

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT









## **ABOUT US**

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

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#### WANT TO LEARN MORE?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to CFPC 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 eight individuals living and/or working in Perry County. 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 with committee members from CFPC and the Southern Perry County Academic Endowment Fund are FAO staff and Perry County fellows are Perry County fellows Jessie Bennett, Christina McLean, Antonio Villaloboz, Jackie Wayne and Chloe Wilson. Other fellows are Laurel Frash, Ryan Lewis and Scott Weis.





A 2022 CFPC grant funded the Perry County Cultural Arts Center's 2023 Summer Arts Program. Twenty-eight youth from seven Perry County communities participated in a range of workshops in various arts, music and theater disciplines during a two-week course that culminated in the production for "Charlotte's Web."

## **2023 GRANTS**

In partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, the Community Foundation for Perry County awarded 16 grants, totaling \$37,740, in 2023.

#### **CAPABILITIES CHARITABLE FUND**

This grant is providing mini grants to Perry County residents with disabilities to support or expand their employment or promote independence and integration in the community. Funding can assist with everything from job training to adaptive equipment – all benefiting the recipient, their family, local employers and the greater community.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF SOUTHEAST OHIO

In 2024, Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio will complete another home build in Perry County, providing an affordable home to a local family and giving career trades students at New Lexington High School the opportunity to gain skills while serving others. This grant is supporting that home build – an investment in the community and a local family's dream.

#### HARDBARGER IMPACT MINISTRIES

God's Garage, an outreach of Hardbarger Impact Ministries, provides vehicle maintenance to individuals and services donated vehicles that are given to families. This grant is helping to install a concrete floor at a building recently gifted to the organization, which will allow for the installation of a car lift.

#### **HOOFS RESCUE**

Roseville-based HOOFS Rescue, which seeks to better the lives of animals that have been neglected, abused or abandoned, is grappling with an increasing need for its services alongside of rising costs. This grant – the first grant the organization has applied for – is helping to fund much-needed supplies and materials for animal rescues.

#### LUDOWICI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This grant is supporting Perry County children enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio, which mails a book each month to children ages 5 and younger. The program allows children to enter kindergarten with an experience with books, fostering a love of reading and putting our youth on a pathway to success.

#### **MILLER HIGH SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT**

With only one art teacher in the Southern Local School District, students don't have many opportunities to experience art in the classroom until seventh grade. This grant is helping to purchase classroom supplies for drawing, painting and introductory art classes and to reimplement ceramics classes at Miller High School, benefiting today's and tomorrow's seventh- through 12th-graders.



Trail maintenance in Perry County is getting a little easier this year – thanks to a CFPC grant that allowed the Perry County Park District to purchase new equipment.

## MUSKINGUM VALLEY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

This grant is purchasing supplies and helping fund the teacher's salary for the Muskingum Valley ESC's 24-week Alpha School crosscurriculum art program, exposing at-risk youth to creative expression, allowing them to explore concepts in math, science and history, and helping them to find their hidden talents – all in partnership with the Somerset Art Cooperative.

#### **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 Perry County. To date, the program has awarded nearly \$5,000 in grants to 15 entities in Perry County, uplifting local individuals, organizations and businesses that are driving an experiencebased economy.

#### PERRY COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Over the past year, the Perry County District Library distributed 1,926 meal packs to children who reside in areas of the county not eligible for USDA-funded programs for afterschool nutritional snacks. This grant is funding weekly shelf-stable breakfast and lunch packs at those sites and helping local families struggling with food insecurity.



The Perry County District Library's bookmobile provides more than reading material to local youth. Thanks to a grant from CFPC, the bookmobile can also offer shelfstable breakfast and lunch packs.

#### PERRY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

Perry County Park District staff and volunteers clear and trim hiking trails throughout the county year-round – preserving our communities' natural environment and connecting our residents to the outdoors and one another. This grant is funding the purchase of equipment for maintaining current and developing future hiking trails.

## **2023 GRANTS**

#### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF CENTRAL OHIO

Perry County families stay an average of 271 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.

#### **ROSEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Leaks in the basement of the Roseville Historical Society threaten historical machinery, equipment and the space's ability to host events. This grant is helping to fund a permanent repair, so the nonprofit can continue preserving and promoting Roseville's history and ensure that this resource is available for local schools, nonprofits, churches and residents.



#### **TECUMSEH THEATER**

This grant is supporting Tecumseh Theater's Saturday Matinees, a free weekend camp that immerses Perry County children ages 6-14 in opportunities to creatively express themselves through nature, art, drama and music. The funding helps cover the cost of the camp's free lunch program and its counselors-in-training program, through which local 13- to 17-year-olds assist and mentor during activities.

## **INVESTING IN PERRY COUNTY'S YOUNG LEADERS**

In 2023, FAO partnered with its affiliate foundations to support 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. CFPC awarded youth-led project grant funding to:

## GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND COUNCIL

This grant is helping fund the 2024 Girl Scout Leadership Experience in Perry County, providing local youth, ages 5-17, with experiences, skill development and leadership programming that will equip them to be our communities' next generation of changemakers and community leaders.

#### THE IBELIEVE FOUNDATION

This grant will fund the participation of Perry 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.



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 Community Foundation for Perry County.

## Filling the freezers of Perry County's food pantries

It was a record-breaking, pantry-packing year for CFPC's Fill the Freezer campaign.

With corporate sponsorship from Columbia Gas and the NiSource Charitable Foundation and in partnership with the Perry County fair board, 4-H members and the Southeast Ohio Foodbank, the 2023 campaign saw buyers at the Perry County Fair Junior Livestock Sale donate 71 hogs to fight hunger – one pig at a time. An additional 49 hogs were purchased through CFPC, and many community members generously donated to cover meat processing costs.

The result? Approximately 13,215 pounds of sausage, valued at more than \$59,400, that is expected to fill the freezers of Perry County's



Students from Crooksville, New Lexington and Sheridan schools help distribute sausage from the 2023 Fill the Freezer campaign at a Southeast Ohio Foodbank mobile market food distribution for Perry County residents.

food pantries for an entire year – and a beautiful example of community coming together to make a difference.

## OUR IMPACT IN 2023



the CFPC umbrella

\$62,916 AWARDED

Across CFPC's family of funds \$45,000 GIVEN

In scholarships through CFPC and FAO funds



Partnering with CFPC in service to our community

## OUR FAMILY OF FUNDS

- 1. Community Foundation for Perry County
- 2. Ben and Alyce Shaver Scholarship Fund\*
- 3. Blake Underwood Student Learning Grant Fund\*
- 4. Bob and Ruth Holland Community Fund\*
- 5. Bope Family Fund
- 6. Briggs Family Scholarship Fund\*
- 7. Bruce and Dolores Hannah Scholarship Fund\*
- 8. Catherine Blankenship Scholarship Fund\*
- 9. Charlene Joseph Scholarship Fund\*
- 10. The Clay Center of Ohio Endowment Fund
- 11. Commander Lambert Scholarship Fund\*
- **12.** Corning Alumni Association Scholarship Fund\*
- **13.** Crooksville Arts Council Scholarship Fund
- 14. Donald and Catherine Palmer Scholarship Fund\*
- 15. Hazel Post Fisher Community Fund\*
- 16. Holy Trinity School Endowment Fund
- 17. Jack and Clara Reho Scholarship Fund\*
- 18. Janet Arkley Legacy Scholarship Fund\*
- 19. Janet Hursey Koehler Wade Scholarship Fund
- 20. Janice E. Norris Memorial Scholarship\*
- 21. Jesse, Olema & Ralph Drake Scholarship Fund\*
- 22. Jim and Vicki Palmer Legacy Scholarship\*
- 23. Jimmy Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund

- 24. John and Elsie Exenkemper Scholarship Fund\*
- 25. Joseph and Marie Lichtenstein Scholarship Fund\*
- 26. Ludowici Community Foundation Fund
- 27. Murray and Lulu Brown Scholarship Fund\*
- 28. Partners For Your Health
- 29. Paul and Charlotte Hope Scholarship Fund\*
- 30. Perry County Connectivity Fund
- 31. Perry County Historical & Cultural Arts Society Fund
- 32. Perry County Hunger Relief Fund
- **33.** Perry County Single Parent Support Fund
- 34. Perry County Sportsman Club Endowment
- 35. Robert Woodruff and Charles & Elizabeth Scholarship Fund\*
- 36. Shawnee Alumni Association Scholarship Fund\*
- 37. Somerset Community Fund
- 38. Somerset Horticultural Endowment
- 39. Southern Perry County Academic Endowment Fund\*
- 40. Supporting Families Fund
- 41. Upper Rush Creek Revitalization Project
- **42.** Vincent and Gene Hope Scholarship Fund\*
- 43. William and Frances Dunlap Scholarship Fund\*
- 44. Williard & Frances Kay Burns Legacy Scholarship\*



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

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

#### GIVE TO CFPC

Gifts to the Community Foundation for Perry County's endowment fund permanently grow grant funding, with priorities locally determined, for nonprofit and public organizations working to increase quality of life in 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 Community Foundation for Perry County. We can help vou 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 charitabl<u>e grantmaking;</u> 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



Community Foundation for Perry County

c/o Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

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or



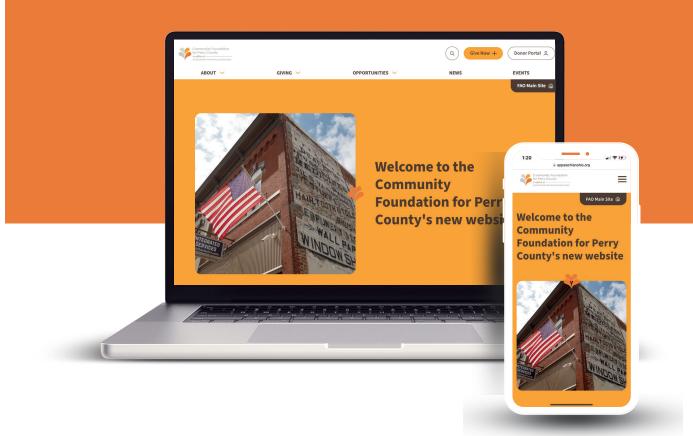
Online: www.AppalachianOhio.org/CFPC or www.tinyurl.com/GiveCFPC

For information about establishing a named fund or planned gift, email Perry@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 new website!





## www.AppalachianOhio.org/CFPC



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