GRANT TO WATCH:

A Study on Ohio's Appalachian Children

Because of generous donors, FAO is giving grants every month. Last year, FAO gave more than one grant a day on average, and this year we have already invested 418 grants across the region. As we close this newsletter, we wanted to feature just one of our recent awards.

With a recent grant, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is continuing its commitment to the children of Appalachia. By committing funding to a report on Ohio's Appalachian Children, being produced by the Children's Defense Fund, FAO is helping to shine a spotlight on the state of our region's youngest citizens. The study will guide the work of many partners in early childhood education as well as in the health and economic welfare of our children.

These many partners are often held back without the data they need to make the case for our region's children or to gauge the success of their partnerships and initiatives. With this report, partners from across our region and beyond will have a tool to help guide investments and activities for the benefit of Appalachian Ohio's children.

See page 2 on how to keep up with FAO and learn more this fall.

MUSIC TO MORGAN COUNTY’S EARS

The Morgan High School band is small. A competitive marching band, it had been working hard to increase both quality and participation. That’s why one grant from the Morgan Foundation for music lessons made such a difference.

Morgan County students don’t have many opportunities to learn to play an instrument. Lessons are scarce, which made the band one of the only opportunities in Morgan to learn about music. The band had community and school support, as well as eager students; they simply needed an opportunity to develop their skills.

When the Morgan Foundation invested an $1,800 grant for eight students from the high school to study music with master's level students at Ohio University, it lit the fire that re-energized the small band.

Once a week for ten weeks, students would get on a county transit bus to Ohio University in Athens for lessons in piano, trumpet, flute, clarinet, and tuba. After weeks of tutoring, they played a recital to celebrate how much they had learned in under three months.
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And success extends far beyond the effect on students and the band. The Morgan Foundation has seen what an investment like this in arts and culture can do and they aren’t stopping there. Inspired, the Morgan Foundation is already at work planning how to grow more funding for arts and culture in the county. Exciting developments are on the horizon in Morgan County and it will all have started with music lessons and one $1,800 grant.

What will come next for the arts in Morgan County? We hope you’ll stay tuned to find out.

Even more is happening in Morgan County through a generous planned gift to the Morgan Foundation. Read more on page 6.

MEET FAQ’S NEW TEAM MEMBER

A native of Pike County and an attorney, Heather Keesee joined FAQ with the perfect blend of experience needed to help FAQ’s donors and their advisors in gift planning. At FAQ, Heather works with donors as well as their attorneys, financial planners, and other advisors to help them make a difference in what’s closest to their hearts through their estate plans and complex gift arrangements to maximize tax advantages.

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It was clear that this grant deeply impacted the eight students who received lessons, but its reach extended much further. When these students returned to school and to the band, there was a true resurgence in the quality of the music program. For the first time in twenty years, the Morgan High School’s Band received a “Superior” rating at the annual, statewide Ohio Music Education Association Contest, and other students are taking notice. Band participation has increased because of the band’s success. More students are interested in lessons and those who took the lessons became more disciplined in their musical pursuits.

“‘It’s the worlds of opportunity that are introduced to our students when they learn music, enjoy a performance, or express themselves through painting. The arts are really a gateway.’

~ Morgan Foundation President Mike Workman

And success extends far beyond the effect on students and the band. The Morgan Foundation has seen what an investment like this in arts and culture can do and they aren’t stopping there. Inspired, the Morgan Foundation is already at work planning how to grow more funding for arts and culture in the county. Exciting developments are on the horizon in Morgan County and it will all have started with music lessons and one $1,800 grant.

What will come next for the arts in Morgan County? We hope you’ll stay tuned to find out.

Even more is happening in Morgan County through a generous planned gift to the Morgan Foundation. Read more on page 6.

MEET FAO’S NEW TEAM MEMBER

A native of Pike County and an attorney, Heather Keesee joined FAO with the perfect blend of experience needed to help FAO’s donors and their advisors in gift planning. At FAO, Heather works with donors as well as their attorneys, financial planners, and other advisors to help them make a difference in what’s closest to their hearts through their estate plans and complex gift arrangements to maximize tax advantages.

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GRANT TO WATCH: A Study on Ohio’s Appalachian Children

Because of generous donors, FAO is giving grants every month. Last year, FAO gave more than one grant a day on average, and this year we have already invested 418 grants across the region. As we close this newsletter, we wanted to feature just one of our recent awards.

With a recent grant, the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio is continuing its commitment to the children of Appalachia. By committing funding to a report on Ohio’s Appalachian Children, being produced by the Children’s Defense Fund, FAO is helping to shine a spotlight on the state of our region’s youngest citizens. The study will guide the work of many partners in early childhood education as well as in the health and economic welfare of our children.

These many partners are often held back without the data they need to make the case for our region’s children or to gauge the success of their partnerships and initiatives. With this report, partners from across our region and beyond will have a tool to help guide investments and activities for the benefit of Appalachian Ohio’s children.

See page 2 on how to keep up with FAO and learn more this fall.

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The Morgan High School band is small. A competitive marching band, it had been working hard to increase both quality and participation. That’s why one grant from the Morgan Foundation for music lessons made such a difference.

Morgan County students don’t have many opportunities to learn to play an instrument. Lessons are scarce, which made the band one of the only opportunities in Morgan to learn about music. The band had community and school support, as well as eager students; they simply needed an opportunity to develop their skills.

When the Morgan Foundation invested an $1,800 grant for eight students from the high school to study music with master’s level students at Ohio University, it lit the fire that re-energized the small band.

Once a week for ten weeks, students would get on a county transit bus to Ohio University in Athens for lessons in piano, trumpet, flute, clarinet, and tuba. After weeks of tutoring, they played a recital to celebrate how much they had learned in under three months.

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