



VINTON COUNTY
COMMUNITY FUND
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE



Greetings from the Vinton County Community Fund!

Area residents have long recognized the need for a community fund for those who live in and love Vinton County to invest their charitable contributions in ways that would benefit our people and communities today and for generations to come.

In August 2022, those dreams became reality with the establishment of the Vinton County Community Fund (VCCF), created to increase opportunities and improve the quality of life in Vinton County. Gifts to the fund allow us to award grants that meet the county's greatest needs and most promising opportunities annually.

We are a local affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), a regional community foundation, which provides us back-office services. As of Feb. 1, 2023, we've raised \$221,875 in unrestricted gifts to our main grant-making endowment – gifts that have been matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to funding from FAO – and our assets now total more than \$500,000.

VCCF is led by a committee of community volunteers who meet regularly, support and inspire local giving, and decide the projects and programs our donors' generosity will fund. Many residents, businesses, and friends of Vinton County have already given their time, talent, and treasure to fuel a brighter future for our county.

None of what we have or will achieve is possible without you. VCCF is a place to establish your legacy, help the people around you, and support Vinton Countians throughout the years. Please join us in our efforts, spread the word about our work, and follow us on Facebook, where we'll share our achievements and opportunities.

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Want to learn more?

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

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

BUILDING A BETTER TODAY AND TRANSFORMING TOMORROW

“Building a better today and transforming tomorrow.” That’s the motto behind the Vinton County Community Fund and what guides our work and decision-making.

With the support of our donors, we will award grants to nonprofit and public organizations for projects and programs benefiting the people and communities in Vinton County. We give preference to efforts that increase quality of life, create access to opportunities, or implement a solution to a local need, focusing on five areas essential to creating transformative and sustainable change: arts and culture, community and economic development, education, environmental stewardship, and health and human services.

In partnership with FAO's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Fund, last fall VCCF awarded its first grants, totaling \$10,000, to the following local organizations:

Easterseals of Central and Southeast Ohio/ Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio

Easterseals of Central and Southeast Ohio has enrolled 358 Vinton County children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio, which mails children ages 5 and younger a book each month, promoting reading and literacy development. A VCCF grant will help sustain the program and expand it to an additional 50 Vinton County children.



Hocking Athens Perry Community Action

HAPCAP for Health launched in July 2022, with McArthur's Hopewell Health Center referring patients experiencing food insecurity and chronic health conditions to the Saint Francis Food Pantry, where they could pick up weekly distributions of nutritious food for their households. This innovative food prescription program is serving about 100 Vinton County residents with support from a VCCF grant.

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OUR IMPACT IN 2022

BUILDING A BETTER TODAY AND TRANSFORMING TOMORROW (CONTINUED)

United Way of Vinton County

Vinton County Cares, a new initiative aimed at re-establishing volunteering as a vital component of the community, is implementing a framework for volunteerism in Vinton County and planning several community events. A grant from VCCF is helping to fund the initiative's marketing materials, incentives, and events – and grow a stronger, more engaged, and service-minded community.



Village of McArthur and the McArthur Park Board

A collaboration among several public offices to improve Wyman Park – McArthur's only park and the most utilized park in Vinton

County – is encouraging inclusive, active, healthy, and outdoor activities among local residents. A VCCF grant is taking those efforts one step further, helping to extend a sidewalk and make the restrooms at Wyman Park more accessible.

Vinton County Soil and Water Conservation District

Each week, about 24 Vinton County youth engage in the local National Archery in the Schools Program, learning about archery, forestry, aquatics, wildlife, soils, and natural resources from experts at the Vinton County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year, the district will be expanding the program with the help of a VCCF grant to purchase new equipment.



\$506,000

IN ASSETS UNDER THE VCCF UMBRELLA



\$11,848

AWARDED TO COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS IN 2022



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CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH
VCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Clovis and Ada M. Strausbaugh Fund
2. Michele L. Hart Legacy Fund
3. The Carey & Mildred Strausbaugh Scholarship Fund