the riverfront. Painted by a local artist, the project also involved students from Chesapeake Elementary School, Lawrence County's Open Door School and adults and seniors with disabilities served by Active Day of Lawrence PCS.

More than a mural, the project provides a space for members of our developmental disabilities community to gather and celebrate and serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved when we collaborate and create inclusive communities that cater to the needs of all.



OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$2.3
MILLION**

In assets under
the LCCF umbrella



**\$15,000
AWARDED**

Across LCCF's
family of funds



**\$5,250
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
LCCF and FAO funds



**7
FUNDS**

Partnering with LCCF in
service to our community

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

1. Lawrence County Community Foundation Fund
2. Collins Career Technical Center Fund
3. David Ryan Mitchell Legacy Scholarship Fund
4. Dr. Karen LaRoe Scholarship
5. Hand in Hand The Clonch Legacy Fund for Lawrence County Beautification
6. Leona "June" Freeman Legacy Fund
7. Simeon and Alma Mullins Legacy Fund for Rock Hill Local School District



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

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

GIVE TO LCCF

Gifts to the Lawrence 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 Lawrence 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



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c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
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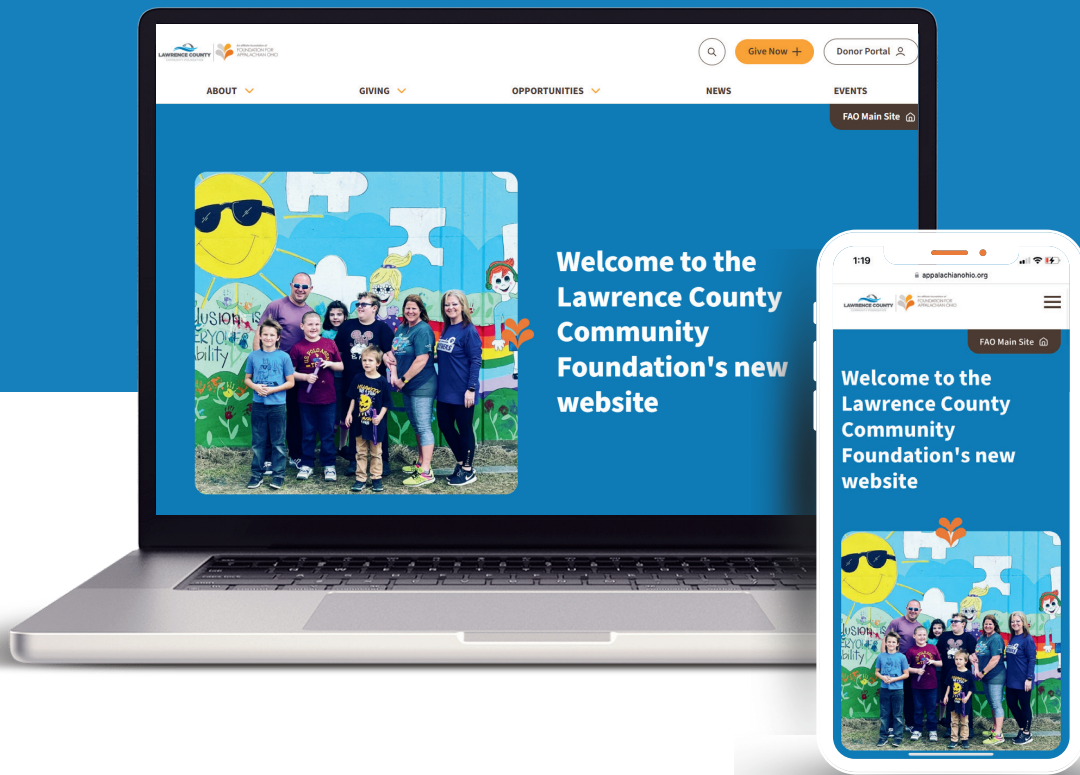
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