

# HARRISON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

### LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

#### Greetings from the Harrison County Community Foundation!

As we celebrate another year of serving the people and communities of Harrison County, we are filled with gratitude for all we have achieved together and with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead.

We were founded to create more opportunities in Harrison County through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Those gifts allow us to support local organizations that provide everything from meals and entertainment for our community to bereavement support for our youth.

To date, we've raised nearly \$660,000, including donations that were matched dollar-for-dollar thanks to funding from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO). And **in 2022, we were able to give our biggest grants to date.** We are proud of the wide range of organizations we're able to assist.

This report spotlights a few of the many ways we are making a difference in Harrison County. For 2023, we have our sights set on bigger and better opportunities. With your help, we hope to grow the number of grant recipients and amounts distributed even more. We remain committed to our goal of developing \$1 million in permanent dollars to benefit Harrison County.

Your love, hard work, commitment, and generous spirit are at the heart of everything we're able to provide for our residents and our communities today and for years to come.

Please join us in our mission to create more opportunities in Harrison County!

Harrison County Community Foundation

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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 Harrison 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 HARRISON COUNTY YOUTH – FROM A TO Z

The Harrison County Metropolitan Housing Authority's after-school and summer program in the Bingham Terrace Community is appropriately named the A-Z Learning Lab. There, children ages 3-18 experience enriching and unique opportunities – everything they need, from A to Z, to grow academically and socially and to be successful in life.

The lab provides youth in the community an on-site, safe, and fun learning environment at no cost to residents. In 2021, the Harrison County Community Foundation awarded the lab a grant to help fund educational activities that include homework support, reading enrichment, and tutoring assistance. The lab pairs those activities with efforts to increase youth resilience, independence, selfconfidence, and self-discovery – creating an environment that nurtures the building blocks of success.



Wanting to nurture more Harrison County youth, the Harrison County Community Foundation awarded the Housing Authority another grant in fall 2022, which will help expand the A-Z Learning Lab facility.



#### SETTING THE STAGE FOR ARTS AND COMMUNITY

This spring, a new outdoor performance stage is set to open at Sally Buffalo Park in Cadiz, bringing concerts, programming, and other opportunities to the residents of Harrison and surrounding counties.

It took a community and many donors to make this project a reality. Among those contributing to this effort was the Harrison County Community Foundation, which awarded the Harrison County Tourism Council Inc. a 2021 grant to help fund the project.

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### **OUR IMPACT IN 2022**

### FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Harrison County Community Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created over \$24,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- Community Hospice
- Deersville Community Players
- Deersville Community Volunteer Fire Department
- Freeport Volunteer Fire Department
- Harrison County Tourism Council Inc.
- Harrison County Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Humane Society of Harrison County
- Presbyterian Church of Cadiz
- Tri-County Help Center
- WVU Medicine Harrison Community Hospital

#### SETTING THE STAGE FOR ARTS AND COMMUNITY (CONTINUED)

The tourism council has formed an entertainment committee that is planning programming for the facility with a vision that it will host everything from concerts, theatrical performances, and religious services to school and charity events, weddings, and meetings. The facility will also be available to rent.

Seeing the venue's potential to boost the local economy while also supporting arts and culture, the Harrison County Community Foundation awarded the tourism council a 2022 grant for the next phase of improvements to the park – the construction of a backstage area that will attract even more events to this local treasure.



## \$43,000

AWARDED IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ACROSS ALL HARRISON COUNTY FUNDS IN 2022



#### CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH HCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

- Chad Clay Memorial Fund
- 2. Gulfport Energy Fund
- 8. Harrison Central Soccer Fund
- 4. Harrison County Arts & Culture Fund
- 5. Harrison County Imagination Library Fund
- 6. Husky Education Fund
- 7. Jewett United Methodist Church Endowment
- 8. The Mary Ronsheim Ford Fund
- 9. The W. Donald and Marian Porter Huffman Family Scholarship