



Monroe County
Community Foundation

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT US

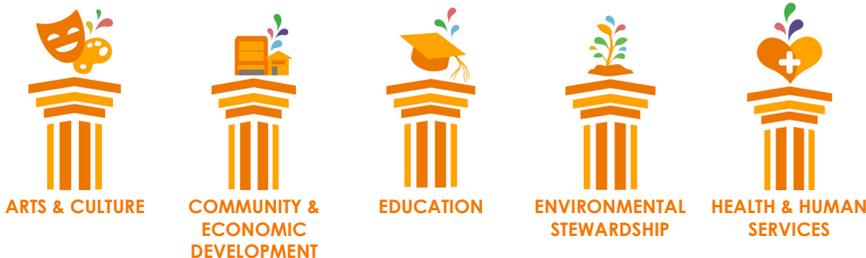


MCCF committee members (back, from left) Leanne Harper, Tracy Blackstone, (former member) Suzanne Weber, Alyssa Stephens, Gwynn Stewart, Mick Schumacher, Diane Burkhart, Nikki Baker-Lude and Sherri Simons from FAO are pictured with Monroe County Growing Home Fellows (front, from left) Lauren Craig, Rusty Winland, Elizabeth Hoover and Mattie Vinskovich. Not pictured are Fellows Andrea Blackstone and Marlee Miller.

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



Our investments improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences.

OUR COMMITTEE

NIKKI BAKER-LUDE
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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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



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2023 GRANTS

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Monroe County Community Foundation awarded 12 grants, totaling \$26,240, in 2023.

BROKEN TIMBERS OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Over the past three years, MCCF grants, supported by the Baker Education and Economic Development Fund, have advanced the Broken Timbers Outdoor Education Center's goal of encouraging local families to enjoy the outdoors. Grant funding paved the way for the construction of a pavilion, the installation of a concrete floor and, with 2023 funding, electricity to power this outdoor educational setting.

CROSSED PAWS ANIMAL SHELTER

Crossed Paws Animal Shelter's mission is to find homeless dogs in Monroe County their forever homes. This grant, supported by the Baker Education and Economic Development Fund, is helping fund the construction of a new outdoor seating area – a place for prospective adopters and their pets to interact with their potential new family member and for volunteers to exercise and socialize the dogs.

MONROE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FFA

Monroe Central High School FFA provides opportunities for local youth to grow and lead, putting them on pathways to success and encouraging them to make a difference over the course of their lives. This grant supports the club's community programming and activities, extending the club's impact beyond the students and to all Monroe County residents.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Monroe County families stay an average of 51 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 helps cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT



Monroe County youth are literally having a ball at the Sardis Community Center – thanks to a 2022 MCCF grant that funded a local 4-H service project.

In spring 2023, the Hilltop Swiss Lads and Lassies 4-H Club completed its Borrow-A-Ball Project, placing a storage bin filled with sports balls at the community center's playground. The club reserved some of the funding to replace damaged or lost balls – only to discover that instead of having fewer balls several months later, some quiet do-gooders had added to the collection. The remaining funding was used to purchase balls for the center's gymnasium.

SARDIS CARES

For the past six years, Sardis CARES has been partnering with the Lee Township trustees and the greater community to renovate the cafeteria and kitchen at the Sardis Community Center. Their goal? Enhancing the local quality of life and creating future economic development opportunities. This grant is helping fund the next phase of their work – the restoration of the center's kitchen floor.



The Monroe County Community Foundation celebrated its 2023 grant recipients during an event in December. Pictured are representatives from several of the organizations that received funding.

TRI-COUNTY HELP CENTER

None of the counties served by the Tri-County Help Center has a local youth center – a need increasingly identified by local families and community members. This grant is helping to fund the agency’s community education and youth outreach efforts in Monroe County, as well as supplies and outings for Safe Spaces, a new support group for all youth in the county.

VILLAGE OF LEWISVILLE

The holiday season in Lewisville is getting a lot more colorful and cheerful. This grant is supporting Project Snowflake and bringing three-foot by three-foot lighted snowflakes to 12 utility poles in the village to delight residents and visitors for years to come.

VILLAGE OF WOODSFIELD

The Carol Hehr Walking Trail in Woodsfield has been years in the making with several phases of development. This grant is helping to add a new element to this community destination – a StoryWalk, where children and adults can read a book, engage in a healthy activity and connect with one another and nature.

WOODSFIELD KIWANIS CLUB

For more than 20 years, the Woodsfield Kiwanis Club’s Coats for Kids project has been providing winter clothing – coats, hats, boots, gloves and scarves – to hundreds of K-8 students who qualify for free or reduced lunches in the Switzerland of Ohio Local School District. This grant is supporting the project, helping local youth to keep warm while feeling the love of community.



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 Monroe County Community Foundation.

INVESTING IN MONROE 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. MCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to:

THE IBELIEVE FOUNDATION

This grant is funding the participation of Monroe County high school students in the 2024 iBELIEVE Youth Leadership Workshops at no cost to them or their families. The workshops focus on leadership skill development with the goal of equipping young people to create positive change in their schools, communities and beyond.



MONROE ARTS COUNCIL

Monroe County youth have been bringing tricks and treats to the community through the youth-led "Nightmare at the Haunted Monroe Theatre." This grant funded supplies needed to relocate and expand this Halloween experience to the county fairgrounds, allowing Monroe County youth to contribute to the community while building their skills.

WOODSFIELD GIRL SCOUT TROOP 31410

This grant is funding the purchase of art supplies for new Art from the Heart workshops, spearheaded by a Woodsfield High School student who will be assisted by local Girl Scouts, all of whom will gain and apply leadership skills. The workshops will provide an opportunity for Monroe County youth in grades 4-8 to explore the visual arts.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD GOES TO MCCF!

The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce presented its 2023 President's Award to the Monroe County Community Foundation in recognition of the outstanding value and commitment MCCF provides to the local community.



OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$3.4
MILLION**

In assets under the
MCCF umbrella



**\$218,740
AWARDED**

Across MCCF's family
of funds



**\$10,000
GIVEN**

In scholarships through
MCCF and FAO funds



**43
FUNDS**

Partnering with
MCCF in service to
our community

OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

- Monroe County Community Foundation Endowment Fund
- Baker Education and Economic Development Fund
- Betty McElfresh Ogden Methodist Scholarship Fund
- Broken Timbers Outdoor Education Center Endowment
- Dalton Ludwig Memorial Fund for Monroe County
- The Davey L. and Sandra Jackson Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Friendship Cemetery Endowment
- The Greenbrier Cemetery Endowment
- Gregory S. Baker Legacy Scholarship
- Gulfport Energy Fund
- Hoops for Heart VFD Fund
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- Jeff & Jane Schumacher Cox Fund
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- Jennifer Garrison Public Service Scholarship Fund
- Jim Turner Memorial Scholarship
- John G. and Suzanne Scott Weber Scholarship Fund
- John & Lois Baker Scholarship Fund
- John Ogden Monroe County Historic Preservation Fund
- Kevin F. Arnold Memorial Fund
- Kiwanis Coats for Kids Fund
- Lewisville & Community Volunteer Fire Department Fund
- Lois J. Baker Memorial Fund
- Long Ridge Energy Fund for Monroe County
- Low Gap Cemetery Endowment
- Maurice & Hazel Ritchie Scholarship Fund
- Mick & Ashley Schumacher Fund for Monroe County
- Minnie Pfalzgraf Memorial Scholarship
- Monroe Arts Council Endowment Fund
- Monroe County 4-H Endowment
- Oaklawn Cemetery Endowment
- Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Endowment
- River High School Alumni & Friends Fund
- St. Paul's United Church of Christ Hunnell/Haren Endowment
- St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mick/Christman/Cox Endowment
- St. Paul's United Church of Christ Whittmer Fund
- Stafford Cemetery Endowment Fund
- The Statoil Monroe County Energy Fund
- Supporting Student Success Fund
- Tim Ross Legacy Fund
- United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Endowment Fund
- Weber Family Fund
- Woodfield Kiwanis Club Pioneer Cemetery Fund



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

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

GIVE TO MCCF

Gifts to the Monroe 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 Monroe 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:

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

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/Monroe
or www.tinyurl.com/GiveMonroe

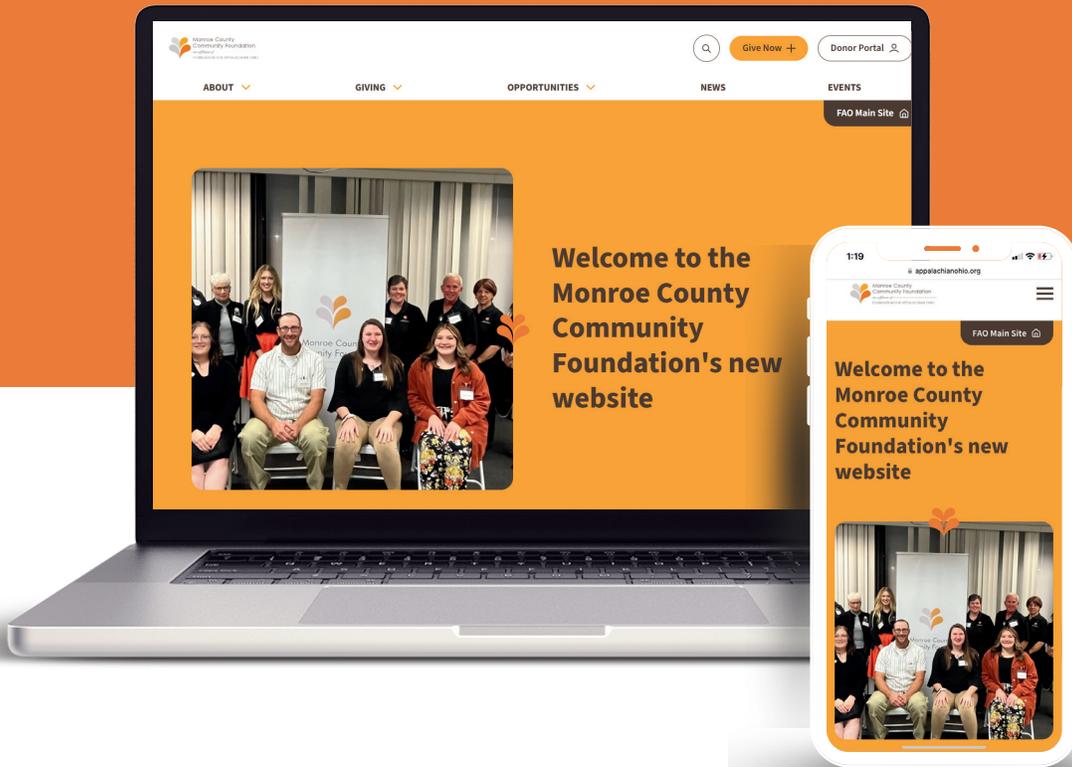
For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Monroe@fao.org or call 740.753.1111.

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