



# **HOCKING COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND**

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE



### Greetings from the Hocking County Community Fund!

As we celebrate another year of serving the people and communities of Hocking County, we are filled with gratitude for all we have achieved together and with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead – thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

The Hocking County Community Fund (HCCF) was created in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) to benefit Hocking County, its people, and its communities. It provides a way for anyone with a heart for Hocking County to give back and make a difference.

2022 was a great year for HCCF! We sponsored our first Fill the Freezer campaign in collaboration with the Hocking County Fair Board and HAPCAP, and we awarded grants for the third year to support community efforts. And we're thrilled to report that HCCF had \$300,000 in dollar-for-dollar matching funds available – and we met our match, doubling the impact of our generous donors.

This report spotlights a few of the many ways we are making a difference – none of which would be possible without you. We have big goals for 2023 as we continue to grow the endowment to support Hocking County today and forever.

Consider donating to the HCCF endowment campaign, mark your calendars for our Fill the Freezer event at the 2023 Hocking County Fair, and stay up to date with HCCF on Facebook and our website.

Thank you for your support in 2022, and here's to a great 2023 for Hocking County!

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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#### Want to learn more?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to the Hocking 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 Hocking 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.

## TEAMING UP TO HELP THE HUNGRY

The Hocking County Fair's livestock sale is a celebratory occasion for local 4-H youth who spent the previous year raising their animals. Last year's sale was even more memorable – and impactful.

In 2022, HCCF launched its Fill the Freezer campaign, inviting buyers at the livestock sale to donate their purchases to fill the freezers of the county's food pantries. The result? More than 2,800 pounds of meat to feed area residents in need.

Fill the Freezer, piloted in the region by the Community Foundation for Perry County in 2021, brings together local 4-H members, fair boards, community funds, and area residents to end hunger.

“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.”

HCCF was selected as an FAO 2022 Health & Human Services Pillar of Prosperity “Bright Spot Partner” for its leadership in advancing the Fill the Freezer program and is exploring models for sustaining and expanding the program to other counties.



## STRENGTHENING OUR LOCAL FAMILIES

Project SAFE (Student and Family Engagement) debuted in the Logan-Hocking School District in 2006, providing before- and after-school care to the district's five elementary and one middle school. The program serves an average of 300 students per year.

Over the years, the project transitioned from supporting the whole child to supporting the whole family with academic support, family engagement, enrichment activities, and youth development programming. **CONTINUED ON BACK ►**



Committee and community members gather at the Hocking County Community Fund tailgate party at a Logan High School football game.

# OUR IMPACT IN 2022

## FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Hocking County Community Fund, in partnership with FAO, created \$10,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- Easterseals Central and Southeast Ohio
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
- Hocking County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Hocking Hills Children’s Museum
- Hocking Hills Inspire Shelter
- LifeWise Academy
- Logan Theater (two grants)
- Project SAFE
- Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center

## STRENGTHENING OUR LOCAL FAMILIES (CONTINUED)

Recognizing a need to assist families with basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter, Project SAFE expanded a few years ago to include a food and clothing pantry, which relies on donors and grants to operate. In both 2021 and 2022, the Hocking County Community Fund awarded grants to the program to help support and stock the food and clothing pantry.

“When we began the project several years ago, we were serving 30 families. We now serve over 150 families,” Project SAFE organizers report. “There is more need now than ever. We saw a large increase of families served during COVID, and now, due to inflation, our numbers are soaring.”



**\$5.6 MILLION**  
IN ASSETS UNDER THE HCCF UMBRELLA



**\$54,512**  
AWARDED TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN 2022



**\$4,500**  
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO HOCKING COUNTY STUDENTS



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CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH HCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY  
(Please see separate list)



## HOCKING COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND CHARITABLE FUNDS

1. Arthur and Dorothy Kalklosch Family Fund
2. Artista Rock School Fund
3. Barton and Regina Holl Legacy Fund
4. Bishop Educational Gardens Endowment Fund
5. The Bowen House Endowment Fund
6. Chieftain Center Fund
7. Dayton Schultheis Mathematics Award Endowment
8. Debby Angle Memorial Fund
9. Dollars for Holiday Lights Fund
10. Faith & Mary Ruth Krinn Memorial Fund
11. Fireworks Fund
12. The Frank Judy Family-Logan High School Fund
13. Frederick M. Ervin III Legacy Fund for Hocking County
14. Friends of the Hocking Hills State Park
15. Helen Grettler "Got Music" Endowment Fund
16. Hocking Area End of Life Care Fund
17. Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce Foundation
18. Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce Family of Funds
19. Hocking Hills Conservation Endowment Fund
20. Hocking Valley Scenic Trails
21. Jim Raeder Helping Hand Scholarship Fund
22. Ken & Joan Danes Farmers Market Fund
23. Keynes Drive Recreation Complex
24. LilyFest Fund
25. Logan in Bloom Fund
26. Logan Gates Fund
27. Logan High School Work/ Study Endowment
28. Logan-Holl Foundation Fund
29. Logan Mural Project
30. Logan Rotary Community Fund
31. Logan Theater Fund
32. Logan Town Center
33. Long Term Recovery Team
34. Loryn Cassady Memorial Fund
35. Merchants National Bank Fund for Hocking County
36. Mingo Park Project Fund
37. Operation Santa
38. Park National Bank Community Fund for Hocking County
39. Phillip Davis Memorial Endowment
40. Ruth and Edgar "Jake" Huffman Endowment
41. Scenic Hills Senior Center & Educational & Wellness Center Endowment
42. Schmidt Family Endowment
43. Sherman and Regina Prater Fund
44. Supporting Families Fund
45. Tedd McCormick Memorial Fund
46. VCNB Family Fund for Hocking County