



# MORGAN COMMUNITY FUND

## 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE



## Greetings from the Morgan Community Fund!

As we celebrate another year of serving the people and communities of Morgan County, we are filled with gratitude for the support we've received from this community and with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead – thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

It is the generosity of Morgan County residents that established the Morgan Community Fund and that allows us to create and support projects, programs, and opportunities for all who call our county home – today and for years to come. We are local volunteers who grow charitable giving that is reinvested in annual grants that address Morgan County's greatest needs and seize our most promising opportunities. As our fund grows, so, too, does the level of support we're able to give every year.

To date, we have raised more than \$843,000, including donations that were matched dollar-for-dollar through the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO).

This report highlights a few of the many ways we've been able to serve the people and communities in Morgan County in collaboration with our donors, partners, and local leaders. None of this would be possible without you.

We thank 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 Morgan 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 Morgan 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.*

## BRINGING JOY AND CREATING CHERISHED MOMENTS

The Shrivvers Hospice Foundation launched its Someday Is Today program in 2018, embarking on a mission to fulfill the wishes of patients and create lasting memories for them and their loved ones.

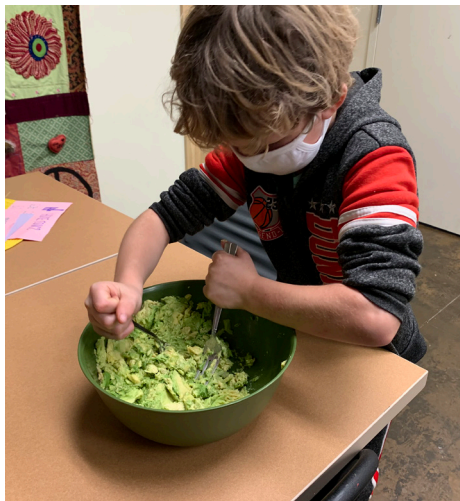
In 2021, the Morgan Community Fund became the first organization to give the foundation a grant. With that funding, the nonprofit set out to fulfill the wishes of just two patients. Instead, experiences and memories were created for six local Shrivvers Hospice patients, including McConnellsville resident Marvin Taylor.

Marvin dreamed of going on a train ride, and Shrivvers Hospice Foundation made arrangements with the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway in Nelsonville and Zanesville-based ValueCare Ambulance Service to make his dream come true. His special day – an Easter train ride, complete with



the Easter Bunny – included a hospice nurse and her grandson, invited by Marvin to spread the joy of the experience.

“Days for hospice patients can be very difficult and dark. Our Someday Is Today program lets the light in,” says Janice Sabine, executive director of Shrivvers Hospice Foundation. “It gives our patients and their families something to look forward to and brings joy into their lives.”



## FEEDING A SUMMERTIME NEED FOR YOUTH

The Community Action Program Corp. of Washington-Morgan Counties' most recent community needs assessment identified food and food access as the greatest needs in Morgan County.

For the past two summers, the Morgan Community Fund (MCF) has supported a program that ensures that the children of Morgan County don't go hungry over the summer and that their families don't have to struggle as much finding additional financial resources to cover rising food costs. **CONTINUED ON BACK ►**

# OUR IMPACT IN 2022

## FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Morgan Community Fund, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created over \$12,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio
- Malta McConnellsville Joint Recreation Board
- Malta McConnellsville Rotary Club
- MoCo Kitty Kontrol
- Morgan County Health Department
- Morgan Local Schools
- Muskingum Valley Council Boy Scouts of America
- Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center
- Rising Suns Pharmacy
- Twin City Opera House

## FEEDING A SUMMERTIME NEED FOR YOUTH (CONTINUED)

MCF grants have helped fund Washington-Morgan Community Action's 2021 and 2022 summer feeding sites, providing children ages 1-18 with hot nutritious lunches Mondays through Fridays.

Last summer, the program operated two feeding sites in Morgan County from June 8 through Aug. 12, providing a total of 975 meals to local youth.

## MAKING CHRISTMAS A LITTLE BRIGHTER

When Hazel Syphers passed away in 2014, she left a legacy that included a planned gift to the Morgan Community Fund to provide a present to children who might not otherwise experience that Christmas joy. In December, those children received two times the joy, receiving a wrapped gift thanks to Hazel's generosity and a Learning Lunchbox filled with hands-on STEM activities thanks to a new partnership between COSI and the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio.



**\$1.6 MILLION**  
IN ASSETS UNDER THE MCF UMBRELLA



**\$12,322**  
AWARDED IN GRANTS AND  
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022



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CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH  
MCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

1. Morgan County - Christmas in the Village
2. Morgan County Community Fund Auxiliary Program
3. Morgan County Youth Development Fund
4. Morgan Emergency Grant Program
5. Morgan County Historical Society Fund
6. Morgan Foundation Christmas Wish for Kids Fund
7. S.P.O.T. & MoCo Kitty Endowment

