



MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Monroe County Community Foundation!

Since 2009, we've been serving the people and communities of Monroe County. We are filled with gratitude for all we have achieved together and with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead.

The foundation was created to help and inspire residents and those who love Monroe County give locally. In 2022, our community fund helped donors "double their impact" and grow grant money available for the future. As a local affiliate of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), we received a dollar-for-dollar match for the more than \$171,000 donated to the Monroe County Community Foundation.

In fall 2022, we provided eight grants totaling nearly \$15,000 to advance projects and programs throughout the county and hosted a September community gathering and fund update at the historic Monroe Theatre.

This report spotlights only a few of the many ways we are making a difference in Monroe County. None of this would be possible without you. Our donors and supporters are at the heart of everything we're able to provide for our residents and communities today and for generations.

You can help us support Monroe County by sharing our story. Many still don't know that we have a Monroe County Community Foundation. It's grown to more than \$2.4 million across 33 funds. We want and need your time, talent, and treasure to continue our growth and service to Monroe County. To learn more, contact Gwynn Stewart at gwynnstewart@juno.com.

Together, we will ensure Monroe County is abundant in possibilities!



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** Denotes founding members still serving in 2022.*



Want to learn more?

For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to Monroe County Community Foundation, 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 Monroe 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 COMMUNITY EFFORT

Broken Timber Outdoor Education Center was founded as a place to encourage youth and their families to enjoy the outdoors and wildlife. Despite steady growth of its programming, it lacked a space to hold outdoor classes.

That all changed last year after the Monroe County Community Foundation, through the Baker Education and Economic Development Fund, awarded the center a grant to construct a pavilion and purchase audio equipment. Area residents volunteered to help clear the land, and students in the Swiss Hills Career Center's construction program completed the build while honing their skills.

The pavilion will host its first programming this spring, welcoming 4-H clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, students, and senior citizens to learn about wildlife habitat, conservation, and outdoor activities. A 2022 grant from the Monroe County Community Foundation will help fund a concrete floor for the pavilion.



ENHANCING COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The Monroe County Community Foundation invests donors' dollars into projects and programs that elevate the quality of life in communities throughout the county.

In late 2021, the Lewisville Community Volunteer Fire Department was wrapping up construction on a new firehouse, built to also serve as an emergency shelter for the community. With the structure in place, the department needed funding to equip it with some of the basic accommodations of a gathering space.

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OUR IMPACT IN 2022

FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

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

- Broken Timber Outdoor Education Center
- Hilltop Swiss Lads and Lassies 4-H Club
- Kiwanis Club of Woodsfield
- Lewisville Community Center
- Lewisville Community Volunteer Fire Department
- Midway Community and Senior Citizens Center
- Monroe County Arts Council (two grants)

ENHANCING COMMUNITY RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

With a grant from the foundation, the department was able to purchase tables and chairs, used to host many community events, including the department's biggest Basket Bingo Fundraiser to date and several funeral dinners for local families – and ready should the facility be needed as an emergency shelter.

At the nearby Lewisville Community Center, volunteers lead a monthly Story Hour for area children ages 1-5, reading them a story and then providing them an activity. With a 2021 grant from the foundation, the center purchased child-size tables and chairs as well as toys, art supplies, and learning materials for the year-round program. In 2022, approximately 75 children and their parents or guardians participated in this free program that brings children together to learn and play.



\$2.4 MILLION
IN ASSETS UNDER THE MCCF UMBRELLA



\$36,076
AWARDED IN GRANTS AND
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022



\$18,000
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
TO MONROE COUNTY STUDENTS



34
CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH
MCCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY
(Please see separate list)



MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

CHARITABLE FUNDS

1. Baker Educational and Economic Development Fund
2. Dalton Ludwig Memorial Fund for Monroe County
3. The Davey L and Sandra Jackson Turner Memorial Scholarship Fund
4. Friendship Cemetery Endowment
5. The Greenbrier Cemetery Endowment
6. Gregory S. Baker Legacy Scholarship
7. Gulfport Energy Fund
8. Hoops for Heart VFD Fund
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10. Jeff & Jane Schumacher Cox Fund
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12. Jennifer Garrison Public Service Scholarship Fund
13. Jim Turner Memorial Scholarship
14. John G. and Suzanne Scott Weber Scholarship Fund
15. Kevin F. Arnold Memorial Fund
16. Kiwanis Coats for Kids Fund
17. Lewisville & Community Volunteer Fire Department Fund
18. Low Gap Cemetery Endowment
19. Mick & Ashley Schumacher Fund for Monroe County
20. Monroe Arts Council Endowment Fund
21. Monroe County 4-H Endowment
22. Oaklawn Cemetery Endowment
23. Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Endowment
24. River High School Alumni & Friends Fund
25. St. Paul's United Church of Christ Hunnell/Haren Endowment
26. St. Paul's United Church of Christ Mick/Christman/Cox Endowment
27. St. Paul's United Church of Christ Whittmer Fund
28. Stafford Cemetery Endowment Fund
29. The Statoil Monroe County Energy Fund
30. Supporting Student Success Fund
31. Tim Ross Legacy Fund
32. United Way of Guernsey, Monroe and Noble Endowment Fund
33. Weber Family Fund
34. Woods ield Kiwanis Club Pioneer Cemetery