Celebrating 10 Years of Giving

Fairfield Community Foundation

Annual Report to the Community 2009
A Decade of Serving

Ten years ago, a group of local citizens banded to form a community foundation just for Fairfield and Fairfield Township.

The time has flown! Over these 10 years, we have awarded more than $700,000 in grant dollars in the form of scholarships to deserving students and grants to nonprofit organizations in Fairfield and Fairfield Township.
Our annual celebration, the Fabric of Fairfield: Celebrating Our Community Service Organizations was held November 18, 2008. At the evening’s conclusion, the organization’s representatives posed for a photo.

Back row from left to right: Andrea Harza (Girl Scouts - North Star Service Unit), Mark Kowalski (Rotary Club of Fairfield), Pastor Tim White (First Baptist Church of Fairfield), Mark Kasser (Community Court Connection), Bob Higgin (Fairfield Optimist Club), Howard Parkison (Community Connection Group), Terry Bock (Fairfield Woman), Deborah Hamblin (Hospice of Hamilton), Andrea Rogenski (Fairfield Paragon Optimist Club), Darrell Stone (Knights of Columbus), Bobbie Norther (Great Miami Valley YMCA). Middle row from left to right: Jim Beck, Joy Derosa (Fairfield Food Pantry), Pat Davis (Fairfield Knights), Ann Burke (Friends of Hamilton Fairfield Public Libraries), Minnie Sardinia (Friends of Liberty Memorial), Virginia Chamber (Young Life), Jan Hughes (Kineticle), Karen Waterer (Leadership Fairfield). Front row from left to right: Peggy Cornwell (Young Women of the Cincinnati Area), Betsy Hope and John Brunner (both of the Fairfield Community Foundation), Lisa Kinsey (Four Seasons Garden Club), Barb Gondo (Our Way Farm of Fairfield, Inc.) and Kim Burrow-Lyons (Kineticle Character Program).

“For good. For ever.”

That’s the motto, and the promise of community foundations. It originated from the Council of Foundations, the professional organization to which we belong and through which we are proud to be certified. We received this certification late last year, and though there are 700 community foundations in the United States, only half of them are certified.

We are also proud to celebrate 10 years in 2009! Literally thousands of citizens of Fairfield and Fairfield Township contributed their time, talent and treasure to bring us to this point. We have awarded, over 10 years, more than $700,000 to our community.

Today we have a board of 15 trustees, a full-time executive director and part-time administrative assistant. We work daily to build, safeguard and grow our funds, and make good granting decisions with the earnings. Your community foundation exists to aid hardworking students and grant to worthy nonprofit organizations. We help improve our community’s quality of life.

We are happy to have you with us as we enter our 11th year. And we will keep our promise to be here, “For good. For ever.”

Sincerely,

John Brunner  
President, Board of Trustees

Betsy Hope, CFRE  
Executive Director
"We want to celebrate the life and times of this incredible lady."

— Dick Niehaus
Chairperson of the Foundation’s Tribute to Esther Benzing celebration, 2004

"We are able to have a direct impact on the needs of our community. Our hope is that people, after their church, would select the Fairfield Community Foundation as their charity of choice."

— John Gleeson
Foundation Trustee, 2002

"If you think there’s a short way through life, you’re sadly mistaken... Hang in there, do your work and see what happens..."

— Joe Nuxhall
to children on Joe Nuxhall Day, August 18, 2006

"We will continue to assure that our Fairfield Community Foundation merits the trust and respect of our donors and our public."

— Sally Braun
Foundation President, 2006

"The Fairfield School District was formed in 1929. Seventy years later, in 1999, the Fairfield Community Foundation was born. It’s wonderful to watch them working so closely together, serving our community today and I hope, for years to come."

— Cathy Milligan
Superintendent of Fairfield City Schools, 2007

"At this point in time we have reached the $1 million mark in assets. We are very proud of achieving that in our relatively short existence."

— Howard Dirksen
Foundation President, 2003

"Our goal is to increase the awareness and the development of character, to increase it in society."

— Kim Nuxhall
on the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund, 2007

"We’re had people that have had severe walking disabilities, or people confined to a wheelchair that have tried to participate in our league on the regular fields and unfortunately have not been able to do so. They’re patiently waiting for this to get done."

— Steve Smith
on the fundraising efforts of Therapeutic Recreation, Inc. and the Joe Nuxhall Hope Project, to build a Miracle Field in Fairfield, 2009

"It is indeed fitting that we break bread and together celebrate another successful year of the foundation, and the contributions our community service organizations make for the quality of life for Fairfield and Fairfield Township. Together we make a beautiful fabric that enriches all our lives."

— John Brunner
Foundation President, 2008 Annual Meeting

"We are a far better community for your service."

— Gregg Stagg
Foundation Trustee to Robert Wessel as he was honored at the Foundation’s Tribute Wall, 2008
Create your own named fund!

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.

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 the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township, with a community foundation led by those with strong community ties.

Fairfield Community Foundation’s donors can rely on our Grants Committee to make grants that fairly and truly reflect community needs. We handle all record keeping, reporting to the IRS, accounting, and investment management. Donors establishing named funds at our community foundation also benefit from the highest available tax deductions for charitable contributions. Many options are available, depending on your financial and charitable goals.

Pooling assets of individual funds provides economies of scale, allows us 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. Remember, you can always choose to be anonymous in your giving.

Our Funding Areas

Our seven funding areas are:
- Unrestricted
- Scholarships
- Character Education
- Arts and Culture
- Parks, Beautification and Recreation
- Historic Preservation
- Seniors, Youth and Handicapped Citizens
Scholarships & Grants

Awarded at Fairfield Senior High School:

- Aviation, Engineering and Science Scholarship
- Basil Smith Scholarship
- Buddy LaRosa Scholarship
- Christy Dennis Memorial Scholarship
- Chuck Chadwell GF Award
- Clarence and Madeline Phalen Memorial Scholarship
- Craig Gold Type Scholarship
- Dennis McRoberts Memorial Scholarship
- Doug Lapina 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
- Fairfield Footlighters Scholarship
- FCA Galen McGollum Memorial Scholarship
- George Brickhouse Memorial Scholarship
- Howard and Katrina Schull Fine Arts Scholarship
- Jack Crain Excellence in Education Scholarship
- Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship
- Jimmy Hassman Memorial Scholarship
- Judge Larry Deis Memorial Scholarship
- L Cpl Taylor B. Prazynski Scholarship
- Maj Michael Clifton Scholarship
- Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Matt Maupin Yellow Ribbon Scholarship
- McClellan Memorial Scholarship
- Mel Olinger Memorial Scholarship
- Misti Hightfill Memorial Scholarship
- Joe Nuxhall Choralier of Character Scholarship
- Robert Cropenbaker 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 (27 scholarships):

- The Joe Nuxhall Scholar Athlete Award
- Awarded at Sacred Heart School:
  - Sally Braun Scholarship
- Awarded at Cincinnati Christian School:
  - Tim Hines Memorial Scholarship

THE MARINE LCPL TAYLOR B. PRAZYNISKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Throughout Butler County, Marine LCpl Taylor Prazynski’s name is synonymous with “hero.” Killed in Iraq in May 2005 while fighting for his country, Taylor’s loved ones preserve his memory through their various charitable efforts and support for other military families.

At the Fairfield Community Foundation, we are proud to administer the Marine LCpl Taylor B. Prazynski Scholarship Fund.

To date, $32,500 has been awarded through this scholarship to graduates of Fairfield Senior High School who have attended colleges including Bowling Green State University, The Citadel, The University of Charleston, The Ohio State University and Gardner Webb University.

The Prazynski family works with the Fairfield Community Foundation and Fairfield High School’s Scholarship Committee to make a scholarship a fitting tribute to the life of a local community hero.

NEW FUNDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Basil Smith Scholarship
- Don Friedman Memorial Music Scholarship
- Fairfield Footlighters Scholarship
- Jack Crain Excellence in Education Scholarship
- Joe Nuxhall Scholar Athlete Award at Cincinnati Christian School
- Rotary of Fairfield Donor Advised Fund
- Stephanie and Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship

Eleanor McCollum at her vegetable stand on Shames Road. Mrs. McCollum and her family donate to the Grace McCollum Memorial JCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Scholarship at Fairfield High School. Grace McCollum was a long time teacher at Fairfield High School and the annual scholarship in her memory continues to support our community's young people.

Paul Freil Heisler and graduating Fairfield High School senior class of 2009 Grace Hogan at the Botteri County Regional Airport. Hogan is aspiring toward a career in aviation and was the recipient of the 2009 Heisler, Aviation and Science Scholarship.

Lauren Teague, John Przynski, and David Magaz with executive director, Betty Hoy. Lauren and David both received the 2009 Mark and Muriel Taylor B. Przynski Memorial Scholarship.

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**Fairfield Community Foundation**

**Organization Grant Recipients Fiscal Year 2008-09**

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We also handled pass-through funding for the Fairfield High School Performance Training Complex and the Miracle League/Field of Dreams Project.

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**Notes of Thanks from Grant/Scholarship Recipients**

"Thank you for your gift of $2,000... Your gift will be applied to the Scholarship Fund. Thank you for being so thoughtful and investing in the future of our students."

-Terry Diefenbacher, Interim Superintendent, Cincinnati Christian School

"We would like to thank you for the generous grant that was received for the Project Art Scholarship program at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Last summer, monies were used to enroll four students in various week long summer camps..." 

-Fairfield Community Arts Center

"Your valuable contribution enables us to continue our vision, which is to provide every child with the quantity and quality of supplies needed to succeed in school." 

-Heather Egan, Crayons to Computers

"My family and I are extremely grateful for your generous Jimmy Hashman scholarship. I do appreciate the members of the Fairfield Community Foundation recognizing my efforts. And I assure you my family and I will remember the Fairfield Community Foundation for future endeavors." 

-Kyle D. Wickham

"I plan on attending the University of Cincinnati this fall and I want everyone to know that the only reason I'll be able to afford my studies is because of your kindness... I cannot imagine possessing the ability to provide someone with the means to reach a goal. However, I know that there are people out there with such a power, and that they are wonderful people indeed. Thank you so much for this scholarship, I am eternally grateful."

-Megan Newton 2007 Ding Cold Type Memorial Scholarship winner
The Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf Open
June 15, 2009

Event raised scholarship funds for 14 area high schools.

For the second year, the Fairfield Community Foundation hosted The Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf Open. Held on June 15 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. Thirty-four foursomes participated, along with a variety of celebrities including Sean Casey, former first baseman for the Cincinnati Reds.

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

Originally established by Dickerson Distributing Company, nearly $550,000 has been distributed through this scholarship over the course of 20 years. Sponsors for the 2009 event included Dickerson Distributing, Bob and Nelda Ernst, Montgomery Inn, ICM Food Group, Zimmer Tractor, Grand Victoria Casino, Frank’s Auto Body Carstar, Pepsi and Bayer-Becker.

Sheila Gray from FOX 19 News was the emcee for the Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Awards luncheon, held at the Community Arts Center in May. From left to right are Sally Braun, Sheila Gray, John Brunner and Betsy Heye.
John Brunner, Sean Casey and Bobbie Brunner at the Nuxhall Open.

Jean Neessinger, Betty Hope and Marjorie Akesley greet players at the event.

Foundation volunteer, accountant and golf committee member Jan Groedl at the auction table at the golf event.

Patti Parson, Diana Kuemp and Kathy Million at golfer registration.

Each foursome posed for a celebrity photo before hitting the links. Here, from left to right, are: Dr. Earle Brunner, August. Sean Casey, Dave Poppowara, Marty Brunner, Jack Hand and Jim Miller.

Sean Casey, a celebrity player at the Open, with Kim Nuxhall.

Sean Casey with volunteer extraordinaries Bob Merrick, who traveled from Florida for the event.

Anthony Hancox watches the ball fly. Tim Abbott is in the background.
2008 Annual Dinner
The Fabric of Fairfield:
Celebrating Our Community Service Organizations
November 18, 2008

Jim Breech, former Cincinnati Bengal, was featured speaker

Our 2008 annual celebration was held Tuesday, November 18 at Receptions. The agenda included celebrating the year’s achievements for the Foundation, thanking donors, and recognizing community service organizations. The Foundation believes these organizations, through the efforts of their numerous volunteers, contribute significantly to our community’s quality of life in myriad ways.

Each community service organization had a display highlighting their activities and achievements. The organizations were also featured in a slide show presentation and our printed program. The evening also featured remarks by Jim Breech, former field goal kicker for the Cincinnati Bengals and currently very active in the Greater Cincinnati community. Following Mr. Breech’s remarks, each organization was recognized with a plaque and gifts donated by local businesses.

This past summer, a celebrity ball game fundraiser for Fairfield’s Miracle League Field was held with the City of Fairfield and the City of Hamilton competing. Here, Steve Miller and Connie Mehlman share the trophy won by Fairfield’s team.

Fundraising for the project is being done through the Fairfield Community Foundation’s Joe Nuxhall Hope Project and Therapeutic Recreation, Inc. The field will be used for softball and other activities on a specialized surface to accommodate people in wheelchairs and others with disabilities, and the project cost will be $1.9 million.
The Annual Celebration Committee takes a well-deserved break at the end of the evening. Back row, from right to left, are Nancy Warren, John Brunner, Ray Sullivan, Gregg Stagg, Don Keck, and Jim Davis. Front row, from left to right, are: Betty Hope, Sally Braun, Kathleen Michetti, Jan Cossed, and Pat Davis.

The following community service organizations were honored:

- Community Connection Group
- Community Quilt Connection
- Friends of Elisha Morgan
- First Baptist Church of Fairfield
- Fairfield Food Pantry
- Fairfield Footlighters
- Four Seasons Garden Club
- Fairfield Optimist and Paragon Club
- Fairfield Rotary Club
- Fairfield Women
- Fairfield Civitan Club
- Friends of Hamilton Fairfield Lane Libraries
- Girl Scouts – North Star Service Unit
- Great Miami Valley YMCA
- Hospice of Hamilton
- Kidz-n-Character Program
- Kindervelt
- Kiwanis of Fairfield
- Leadership Fairfield
- League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area
- One Way Farm of Fairfield, Inc.
- Young Life

The Foundation salutes these important groups!
A Need for Angels

Giving forever.

That's what the Fairfield Community Foundation is all about. That's the essence of our plan. Our organization intends that the funds that people contribute and the causes they establish last to the next millennium and far beyond, but we need help in another, simpler way.

In the past 10 years, distributing more than $700,000 in scholarships and grants to Fairfield and Fairfield Township students and important charitable efforts, the cost of watching over and distributing those funds and the requirements of federal reporting and compliance have increased dramatically.

We need the help of Fairfield and Fairfield Township "Angels" to help with uncommonly generous contributions -- contributions that will not last forever. We need people with enough character to pledge support to the simple cause of doing good in the community and receiving precious little in return other than a nod of thanks and a bit of public recognition.

That said, Fairfield Angels are destined to become members of a special and exclusive organization. There will be no doubt as to the nobility of this organization and it will not be political. The Fairfield Angels organization will be powerful in its results, yet built on an airy foundation of goodwill and selflessness.

We know. We are a test to your depth of generosity, but we hope you will join us in making a pledge of support over the next year.

We are most grateful for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan Bonaminio               Kim Nuxhall

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We will be grateful for any donation that helps us offset the costs of distributing money to Fairfield and Fairfield Township students and organizations.

The following levels of giving, however, will enable you to join a very special group of Fairfield Angels and receive a number of acknowledgments that publicly declare your generosity as a "Fairfield Angel." Levels include:

**Platinum Level**
Represents a commitment of $5,000 or more over the next 12 months to be made in no more than four payments.

**Gold Level**
Represents a commitment of $2,500 to $4,999 over the next 12 months to be made in no more than four payments.

**Silver Level**
Represents a commitment of $1,000 to $2,499 over the next 12 months to be made in no more than four payments.

The money you donate to the "Angels Fund" will be used to offset the administrative costs required to run the Fairfield Community Foundation and its good works.

You can make arrangements with the Executive Director of the Fairfield Community Foundation to begin quarterly payments, or to pay the amount you have elected to contribute in full.

All donations are tax deductible. Please send your check in the envelope enclosed in this publication, or make arrangements with the Foundation for credit card payments by contacting a Foundation board member or the Executive Director by calling: 313.829.6355

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Administrative Cost/Endowment Funds

- Sherry A. Armstead Scholarship Fund
- Avance Family Fund
- Carl Baker Memorial Fund
- Ben and Greta Bartels Scholarship Fund
- Joseph B. Bayer Memorial Fund
- Sandy and Nancy Becker Fund
- Esther Benzing Fund
- Berdine Family Fund
- Stephanie and Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bonaminio Family Fund
- A. G. "Pete" Bramble Memorial Fund
- Sally Braun Scholarship Fund
- Lisa Mitchell Brown Scholarship Fund
- Butler County Pharmacists Fund
- Chuck Chadwell GE Scholarship Fund
- Ron Chasteen Scholarship Fund
- Clemmons Family Fund
- John and Peggy Collins Fund
- June Rose Cox Memorial Fund
- Harold Craig Cold Type Scholarship Fund
- Jim Crain Family Fund
- Robert W. Copenhaver Fund
- Crighter Family Fund
- 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
- Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Fund
- Don Friedman Music Fund
- Fairfield High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund
- Fairfield Women's Club Fund
- Friends of Lane Library - General and Fairfield Branch
- Fairfield Champions Fund
- First Financial Bank Fund
- Four Seasons Garden Club Fund
- Four Seasons Garden Club Scholarship Fund
- Ron Gehlich Family Fund
- Gill Family Fund
- John and Pat Gleeson Fund
- Don and Phyllis Graf Family Scholarship Fund
- Martin and Shirley Harvey Fund
- Don and Norma Hassler Family Fund
- Jimmy Hassman Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Fred and Jane Herzner Fund
- Misti Highfill Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Pfc. Timothee Hines Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Hill-Air Heating & A.C., Inc. Fund
- Holzberger Family Fund
- Frances Janelle Scholarship Fund
- Evelyn J. Jones Family Fund
- Jungle Jim's Market, Inc. Fund
- jv associates Fund
- Hometown Heroes Fund
- Durga and Suresh Kamat FFHS Band Scholarship Fund
- Jean and Don Keck Fund
- Keeley Dental Society Fund
- Harold E. Kiddoo Family Fund
- Kiwanis Club of Fairfield Scholarship Fund
- Diana and Gary Knapp Fund
- Hans O. Kuehlthau Fund
- Landmark Communities, Inc. Fund
- Robert & Janis Lerner & Families Fund
- LaRosa Scholarship Fund
- Jack & Sharon Loeffler Fund
- Dr. Fred Marzec Scholarship Fund
- McClellan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- J. G. Miller Family Fund
- Steven E. Miller Scholarship Fund
- Dick and Marian Niehaus Charity Fund
- Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund
- Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund
- Olinger Scholarship Fund
- One Way Farm Fund
- Clarence & Madeline Phelan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- LCol Taylor Prazynski Scholarship Fund
- Rotary of Fairfield Donor Advised Fund
- William & Jayne Roth Fund
- Bernard & Jennifer Rumpke Family Fund
- Jim & Fran Sackenheim Family Fund
- Robert & Lee Sanders Fund
- James H. Saylor Integrity in Business and Life Memorial Fund
- Sbardine Family Fund
- Scherrlichhausen Family Fund
- Howard and Katrina Schul Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship Fund
- Schwarz Family Fund
- Richard Senior Memorial Fund
- Senior Citizens Inc. Fund
- Kathleen Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Carl Tannenbaum Scholarship Fund
- Harry and Jerri Thomas Fund
- Randal & Joyce Thomas Fund
- Upchurch Family Fund
- U.S. Bank Fund
- The UT Prosin Fund
- Richard L. and Betty Jo Vance Fund
- William C. Vidourek Family Fund
- Richard and Nancy White Fund
- Ron Winningham Scholarship Fund
- Wolterman Family Fund

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** Indicates new fund
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NEW TRUSTEES
In June the board approved the addition of three new trustees, all active in business and the community. Michael Delehanty, CPA; Chris Kendall and Todd Taylor each began their three-year terms in July with the start of the new fiscal year.

All three are long-time Fairfield residents who live in the City of Fairfield with their families.

In June we also expressed our appreciation to Foundation Treasurer Mark Scharringhausen, who resigned from the board after three years of service.

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Please remember us in your will.

FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIPS
• Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
• Butler County Development Roundtable
• Ohio Grantmakers Forum
• National Council of Community Foundations

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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
• Receive a tax deduction for making a charitable contribution
**Year in review**

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 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 a total of $161,336 in grants to worthy nonprofit organizations and scholarships to deserving students in the City of Fairfield and Fairfield Township.

**The challenges**

Today's economy has created challenges for us all, and especially nonprofits. However, foundations continue their mission. Last year, foundations across our country provided $45.6 billion in grants to aid students, human service organizations that assist low-income populations and to support economic development. That funding represents an increase of $1.2 billion over 2007 despite the economic downturn.

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**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE TWO NEW BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS FORMED THIS YEAR:**

- Our accounting firm is John F. Dickey Associates. This long time and well respected Fairfield-based business handles our fund valuation reports as well as our monthly balance sheets.

- Our dollars are invested wisely with Johnson Investment Counsel. The earnings on those investments are used to make our grants and scholarships – our gifts back to the community.