



NELSONVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE COMMITTEE



Greetings from the Nelsonville Community Foundation!

As we celebrate another year of serving Nelsonville and the surrounding communities of Buchtel, Carbon Hill, and Murray City, we are filled with gratitude for all we've achieved for our residents – thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure – and with optimism about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Founded by and for our local residents, the Nelsonville Community Foundation grows charitable giving for a permanent endowment to meet the changing needs and most promising opportunities in our communities today and for generations to come. Your generosity is reinvested in everything from scholarships for our youth to annual grants that improve the local quality of life. 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 \$300,000, 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 our residents in collaboration with our donors, community partners, and local leaders. None of this would be possible without you.

We thank you, and we invite anyone interested in helping us build resources, opportunities, and a brighter future for our communities to join us.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

STUART BROOKS

STEVEN COX

KEVIN DOTSON

DOROTHY GETTLE

BILL L'HEUREUX

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For more information about planned giving, to make a gift to the Nelsonville 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 Nelsonville and the surrounding communities of Buchtel, Carbon Hill, and Murray City — 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.

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY'S YOUNGEST LEARNERS

In 2021, there was no program to ensure that Nelsonville-York School District students had food to eat over weekends and school breaks.

To fill that need for the district's youngest learners and help area families, Athens County Children Services partnered with Nelsonville-York Elementary School to launch the Buckeye Bags Food Access Program in February 2022. With a grant from the Nelsonville Community Foundation and support from local nonprofits and businesses, the Buckeye Bags program has distributed 2,718 weekend food bags, 62 school break food boxes, 17 emergency food boxes, five emergency backpack food bags – and counting.

The program, open to all elementary students, is not only feeding local schoolchildren but addressing a transportation barrier many families face in accessing food assistance.



Of the 52 families served by the program, 51 opted to have the food boxes delivered to their homes, with many noting they did not have a vehicle or gas money.

With local funding and community support during the program's first year, Buckeye Bags organizers have been able to secure funding from the Children's Hunger Alliance to continue feeding Nelsonville area youth.



SUPPORTING THE ART COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ECONOMY

The Athenian Berean Community (ABC) Players is a source of entertainment, arts, and culture in southeastern Ohio. The community theater dates back to 1973 and has held nearly all of its productions – about three to five performances per year – at Nelsonville's Stuart's Opera House since 1997.

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OUR IMPACT IN 2022

FALL 2022 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Nelsonville Community Foundation, in partnership with the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, created over \$23,000 in opportunities across our communities through grants to the following organizations:

- Nelsonville Greyhound Park
- Greater Works Outreach Worship Center
- Hocking College Foundation
- Majestic Galleries
- Nelsonville-York City Schools
- Ohio University
- Rising Suns Pharmacy
- Southeast Ohio Independent News
- Tri-County Career Center

SUPPORTING THE ART COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ECONOMY (CONTINUED)

When the ABC Players needed a new wireless microphone system and transmitters, it turned to the Nelsonville Community Foundation, which provided the theater a 2021 grant to purchase the equipment. It's a project that benefits everyone from local thespians and audience members to other organizations that can use the equipment and Stuart's Opera House, a gem of the regional arts community and major attraction and economic driver of Nelsonville.

As one cast member at the March 2022 production of "Sister Act" was overheard saying: "I have performed in many plays in this area over the years, and this is the first time I have ever been given a clean, new microphone that wasn't something patched together out of old parts and held together with electrical tape!"

That production alone brought more than 1,300 people to Stuart's Opera House and Nelsonville's historic Public Square to experience talent and town.



\$1.2 MILLION
IN ASSETS UNDER THE NCF UMBRELLA



\$26,255
AWARDED IN GRANTS AND
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES IN 2022



\$5,750
AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
TO NELSONVILLE-YORK STUDENTS



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**CHARITABLE FUNDS PARTNERING WITH
NCF IN SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES**

1. The Baird Brothers Community Foundation Fund for Nelsonville
2. The Katie McCoy and Mary Jane McKinley Music Scholars Fund of First United Methodist Church of Nelsonville
3. Lee Beckett Legacy Scholarship Fund
4. Max Conner Memorial Fund to Support the Nelsonville-York School District
5. Moon Family Legacy Fund for Nelsonville
6. Nelsonville Area Chamber of Commerce Fund for Nelsonville
7. Nelsonville High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
8. Stuart's Opera House Endowment Fund