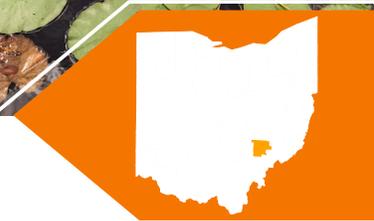




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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT US

The Morgan Community Fund (MCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Morgan 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 Morgan 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 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.

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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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



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OUR GROWING HOME FELLOWS

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including Morgan County residents Ashley Cain, Devan Eier, Kenzie Jadwin, Chase Myers, Ethan Newton and Emily Work.

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.



Growing Home Fellowship

A Program of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio



An MCF grant is breaking down participation barriers for Morgan County girls and families to access Girl Scout programming.

2023 GRANTS

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

GIRL SCOUTS OF BLACK DIAMOND COUNCIL

This grant is helping to fund the Healthy Living Champion program for a new Girl Scout troop in Morgan County. This program educates girls and families on sustainable healthy habits for self, home and community. The funding provides a year's worth of resources and hands-on activities, helping Morgan County youth develop their leadership skills and contribute to their hometowns through community service projects.

MoCo KITTY KONTROL

MoCo Kitty Kontrol provides low-cost spay/neuter services to the residents of Morgan County, helping to alleviate financial burdens for our neighbors while controlling the population of unwanted kittens in our communities. In July 2023, the nonprofit spayed its 3,000th cat, and this grant is subsidizing its first two spay/neuter clinics of 2024.



MoCo Kitty Kontrol has been providing low-cost spay/neuter services to Morgan County residents since 2015.



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 Morgan Community Fund.

2023 GRANTS

MORGAN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Middle and high school students from Morgan Local Schools will be competing in the American Rocketry Challenge, the world's largest rocket contest, for the first time this year. This grant is funding materials the students will use to design, build and launch model rockets, applying concepts in geometry, propulsion, physics and chemistry and nurturing Morgan County's next generation of engineers, scientists and problem solvers.

OHIO'S HILL COUNTRY HERITAGE AREA

This grant is helping to fund Ohio's Winding Road Seed Grant Program, which provides micro grants that support the development, expansion and marketing of authentic experiences in Morgan County. To date, the program has awarded more than \$5,000 in grants to 18 entities in Morgan County, uplifting local nonprofits, government entities, schools, community organizations, small businesses, entrepreneurs, artists, craftspeople and others who are driving an experience-based economy.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Morgan County families stay an average of 79 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 is helping cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.

SHRIVERS HOSPICE FOUNDATION

Since 2018, the Shrivvers Hospice Foundation has been fulfilling the wishes of patients and creating lasting memories for them and their loved ones through its Someday is Today Program. This grant is supporting that program and funding bucket list wishes for terminally ill patients in Morgan County and their loved ones.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING RICHARD WETZEL

The Morgan Community Fund lovingly dedicates its 2023 Annual Report to Richard D. Wetzel (Dec. 27, 1935 – Dec. 10, 2023).

Composer of music. Mayor. Professor. Quaker. Community leader. Inspirer. Mentor. Beloved family member. Those are just a few of the significant roles he played in our community and in the lives of many.

Richard gave of himself graciously, living the guiding spirit of the Morgan Community Fund of which he was an original, volunteer member. While we will miss his presence tremendously, the seeds he planted through the Morgan Community Fund and his many other acts of service will harvest goodness for decades to come.



INVESTING IN MORGAN 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.

MORGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to Morgan Junior High School. The grant is being used to support Thrive Drive '24, a service-learning project that is showing love to Morgan County residents in need.

Teams of students are developing and implementing plans to collect essential, non-food items for the Morgan County United Ministries Manna Harvest Food Pantry – everything from personal hygiene products to baby care supplies. The project is helping local youth develop skills in leadership, teamwork, project planning and execution, information and digital literacy, and communication – all while making a difference right here at home.



OUR IMPACT IN 2023



\$2.1M
IN ASSETS

Under the MCF umbrella



\$27,900
AWARDED

Across MCF's family
of funds



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12 FUNDS

Partnering with MCF in service to our community

1. Morgan Community Fund
2. Citizens National Bank Fund for Morgan County
3. M&M Kiwanis Scholarship Fund
4. Morgan County - Christmas in the Village
5. Morgan County Companion Animal Care Endowment Fund
6. Morgan County Community Fund Auxiliary Program
7. Morgan County Historical Society Fund
8. Morgan County Youth Development Fund
9. Morgan Emergency Grant Program
10. Morgan Foundation Christmas Wish for Kids Fund
11. Outdoor Extravaganza Scholarship
12. S.P.O.T. & MoCo Kitty Endowment

MCF fulfills donor's and children's Christmas wishes

Each December, hundreds of Morgan County children are treated to a holiday experience – thanks to a woman they never met.

When Hazel Syphers passed away in 2014, she left a series of gifts in her will, including a planned gift to the Morgan Community Fund to provide a wrapped present to children who might not otherwise experience that Christmas joy.

The Morgan Community Fund not only fulfills Hazel's wishes, but in recent years, its committee members have galvanized the local business community to spread the joy further. The Hazel Syphers Christmas Wish for Kids program provides Morgan County children Christmas gifts and goodies, a holiday movie – “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” this year – at the Twin City Opera House and a magical day in McConnelsville.

Hazel's legacy lives on in the children of Morgan County, especially during a holiday season made a little brighter by her love, and a growing community of givers inspired by her generous heart.





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

Gifts to the Morgan Community Fund are
tax-deductible and can be made in a variety of ways.

GIVE TO MCF

Gifts to the Morgan Community Fund'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 Morgan Community Fund. 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:

Morgan Community Fund
P.O. Box 577
McConnelsville, OH 43756

or



Online:

www.AppalachianOhio.org/Morgan
or www.tinyurl.com/GiveMorgan

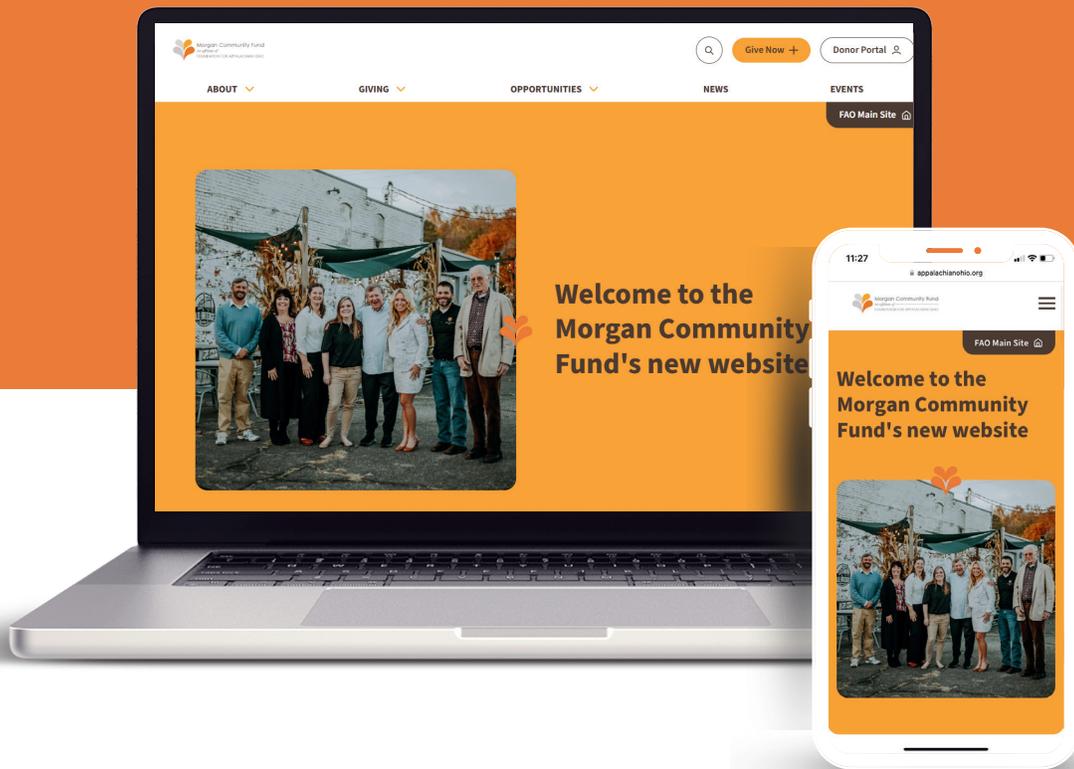
For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Morgan@ffao.org or call 740.753.1111.

GIFTS OF ALL SIZES AND KINDS – CASH, STOCK, REAL ESTATE, ROYALTIES OR QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM IRAS – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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Featuring more impact stories, easier navigation — and a lot of inspiration! Check back often for updates.