

THE *NobleCounty*  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



An affiliate foundation of  
FOUNDATION FOR  
APPALACHIAN OHIO

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



# 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 areas of need, known as our Pillars of Prosperity.



ARTS & CULTURE



COMMUNITY &  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



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STEWARDSHIP



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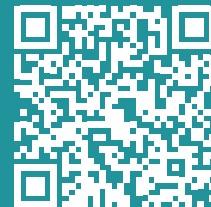
Our investments improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences.

## OUR COMMITTEE

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## 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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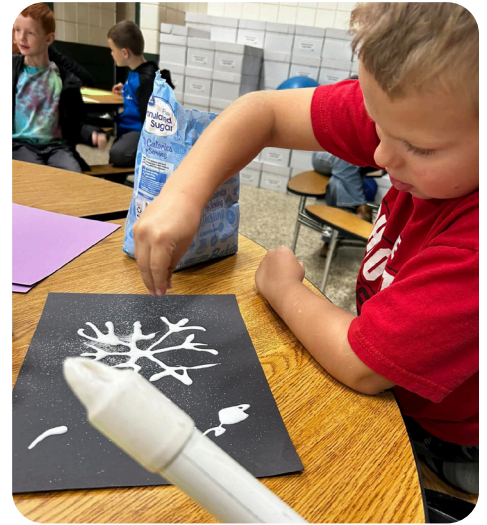
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Special thanks to the AEP Foundation for a visionary gift to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to support philanthropic growth in the region, including FAO's partnership with the Noble County Community Foundation.



# 2023 GRANTS



The Boys & Girls Club of Washington County's Shenandoah site, which received a 2023 grant from NCCF, provides Noble County youth resources they might not otherwise have while helping our communities' working families.

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

## BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WASHINGTON COUNTY

The Boys & Girls Club of Washington County opened a location at Noble County's Shenandoah Elementary School in 2022. This spot provides a safe space before and after school for all school-aged youth in the community and access to academic support, fun educational programming and opportunities to socialize. This grant helps cover the cost of healthy snacks the program provides daily.

## CALDWELL EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Students at Caldwell Elementary School have advocated for a space where they can engage in hands-on learning and explore real-world problems. This grant is providing equipment for a new STEM-focused makerspace in the school's library, where K-8 students can engage in collaborative learning experiences and develop skills the local Business Advisory Council has identified as important to the county's businesses.



Students at Caldwell Elementary School show off some of the supplies they can use to design, experiment, build and invent in the school's new STEM-focused makerspace, which received a 2023 grant from NCCF.



# 2023 GRANTS

## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Every month, Lutheran Social Services holds two food pantry distributions and a produce distribution in Noble County, providing residents in need access to healthy food. This grant is funding food purchases for the distributions, assisting the increasing number of our neighbors who need a helping hand.



## NOBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This grant helped replace the metal roof on Bethel Primitive Church at Heritage Park, preserving our county's history for the future. Built in 1888, this treasured piece of history is used for church services, weddings and tours that allow everyone from local youth groups to visitors at the annual Appalachian Foothills Fall Festival to experience 19th-century life in Noble County.

## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Noble County families stay an average of 41 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 to cover the cost of overnight stays, providing a safe haven for local families facing difficult times.



A 2023 NCCF grant helped fund the replacement of the metal roof on Bethel Primitive Church at Heritage Park, located on the Noble County Fairgrounds.

# INVESTING IN NOBLE 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.

**NCCF awarded youth-led project grant funding to:**

## THE iBELIEVE FOUNDATION

This grant is funding the participation of five Noble 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.

## NOBLE COUNTY CARES

Each year, the Students Against Destructive Decisions chapters at Noble Local and Caldwell schools lead Red Ribbon Week activities in the districts' elementary and high schools and the annual Prom Pledge/ Mock Crash event. This grant is supporting

the students' leadership and service to their school communities by covering costs associated with these events as well as substance use disorder awareness and prevention materials.

## NOBLE LIFT YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Noble LIFT Youth Leadership's 2024 capstone project is planning and building a community garden – complete with vegetables, fruits and flowers – at the Caldwell Public Library Annex. This grant is contributing to this youth-led project that will provide fresh and healthy produce for the community, as well as educational opportunities in partnership with The Ohio State University Extension Office.

# MEET OUR GROWING HOME FELLOWS

In 2023, FAO and its affiliate foundations welcomed the inaugural class of Growing Home Fellows, including 12 individuals who live and/or work in Noble County. 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.

Pictured are Noble County's Growing Home Fellows (back, from left) Trevor Tom, Rusty Winland, Boone Jones, Sydney Spence, Teiara Saling (front, from left)



Michaela Warner, Chance Friede, Katrina Baker, Andrea Blackstone and Ashley Roberts. Not pictured are fellows Emily Regan and Izzy Renard.



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHT

## A transformational gift from OhioHealth

In May 2023, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio announced a transformational gift from OhioHealth to support initiatives that improve quality of life in the communities served by OhioHealth Southeastern Medical Center.

OhioHealth committed \$7.25 million across three funds at FAO, including \$250,000 for NCCF's endowment. Their generosity will be reinvested in Noble County through our annual grantmaking, helping to fill our communities' greatest needs, seize our most promising opportunities and improve the well-being of all who live here.

2023 also saw Washington Electric Cooperative donate \$10,000 to NCCF's endowment and the Noble County Community Improvement



During a community gathering NCCF hosted in September 2023, we celebrated donations from OhioHealth, Washington Electric Cooperative and the Noble County Community Improvement Corp. Pictured (from left) are Jennifer Green, director of marketing and member services at Washington Electric Cooperative; Wendy Elliott, president of OhioHealth Southeastern Medical Center; Shawn Ray, NCCF chair; and Tara Gilts, OhioHealth philanthropy advisor.

Corporation invest \$10,000 in a named fund to support the endowment. Both donations received matching funds, amplifying these generous gifts.

## OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**\$1 MILLION  
IN ASSETS**

Under the NCCF umbrella



**\$15,000  
AWARDED**

Across NCCF's  
family of funds



**\$6,500  
GIVEN**

In scholarships through  
NCCF and FAO funds

## 8 FUNDS

PARTNERING WITH NCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Noble County Community Foundation
2. Noble County Community Foundation Scholarship
3. HARP Mission Endowment Fund
4. Jennifer Garrison Public Service Scholarship Fund
5. Dr. Joanelle Wargo Long Legacy Scholarship
6. Noble County Improvement Corporation Fund for Noble County
7. Supporting Student Success Fund
8. United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Endowment Fund



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# 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; 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:

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

or



### Online:

[www.AppalachianOhio.org/Noble](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/Noble)  
or [www.tinyurl.com/GiveNoble](http://www.tinyurl.com/GiveNoble)

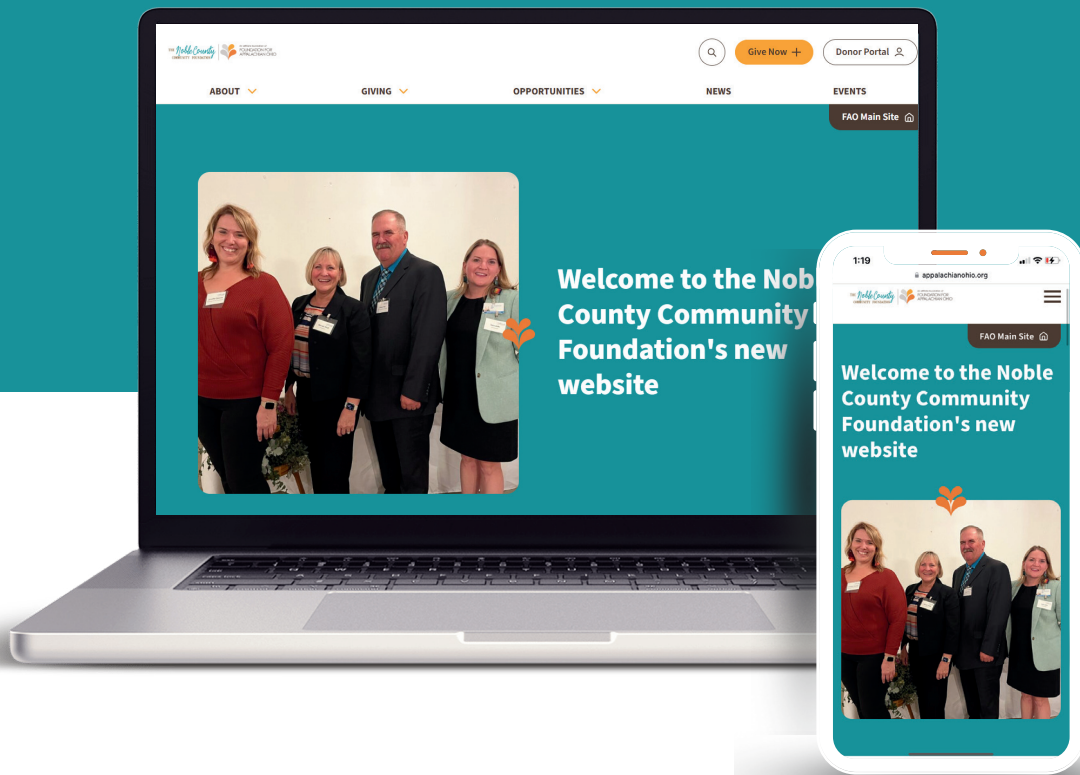
For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email [Noble@fao.org](mailto:Noble@fao.org) or call 740.753.1111.

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