

REPORT TO THE REGION

THE FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO

Enhancing Quality of Life by Creating Educational Opportunities

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Dear Friends of Appalachian Ohio:

Fiscal year 2008-2009 marked the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's first decade of service. As we celebrated the strong foundation built by many visionary stewards, we realized the significance of the role we share with all of you. As people who care about Appalachian Ohio, we all are the Foundation's present stewards. Together, we hold the great responsibility of utilizing the unique assets FAO provides to leverage the greatest amount of good possible – today and beyond our lifetime. Rather than "pausing" to reflect on the past, we celebrated ten years of success by "springing" into a visioning process, anticipating all the Foundation can accomplish over its next ten years.

In meetings, small and large, we have presented the vehicle we believe FAO could be for creating educational opportunities, and then we listened. As we listened, we quickly understood: because of FAO's approach, Appalachian Ohio has unprecedented opportunity to leverage educational investments and transformation of a significance and scale never before experienced in Appalachia. As one partner said, "Because of the role FAO can play to help people accomplish what they already aspire to do, I believe I may live to see poverty significantly reduced in Appalachian Ohio."



7th grade Huntington Middle School class, ICAN! Contest Field Trip Recipient, visiting John and Annie Glenn Historic Site and Exploration Center.

As we spent time with people like you, people who care about Appalachian Ohio, we began to really clarify our vision and understanding of how FAO could serve the region over the coming decade. Our vision is simple: every child in Appalachian Ohio will have access to the educational opportunities necessary for success. Our role is to attract, leverage and deploy the resources and gifts, making this vision reality. Some of the gifts needed are monetary, some will come in the form of support, others will come to build confidence and high expectations. Below is an overview of the initial strategies the Foundation will be implementing in the coming fiscal year (2009-2010) to further our vision.

As you read this year's report, see how the power of the vision we established together has already led to the creation of many new educational opportunities – school funds and scholarships, significant expansion of the ICAN! Contest and awards programs, creation of "on wheels" ICAN! programming and a variety of opportunities that are truly meaningful to local communities and citizens. We are off to an incredible start because of your support. We appreciate all you have done and all you are preparing to do. We offer this report as a heartfelt "thank you" and an open invitation for your continued partnership.

Sincerely,

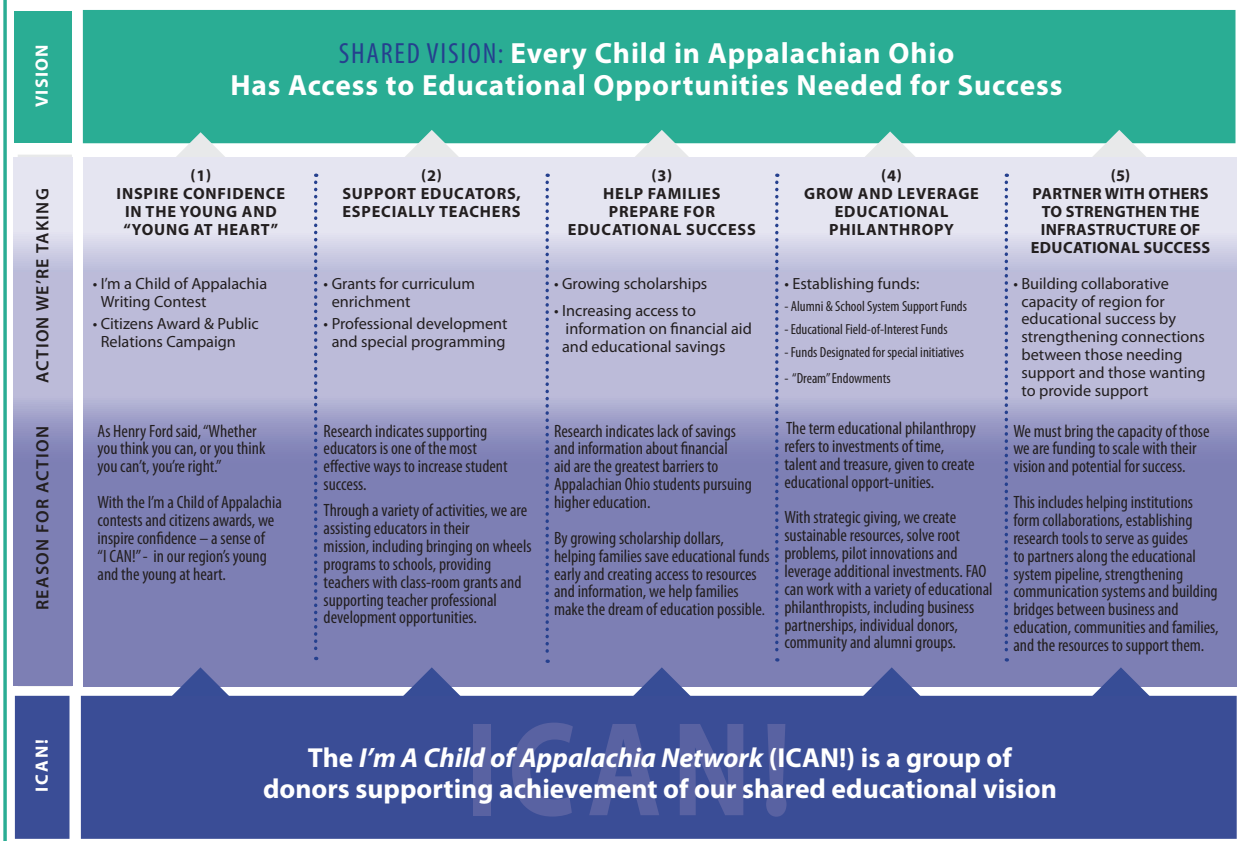
Cara Dingus Brook, President & CEO
on behalf of FAO's staff team

Jennifer Simon, Board Chair
on behalf of FAO's Board of Trustees

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- Growing and Leveraging Educational Philanthropy
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OUR EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY



INSPIRING SUCCESS IN YOUTH AND...

Child of Appalachia® Contest

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio sponsored the first Child of Appalachia® Contest in 2006, a strategic initiative aimed at enabling our region's youth to focus on their ability to succeed. The contest promotes classroom and family conversations across the region with positive messages, instilling the mindsets and confidence necessary for success. The contest leverages multiple benefits, including learning opportunities for students, grants to current teachers to support creative curriculum development efforts and promoting community pride and successes.

2008-2009 Child of Appalachia® Contest:

The prompt for the 2008-2009 essay contest asked students to write about the people who have been positive influences in their lives and how they hope to have a similar impact on others. Over 2,600 students across the 29 counties of Appalachian Ohio submitted entries.

The contest is achieved through collaboration of the ICAN! network, including corporate and individual sponsors, educational institutions, and support from partners and volunteers.

The Foundation greatly appreciates Muskingum College faculty and students for their time and commitment to the review process of the essays and recognize the generous sponsorship from American Electric Power Ohio and Edward Jones for making the student and teacher awards possible.

Exciting News

The 2009 Child of Appalachia® Contest is celebrating an expansion, to include an additional grade level and significant increase in prize opportunities. As a result of American Electric Power's support, the Foundation is adding a poetry component for regional 9th grade students in honor of 2009 I'm a Child of Appalachia® honoree, Ora E. Anderson, renowned writer and naturalist. The increased prize opportunities include \$50 educational savings awards for winners in EACH of the 32 counties and \$500 for the teachers of winning students made possible through the generous partnership of the Walmart Foundation and Edward Jones representatives from the 32 county region of Appalachian Ohio.

In 2006, the Child of Appalachia® Contest provided a total of 10 awards.

In 2009, the Contest is able to provide a total of 384 awards.



Top winners of the 2008 Child of Appalachia® Contest:
 4th: Adam Daugherty, Keene Elementary, Coshocton County
 5th: Abigail Siders, Southview Elementary, Jackson County
 6th: Matt McComas, Fairland Middle School, Lawrence County
 7th: Gabrielle Moore, Union Local Middle School, Belmont County
 8th: Zach Maenz, Salem Junior High School, Columbiana County

Thank you to Grange Insurance for printing the 2008 Child of Appalachia® Contest booklet containing the top 40 essays.

In the words of Henry Ford, "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right." One of the most critical things we can do is encourage our region's young people to believe in their own ability to succeed.

...THE YOUNG AT HEART

2008 Event and Honorees

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio held its Ten Year Anniversary Celebration at the Governor's Residence on National Philanthropy Day. Over 400 guests gathered on the lawns and portico to hear local musicians, taste regional cuisine and network with others who share a passion for the region.

Two of the region's favorite Bluegrass bands, The Steve Free Band and The Joe Freeman Band, wrote and performed original songs in honor of the Foundation and its I'm a Child of Appalachia Program. Last year's honorees, Senator John and Annie Glenn, were also on hand to welcome and introduce the Governor and First Lady as the Foundation's 2008 Child of Appalachia honorees and the event was a tremendous success!

The Joe Freeman Band performed an original song in honor of the Foundation's Ten Year Anniversary, I'm a Child of Appalachia, Written by: Joe Freeman, Music by: Phil Osborne

I'm a child of Appalachia, where we all respect the land, "Can you help me?" asks my neighbor, and I say you bet I CAN.

Dream big and you'll become it, oh that's the path we trod, Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

-lyrics from "I'm a Child of Appalachia"



51% of Appalachian Ohio students are first-generation versus 40% of their Non-Appalachian counterparts.

"When you grow up in small town southern Ohio, you see what people are capable of every single day. While there's never been any shortage of ability in the place I call home, we have to make sure there's no shortage of opportunity. The best way we can do that is to support educational efforts like the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio that feed the imagination and unlimited potential of our students."

Ted Strickland, Governor

Current and Past Honorees



Ora E. Anderson



Ambassador John Ong and Mrs. Mary Lee Ong



Mike Brooks



Bob Evans



Senator John and Annie Glenn



Leona Hughes



Ohio Governor Ted and First Lady Frances Strickland



Wayne White



David Wilhelm



Nancy Zimpher



"There's no doubt in my mind that our young people can accomplish anything if they know how much we believe in them and if we give them a chance to pursue their dreams. The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio helps us do just that. "

Frances Strickland, First Lady

CREATING SUCCESS



Within the 2009-2010 school year, approximately 8,000 students will engage in COSI on Wheels activities as a result of FAO's support.



"We realize increasing educational opportunities is vital to economic success and quality of life," said Jennifer Simon, FAO Board of Trustee Chair. "FAO is helping the region access resources and partners to ensure every child in Appalachia has access to the educational opportunities needed for success."

Focus on Education

FAO is implementing a strategic organizational plan to initiate and support long-awaited transformations in educational attainment, while simultaneously growing the permanent philanthropic capacity needed to develop long term resources for quality of life and educational access efforts.

About COSI on Wheels

COSI on Wheels is a traveling outreach program of COSI, Center of Science and Industry, providing students with a day of fun, hands-on science activities aligned with the Ohio Academic Content Standards and the National Science Education Standards. Dynamic science topics are introduced to the entire school with a high energy, interactive assembly, exposing science to 500 students. The assembly is followed by stimulating, hands-on activities to enhance problem solving and science inquiry skills, as well as encourage teamwork.

COSI on Wheels Initiative

The Foundation is delighted to partner with corporate partners to bring COSI on Wheels visits to elementary schools throughout Appalachian Ohio. Current corporate partners involved in the COSI on Wheels Initiative include: Diagnostic Hybrids, Inc (DHI); Oxford Mining Company; and TATA Sons Limited. The partnership between FAO and its corporate partners will enable the region's students to experience exciting science activities in various career areas, inspiring further educational studies within the field.

"The COSI on Wheels program allows our students to learn about science in an environment that breeds excitement and curiosity about a topic they might not have clearly grasped in the traditional setting," said Mick McLaughlin, FAO Board Trustee. "By allowing students to engage in their own learning, they are provided an opportunity they won't soon forget."

*"We always wanted to bring COSI on Wheels, but could not afford it."
School Principal, Clermont County*

*"I would love to help organize and find funding so that students can take field trips to places that might broaden their horizons which would help with their academic goals."
8th grader Addison Coldren*

*"Thank you so much for this great opportunity. We would not be able to have this program without you."
School Principal, Hocking County*

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." Franklin Delano Roosevelt

FAO's Scholarship Program

To achieve success, access to opportunities that prepare one for success are a must. The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio not only recognizes this as a given, but actively works to make "access to opportunity" possible for those who are graduating from high school throughout the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio. FAO does this through a growing and dynamic scholarship program.

This year FAO awarded 34 scholarships, totaling \$48,500. However, there were 382 applicants in need of financial assistance for their post secondary education. The majority of these young men and women stated they would be the first in their family to go to college. They were determined to enhance their opportunities for future success, by seeking an education beyond high school, in a college or technical school.

The Foundation's Scholarship Committee, whose members include five FAO Board of Trustees and eight volunteer members from throughout the region, spend untold hours reviewing applications. At this time, there are 16 scholarship funds, with a total corpus of \$2.3 million. The need for more funding, to provide additional scholarships, is ongoing, with the goal being to award scholarships to deserving students in all 32 Appalachian Ohio counties.

Scholarship Recipient to Meet Childhood Hero



Brooke Johnson and Marianne Campbell

Brooke Johnson, graduate of Oak Hill High School, received a \$2,500 Ora Anderson Scholarship award, in recognition of her overall commitment to environmental protection and conservation.

Now attending Ohio University, Brooke is majoring in Environmental Science and is the youngest member of OU's Marching 110. Brooke's childhood was strongly influenced by Jack Hanna and his television appearances, inspiring her future career path.

The Foundation is delighted to arrange for Brooke to meet her long-time hero, Jack Hanna, nationally recognized zoo director and wildlife expert in person this December.

AK Steel Foundation Scholastic Award Offers New Opportunities

Through the generosity of the AK Steel Foundation, committing \$75,000 annually for three years, scholarships will be awarded to support students and teachers pursuing studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), with particular emphasis on metallurgy. Specific importance will be placed on high achievement and career interest in STEM fields, financial need and future commitment to work in Ohio.

At least two scholarships will be awarded each year, with additional awards as the fund grows. Scholarships will be available to both traditional and non-traditional students, as well as high school teachers to support training in a STEM focused workshop or seminar. Emphasis will be placed on a home grown strategy, growing the workforce the company needs by attracting students to work locally.

2009 FAO Scholarship Recipients

Ora E. Anderson Scholarship	Ellen Schott
Brooke Johnson	Jordan Sharp
Seth Schuyler	T'Neil Treherne
Bellisio Foods Scholarship	Devin Wheeler
Corey McLain	Jaclyn Woodby
Samantha Myers	Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship
Britney Silcott	Jenna Lane Griffith
Lester and Thelma Ellwood Scholarship	Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship
Ashton "Cody" Baker	Elaine Householder
Jedd Beros	Wayne F. White Scholarship
Joshua Bodner	Jessica Allard
Erica Gann	Caleb Blackburn
Leah Green	William Dray
Emily Jirles	Megan Exline
Preston Johnston	Susanna Kline
Kathryn Jurkovich	Derek Merriman
Eric Nichols	Alexander Newman
Sarah Nichols	Ellen Schott
Marlee Reardon	Cody Strahler
Lindsay Roe	Devin Wheeler
Tricia Saft	

In a 2008 survey, over 1/3 of parents "had not taken any steps to help finance their high school senior's postsecondary education."

Lack of finances followed by lack of college access information are our students' largest barriers.

GROWING SUCCESS, ENCOURAGING PHILANTHROPY

\$50,000 Match Available for Donations to the Ora E. Anderson Conservation Fund

An anonymous donor has offered to double any donations made to FAO's Ora E. Anderson Conservation Fund between now and December 31, 2009 by matching the gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to \$50,000!

The Ora E. Anderson Conservation Fund, established by a group of friends to honor the legacy of Ora Anderson, exists to provide a permanent source of charitable funding for conservation activities and programs in the areas of watershed restoration, sustainable forest practices and promotion of the region's cultural and environmental history. Through the Fund, Anderson's legacy of protecting the natural beauty of Appalachian Ohio continues.

"We're delighted to work with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to grow and promote the fund in order to help preserve and enhance the landscape and the natural environment unique to Appalachian Ohio," said Jean Andrews.

The donation-match challenge is highlighted on the fund's new website, www.andersonconservationfund.com. The website features background on Anderson, news on fundraising events, photo galleries of Anderson's woodcarvings and scenes from the Appalachian Ohio landscape.



Jean Andrews and students visiting the Ora Anderson Farm

Appalachian Youth Creates Grandma's Gifts

Grandma's Gifts was founded in 1993, by eleven year old, Emily Douglas, in memory of her grandmother Norma Ackison of Ironton, Ohio. Norma passed away in 1991 after losing her battle with breast cancer. Raised in the depression era in poverty stricken Appalachia, Norma and her husband gave back to the community that helped her family in years past. With her passing, Emily chose to continue her grandmother's giving spirit and established the Grandma's Gifts organization.

The purpose of Grandma's Gifts is to provide goods, services, and opportunities to children, families, schools, and organizations in Appalachia and teach youth about the importance of community service.

Grandma's Gifts conducts several projects to help support their mission including Valentines for Veterans, Trick or Teeth, Thanksgiving Turkey Sculpture, and Science-by-Mail.

As of July 1, 2009, Grandma's Gifts has donated \$12,199,569.88 in goods and services helping over 2.4 million people!

NURTURING COMMUNITY

Vision and Dreams for Local Educational Opportunities Become Reality

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio has been working to create local school endowment funds. School system endowments provide a permanent vehicle for alumni, friends and supporters of academic excellence to provide contributions and support to their local or choice school systems.

The Foundation provides reliable stewardship and guidance to the funds, freeing the funds' representatives of administrative burdens. The school endowment funds are typically advised by community members and alumni who work to assess financial support needs of local teachers, administrators and students.

The Foundation has been happy to welcome the Cambridge City Schools Alumni and Friends Educational Fund, Rolling Hills Schools Endowment Fund, and the West Union Schools Alumni & Friends Educational Fund.

The funds were motivated by alumni, living within and outside the community, who are passionate to give back to their home school systems by promoting academic excellence and enhancing the educational experiences for current students. Educational Endowment Funds understand community partnership and sustainable funding are necessary to increase students' educational opportunities to ensure success in our changing world.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Rolling Hills Success

The first award of the Rolling Hills Endowment Fund provided second and third grade students with hands-on science exploration activities to support classroom learning and increase student interest in science. The fund has also purchased 25 graphing calculators and an overhead projector to provide enhanced learning and visual support to high school algebra students.

Creative fundraising efforts of West Union Schools Alumni and Friends Educational Fund

The West Union Schools Alumni and Friends Educational Fund committee have been encouraging alumni to support the fund by pledging \$1,000, payable over ten years, and building a chain reaction by securing a new \$1,000 gift from another alumni, who then does the same challenge. The West Union fundraising goal is \$1,000,000 by December 31, 2014.

The West Union Schools Alumni and Friends Educational Fund has greatly benefitted from Mr. Bill Riffle, who donates to the fund in honor of the passing of his friends and loved ones and encourages others to do so. A letter is sent to the families acknowledging Mr. Riffle's memorial gift and individual legacy.

Cambridge Alumni and Friends Fund

The newly created fund is delighted to partner with FAO in awarding their first grants used to bring COSI on Wheels to the three Cambridge elementary schools.

"We are delighted to demonstrate to the community our sincere intent in creating permanent resources for the educational needs of the Cambridge School System," said Maribeth Wright, FAO trustee and founding member starting the Cambridge Fund.

COMMUNITY FUNDS

Morgan County Foundation Fund Receives \$250,000

FAO's Morgan County Foundation Fund was established in July 2008 with a seed gift of \$50,000, made by the Morgan County Community Improvement Corporation. A major goal of the Morgan County Foundation Fund is to encourage and support Morgan County citizens in establishing funds that enhance quality of life in Morgan County.

This past December, only 6 months after the fund was established, the Morgan County Foundation board received a significant boost to their capacity with an anonymous gift of \$250,000, positioning them to begin making investments, especially to create educational opportunities.

Guernsey County Family of Funds Continue to Grow

The Guernsey County Family of Funds, a group of funds benefitting and enhancing the quality of life for Guernsey County, continues to grow and increase assets. This past year, four new funds were welcomed into the Family, including: the Cambridge City Schools Alumni and Friends Educational Fund; the Loran and Shirley Stutz Fund; the Southeast - Guernsey Health Foundation Fund; and the Zelma Grey Medical School Scholarship Fund.

The Foundation extends its thanks to Grange Insurance for generously printing several educational brochures for our school and community funds

SUPPORTING SUCCESS

FUNDS

Field-Of-Interest

FAO Field-of-Interest Funds are created to provide grants through FAO that address challenges and opportunities shared by many communities in Appalachian Ohio. Currently, FAO has funds to support the areas of interest listed below.

Grants from these funds are advised by FAO's grants committee and professional staff. Any donor can give to these funds, or create a fund within these broader areas to target specific interests. The majority of FAO's field-of-interest funds are endowed, permanent sources of regional funding.

Arts, Heritage and Cultural

Yellow Root Fund

Basic Needs

Emergency Hunger Relief Fund of Southeast Ohio
Emergency Needs Fund
The Donald R. Myers Fund to Support Partnership in Appalachian Ohio
September 11 Fund

Conservation

AEP Access to Environmental Education & Stewardship Fund

The Ora E. Anderson Conservation Fund for Appalachian Ohio

Education Funds

Access to Education Mini-Grants Fund
Economic & Community Development Fund
Leadership Fund

Support to Children, Youth, & Families Fund

Health and Human Services

Support to Children, Youth & Families Fund

Quality of Life

ICANI Fund

Designated

Designated Funds are created to support specific nonprofit organizations, efforts or communities. These funds are frequently advised by the organizations or communities they benefit. Creating an endowed designated fund to support a favorite charity, such as a senior center, provides donors a way to create lasting support for causes they care about without adding administrative burden to these organizations.

Non-endowed designated funds:

The Athens Conservancy Fund
Gallipolis/Gallia County Bicentennial Fund
The Guernsey County Foundation Fund
Havar Fund, Highland County Community Fund
Leadership Guernsey Southeastern Med – Guernsey Health Foundation Fund

Endowed designated funds

Appalachian Community Visiting Nurses Association
Byesville Rotary Fund
Cambridge City Schools Alumni & Friends Endowed Education Fund
Citizens For Rolling Hills Schools Current Fund
Coad Appalachian Development Fund
Devote Fund
Future Generations Fund
The Guernsey County Foundation Endowment Fund
Guernsey County Senior Citizen Center Fund
Hocking Area End Of Life Care Fund
Havar Endowed Fund
Haven Of Hope Endowment Fund
The Morgan County Foundation Endowment Fund
New Haven School Fund
Spur Fund
United Seniors Of Athens County
West Union Schools Alumni & Friends Endowment Fund

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Havar Fund
Highland County Community Fund
Leadership Guernsey Southeastern Med – Guernsey Health Foundation Fund

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Havar Endowed Fund
Haven Of Hope Endowment Fund
The Morgan County Foundation Endowment Fund
New Haven School Fund
Spur Fund
United Seniors Of Athens County
West Union Schools Alumni & Friends Endowment Fund

Scholarship

Scholarship funds are created to support individuals in educational pursuits. Currently, donors can choose the option of having their fund advised by fao's scholarship committee, which includes expertise from around the region, or the option of establishing an advisory committee unique to the scholarship fund they have established.

Al Steel Foundation Scholarship Fund
Ora E. Anderson Scholarship Fund
Forest Bachtel Scholarship Fund
Bellisio Scholarship Fund
Cambridge High School Class Of 1957 Scholarship
Cambridge Singers Scholarship Fund
Jenny Cornelius-Woltz Memorial Scholarship
Lester D. And Thelma I. Elwood Scholarship
Bob Evans Memorial Fund For Scholarships
Mary Kackley-Brill Scholarship
Madison High School Alumni Scholarship
Dr. Allen Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Doug Steele Memorial Scholarship Fund
Ariana R. Ulloa Scholarship Fund
Wayne F. White Scholarship Fund
Winnie Mae Sharpe Education Scholarship Fund

Donor Advised

Donor Advised Funds are created to support donors in taking a more "hands on" approach to giving, by suggesting organizations to receive grants. Many donors find assistance from FAO staff to be helpful in making the greatest impact with their funds, and many have found the impacts of giving as a family to have great meaning.

Grandma's Gifts Fund
Huffman Family Donor Advised Fund
JM Morgan Fund
Virgie Lee McLaughlin Fund
Kevin Ritz Family Foundation Fund
Longaberger Fund
St. Dymphna Fund
Sara Lee Stevens – Young Memorial

2008–2009 Grants Creating Access to Opportunities

Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action, Buy-down of semi-load of green beans, \$5,000.00

Direct bulk purchase of food, \$5,000

Ohio Valley Resource Conservation Ohio Valley Shares Program, \$500

Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education Access to Educational Opportunities, \$2,500

Appalachian Community Visiting Nurses Association Training and Development, \$3,000

Rolling Hills Local School District T1 84 Graphic Calculators, \$3,686

Exploring Science Plus Program, \$1,178
Zanesville Thursday Music Club

Annual Civic Chorus & Orchestra "Messiah" Orator, \$2,800
Cambridge Main Street Initiative, \$500

Cambridge Area YMCA Development, \$2,000

John Glenn High School Orchestra String Sounds, \$500

ICANI Contest Curriculum Enrichment, \$500 each
Fairland Middle School

Keene Elementary School
Salem Junior High School

Southview Elementary School
Union Local Middle School

Smith Chapel United Methodist Church Assist in bulk food purchase for Pantry, \$7,500

Lutheran Social Services for Central Ohio For Caldwell Pantry bulk food purchase, \$7,500

Cambridge City School Alumni & Friends Educational Endowment Fund, \$500

Wayne White Scholarship Fund, \$2,000
Huntington Middle School

ICANI Contest Field Trip, \$200
Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

Columbus Zoo Trip for Symmes Valley Elementary, \$880
Cambridge Little League Sponsorship of Challenger League, \$2,100

Center of Science and Industry, COSI on Wheels
Belpre Elementary, \$1,030

Little Hocking Elementary, \$1,030
Withamsville-Tobacco Elementary, \$1,030

Merwin Elementary, \$1,030
Hill Intermediate Elementary, \$1,030

Amelia Elementary, \$1,030
Warren Elementary School, \$1,030

Harmar Elementary School, \$1,030
Southern Elementary, \$1,030

Chauncey Elementary, \$1,030
Central Elementary, \$1,000

Trimble Elementary, \$1,000
Crooksville Elementary, \$1,000

Milburg Elementary, \$1,000
Woodsfield Elementary, \$1,030

McKinley Elementary, \$1,030
Union Local Elementary, \$1030

Cambridge North, \$200
Cambridge South, \$200

I-Face, Inc.
Summer Feeding Program, \$282

OSU South Centers
Growing Philanthropy in Appalachian Ohio, \$500

The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio thanks all who gave designated gifts for specific charitable funds and activities this past fiscal year:

A Matter of Conscience
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AK Steel Foundation
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Altrusa International of Columbus Ohio Foundation
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American Electric Power Ohio
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Cambridge High School Class of '57
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Electric Motor Service of Athens, Inc.
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Richard and Nan Loos
Sergio Lopez
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John McCoy
James McLaughlin
Mick and Gayle McLaughlin
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MCT Dairies
Linda Meeks
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ICAN!® Corporate Partnership

The Foundation's ICAN! Corporate Partnership is a network of businesses embracing FAO's vision for unleashing the potential of the region's students and donors, by creating the educational and philanthropic opportunities essential to Appalachian Ohio's long-term quality of life. Together, businesses are mixing, matching, and leveraging investments to accelerate and achieve progress throughout the region.

The ICAN! Corporate Partnership is emerging to pursue several collaborative opportunities. It is co-chaired by Joe Hamrock, President and COO of American Electric Power Ohio and David Wilhelm, Founder and President of Woodland Venture Management.



Students participating in COSI on Wheels activities

Additional Opportunities through Partnership with Walmart

In addition to funding 192 curriculum enrichment grants to be given as prizes for teachers of students winning FAO's Child of Appalachia Contest, Walmart's support will enable FAO to develop additional grant opportunities supporting teachers in creating classroom experiences aimed at increasing pursuits of post-secondary education.

"Walmart understands how critical education is to the well-being of individuals in our communities. We are committed to supporting teachers and the students they inspire through our partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio."

Jason Wetzal, Walmart Senior Manager of Public Affairs

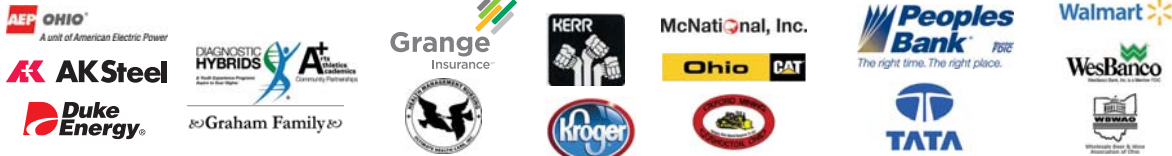
Ohio CAT Gift Leverages Opportunities

Ohio CAT, the exclusive, authorized dealer for Caterpillar equipment and engines for most of Appalachian Ohio, has made a \$250,000 commitment to invest in building the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's capacity to create educational and quality of life opportunities. As a part of this gift, Ohio CAT joins the Foundation's ICAN! Corporate Partnership, an emerging collaboration of corporate donors, directing charitable investments through the Foundation to accelerate and sustain the creation of educational and quality of life opportunities in Appalachian Ohio. We are grateful for Ohio CAT's partnership in our work to create the educational opportunities that will ultimately lift quality of life in Appalachian Ohio. Thank you!



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"This effort is one of the most exciting opportunities for corporate leadership I've seen."
Joe Hamrock, President and COO American Electric Power, Ohio Co-Chair, ICAN! Corporate Partnership

ICAN!....Be An Entrepreneur!

One of the first questions high school students will be asked in FAO's Entrepreneurial Education program is:

What is an entrepreneur?

- A. A side dish at a French restaurant
- B. A person who interprets foreign languages
- C. Someone who starts a business

This is because the program will start with the basics, with the exciting concept of what an entrepreneur is. Once the foundation has been set, the program will support students in learning about entrepreneurs in the region and to consider their own entrepreneurial aspirations.

In addition to working with future entrepreneurs, FAO's partnership with the Small Business Administration will provide vital training resources for current entrepreneurs, especially those at the helm of the region's small businesses. This will include a series of trainings delivered by the Ohio Small Business Development Center at Ohio University, each tailored to the unique capacity needs of businesses in Appalachian Ohio.

FAO was able to secure a grant of \$196,514 from the Small Business Administration for the new entrepreneurship program, with significant help from Congressman Zack Space. The first pilot of the ICAN! Be An Entrepreneur program will begin in Spring of 2010.

"We've succeeded when entrepreneurship is something every single child in Appalachia can aspire to." David Wilhelm

STEWARDSHIP SUCCESS

Dr. Allen Smith Memorial Scholarship Established with FAO

A \$500,000 Memorial Scholarship has recently been established with the Foundation, in the name of the late Dr. L. Allen Smith, a native of Jackson, Ohio, and graduate of Ohio University in 1963, with a BA and teaching certificate. During this time, the folk music era, he received a grant from the Appalachian Studies Fellowship Fund at Berea College, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to study the pre-revival Appalachian dulcimer.

Dr. Smith was a man of many interests, who led two distinguished careers simultaneously. He was a professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston for 31 years, and associate dean from 2006 until his untimely death in April, 2008. At the same time, he was also a highly skilled farrier, a shoer of horses, serving two terms as president of the American Farriers Association.

Before going to Simmons College in 1978, Dr. Smith spent 9 years in Wales, teaching at the University of Aberystwyth. While living in Wales, he earned his doctorate at the Institute of Dialect and Folklife Studies, University of Leeds, England. He and his wife, Merrill Wadsworth, whom he met when he was studying at the University of Denver, lived in a 400 year old converted gristmill. While he taught at the University and shod Welsh ponies, she became



a well-known and accomplished rug weaver.

From this Fund, two scholarships will be awarded, both to Jackson County students, one to be known as the Smith Scholastic Award, for achievement in Math, Science and Engineering, and the other for community service and stewardship, to honor Dr. Smith's mother, Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith – the Smith Community Service Award. Mrs. Smith was the first woman to serve as a school board member on the Jackson City School Board, a board she later chaired.

The Legacy of Vic Shaffer Lives On



How fortunate we all were at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to have known and worked with Vic Shaffer! He was an inspiration to each and every one of us, and we truly miss his warmth and friendship, his knowledge and leadership skills, his contagious passion for FAO, and his rare and unique ability to communicate with anyone, anywhere, on any level.

Vic never met a stranger, and he always found a mutual interest to share with whomever he came in contact, making everyone feel at ease, as they would immediately recognize his sincere concern for them.

So many seeds were sown to “grow” success for the Foundation. His dedication and commitment to FAO's mission to improve the quality of life in Appalachia, through FAO, is almost beyond expression in words.

He played an integral role in establishing FAO and continued to champion and support the growth of philanthropic resources for the region, including his assistance most recently in establishing the Highland County Community Fund for his hometown. Vic accomplished so much, touched so many, was a true model, and above all, a cherished friend to be remembered always.

FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO- STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2006	2007	2008	2009
cash and cash equivalents	197,469	169,710	342,768	1,127,754
pledges, grants and other receivables	382,677	259,617	398,548	868,681
investments	1,015,452	1,115,897	1,013,611	2,052,798
investments – endowment	1,948,737	3,168,119	2,920,300	2,647,502
property and equipment, net	10,063	8,546	6,524	14,655
Total Assets	\$3,554,398	\$4,721,889	\$4,681,751	\$6,711,390
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Accounts payable	\$15,453	\$3,524	\$6,185	\$32,835
Grants Payable	\$500	\$500	\$50	\$4,100
	\$15,953	\$4,024	\$6,235	\$36,935
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted net assets	879,082	759,149	715,606	1,774,271
Unrestricted net assets, board designated	565,267	633,430	567,992	414,270
Temporarily restricted	823,764	1,097,181	540,445	304,862
Permanently restricted	1,270,332	2,228,105	2,851,474	4,181,053
Total Net Assets	\$3,538,445	\$4,717,865	\$4,675,516	\$6,674,455
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,554,398	\$4,721,889	\$4,681,751	\$6,711,390

FAO's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30 - Complete audited financial statements are available upon request

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ACHIEVING SUCCESS BY WORKING TOGETHER

Giving.....

At FAO we mix, match and leverage gifts to meet our mission. This includes gifts of time, treasure and talent.



Giving to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio can be as easy as writing a check or logging on to the Foundation's website, www.appalachianohio.org.

Gifts of "treasure" can also span far beyond cash gifts to include gifts of real estate and tangible property. The Foundation can work with you to facilitate these gifts.

All gifts given to ICAN! support the Foundation's work to create educational and quality of life opportunities. You can also select a specific fund from the list on page 5 to support a specific cause or organization. The Foundation maintains a list of "Dream Endowments" – initiatives that, if given a permanent source of funding, could have remarkable results. FAO would be delighted to discuss these opportunities with you.

Time & Talent

FAO can leverage a variety of gifts, including professional services that help us save costs in meeting our mission, such as printing and design, catering, photography, specialized training, entertainment for events, and general office administration support. We also leverage a number of gifts that benefit our partnering organizations, especially services that can strengthen educational opportunities in schools.

Further, FAO has a variety of volunteer committee appointment opportunities, including positions on FAO's Volunteer Scholarship Review Committee and Child of Appalachia Contest Committee. If you have interest in dedicating your time and talent to FAO, we'd be happy to explore how we might best use the talents you have to offer!

Planned Gifts

Legacy Gifts: Some of the Foundation's largest gifts are from donors who make planned gifts. Through FAO, donors access a variety of ways to structure planned gifts to meet unique financial, family and community goals. Because each situation is unique, we would be delighted to talk with you and your professional advisor about the many options that can be explored.

The simplest option for creating a planned gift is to designate, or "bequest," a portion of your estate to FAO. Examples are included below.

A specific bequest is a bequest of a specific dollar amount or item.

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, located in Nelsonville, Ohio, or its successor organization, a nonprofit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code \$_____.

A percentage bequest is a bequest of a certain percentage of your estate or of another asset.

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, located in Nelsonville, Ohio, or its successor organization, a nonprofit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code _____ percent of my estate (or specific asset).

Contingent Bequest

"I give, devise and bequeath to (Named Beneficiary) the sum of \$_____ (or ___% of the estate), but if he/she shall not be living, then I give, devise and bequeath the same to Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, Nelsonville, Ohio to be used for ..."

ICAN! Make a Difference

The *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Network is a group of individuals and businesses whose annual financial gifts enable the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to support the *I'm a Child of Appalachia* program and vision that every child has access to educational opportunities needed for success. The ICAN! family of donors leverage resources to ensure growing up in Appalachian Ohio means having access to all the opportunities necessary for success and high quality of life.

In Appalachian Ohio, storytelling is a time-honored tradition and FAO invites you to share your story at www.appalachianohio.org. Tell us about your connection to the region and what makes Appalachian Ohio special to you!

A Small Seed Grows Big Results...

A Classroom's Walk Through History

As the teacher of 7th Grade Essay Contest Winner, Gabrielle Moore, Union Local Middle School language arts teacher Elizabeth Diaz received a 2008 curriculum enrichment grant. With the grant, Ms. Diaz decided to enhance her students' knowledge of local history and heritage, focusing on the rich culture of the area including two historical field trips. She also brought in local guest speakers, including Belmont County resident, Ingaborg Gregg, who escaped from Germany during World War II, and Dick Neuhart, who served the United States during the war. Excited by presentations, 89 students set out on a journey to discover their own family history by writing letters to relatives seeking recollections of family stories.

Elizabeth Diaz received a \$500 mini-grant and leveraged it many times over through broad partnerships, expanding beyond the classroom and into the entire school and community. Each student's family story was collected and bound into a book. Pav Matthews donated his time and expertise to create a DVD documenting the stories of invited speakers and historical reenactments. Additionally, the school district, moved by the students' enthusiasm, hosted a community-wide DVD viewing premiere. **The experience resulting from Elizabeth Diaz's passion and innovation have far exceeded the initial \$500 grant and will continue to inspire students long after class is dismissed.**



The Foundation for Appalachian Ohio wishes to extend special appreciation to Marianne Campbell, FAO Board Emeriti, for her tireless efforts and support. Marianne graciously provides her communication talents for numerous FAO projects, including this annual report, and her passion for the Appalachian communities of Ohio is an inspiration for all.

Photo: Marianne and Bill Campbell

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