

# 2010 Annual Report

for

The Fairfield  
Community  
Foundation



## Artwork

Artwork for this publication has been provided by Fairfield City Schools Community Liason Director Angie Duncan and Physical Education teacher Kim Nuxhall as well as other students at Fairfield City Schools.

The artwork is intended to reflect both the spirit of giving that children perceive within Fairfield and Fairfield Township as well as the attributes that constitute the benefits of individual personal character development.

The Fairfield Community Foundation strongly supports character development and the spirit of giving in support of all good works supporting the values and quality of life in our communities.



## Our mission

To enhance and strengthen the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township and surrounding areas by assessing community needs and securing and expanding resources to meet those needs.

## Our vision

Fairfield Community Foundation - Fairfield's First Choice for Giving

"Philanthropy means giving our time and treasure to bring someone else pleasure."

Student poem excerpt

## Letter From The President and Executive Director

They say that everything is created twice. Like an age old masterpiece, or the beautiful children's artwork in this annual report, we hold a vision of what we see for your community foundation. Special thanks to Fairfield City Schools Community Liason Angie Duncan, and Physical Education teacher Kim Nuxhall, whose young students created the drawings within this report.

Thousands of citizens from the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township contributed their time, talent and treasure to bring us to this point. Over 11 years, we have awarded more than \$850,000 to our community.

Our trustees, executive director, assistant and volunteers work, build, safeguard and grow our funds, and make good granting decisions with the earnings. We aid hardworking students and worthy nonprofit organizations, and strive to improve our community's quality of life.

We are happy to have you with us as we enter our 12th year fulfilling the vision of a vibrant, forward-thinking foundation serving our community forever.

Sincerely,



John Brunner  
President, Board of Trustees



Betsy Hope, CFRE  
Executive Director

## 2010 Annual Financial Statement

Balance Sheet as of	2010	2009	2008
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	281,167	273,394	297,300
Investments	1,783,841	1,630,526	1,985,593
Deposits	17	17	17
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,065,025</b>	<b>1,903,937</b>	<b>2,282,910</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities			
Agency Liability Accts	1,123	1,870	3,783
Flow thru Accts	360	317	0
Total Liabilities	1,483	2,187	3,783
Net Assets			
Unrestricted Net	269,490	267,124	375,323
Temp Restricted	1,794,052	1,634,626	1,903,804
Net Assets			
Total net Assets	2,063,542	1,901,750	2,279,127

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Financial statements for the Fairfield Community Foundation are audited annually by Stephenson and Warner, Inc., certified public accountants.

"Peace"



## Approaching a Million in Giving

Eleven years ago, a group of local citizens banded to form a community foundation just for Fairfield and Fairfield Township. We are happy to announce that we have awarded more than \$850,000 in grant dollars in the form of scholarships to deserving students and grants to nonprofit organizations in the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township.

## A Very Good Year

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 was a challenging but good year for the Fairfield Community Foundation. Despite a loss of investment income and a small dip in giving, we awarded \$168,889 in grants to worthy nonprofit organizations and scholarships to deserving students in the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township.

Three years ago, we saw a vision of reaching to the highest level of achievement in our field, certification through the Council on Foundations. Through a year-long process, we successfully received this certification, and now we are proud to be one of the 45 percent of community foundations that have reached this milestone.

## New Funds and Scholarships

AA Plumbing Go Green Scholarship  
Dr. Erick L. Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Fairfield Women Scholarship  
Martha M. Tipton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Partners in Prime Donor Advised Fund  
Paul Thoms Choralier of Character Scholarship  
Phil Nuxhall Donor Advised Fund  
The United Way Donor Advised Fund

## Fairfield Community Foundation Grant Recipients 2009-10

\$5,000  
Hamilton City Schools for character education  
\$500  
Community Grants Consortium  
\$2,500



Sacred Heart's Boy Scout Troop received a grant from the Fairfield Community Foundation for their work on the Miami/Erie Canal bike path.

Miracle League  
\$9,512

Performance Training Complex  
at Fairfield High School  
\$9,220

Cincinnati Christian Schools  
\$150

Crystal Classic at Fairfield High School  
\$1,000

Hamilton North End Citizens for Community Action  
for Reds Rookie Success League

*"On behalf of the City of Fairfield and the Parks and Recreation Department I would like to thank you and the Fairfield Community Foundation for the generous donations and unprecedented support of the Groovin' on the Green Concert Series. These types of partnerships...allow the Department to focus more of its resources on the entertainment portion of the events."*

Ben Strickler  
Parks Events Manager

"Goodness"



## Scholarships 2010

### **Awarded at Fairfield Senior High School:**

Aviation, Engineering and Science Scholarship  
Christy Dennis Memorial Scholarship  
Chuck Chadwell GE Award  
Clarence and Madeline Phalen Memorial Scholarship  
Craig Cold Type Scholarship  
Dennis McRoberts Memorial Scholarship  
Doug Lopina Soccer Scholarship  
Dr. Frederick Marzan Memorial Scholarship  
Fairfield Champions Fund Scholarship  
Fairfield Community Foundation Academic Scholarship  
Fairfield Community Foundation High School Citizenship Award  
Fairfield Community Foundation High School Extracurricular Award  
FCA Galen McCollum Memorial Scholarship  
George Brickhouse Memorial Scholarship  
Howard and Katrina Schul Fine Arts Scholarship



Benjamin Ventling, Robert Lopina, Mark Kylander and Allison Schuler were all recipients of the LCpl Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial Scholarship in 2010. Here, they stand left to right with John Prazynski, Taylor's father.

Jack Crain Excellence in Education Scholarship  
Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship  
Jimmy Hassman Memorial Scholarship  
Judge Larry Deis Memorial Scholarship  
LCpl Taylor B. Prazynski Scholarship  
LCpl Michael Cifuentes Scholarship  
Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial Scholarship  
Matt Maupin Yellow Ribbon Scholarship  
Mel Olinger Memorial Scholarship

Paul Thoms Choralier of Character Scholarship  
Robert Copenbaker Memorial Scholarship  
Ron Chasteen Memorial Scholarship  
Ron Winningham Memorial Scholarship  
Stephanie and Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship  
Tannenbaum Memorial Scholarship  
Ut Prosim Scholarship

### **Awarded at 14 Butler County High Schools:**

The Joe Nuxhall Scholar Athlete Award

### **Awarded to an aspiring firefighter in the City of Fairfield/Fairfield Township:**

The Assistant Fire Chief Paul McKendry Scholarship

### **Awarded at Sacred Heart School:**

Sally Braun Scholarship

### **Awarded at Cincinnati Christian School:**

Pfc. Timothy J. Hines Memorial Scholarship

## Grants & Scholarships by year

2000 - \$ 500  
2001 - \$ 37,650  
2002 - \$ 39,040  
2003 - \$ 34,800  
2004 - \$ 41,034  
2005 - \$ 72,800  
2006 - \$ 98,250  
2007 - \$ 189,281  
2008 - \$ 178,163  
2009 - \$ 161,336  
2010 - \$ 168,889

"Ethical"



## Growing year by year

Our growth: cumulative by fiscal year end

FY 2000 - \$105,158

FY 2001 - \$ 697,308

FY 2002 - \$ 796,381

FY 2003 - \$ 915,911

FY 2004 - \$ 1,142,401

FY 2005 - \$ 1,331,485

FY 2006 - \$ 1,595,283

FY 2007 - \$ 2,029,262

FY 2008 - \$ 2,282,909

FY 2009 - \$ 1,903,937

FY 2010 - \$ 2,063,542

## Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf Open

For the third consecutive year, the Fairfield Community Foundation hosted The Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf Open. Held on June



Charley Frank, executive director of the Reds Community Fund, Kim Nuxhall and Don Nuxhall at the Joe Nuxhall Memorial Golf Open in 2010.

14 at the Elks Country Club, the golf tournament is the main fundraising vehicle for the Joe Nuxhall Scholarship, also now managed by the Fairfield Community Foundation.

Fourteen area high schools (Cincinnati Christian, Badin, Ross, New Miami, Fenwick, Edgewood, Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown, Monroe, Madison, Talawanda, Lakota East and Lakota West) each received \$2,000 in scholarship monies from the Fairfield Community Foundation to award to

graduating seniors. The winners are selected by the individual schools using the criteria of athletics, academics, need, extra-curricular activities, community service and leadership. Sheila Gray of FOX 19 News presented the scholarship awards



Bob Ernst, a supporter of the Joe Nuxhall Memorial Golf Open with Sandy Becker, chair of the event.

in May, with proceeds from the previous year's event.

Originally established by Dickerson Distributing Company, nearly \$600,000 has been distributed through this scholarship over more than 20 years. Major sponsors for the 2010 event included Dickerson Distributing, Bayer Becker, Bob and Nelda Ernst. In kind sponsors included Montgomery Inn, Pepsi, JTM and Kroger.

Save the date for our 2011 Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf outing! It will be Thursday, June 2. **See you on the links!**

## Named Funds

\*Denotes Founder

Administrative Cost Fund

Administrative Endowment Fund

\*Sherry A. Armstead Scholarship Fund

\*Avance Family Fund

Carl Baker Memorial Fund

\*Joseph B. Bayer Memorial Fund

\*Ben and Greta Bartels Scholarship Fund

\*Berding Family Fund

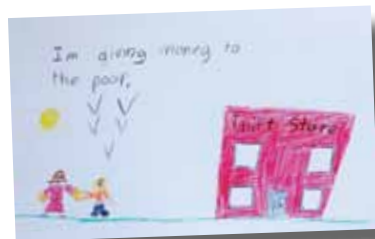
\*Sandy and Nancy Becker Fund

Esther Benzing Fund

*"Thank you very much for awarding me the Dennis McRoberts Scholarship this year. It is greatly appreciated and will greatly help me pave a way to my future goals in life."*

*Mitchell Durbin*

## "Sacrifice"



Lisa Mitchell Brown Scholarship Fund  
 \*A. G. "Pete" Bramble Memorial Fund  
 \*Sally Braun Scholarship Fund  
 \*Bonaminio Family Fund  
 Butler County Pharmacists Fund  
 Chuck Chadwell GE Scholarship Fund  
 \*John and Peggy Collins Fund  
 \*Ron Chasteen Scholarship Fund  
 \*Jim Crain Family Fund  
 \*Robert W. Copenbaker Fund  
 Dr. Erick L. Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*Crutcher Family Fund  
 \*Clemmons Family Fund  
 June Rose Cox Memorial Fund  
 \*Harold Craig Cold Type Scholarship  
 \*Richard and Ann Darlington Fund  
 \*Judge Larry Deis Scholarship Fund  
 Christy Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*John and Jane Dickey Fund  
 \*Dirksen Family Fund  
 \*James and Christina Endres Fund  
 \*Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Fund  
 \*Don Friedman Music Fund  
 \*Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*Fairfield High School Alumni  
 Association Scholarship Fund  
 \*Fairfield Womens Club Fund  
 \*Ron Gehrlich Family Fund  
 \*Friends of Lane Library - General  
 and Fairfield Branch  
 Fairfield Champions Fund  
 First Financial Bank Fund  
 \*Don and Phyllis Graf Family Scholarship Fund  
 \*John and Pat Gleeson Fund  
 Four Seasons Garden Club Fund  
 \*Four Seasons Garden Club Scholarship Fund  
 \*Gille Family Fund  
 \*Martin and Shirley Harvey Fund  
 \*Fred and Jane Herzner Fund

\*Jimmy Hassman Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*Misti Highfill Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 Pfc. Timothy Hines Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*Don and Norma Hassler Family Fund  
 \*Hill-Air Heating & A.C., Inc. Fund  
 \*Holzberger Family Fund  
 \*Jungle Jim's Market, Inc. Fund  
 Frances Janelle Scholarship Fund  
 Hometown Heroes Fund  
 Durga and Suresh Kamat FFHS Band  
 Scholarship Fund



Nicole Jnenga is congratulated by Sally Braun at Sacred Heart School in Fairfield. Nicole won the annual Sally Braun Scholarship at Sacred Heart in 2010.

Keeley Dental Society Fund  
 \*Harold F. Kiddoo Family Fund  
 \*Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Scholarship Fund  
 \*Jean and Don Keck Fund  
 \*Diana and Gary Knapp Fund  
 \*Hans O. Kuehlthau Fund  
 \*Landmark Communities, Inc. Fund  
 \*Robert & Janis Lerer & Families Fund  
 \*Evelyn J. Jones Family Fund  
 \*LaRosa Scholarship Fund  
 \*Jack & Sharon Loeffler Fund  
 Dr. Fred Marzan Scholarship Fund  
 \*J. G. Miller Family Fund  
 \*McClellan Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 \*Steven E. Miller Scholarship Fund  
 \*Dick and Marian Niehaus Charity Fund

"Peace"



\*Olinger Scholarship Fund  
One Way Farm Fund  
\*Clarence & Madeline Phalen Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund  
Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund  
Phil Nuxhall Donor Advised Fund  
LCpl Taylor Prazynski Scholarship Fund  
\*William & Jayne Roth Fund  
\*Bernard & Jennifer Rumpke Family Fund  
\*Rotary of Fairfield Donor Advised Fund  
\*Jim & Fran Sackenheim Family Fund  
\*Robert & Lee Sanders Fund  
\*Schardine Family Fund  
\*\*James H. Saylor Integrity in Business  
and Life Memorial Fund  
\*Scharringhausen Family Fund  
Howard and Katrina Schul Memorial  
Fine Arts Scholarship Fund  
\*\*Stephanie and Tom Bobinger Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
\*Schwarz Family Fund  
\*Richard Senior Memorial Fund  
Senior Citizens Inc. Fund  
\*Kathleen Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund  
\*Carl Tannenbaum Scholarship Fund  
\*Randal & Joyce Thomas Fund  
\*Harry and Jerri Thomas Fund  
Martha M. Tipton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
United Way of Butler County Donor Advised Fund  
\*Upchurch Family Fund  
\*U.S. Bank Fund  
\*The UT Prosim Fund  
\*Richard L. and Betty Jo Vance Fund  
\*JV Associates Fund  
\*William C. Vidourek Family Fund  
\*Richard and Nancy White Fund  
\*Wolterman Family Fund  
Ron Winningham Scholarship Fund

### **Dr. Erick L. Cook Memorial Scholarship Fund**

A well loved City of Fairfield mayor (2002 to 2005), Dr. Cook also served as Councilmember-at-Large from 1998 to 2001. Mayor Cook saw the successful development of Veterans Memorial Park, the Community Arts Center and the planning of the Municipal Court/Police Facility.



Dr. Erick Cook

Embracing teamwork and collaboration, Dr. Cook worked closely with other area mayors and was active on the Mayors Forum. Valuing citizen input, he truly believed that an open government philosophy best promotes the community's welfare.

Dr. Cook was also remembered for his role as an inspired educator. As principal at two different elementary schools, he created a reading challenge called, "Gorillas are Readers Too!" When the young students successfully met the challenge, Dr. Cook delighted them by greeting them at school the next day dressed in a gorilla suit. He was a beloved educator and principal in the Fairfield School District and later as principal at Kings High School and South Lebanon Elementary School. Dr. Cook later became an adjunct professor at Miami University.

Dr. Cook successfully counseled young people contemplating dropping out to stay in school. It is impossible to know how many young lives he changed through this intervention.



*"Thank you so much for allowing me to be the 2010 Joe Nuxhall Scholarship recipient from Monroe High School. It was an honor to be recognized, to attend the great luncheon, and to be chosen to volunteer for the ...golf outing. Thanks again!"*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Rachel Williams*

"Honor"



Dr. Cook is memorialized on the Fairfield Community Foundation's Tribute Wall at the Community Arts Center. As a true philanthropist, he gave his time, talent and treasure to make Fairfield a better place to live.

### **Martha M. Tipton Memorial Scholarship Fund**

A college scholarship fund memorializing successful businesswoman, Martha Mirka Tipton, is a fitting tribute, says her husband, Gene. A successful, well known businesswoman involved in both economic development and charitable community causes,



Martha Tipton

Gene says his wife really only had one regret. "She always wanted to go back to school," he said. "She started college but did not get to finish."

Martha started working at Mirka Shoes, her family's business, when she was 14. The business was located in the former Hicks Plaza (now Cornerstone Plaza). Ironically, she later became the senior vice president and general manager of Universal Transportation Systems of Fairfield, which purchased the property in 2008.

The Fairfield High School graduate was a lifelong Fairfield resident and mother of one grown daughter, and was very close to her grandchildren.

The Martha M. Tipton Memorial Scholarship was awarded for the first time in May 2010, to graduating high school senior Alexandra Fowee, now in her first year at the College of Mt. St. Joseph.

Because of the generosity of her family and friends, the Martha M. Tipton Memorial Scholarship Fund is positioned to award scholarships for the next ten years and beyond - a remembrance to a hardworking, gracious and generous Fairfield resident.

### **Annual Celebrations**

With Nick Clooney as our master of ceremonies on November 10, 2009, this annual dinner/fundraiser



Nick and Nina Clooney attended our November 2009 annual celebration and fundraiser, Music from the Movies, with Nick as the MC.

was an important event for us as we celebrated our 10 year anniversary. Held at Receptions, the theme of the evening was "A Decade of Service," and amid a décor of silver, black and white, talented Fairfielders of all ages performed songs representative of each decade of film.

On November 16, 2010, we joined with the Fairfield City Schools, inviting the community to attend our annual celebration, "Honoring Veterans for their Leadership, Service and Sacrifice." Nearly 300 citizens joined us to honor those who fight for our country. The keynote speaker was Lt.

# "Determination"



Colonel Charles Schretzman, commanding officer of University of Dayton Army ROTC. Annually, the Foundation awards student scholarships in memory of Pfc Timothy J. Hines, LCpl Michael Cifuentes and LCpl Taylor B. Prazynski. These young men



Lieutenant Colonel  
Charles G. Schretzman,  
United States Army



The Fairfield High School Choraliers sang patriotic songs, a highlight of the evening.

from our area were killed in the line of duty, and their family and friends established permanent memorial scholarship funds in their names at the Fairfield Community Foundation.

## Create your own named fund!

Creating your own fund at the Fairfield Community Foundation is an alternative to having a private family foundation. You, your family or business can achieve your charitable goals because we provide the tools and resources to make giving easy, flexible, and effective. Your money stays in Fairfield, with a community foundation whose leaders have strong ties to our community.

Fairfield Community Foundation's donors can rely on our Grant Committee to make grants that fairly and truly reflect community needs. We are a great alternative to starting a private foundation, since we handle all record keeping, reporting to

the IRS, accounting, and investment management. Donors establishing named funds at community foundations also benefit from the highest available tax deductions for charitable contributions. Many options are available, depending on your financial and charitable goals.

You can create a Donor Advised Fund in your family's name, through which you and your family can recommend grants. This ensures that future generations learn the value of giving back. We are able to pool the assets of individual funds, giving us economies of scale to hire top investment managers. As a community foundation, we build endowments to ensure that grants are always available to support the community. In this way, your legacy is honored forever!

You are welcome to contact us for more information on setting up your own named fund. You can always choose to be anonymous in your giving.

## Our business relationships

We are proud to do business with:

- John F. Dickey Associates. These well respected Fairfield-based accountants handle our monthly balance sheets and fund valuation reports.
- Stephenson & Warner. This long time Butler county firm performs our annual audit.
- Johnson Investment Counsel. This wealth management firm wisely invests part of our assets to provide the income to make our grants and scholarships - our gifts back to the community.

"On behalf of the entire club, I would like to sincerely thank you for your donation to the 2010 Fairfield Rotary Charity Auction "Bids for Kids" held April 30, 2010."

Sincerely,  
Brian Begley  
Auction Chair, Rotary of Fairfield

"Courage"



## Our seven funding areas

- \* Unrestricted
- \* Scholarships
- \* Character Education
- \* Arts and Culture
- \* Parks, Beautification and Recreation
- \* Historic Preservation
- \* Seniors, Youth and Handicapped Citizens

## Special thanks to our "Angels"

Tim and Kathy Abbott  
Paul Avance  
Allan and Dorothy Bailey  
David Bellos  
*In Memory of Rena Bellos*  
Jim and Joani Bonaminio  
*In Memory of Steven Andrew Bonaminio*  
The Bill and Sally Braun Family Trust  
Cynthia Brown  
*In Memory of John W. Tillery*  
John and Bobbie Brunner  
Tom and Kathy Clark  
John and Sharon Clemmons  
*In Memory of Linda Ervin Clemmons*  
Steve and Mallory Collier  
John and Peggy Collins  
*In Memory of Thomas O. Marsh and Sterling Uhler*  
Dr. Karen G. Collins  
*In Honor of All WWII Veterans*  
Jan and Steve Creed  
James and Patricia Davis  
*In Memory of Kathleen Sullivan*  
Michael and Cathy Delehanty  
John and Jane Dickey  
*In Honor of Mark, Jennifer & Brent Dickey*  
Mark and Susan Dickey  
*In Memory of Cindy V. Dickey*  
Jody Forman Fall  
*In Memory of Rob V. Forman*

John and Pat Gleeson  
*In Memory of Darlene Gleeson and Larry Deis*  
Dan Goebel  
Derek and Susan Howard  
Johnson Investments  
Don and Jeanie Keck  
Christopher Kendall  
Matt and Donna Lucas  
Mercy Health Partners  
James G. and Darlene Miller  
Steve Miller  
Samuel and Catherine D. Milligan  
Dick and Marian Niehaus  
Donzetta Nuxhall  
Kim and Bonnie Nuxhall  
Mike and Carol Oler  
Joseph and Marlene Schwarz  
Lou and Colleen Silverberg  
Gail Suiter  
Gregg and Linda Stagg  
Ray and Pat Sullivan  
*In Memory of Kathleen Sullivan*  
Todd and Elaine Taylor  
Gregory and Jacqueline Uhler  
*In Memory of Sterling Uhler*  
Union Central  
Fred and Joyce Valerius  
Richard L. Vance  
*In Memory of Betty Jo Vance*  
Robert Webster - Webster Funeral Home  
Marta Weisberg  
*In Memory of Dr. Gerald Weisberg*  
Nancy Wenning  
*In Honor of Alverta Weaver*  
Terry and Jill White  
Richard and Nancy White  
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wolterman  
Steve and Tracey Wolterman  
US Bank

"Trust"



## Become an Angel!

Started in 2009, the Fairfield Community



Left to right: John Lucas, V.P and General Counsel of Union Central Life; Betsy Hope, Director of The Fairfield Community Foundation; Steven Valerius, President of Union Central Life; and John Brunner, President of The Fairfield Community Foundation.

Foundation's Angels fundraising campaign helps support the annual operating costs of the Fairfield Community Foundation. Honorary Co-Chairs: Joani Bonaminio and Kim Nuxhall.

## Businesses as Angels

Fairfield area businesses provide products and services that are heaven-sent to those who need them, but now there is a way for them to officially become "Angels." The Fairfield Community Foundation's Angel Campaign helps Fairfield City and Township businesses do just that.



Angel Committee co-chairs, Joani Bonaminio, far right, and Kim Nuxhall, far left, pin Mercy Hospital President, Tom Urban, left center, and Mercy Hospital Community Relations Director, Greg Ossmann right center.

All businesses can relate to the Angel Campaign. Its purpose is to cover the Foundation's operating costs and create working capital to support Foundation efforts in both good and bad economic times.

Honorary chairs of the Angel campaign are Kim Nuxhall and Joani Bonaminio. Angels are asked to invitation-only parties in local homes and wear special Angel pins. Participating in Fairfield Angels makes business sense, as it demonstrates real commitment to our community as a great place to live and work. "Businesses can do 'good' while also doing well," says Foundation Executive Director Betsy Hope.

## National Standards Certification

Your community foundation passes the



certification requirements of the National Standards for U.S.

Community Foundations. Developed in the spirit of accountability, transparency and continuous self-improvement, the National Standards are evidence that as a community foundation, we seek excellence for our donors and community. Participation in the standards is voluntary and only about half of all U.S. community foundations are certified.

## Fairfield Community Foundation Board of Trustees 2009-10

John Brunner, President  
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Todd Taylor  
Fred M. Valerius, Ed. D.

Betsy Hope, CFRE  
*Executive Director*

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*Administrative Assistant*

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*Accounting Volunteer*

Community foundations are public charities created by and for the people in a local area. We help people with philanthropic interests easily and effectively support the issues they care about—today, or through their estates. Through the generosity of today's donors, community foundations build endowments to meet community needs of the future.

Please remember the Fairfield Community Foundation in your will.

## Trustees Emeritus

Sherry Armstead  
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We are a member of:  
Fairfield Chamber of Commerce  
Butler County Development Roundtable  
Ohio Grantmakers Forum  
National Council of Community Foundations

"Manners"



# "Hard Work"



## The Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund

The Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund helps support five causes including the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center, Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund, Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Fund, the Reds Rookie Success League and the Field of Dreams.

## The Reds Rookie Success League

The Reds Rookie Success League is one Hope Fund project that has been going strong for the last two summers! Made possible in part through a



\$5,000 grant from The Baseball Tomorrow Fund to the Fairfield Community Foundation, the Reds Rookie Success League, held in June, is a free summer softball program for 100 economically disadvantaged Butler County youngsters. Held twice weekly at Fairfield's little league diamonds at Waterworks Park; guest speakers reinforce the "Character Trait of the Week," such as cooperation and integrity. Organized by teacher Kim Nuxhall, the program also includes free uniforms for the kids and field trips, including a Reds game.

## Reasons to give

People tell us they give...

- \* To start a fund in their family's name
- \* Invest in Fairfield's future
- \* Memorialize someone through a scholarship
- \* For a tax deduction !!

## "Thank You" City of Fairfield

We are continually grateful to the City of Fairfield for its generous support of the Fairfield Community Foundation.

## A special challenge for us...

The Fairfield Community Foundation is a grass-roots organization started by citizens to serve Fairfield and Fairfield Township. Our greatest need is always for donations to our Administrative Endowment Fund to help run the Foundation on a daily basis. Much of the money coming into the Foundation is earmarked for restricted funds, like parks, scholarships and the elderly.

Each day, we must pay our bills and run the foundation office with all its associated costs. Our reality is that we experience inflation and the cost of "doing business" just like everyone else. We must continually attract new donors. We must take the time to be a good steward of existing funds. This remains one of our greatest challenges.

An investment in our Administrative Fund maximizes our granting impact. Please remember us in your charitable giving. The Fairfield Community Foundation runs completely on charitable donations from people like you!

# “Helping Out” in 2010

Nuxhall Golf Open volunteers Jan Creed, Bobbie Brunner and Joyce Sampsel.



Fairfield Fire Chief Don Bennett presents Fairfield High School senior Heather Keith with the Stephanie and Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship in 2010.



The Foundation sponsored a holiday tree in December 2010, proceeds of which went to needy families, at the Community Arts Center in Fairfield.

The 2010 Reds Rookie Success League



Allen Hudson and Rick Johnson award Jazmine Hazelwood the Don Friedman Memorial Music Scholarship.



Sheila Gray, left, from FOX-19, emceed the 2010 Nuxhall Scholarship Awards luncheon. Foundation Executive Director Betsy Hope, center, and Phil Nuxhall, right, enjoy the luncheon with Sheila.

Foundation trustees and supporters including, left to right, John Brunner, Cathy Delehanty, Betsy Hope and Nancy Wenning, participated in the City of Fairfield 2010 Memorial Day parade.



Trustee Kathleen Michitti, Foundation scholarship winner Danielle Prazynski and Executive Director Betsy Hope, marched in the Fairfield High School Homecoming Parade in 2010.

"Help Out"



Patriotic Quilt at the 2010 Foundation Annual Celebration Auction.



Trustees and Staff at the Fairfield Chamber Showcase



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