

### Noble County Community Foundation

# 2024 Annual Report

Advancing a flourishing Noble County

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### About us

The Noble County Community Foundation (NCCF), a geographic affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, provides a way for anyone with a heart for Noble 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 Noble 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 funding areas, 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

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- **Trevor Black**
- Michael Buckey •
- Randy Lowe •
- Kirby Moore •
- Shawn Ray •
- Andrea Seder •
- Nancy Snook •
- Sherri Starr •
- **Gwvnn Stewart**
- Don Ullmann •
- **Jim Warren**

### Want to learn more?

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



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### 2024 Grants

The Noble County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and with support from Encino Energy, awarded five grants, totaling \$10,000, in 2024.

#### Caldwell Exempted Village School District

3D printing is a powerful educational tool, nurturing creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills while familiarizing students with technology that will prepare them for a rapidly evolving job market. This grant is funding the purchase of a 3D printer for seventh- and eighth-grade classroom instruction and advancing the district's partnership with the Appalachian Ohio Manufacturers' Coalition (AOMC). As part of the project, AOMC will mentor students and collaborate with the district's educators to provide hands-on learning experiences, guiding students through the complexities of design, prototyping and production.

#### **Lutheran Social Services**

In 2024, an NCCF grant provided \$9,000 worth of food to Noble County residents who rely on Lutheran Social Services' food pantry and produce distributions to help make ends meet. The nonprofit is helping to feed a growing need. In the past two years, the number of unduplicated clients it serves has grown 26 percent. The number of meals it provides has increased 32 percent. And pantry visits are up 30 percent. This grant is continuing that assistance and helping the increasing number of Noble County families facing hunger.

#### **Memorial Health Foundation**

When a storm is on the horizon, staff at the Primary Care Caldwell Health Clinic scramble to move medications to the main hospital in case of power outages – a precautionary measure that creates delays for patients during retrieval and transportation. This grant is funding the purchase of an emergency battery backup power system for the clinic's medication refrigerators. The equipment will provide staff up to 19 hours to protect and secure the medications from degradation and ensure the approximately 7,900 Noble County patients served by the clinic have the medicines they need when they need them.

#### **Shenandoah Band Club**

Created solely to support the Noble Local School District's band programs, the Shenandoah Band Club raises funds for everything from the annual Band Camp to all transportation costs for traveling to and from events. The cost of supporting the programs rises each year, and last year saw an unexpected expense: replacing the truck that hauls instruments and equipment to marching band events. This grant is funding the purchase of raincoats for the Shenandoah Marching Band, which has been without outerwear protection from inclement weather for a couple of years.

#### The Wilds

For the past 30 years, visitors from near and far have flocked to one of the largest conservation centers in the world – The Wilds – right here in southeast Ohio. In collaboration with the Straker Foundation and Zanesville City Schools, The Wilds piloted "Into The Wilds," a three-part educational program designed to meet state standards in science, math and English language arts, for fourth-grade students in Muskingum County. This grant is supporting the expansion of the program, which includes pre-site, on-site and post-site visits, to fourth-grade students in Noble County.







### HELP SUPPORT THE PEOPLE, PLACES, PROGRAMS AND FUTURE OF NOBLE COUNTY

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

### **GIVE TO NCCF**

Gifts to the Noble 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 Noble County Community Foundation. We can help you create endowments to support specific charitable organizations or schools; scholarships to provide educational opportunities; donoradvised funds for family aivina; 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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Mail to: Noble County Community Foundation c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio 35 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764

Online: www.AppalachianOhio.org/Noble or www.tinyurl.com/GiveNoble

For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Noble@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!

### Our impact



In assets for the people of Noble County AWARDED

\$41,453

of funds since 2022

\$21,250 GIVEN

In grants and scholarships in 2024\*

Partnering with NCCF in service to our community

### Our family of funds

- Noble County Community Foundation
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  Scholarship
- HARP Mission Endowment Fund
- Jennifer Garrison Public Service Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Joanelle Wargo Long Legacy Scholarship
- Noble County Improvement Corporation Fund for Noble County
- Supporting Student Success Fund
- United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Endowment Fund

### Answering the call to lead and serve in Noble County

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundation partners welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including nine individuals living and/or working in Noble County. The fellows have committed to live, work and volunteer in their communities for five years and builders receive a financial stipend and participate in a leadership program that includes coaching. In 2024, the fellows began implementing service projects in our communities, including:



### Teiara Saling

Teiara Saling is a workforce development supervisor for Noble County and an advisor for the Noble LIFT Youth Leadership group. She also works part time at the Noble County Health Department as a peer helper. Through her role as an advisor to the youth leadership group – and after attending Master Gardener Volunteer classes through Ohio State University Extension – she successfully applied for a grant from NCCF to fund a community garden and secured a location at the Caldwell Public Library annex. She inspired local youth and adults to not only plant the garden but to help maintain it and has worked with other groups to provide free educational programming at this new community resource.

## Check out the Noble County Community Foundation's new website!

Featuring more stories of impact, easier navigation and a lot of inspiration, **our new website** tells the story of the Noble County Community Foundation and a community of givers who are championing our people and communities. Discover how far we've come, where we're going and how you can leave your legacy for generations to come.

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\* This amount will increase as each fund comes under spending policy. Our goal is to establish and grow permanent charitable resources that provide continuous investment in Noble County. In alignment with community foundation best practices, all endowment funds are invested and grow for 12 quarters before any grants are awarded from them.