



FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO

Give. Grow. Create.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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

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**More than 175
charitable funds
totaling over
\$25 million to
transform
generational poverty
into generations of
prosperity.**



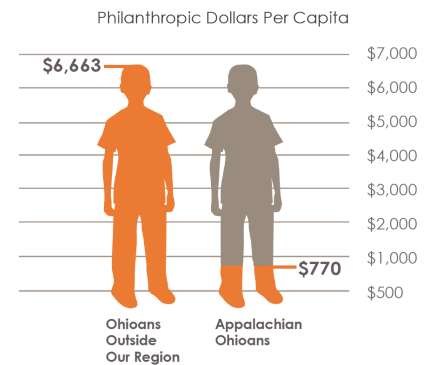
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WHO IS FAO?

Based in Nelsonville and serving all 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) is a 501(c)(3) regional community foundation creating opportunities across Appalachian Ohio in partnership with our donors. Since 1998, the Foundation has been working with donors who are passionate about Appalachian Ohio, its communities, and its future. We're here to help donors give back in ways that are meaningful—to them and to our region.

WHAT IS THE PHILANTHROPY GAP?

The philanthropy gap is the inequity between the philanthropic resources available in Appalachian Ohio as compared to the rest of the state of Ohio.



OUR WORK

We are here to address issues of regional and community need and grow the permanent resources our communities lack, especially in the areas we believe are vital to Appalachian Ohio's prosperity. We invest in these areas through strategic leadership, grantmaking, and partnerships:

Pillars of Prosperity at FAO



Arts & Culture



Community & Economic Development



Education



Environmental Stewardship



Health & Human Services



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REGIONAL & LOCAL

FAO was created to serve Appalachian Ohio as a whole while also ensuring every county had access to local philanthropic resources. We partner with communities to create local foundations that benefit from FAO's support in fundraising, training, and communications as well as through management of the fund's administration and investments. Communities can focus on what matters most—energizing the community to grow permanent, local resources for their benefit.

GRANTMAKING

In fiscal year 2016, FAO distributed more than \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships. Since its inception in 1998, FAO has invested more than \$9 million back into the community through grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, community groups, and students in Appalachian Ohio and across the globe. This support achieves meaningful, measurable results and leverages significant investments from other foundations, donors, and grants.

TEAM

Comprising regional professionals with diverse backgrounds, FAO has a dedicated **Staff** that guides our work.

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