



FOUNDATION FOR
APPALACHIAN OHIO
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**UNLEASHING THE POWER
OF YOUR GIVING**

Dear Friends,

For nearly 25 years, we have partnered with you, our community of givers, to create opportunities and advance sustained transformations for the people of Appalachian Ohio, both today and for generations to come.

Thanks to your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we are able to make meaningful investments that improve health, create educational opportunities, advance economic development and environmental stewardship, and provide access to arts and cultural experiences throughout our region.

In 2022 alone, your generosity enabled us to:

 **Award 1,242 grants and scholarships totaling \$6.4M**

 **Ensure that each of our 32 counties has access to a local community foundation**

Today, FAO stewards \$75 million in charitable assets and 600 separate charitable funds. We also serve as the back-office partner to the region-wide African American Community Fund and 14 geographic affiliates that collaborate through FAO to accelerate local change and grow philanthropic resources for their communities.

At the heart of our work is our desire for Appalachian Ohio to gain socio-economic parity with the rest of the state and the nation and for all who call the region home to experience a rich quality of life and high levels of happiness.

Thank you for joining us to support an abundant future for the people of Appalachian Ohio.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. – Helen Keller

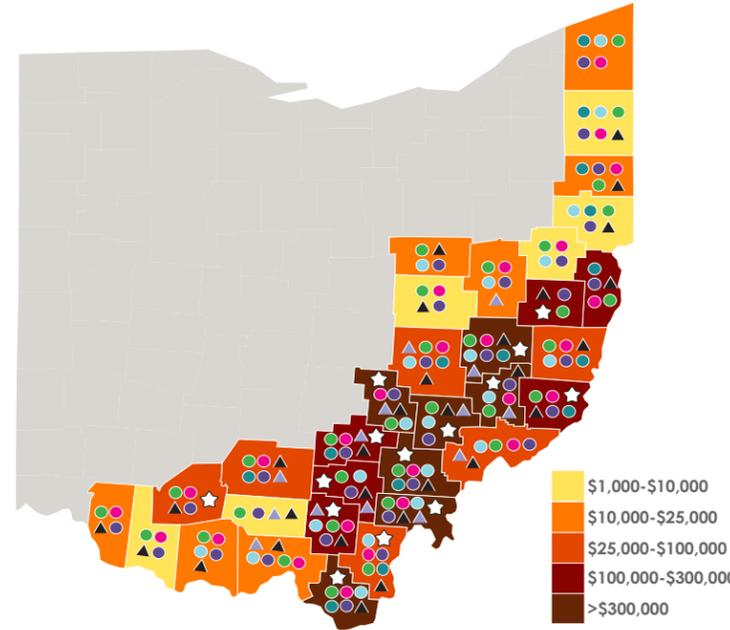
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OUR MISSION

We seek to unleash the potential within Appalachian Ohio by growing and leveraging gifts that advance sustained transformation.

2022 IMPACT: MAKING A DIFFERENCE



 **15**
Affiliate foundations, including the region-wide African American Community Fund

 **723**
Grants given overall

 **519**
Scholarships awarded

 **29**
Counties with Growing Home Fellows

 **17**
African American Community Fund grants

 **20**
Youth resiliency grants

 **32**
Counties served by Cause Connector

 **14**
Counties visited by mobile vision clinic, covering 23 school districts

 Community Fund Partners  Youth Resiliency Grants  Grant Recipients  Growing Home Fellows
 Cause Connector Projects  Scholarship Recipients  AAF Grants  Mobile Vision Clinic Visits

GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

In 2022, donor generosity and support from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund fueled the development and launch of our Growing Home Fellowship, designed to recruit, retain, and nurture the next generation of community leaders for Appalachian Ohio. The inaugural class of 121 fellows, the Classroom to Community Cohort, includes 18-to-35-years olds who work with our region's K-12 population. In exchange for agreeing to live, work, and volunteer in the region for five years, they receive a financial stipend and access to a leadership program that includes service, skill development, and peer learning.

The first class of Growing Home Fellows includes:

72%

Classroom educators

15%

Student support service providers

13%

Behavioral health & educational programming partners

A COLLABORATION WITH VISION

An anonymous donor seeded a dream that has blossomed into an FAO-facilitated private-public partnership that is giving the children of Appalachian Ohio the vision care they need to be successful – in school and in life. In 2022, thanks to *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Fund donors and local, state, and national partners, the mobile vision clinics that bring free vision screenings, eye exams, and prescription glasses to K-12 students across the region were expanded and exceeded all performance metrics of Ohio's pay-for-success ResultsOHIO program.



iSee with Vision To Learn has screened 10,000 students and provided 3,000 pairs of glasses.

With continued support from donors, FAO is committed to expanding the program to serve every child in need throughout Appalachian Ohio.

GIFTING HOLIDAY JOY TO KIDS AND COMMUNITY

When Hazel Syphers passed away in 2014, she left a series of gifts in her will – including for the Morgan Community Fund to provide a wrapped present to children who might not otherwise have that Christmas experience.



The Morgan Community Fund not only fulfills Hazel's wishes but in recent years has inspired the local business community to spread the joy further. The Hazel Syphers Christmas Wish for Kids program provides children Christmas gifts and goodies, an afternoon at the movies, and, in 2022, Learning Lunchboxes filled with hands-on STEM activities, thanks to a partnership between COSI and FAO.

Hazel's legacy lives on in the children of Morgan County and a growing community of givers inspired by her generosity.

 In 2022, **5,000 COSI Learning Lunchboxes** were distributed to youth at nine FAO community partner sites.

YOUR GENEROSITY IN ACTION

 **\$50,000**
In grants to support **nine school-based healthcare partnerships**

 **10,300+ lbs**
Meat donated to help feed **6,000 families** in Hocking and Perry counties – generated through the **Fill the Freezer program**

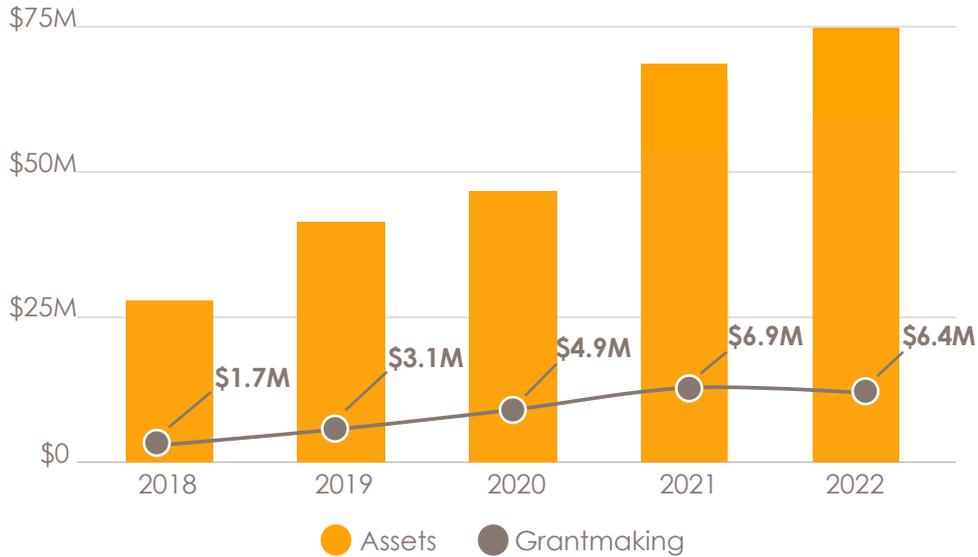
 **\$314,000+**
Awarded through **136 grants** with FAO foundation affiliates in partnership with FAO's *I'm a Child of Appalachia*® Fund

OUR VISION

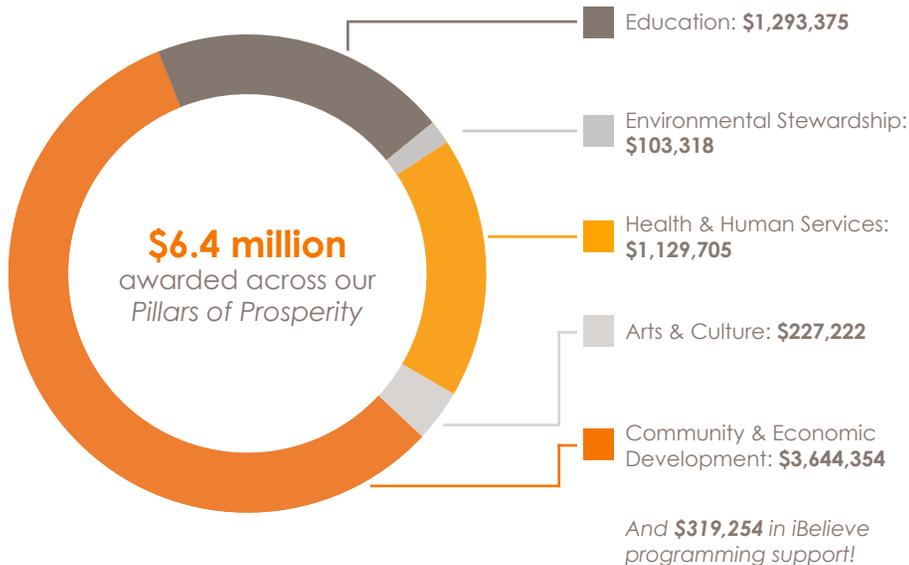
Appalachian Ohio is abundant in possibility for all who call our region home, today and in perpetuity.

2022 FINANCIALS

NET ASSET AND GRANTMAKING GROWTH



2022 GRANTS BY PILLAR



A SPIRIT OF GIVING IN HIS LIFETIME AND BEYOND

As a college student, Stephen McKean taught in K-12 classrooms in the region. He went on to enjoy a successful writing career and to travel the world, but he never forgot about the children of Appalachian Ohio.



Stephen made monthly online donations to FAO, and when he passed away in 2021, he bestowed \$1 million to FAO to use as needed to support transformative programming for the rising generations of Appalachian Ohio. The Stephen McKean Legacy Fund for Appalachian Ohio creates and enriches life-changing opportunities for the region's youth.

FAO presented its 2022 Chaddock Philanthropist of the Year Award to Stephen, a quiet champion of the region whose generosity will forever open a world of opportunities to the children of Appalachian Ohio.

To learn how you can make a gift through FAO to ensure that your legacy lives on, please contact us at info@ffao.org.

OUR FOUNDATION AFFILIATES

- African American Community Fund
- Community Foundation for Perry County
- Gallia Community Foundation
- Guernsey County Foundation
- Harrison County Community Foundation
- Highland County Community Fund
- Hocking County Community Fund
- Jackson County Community Foundation
- Lawrence County Community Foundation
- Meigs County Foundation
- Monroe County Community Foundation
- Morgan Community Fund
- Nelsonville Community Foundation
- Noble County Community Foundation
- Vinton County Community Fund