

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR PERRY COUNTY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Greetings from the Community Foundation for Perry County!

In 2022, the Community Foundation for Perry County (CFPC) celebrated its 10th anniversary, and we have much to celebrate – thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Founded by past and present residents, CFPC's goal is to establish permanent funds and resources that will improve the quality of life in Perry County today and for generations to come.

2022 saw us meet a long-awaited milestone. In 2016, we launched our Endow 200 campaign with a goal of growing our endowment – providing dollars that will be invested in the community in perpetuity – to \$1 million. After meeting that goal last fall, we will be able to award approximately \$50,000 in grants annually to projects and programs that meet the needs of and create opportunities for our residents.

This report spotlights a few of the many ways we, together, are creating a brighter future for Perry County – none of which would be possible without you. Because of you, our endowment stands at nearly \$1.1 million, including donations that were matched dollar-for-dollar through the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO). We've given 70 grants that have benefited people and communities throughout Perry County. And 46 scholarships have been awarded to fuel the dreams of our youth.

On behalf of all who will benefit from your support today and in the future, we thank you for your hard work, generous spirit, and love for Perry County. Our work to build philanthropic resources continues, and we invite you to get involved in ways that are meaningful to you.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

With the support of our donors, we award grants to nonprofit and public organizations for projects and programs that benefit Perry County, 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.

BUILDING FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IN PERRY COUNTY

In 2022, Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio (HFHSEO) broke ground on a new home in Junction City, turning a blighted property into safe and affordable housing for a local family and helping to revitalize part of the village.

The build was financed by a coalition of funders, including the Community Foundation for Perry County, which awarded the organization a 2021 grant to help purchase construction materials.

HFHSEO's Homeownership Program helps local families who are living in substandard conditions fulfill their dreams of homeownership while providing training grounds for students in the career trades and opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills and give back within their community. The families who benefit from each build contribute



"sweat equity," complete financial and homeownership education programming, and pay an affordable mortgage payment back to HFHSEO, which is reinvested to complete future projects in the community.



CREATING A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Nine food pantries in Perry County feed the growing number of residents and families in need. For the past two years, they've received some much-needed assistance thanks to an innovative program – piloted in the region by the Community Foundation for Perry County – that is bringing community together to end hunger.

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FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Community Foundation for Perry County, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created over \$25,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- Destination Shawnee
- Perry County Cultural Arts Center
- Perry County Health Department
- Perry Soil and Water Conservation District
- Rendville Historic Preservation Society
- Rural Action
- Somerset Artists' Cooperative
- Tecumseh Theater
- Village of Hemlock

CREATING A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY (CONTINUED)

CFPC launched Fill the Freezer in 2021, inviting buyers at the Perry County Fair's livestock sale to donate their hog purchases to fill the freezers of the county's food pantries, bringing together the fair board, local 4-H members, the Southeast Ohio Foodbank, and area residents to fight hunger. In its first year, the program generated over 5,000 pounds of donated pork. In 2022, that number rose to 7,500 pounds.

"Unfortunately, southeast Ohio has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the state," says Eva Bloom, director of development for the Southeast Ohio Foodbank, "Our communities can't thrive if the folks who live in them don't have access to adequate nutrition."

Fill the Freezer's impact has spread beyond Perry County. In 2022, the Hocking County Community Fund debuted its Fill the Freezer campaign, generating more than 2,800 pounds of meat.





- 1. Ben and Alyce Shaver Scholarship Fund
- Blake Underwood Student Learning Grant Fund
- 3. Bob and Ruth Holland Community Fund
- 4. Bope Family Fund
- 5. Briggs Family Scholarship Fund
- 6. Bruce and Dolores Hannah Scholarship Fund
- 7. Catherine Blankenship Scholarship Fund
- 8. Charlene Joseph Scholarship Fund
- The Clay Center of Ohio Endowment Fund
- Commander Lambert Scholarship Fund
- 11. Corning Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- 12. Crooksville Arts Council Scholarship Fund
- 13. Donald and Catherine Palmer Scholarship Fund
- 14. Hazel Post Fisher Community Fund
- 15. Holy Trinity School Endowment Fund
- 16. Jack and Clara Reho Scholarship Fund
- Janet Hursey Koehler Wade Scholarship
 Fund
- 18. Janice E. Norris Memorial Scholarship
- 19. Jesse, Olema & Ralph Drake Scholarship Fund
- 20. Jim and Vicki Palmer Legacy Scholarship
- 21. Jimmy Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund
- **22.** John and Elsie Exenkemper Scholarship Fund

- 23. Joseph and Marie Lichtenstein Scholarship Fund
- 24. Ludowici Community Foundation Fund
- 25. Murray and Lulu Brown Scholarship Fund
- 26. Partners For Your Health
- 27. Paul and Charlotte Hope Scholarship Fund
- 28. Perry County Connectivity Fund
- 29. Perry County Historical & Cultural Arts Society Fund
- 30. Perry County Hunger Relief Fund
- 31. Perry County Single Parent Support Fund
- **32.** Perry County Sportsman Club Endowment
- **33.** Robert Woodruff and Charles & Elizabeth Scholarship Fund
- **34.** Shawnee Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- 35. Somerset Community Fund
- 36. Somerset Horticultural Endowment
- **37.** Southern Perry County Academic Endowment Fund
- 38. Supporting Families Fund
- 39. Upper Rush Creek Revitalization Project
- **40.** Vincent and Gene Hope Scholarship Fund
- **41.** William and Frances Dunlap Scholarship Fund
- **42.** Williard & Frances Kay Burns Legacy Scholarship Fund