



# **GALLIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

## Greetings from the Gallia Community Foundation!

As the Gallia Community Foundation (GCF) celebrates another year of serving the people and communities of Gallia County, the GCF Board thanks volunteers and donors for their gifts of time, talent, and treasure – and all that has been achieved over the past several years.

Our goal is to be Gallia County's leading philanthropic partner, to enrich the community, and to preserve its unique culture. The GCF Fund is an endowed investment, channeling donors' generosity into a long-term source of financial assistance to benefit the community.

This past year, we secured \$84,100 in gifts and pledges from donors and fundraising efforts. This money makes it possible to award grants to local nonprofits and organizations that are the bedrock of the community and enrich the lives of all who call Gallia County home. In fall 2022, GCF awarded over \$14,000 in grants.

This report spotlights a few of the many ways the fund is making a difference in Gallia County. None of this would be possible without the help of volunteers and donors whose love, work, commitment, and generous spirit are at the heart of everything we're able to do for Gallia County residents today and for years to come.

We are focused on growing the fund and increasing opportunities, such as scholarships, grants, educational resources, and fellowships, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. If you love Gallia County and want to support our cause through volunteerism or monetary donations, please reach out to a GCF committee member to learn more.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**OLIVIA REES**

**ARUN SHARMA**

**NICK ROACH**

**JODIE PENROD**

**KATIE RATLIFF**

**RACHEL HARVEY**



### Want to learn more?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to GCF, or to create a fund to support a cause closest to your heart, please contact us!

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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 Gallia 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.*

## SUPPORTING A NEW BEGINNING FOR A BELOVED TRADITION

Relocating the Gallia County Fairgrounds has been a community topic for years, but when another flooding of the property occurred – just days before the opening of the 2020 fair – a long-time worry became an immediate concern and a cause for action.

In 2024, the Gallia County Agricultural Society is planning to debut the Gallia County Fair on a new site – located on the same property that has housed this beloved community tradition for the past 65 years, but on higher ground, away from the floodplain. This long-awaited move is the result of community action and generosity, including a 2021 grant from the Gallia Community Foundation.

The foundation has supported the relocation project for many years, including through its Gallia County Fair Relocation Fund, recognizing that providing a safer location for the fair also opens the doors for the property



to become a destination for other events and boost the local economy.

The Gallia County Agricultural Society used the foundation's funding to help construct a new horse barn for the relocated fairgrounds, bringing the overall project one step closer to becoming reality.



## INVESTING IN GALLIA COUNTY'S CURRENT AND FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS

Starting and maintaining a business has never been easy. The COVID-19 pandemic coupled with rapid changes in the way people conduct business have created a world of challenges for business owners.

That's why for the past two years, the Gallia County Foundation has invested in existing and aspiring business owners whose entrepreneurship impacts the lives in and livelihood of the greater community. **CONTINUED ON BACK ►**



## OUR IMPACT IN 2022

Committee members featured with representatives from grantee organizations God's Hands at Work and Easterseals of Central and Southeast Ohio.

### FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Gallia County Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created nearly \$15,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- **Easterseals of Central and Southeast Ohio** to enroll additional Gallia County children in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio.
- **Economic and Community Development Institute** to support the Lunch-and-Learn series and a forthcoming Dinner-and-Development series.
- **Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council** for its Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
- **God's Hands At Work** for its mobile food pantry.
- **John Gee Black Historical Center** to initiate a bathroom remodel project.

### INVESTING IN GALLIA COUNTY'S CURRENT AND FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS (CONTINUED)

With a 2021 grant from the foundation, the Economic and Community Development Institute's Women's Business Center (WBC) of Central Appalachia partnered with the Gallia County Chamber of Commerce to re-launch the chamber's Lunch-and-Learn program. The monthly series brings experts, professional advisors, and the resources of the WBC directly to Gallia County entrepreneurs and business owners.

Building on the success of that series and with a goal of supporting, retaining, and creating jobs in Gallia County, in fall 2022, the Gallia County Foundation awarded the WBC-Gallia County Chamber of Commerce partnership another grant to create a Dinner-and-Development series.



# \$816,709

IN ASSETS UNDER THE GCF UMBRELLA



# \$19,800

AWARDED TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN 2022



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CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH GCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Bill C. Campbell Memorial Endowment
2. The French Art Colony Endowment
3. Gallia County Arts & Culture Fund
4. Gallia County Downtown Revitalization Project
5. Gallia County Fair Relocation Fund
6. Ohio Valley Bank Foundation Fund
7. WJT Paying It Forward Fund