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## CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES WITH A BOOK

Before the Harrison County Community Foundation, some local students had never owned a book. Now, because of the very first grants from the Harrison County Community Foundation and the Harrison Hills City School District Fund, all Harrison County students in grades K – 3 took home a book of their own, just in time for summer break.

“Through these grants, our school district alone sent almost 500 books out,” said Dana Snider, superintendent of Harrison Hills City School District. “Our district is very thankful for this opportunity. This is a start that could change children’s lives.”

These inaugural grants have not only marked an important first for the schools, but they are the first example of what community philanthropy can do in Harrison County.

Grants like these became a possibility in Harrison County a few years ago when anonymous donors created the **Harrison County Community Foundation (HCCF)** at the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO). They wanted a local way to provide grants to advance charitable projects of benefit to Harrison County residents, as well as a

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## CHANGING CHILDREN'S LIVES

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collective resource for all those looking to make a difference in Harrison County.

Each opportunity reaches far beyond one student. Snider explained that she encouraged the students to use the books with others at home. She told students, "If you are learning to read, trade off pages with parents at home. If you are able to read it, then read it to younger brothers or sisters." With philanthropy, one gift multiplies to expand its reach.

**Interested in making a difference in Harrison County with the HCCF or the Harrison Hills City School District Fund?** Please mail your donation to Mike Sliva c/o 235 S Main Street, Cadiz, OH 43907 or to the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, PO Box 456, Nelsonville, OH 45764. Gifts can also be made online at [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org).



*Above and Cover Photos of Harrison County students receiving their books courtesy of Sandi Thompson.*

## NEW EDUCATION FUND MEANS EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN GUERNSEY COUNTY HAS A PHILANTHROPIC FUND



Guernsey County is celebrating an incredible milestone. Because of anonymous donors' decision to support East Guernsey School District, all school districts in Guernsey

County now have a school district fund to support their teachers, students, and educational communities. This isn't something you see every day.

According to its founders, the **Friends of East Guernsey Education Fund** was established to create "a place for people who wanted to help out the school and support education." A school district fund like the **Friends of East Guernsey Education Fund** at FAO, a part of the Guernsey County Foundation family of funds, can build flexible resources to support teachers' creativity.

Because the Fund is an endowment, the gifts will never be spent, but the interest and earnings that grow from those gifts will support the schools forever. Educators will be invited to apply for grants a few times a year to support classroom projects they may not have otherwise had the chance to share with their students.

The founders opened the Fund with FAO because of their passion for East Guernsey schools, and because they believed FAO's experience offered comprehensive support for the rural school district. The partnership with FAO will make it easy for others to make gifts and the Fund will have help promoting itself and have professional management of its assets. "There is no better way to invest in Guernsey County than to invest in our students' education," said David Caldwell, trustee of the Guernsey County Foundation.

If you are interested in supporting a school district that's dear to you or helping East Guernsey's teachers bring creativity to the classroom with a gift, please call FAO at 740.753.1111 or visit [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org).

**"With funds representing all of Guernsey's school districts, it is now much easier for anyone wanting to support teachers and students to do so."**

**~ David Caldwell**  
Guernsey County Foundation, Trustee

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JOHNNY BARBA PLANS TO GIVE BACK

Johnny Barba knew he wanted to be a doctor when he was researching anatomy in order to avoid surgery in when he was in the seventh grade. During a basketball game he was tackled so hard that his pelvic bone cracked. Johnny wasn't interested in having two screws in his hip that would keep him out of sports for two years. So instead, he went to the library, researched physical therapy alternatives to surgery, and presented them to his doctor. He not only sped up his recovery, but he also discovered a love for medicine.

With the support of scholarship funds from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, Johnny will be attending Capital University in the fall to begin his pre-medicine studies. He is excited to begin learning the skills he needs to be able to give back to others, including those who helped him heal.

A tutor at Zane State College in Anatomy & Physiology while still a high school student, Johnny received three scholarship awards from different funds at FAO: an **AK Steel Foundation Scholastic Award for STEMM Education**, a **Lester D. and Thelma I. Ellwood Educational Scholarship**, and a **Wayne F. White and Bob Evans Scholarship**.

***"I learned [about FAO's scholarship] through my counselor at school," said Johnny. "It was my favorite application to fill out. I was very honored and blessed to receive them. I plan to give all the money from the scholarships back later because they helped me get my foot in the door."***

A member of the National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Johnny is looking forward to the challenges of college-level work, but he hasn't been waiting around to practice his medical skills.

"Two weeks before I was born my father passed away, so I have to get an EKG to check my heart every one to two years," shared Johnny. "During my most recent one, I started identifying the anatomy of my heart and analyzing my echocardiogram."



His doctors were impressed, but Johnny has been studying since seventh grade so it should have come as no surprise. FAO is honored to partner with its funds to help Johnny take his studies to the halls of Capital University.

Learn more about FAO's scholarship opportunities or the ways you can support students across Appalachian Ohio by visiting [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org) or calling FAO at **740.753.1111**.

***Johnny is one of  
133 students who received  
173 awards this year.  
Forty different scholarship  
funds at FAO awarded  
more than \$222,000  
in support to students  
pursuing post-secondary  
education.***

Sign up for FAO's e-newsletter at [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org) or like us on Facebook for up-to-the-minute news from FAO. To learn more about the application process, or how you can contribute to scholarship resources, call **740.753.1111**.





# WHAT DOES A 94-YEAR-OLD LEARNING THE VIOLIN FOR THE FIRST TIME HAVE IN COMMON WITH A LEGION BASEBALL COACH?

## *They Both Started Funds at FAO to Create Opportunities Within Their Communities*

Establishing a fund is one of the easiest ways to make sure your gift today continues to give to the children of Appalachian Ohio tomorrow. The effect of creating one fund at FAO multiplies quickly and compounds over time. Much like interest in a bank account, opportunities increase over years, but they do start somewhere. At FAO, opportunities start with just one gift.



Each individual, family, or organization we work with has unique charitable interests and unique financial circumstances. We help you make the most of both, so you see the greatest return on your community investment. The funds at FAO are as unique as the people who create them, but they are all designed to make a lasting difference.

To get started, contact **Holly Shelton** – VP, Donor Services and Administration – at the Foundation at **740.753.1111** or **hshelton@ffao.org**.

### *How would I get started?*

- 1** *Outline Your Goals* – What organizations would you like to support or challenge would you like to address? How actively would you like to be involved over time?
- 2** *Call or Email FAO* – We'd love to discuss your charitable dreams and how we can help you tailor a fund to fit them.
- 3** *Choose Your Asset* – Consider the asset you'd like to use to start your fund. We can help you turn gifts of many kinds into a charitable fund.
- 4** *Name Your Fund* – Honor your interest area, your family, or a loved one.

### *What would be an example?*

You have appreciated stock and would like to support a charity or even a charity too small to accept direct stock gifts. You can use appreciated stock to open a fund at FAO that will benefit nonprofit organizations and causes dear to you. You'll receive a tax deduction on the full market value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax that would usually arise from the sale of stock.

**“Giving helps build the kind of community I want to belong to.”**

John Glazer moved to Appalachian Ohio about seven years ago to help businesses launch and grow in the region. He arrived focused on encouraging the entrepreneurial nature of our region, but he was introduced to a new kind of community, one with a strong sense of home.

**Read more of John's story at [www.AppalachianOhio.org](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org).**



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OR BY PHONE AT 740.753.1111

Our annual ***I'm a Child of Appalachia Celebration*** is our region's premiere gathering where leaders, businesses, and individuals who care about Appalachian Ohio come gather together to **celebrate how philanthropy makes a difference.**



# CURRENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Schools, nonprofits, and communities across Appalachian Ohio have more chances than ever before for grants to help a project come alive. In our work to grow an Appalachian Ohio abundant in opportunity, grants play a vital role in unleashing the potential of the region's organizations and communities.

## Gulfport Energy to Create Lasting Opportunities



When Gulfport Energy announced the opening of an office in Belmont County this May, they also announced the opening of a fund at FAO to invest in the region. The Gulfport Energy Fund was established

to support the communities where Gulfport operates. Specifically, it will support community leaders in

Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison, and Monroe counties in creating local opportunities.

The first funding cycle for the grant awards from the Gulfport Energy Fund will focus on creating educational opportunities. This first educational funding cycle has approximately \$57,000 available for grant awards. While requests for up to \$10,000 in funding may be submitted, typical grant awards will range in size from \$500 to \$2,500.

### Application deadline:

First Round – Closes September 30, 2014

Second Round – Opens January 5, 2015

## International Energy Company Statoil Opens Fund for Monroe County

Monroe County now has a new source of support! Statoil, an international energy company headquartered in Norway with operations in 34 countries, has created a fund with FAO to make a positive contribution to the Monroe County community, where it operates. In celebration of extending its philanthropic focus into Appalachian Ohio, the Fund has launched its inaugural round of grant applications.

Projects should increase quality of life, create access to opportunities, and/or identify and implement a solution for a community need or issue. The inaugural grant application is now open. While funding requests of any amount may be submitted for consideration, typical grant awards will range from \$500 to \$5,000.

### Application deadlines:

First Round – September 30, 2014

Second Round – December 5, 2014

## Connecting Students and Their Communities With the Environment

Connecting students and communities to highlight the importance of Appalachian Ohio's natural landscape is at the center of the **AEP Access to Environmental Education Mini-Grants**. Each year,

projects provide opportunities for youth to participate in learning experiences tied to local natural resources and enable them to share lessons learned within their broader community.

Mini-grants are available to support public school and community organizations. Approximately \$23,000 in funding is available for awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

**Application deadline:** October 7, 2014



### Now Accepting Applications!

To learn about the latest grant opportunities from the **Gulfport Energy Fund**, the **Statoil Monroe County Energy Fund**, and the **AEP Access to Environmental Education Fund**, visit our website at [www.AppalachianOhio.org/grow/grants](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/grow/grants) where you can also sign-up for our e-newsletter or like us on Facebook.

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## MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER: MIKE MOORE



Mike Moore, CEO and President of Gulfport Energy, joined the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio's Board of Trustees this July. Mike has been with Gulfport since July 2000, previously serving as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Gulfport primarily operates in four Appalachian Ohio counties where it also offers grants through the Gulfport Energy Fund.  
**Welcome to FAO, Mike!**

You can reach us by calling **740.753.1111** or contacting [info@ffao.org](mailto:info@ffao.org).  
Visit our website [www.AppalachianOhio.org/WhoWeAre](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/WhoWeAre) to learn more about  
our staff and board members.







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## ARE YOU A PHOTO PHILANTHROPIST?

*Share your photos of Appalachian Ohio with the  
Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.*

Your photos would be a treasured gift that we can share widely with others. With more photos, the Foundation can show the region's natural beauty, the children of Appalachia's promise, and our donors' and grantees' impact.

Submit your photos to FAO by uploading them through our website at [www.AppalachianOhio.org/share-your-story](http://www.AppalachianOhio.org/share-your-story) or by sending us a message on Facebook. Don't forget to tell us your name and what's in your picture so that we can thank you if we showcase your photo on social media, our website, or other FAO publications.

*Photos at left provided by Meigs County Soil & Water District and Christa L. Myers.*

**Thank you for helping us  
tell Appalachian Ohio's story!**



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