



HIGHLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Highland County Community Fund!

The Highland County Community Fund was founded and has been sustained by local residents who want to build a brighter future for Highland County and all who call it home – today and for years to come.

A local affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), we are volunteers who grow charitable giving to address Highland County's greatest needs and seize the most promising opportunities for our residents and communities. As our fund grows, so, too, does the amount of money we're able to give to support projects and programs that elevate the quality of life in communities across Highland County.

Our annual report highlights only a few of the many ways we've been able to serve Highland County in collaboration with our donors, community partners, and local leaders. None of this would be possible without each of you.

We thank you, we need you, and we look forward to all we will accomplish together in the year ahead.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Want to learn more?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to the Highland County Community Fund, 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 Highland 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.



with help from a 2021 grant from the Highland County Community Fund.

The Discover Inspire Grow Groups bring students in grades 4-12 together with adults for eight weeks of creating, physical fitness, outdoor adventures, food, service to others, and exploring community resources. Ninety-three students and 63 adults participated in last summer's program.

The program's impact has been felt throughout the community. Students explored new interests, practiced new skills, and learned about their community, local businesses, and potential careers. Adults shared their work experiences, expertise, and skills. Parents and guardians had a safe and fun learning environment for their children. And area senior citizens were engaged as the students led BINGO and ate lunch at the Highland County Community Action Organization's senior nutrition site and made visits to area houses and two nursing homes.

BUILDING SKILLS, CONNECTIONS, AND COMMUNITY

When the Greenfield Area Christian Center's New Directions Youth Ministry debuted a new summer program in 2021, the goal was to build trust and relationships between students and adults through shared experiences. After two years, the program has also built community –



HELPING FAMILIES SHOULDER A NECESSARY EXPENSE

Disposable diapers for a single baby cost approximately \$70 per month. The Diaper Depot, a ministry of Hillsboro First Baptist Church, has been helping local families in need with this necessary expense and, in 2022, received financial assistance from the Highland County Community Fund.

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OUR IMPACT IN 2022

FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Highland County Community Fund, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created over \$10,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- **Alternatives to Violence Center** to assist domestic violence victims with housing costs.
- **American Red Cross of South Central Ohio** to purchase smoke detectors for area homes.
- **Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council** to help support 174 girls in Highland County through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
- **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** to help fund its monthly "Soup's On" free community meal.
- **Wilmington College** to provide scholarships for Highland County children with disabilities to attend a summer therapeutic horse-riding camp.

HELPING FAMILIES SHOULDER A NECESSARY EXPENSE (CONTINUED)

A grant helped the Diaper Depot distribute approximately 8,420 diapers, Pull-Ups, and adult undergarments to an estimated 346 families in Highland County. Giveaways were held during a spring event that also offered families games, fun activities, and snacks and at other locations. Those events were so successful that the church established a weekly diaper giveaway.

The Diaper Depot is doing more than filling a need for many families. It's showing love and support within the local community.



\$77,133

IN ASSETS UNDER THE HCCF UMBRELLA



\$10,000

AWARDED IN GRANTS AND
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022



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CHARITABLE FUND PARTNERING WITH
HCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Highland County Conservation Fund