



Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

2019 Annual Report 💝

# Mission:

To create opportunities for Appalachian Ohio's citizens and communities by inspiring and supporting philanthropy

Since 2010, FAO has awarded more than 2,850 scholarships. Every recipient has a story. Here's one.



Terry and Susie Conner sought to honor their beloved teacher, Lee Beckett. They established the Lee Beckett Legacy Scholarship Fund to support graduates of the district where Lee first inspired them, now

2013 scholarship recipient, Alicia Carter, recently returned to Nelsonville-York as an educator to continue Lee's legacy of inspiring students. Read more at: www.AppalachianOhio.org/2019Report.



### Our impact in 2019

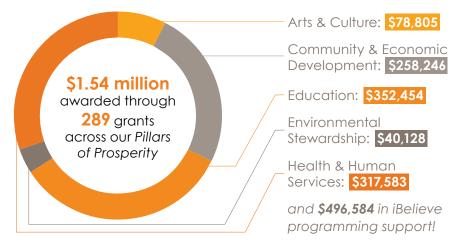
#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

\$516,429 awarded through **592** scholarships.

#### **FUNDS**

**500** FAO funds advanced their charitable goals.

#### **GRANTS**



# Opening doors of opportunity for the Children of Appalachia

The Ohio Legislature invested in FAO to match donor investments.

#### From July 2019 through June 2020:



12,400 donors gave and had their gifts matched

new funds

were created



\$5.6 million was raised to match the State's investment



communities grew grantmaking funds, including the new Highland County

Community Fund

#### Three examples of what the match made possible:



The Joe Burrow Hunger Relief Fund was created to support the Athens County Food Pantry, building upon the generosity Joe Burrow inspired during his Heisman speech.



The African American Community Fund was founded by and for the Black community as one way to create opportunities for African Americans in Appalachian Ohio.



**The Meigs County Community Fund matched** \$300,000 in new gifts – meaning \$24,000 more in grants each and every year for Meigs County!

# Our emergency response to COVID-19



\$420,000 awarded through emergency response partnerships and grants

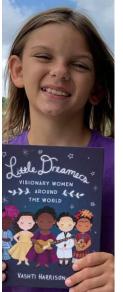


With COVID-19 as an opportunity to act on the digital divide in Appalachian Ohio, here's what we've accomplished so far through I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund partnerships:

14 WIFI access points to schools and community organizations (with more to come!)

**390** hotspots to libraries

1 investment in broadband research and advocacy



#### I'm a Child of Appalachia® Fund project spotlight

Our partnership with First Book matches educators with books for the children they serve. Here's some of what we've made possible:

**34,000** students with greater access to high-quality classroom supplies, books, and other resources

1,010 books distributed through five summer meal sites to support children

For the citizens of Appalachian Ohio to live in a region abundant with possibilities.

#### I'm A Child of Appalachia Fund donor spotlight



"A gift to the I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund has allowed us to help children access opportunities they might not otherwise have had, and help children have positive experiences and develop a more positive self-image." - Tom Hodson

Through the IRA charitable rollover, Jan and Tom Hodson are supporting our region's greatest needs and opportunities. Learn more at www.AppalachianOhio.org/2019Report

#### Stay tuned: I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund initiatives underway or coming soon



Youth resiliency: Ensuring youth are

resilient, supported, and encouraged



Civics Education:

Educating and equipping strong citizens with our K-12 schools



Youth-led prevention: Empowering youth to

lead local substanceuse prevention



**Environmental stewardship:** Grant awards to help people access nature



**Vision:** Helping students succeed in the classroom and beyond through glasses and vision care



### Cause Connector:

A new online tool empowering donors to easily identify programs that need support today

## Double your gift

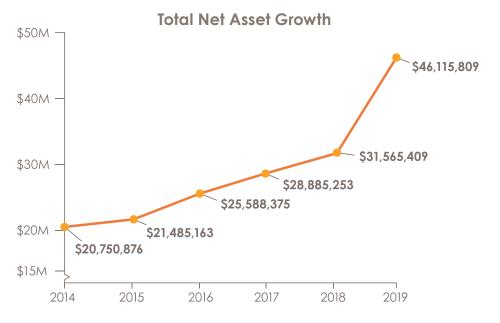
Thanks to the match opportunity made possible by the Ohio Legislature, your gift to the I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar while matching funds last.



during the COVID-19 pandemic

**300** social-emotional learning book kits distributed to educators working with students who have experienced trauma

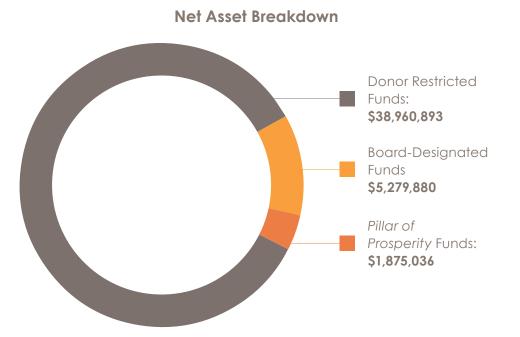
# Financials



I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Etienne de Grellet,
Quaker Missionary

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