

**Fairfield**



# 2011 Annual Report

*100 years from now...*

# A Letter from our Chairman and our President



Dear Community Foundation Supporter:

As we reflect upon the Fairfield Community Foundation's 12th year, we present to you this report of our activities and accomplishments. We are proud to be part of the community.

Community foundations are unique organizations with a very special mission – raising private dollars, investing them wisely and awarding scholarships to students and grants to worthy nonprofit organizations.

We are one of six community foundations in Butler County, one of 77 in Ohio, and one of more than 700 in the United States.

In 1999, a group of forward thinking citizens had a vision to provide for the permanent security of local philanthropy. They planted a seed in the form of the establishment of a community foundation, as a means for donors to make a charitable investment in their own community.

As we move through 2012 and beyond, our special emphasis will be on strengthening our administrative funds, which underwrite the daily costs of running the Foundation.

Please join us on this adventure as we continue to serve and enrich the lives of our residents – for good, for Fairfield, forever!

Sincerely,

John Brunner  
Chair, Board of Trustees

Betsy Hope, CFRE  
President

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# Fairfield Community Foundation 2011 Financial Statement

| Balance sheet                           | 2011                | 2010                | 2009                |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                           |                     |                     |                     |
| Cash                                    | 262,475             | 281,167             | 197,658             |
| Investments                             | 2,508,806           | 1,783,141           | 1,630,526           |
| Deposits                                | 17                  | 17                  | 17                  |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                     | <b>2,771,298</b>    | <b>2,605,025</b>    | <b>1,903,937</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>       |                     |                     |                     |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                      |                     |                     |                     |
| Agency Liability Accts                  | 1,457               | 1,123               | 1,870               |
| Flow thru Accts                         | 753                 | 360                 | 317                 |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                | <b>2,210</b>        | <b>1,483</b>        | <b>2,187</b>        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                       |                     |                     |                     |
| Unrestricted Net                        | 339,575             | 269,490             | 267,124             |
| Temp Restricted                         | 2,429,513           | 1,794,052           | 1,634,626           |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                 | <b>2,769,088</b>    | <b>2,063,542</b>    | <b>1,901,750</b>    |
| <b>Total liabilities and net assets</b> | <b>\$ 2,271,298</b> | <b>\$ 2,065,025</b> | <b>\$ 1,903,937</b> |

## Our Mission

To enhance and strengthen the quality of life for the citizens of Fairfield City 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



# The Fairfield Community Foundation

## A very good year

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 was a very good year for the Fairfield Community Foundation. We distributed \$156,009 in grants and scholarships.

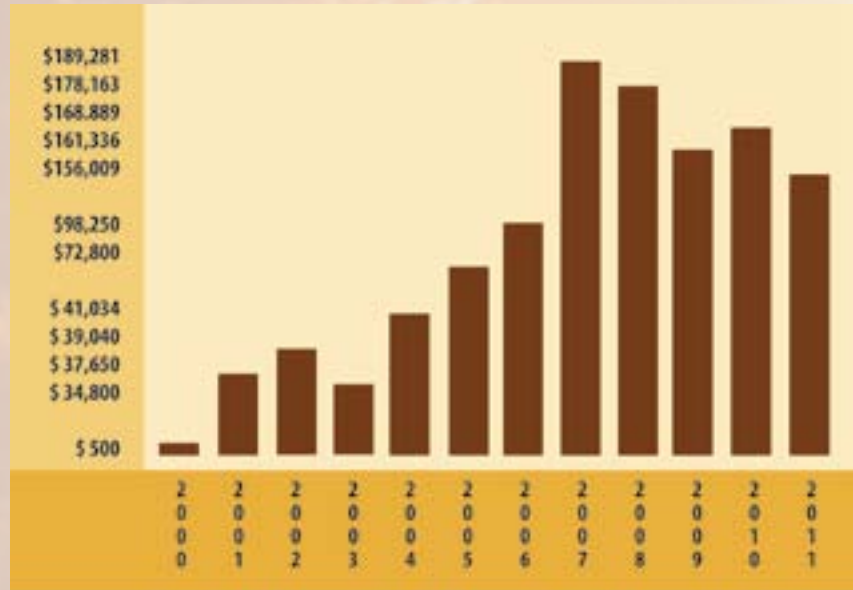
## Investment Counsel

We invest our dollars wisely with Johnson Investments, and the earnings on those investments are what we use to make our grants and scholarships – our gifts back to the community.

## Grant Recipients Fiscal Year 2010-11

- Partners in Prime
- Cincinnati Christian Schools
- Miami-University Hamilton Women's Initiative
- North End Citizens for Community Action
- North Oldham Middle School
- Sacred Heart Boy Scout Troop 967
- Fairfield Senior High School Afterprom
- Therapeutic Recreation, Inc.
- Lane Libraries
- Groovin' on the Green – City of Fairfield Parks Dept.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Fairfield Footlighters
- The Center for Family Solutions
- Shared Harvest Foodbank, Inc.
- Lifespan
- Hamilton City Schools
- Civitan

## Grants and Scholarships By Year



## Funding Areas

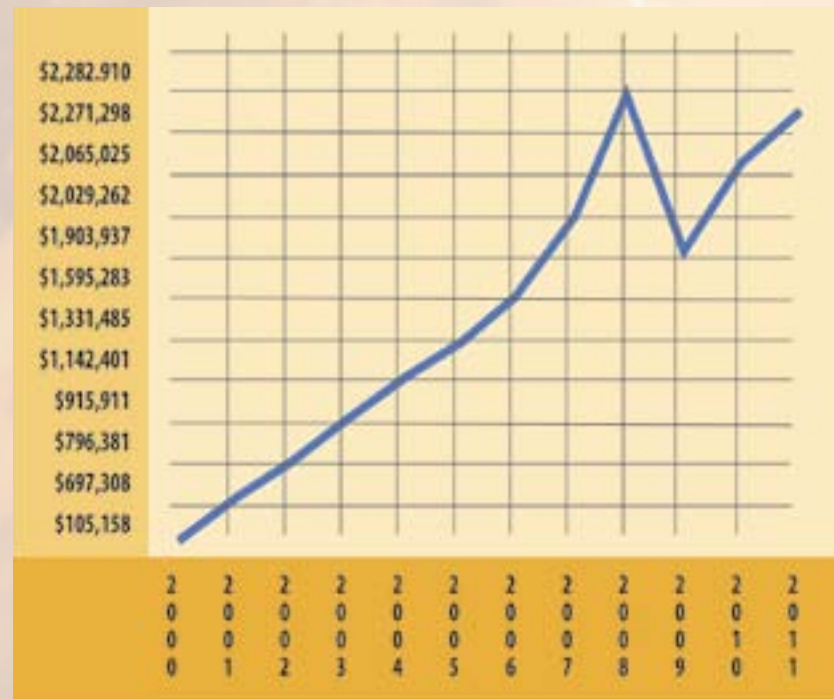
Our seven funding areas are:

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

## What is a community foundation?

Community foundations are public charities created by and for the people in a local area. We help people with philanthropic interests to 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.

## Asset Growth By Year



# Foundation Trustees

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

## New Trustees

Diane Ruder and Stephen Wolterman have each been appointed to three-year terms on the Fairfield Community

Foundation Board of Trustees. Wolterman is an attorney with Clemmons & Wolterman in Fairfield and also serves as Prosecutor for the City of Fairfield. He is also a board member of the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

Ruder recently retired as Vice President of Development at Otterbein Homes and is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

In June we also expressed our appreciation to long-time trustee and past president, Sally Braun, who "retired" from the board after three 3-year terms.

Foundation Trustees and Trustees Emeriti/Emeritae from left to right, back row: Paul Avance, Howard Dirksen, Chris Kendall, Todd Taylor, Bob Wolterman, Gregg Stagg, Mike Delehanty. Front row: John Clemmons, Sally Braun, Nancy Wenning, Betsy Hope, John Brunner, Kathleen Michitti, Kathy Clark, and Margie Akeley, Foundation office manager.



Sean Casey and Trustee Sally Braun at the Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Golf Outing

Fairfield High School After Prom efforts were aided by a grant from the Fairfield Community Foundation



Through the Lane Library's donor advised fund at the Foundation, Caldecott award-winning children's books are purchased each year in memory of active Friends of the Lane Library member Betty Jo Vance. Here, Dick Vance, Betty Jo's husband, stands with her family and new children's books.



# 2011 Scholarships

## Scholarships

The Fairfield Community Foundation awarded nearly \$90,000 to area graduates in 2011.

Some of the awards had multiple recipients, such as the LCpl Taylor Prazynski Memorial Scholarship. Repeat scholarships include the

Jack Crain Excellence in Education Scholarship, Judge Larry Deis Memorial Scholarship and the Misti Highfill Memorial Scholarship.

For the third consecutive year, the Stephanie (Bennett) and Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship was awarded to a

service-minded student demonstrating compassion, citizenship and leadership. Some of the Foundation's other continuing scholarships include the Herzner Aviation, Engineering and Science Scholarship, the Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial Scholarship, the Ron Chasteen Memorial Scholarship and the Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship.

## Scholarships Awarded At Fairfield High School

### Derek Alderfer

LCPL Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial Scholarship

### Julie Allen

Howard and Katrina Schul Fine Arts Scholarship

### Aissata Bal

Craig Cold Type Memorial Scholarship

### Brooke Barden

Buddy LaRosa Scholarship

### Brooke Barden

Christy Dennis Memorial Scholarship

### Brandie Brainerd

Craig Cold Type Memorial Scholarship

### Allison Bunger

Clarence and Madeline Phalen

Memorial Scholarship

### Allison Bunger

Craig Cold Type Memorial Scholarship

### Matthew Cook

Michael Cifuentes and Matt Maupin

Memorial Scholarship

### Heather Crawford

Robert Copenbaker Memorial

Scholarship

### Heather Crawford

LCPL Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial

Scholarship

### Maria DeRoo

Craig Cold Type Memorial Scholarship

### Marie DeRoo

Fairfield Women Scholarship

### Lauren Dichtl

Ut Prosim Scholarship

### Crista Ellis

LCPL Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial

Scholarship

### Josh Goodman

Don Friedman Memorial Music

Scholarship

### Andrew Guenther

Dennis McRoberts Memorial

Scholarship

### Christina Gyamfi

Jack Crain Excellence in Education

Scholarship

### Kayla Hann

Fairfield Champions Foundation/

Receptions Scholarship

### Kayla Hann

Ron Chasteen Memorial Scholarship

### Seth Hicks

Tannenbaum Memorial Scholarship

### Addison Hocter

Fairfield Champions Foundation

/Receptions Scholarship

### Addison Hocter

Ron Chasteen Memorial Scholarship

### David Kiesewetter

Jimmy Hassman Memorial Scholarship

### Shana Kyle

LCPL Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial

Scholarship

### Caitlin Lamb

Misti Highfill Memorial Scholarship

### Eric Lee

Galen McCollum Memorial F.C.A.

Scholarship

### Maureen Logue

Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship

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Stephanie (Bennett) & Tom Bobinger

Memorial Scholarship

### Zachary McKinney

McClellan Memorial Scholarship

### Emily Morris

Chuck Chadwell GE Customer

Advocacy Award

### Grace Neal

Martha M. Tipton Memorial

Scholarship

### Christopher O'Connell

LCPL Michael Cifuentes Memorial

Scholarship

### Ashley Parkinson

Robert Copenbaker Memorial

Scholarship

### Rachel Plaughter

LCPL Taylor B. Prazynski Memorial

Scholarship

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Paul Thoms Choralier of Character

Scholarship

### Molly Prescott

Mel Olinger Memorial Scholarship

### Katherine Reece

Joe Nuxhall Scholarship

### Austin Sams

Joe Nuxhall Scholarship

### Samantha Stacy

Larry Deis Memorial Scholarship

### Alexander Stahl

Dr. Fred J. Marzan Memorial

Scholarship

### Alexis Trotter

George Brickhouse Memorial

Scholarship

### Christa Vandergraft

Ron Winningham Memorial

Scholarship

### Timothy Watters

Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship

### Hannah Weeger

Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial

Scholarship

### Justin Yeager

Herzner Scholarship for Aviation/

Engineering

### Justin Yeager

Ron Winningham Memorial

Scholarship

The Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarships were awarded to 27 student-athletes at 14 Butler County high schools.

**Robert Lopina**, a student at the University of Cincinnati, was again awarded the Herzner Scholarship for Aviation and Engineering, the Foundation's only renewable scholarship.

Sacred Heart School 8th grade graduate Amanda Dierker has won the Sally Braun Perseverance Scholarship. **Britney McGraw** of Badin High School was the recipient of the 2011 Fairfield Women Scholarship from the Fairfield Community Foundation.

All scholarships were started with donations made by individuals through the Foundation. These scholarship funds are open for donations from anyone in the community. Anyone may add to any scholarship fund at any time.

Kim Nuxhall, Yasmine Battle, Ashley Jeffers, and Foundation Chair, John Brunner



The Foundation made a grant to fund free bike helmets for kids at the Annual Kiwanis Safety Fair at the City of Fairfield Police Department.



Recipients of the 2011 Joe Nuxhall Scholar/Athlete Award from 14 Butler County High Schools at the spring luncheon. They are flanked on the left by FOX 19's Sheila Gray, on the right by John Dickerson of Dickerson Distributing, the event's major sponsor, with Kim Nuxhall standing in front

# Foundation "Angels"

## The Foundation's Need For Angels

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 Cost/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 make the time necessary 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 on charitable donations from people like you!

## A List of 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, D.V.M.  
In Honor of All World War II Veterans
- Steve and Jan 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
- Bob and Debi Gerbus
- John and Pat Gleeson  
In Memory of Darlene Gleeson and Larry Deis
- Dan Goebel
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- Kim and Bonnie Nuxhall
- Chad and Kendra Oberson
- Mike and Carol Oler
- Rik and Kim Saylor  
In Honor of Jim/Ann Saylor and the James H. Saylor Integrity in Business and Life Memorial Fund
- Joseph and Marlene Schwarz
- Lou and Colleen Silverberg
- Gregg and Linda Stagg
- Gail S. Suiter
- Ray and Pat Sullivan  
In Memory of Kathleen Sullivan
- Todd and Elaine Taylor
- LuAnn Thorne  
In Honor of Parker Bailey Rose
- Gregory and Jacqueline Uhler  
In Memory of Sterling Uhler
- Union Central
- US Bank
- 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

# Things to Keep in Mind

**Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund** helps support several causes, such as the Joe Nuxhall Children's Center, Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund, Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Fund, the Reds Rookie Success League and the Miracle 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 there are field trips, including a Reds game.

**The Joe Nuxhall Memorial Scholarship Golf Open** was held by the Fairfield Community Foundation June 2 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 (Badin, Cincinnati Christian, 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 graduating seniors.

The selection of the winners was made by the individual schools using the criteria of athletics, academics, need, extra-curricular activities, community service and leadership.

Originally established by Dickerson Distributing Company, more than \$500,000 has been distributed through this scholarship over the course of 19 years. Save the date: The 2012 Nuxhall Open is June 4.

**The Foundation Annual Dinner** The arts took center stage at Fairfield Community Foundation's annual event. Themed "Celebrating The Arts!", this lively, entertainment-filled evening was November 15 at Receptions, and it showcased an array of arts achievement by Fairfield City School's current students and accomplished alums.

A social hour and dinner buffet were followed by updates on the year's accomplishments of the Fairfield Community Foundation. A full evening of instrumental music, singing and dancing completed the night.

Special displays included "Choralier Costumes through the Decades," Caricatures by Artist Brittany Tolley, book signings by Fairfield High School graduate Phil Nuxhall and silent auction and raffle displays.

Nick Cearley, Fairfield Schools Alum and current Broadway performer entertained with his energetic and creative musical numbers.



Fairfield School Alum Lisa Biales is singer and songwriter who entertained with both song and guitar.



Kim Nuxhall hits one on the green, Dan Hare in the background at the annual Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Golf Outing.



Mr. Redlegs with a participant in the local 2011 Reds Rookie Success League, a project of the Joe Nuxhall Hope Project of the Fairfield Community Foundation.

# Named Funds

## Administrative Cost/ Endowment Funds

Joe Nuxhall Hope Fund

\*Sherry A. Armstead Scholarship Fund

LCpl Taylor Prazynski Scholarship Fund

\*Avance Family Fund

\*William & Jayne Roth Fund

Carl Baker Memorial Fund

\*Joseph B. Bayer Memorial Fund

\*Bernard & Jennifer Rumpke Family Fund

\*Ben and Greta Bartels Scholarship Fund

\*Jim & Fran Sackenheim Family Fund

\*Robert & Lee Sanders Fund

\*Berding Family Fund

\*Sandy and Nancy Becker Fund

\*Schardine Family Fund

\*\*James H. Saylor Integrity in Business and Life Memorial Fund

Esther Benzing Fund

Lisa Mitchell Brown Scholarship Fund

\*Scharringhausen Family Fund

\*A. G. "Pete" Bramble Memorial Fund

Howard and Katrina Schul Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship Fund

\*Sally Braun Scholarship Fund

\*Bonaminio Family Fund

Butler County Pharmacists Fund

\*Schwarz Family Fund

\*Richard Senior Memorial Fund

Chuck Chadwell GE Scholarship Fund

\*John and Peggy Collins Fund

Senior Citizens Inc. Fund

\*Kathleen Sullivan Memorial Fund

\*Ron Chasteen Scholarship Fund

\*Jim Crain Family Fund

\*Robert W. Copenbaker

Scholarship Fund

Carl Tannenbaum Scholarship Fund

\*Randal & Joyce Thomas Fund

\*Crutcher Family Fund

\*Clemmons Family Fund

June Rose Cox Memorial Fund

\*Harry and Jerri Thomas Fund

\*Upchurch Family Fund

\*U.S. Bank Fund

\*Harold Craig Cold Type Scholarship Fund

\*The UT Prosim Fund

\*Richard and Ann Darlington Fund

\*Judge Larry Deis Scholarship Fund

\*Richard L. and Betty Jo Vance Fund

\*JV Associates Fund

Christy Dennis Memorial Scholarship Fund

\*William C. Vidourek Family Fund

\*Richard and Nancy White Fund

\*John and Jane Dickey Fund

\*Dirksen Family Fund

\*Wolterman Family Fund

Ron Winningham Scholarship Fund

\*James and Christina Endres

Fund

\*Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Fund

\*\*Don Friedman Music Fund

\*Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund

\*Fairfield Indian Summer Days 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

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

\*Olinger Scholarship Fund

One Way Farm Fund

\*Clarence & Madeline Phalen Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund

\* Indicates founder of the Foundation.

# Do Some Good — Forever Create A Fund For A Loved One

The Fairfield Community Foundation helps donors achieve their charitable goals by providing tools and resources that make giving easy, flexible, and effective.

— Donors can rely on the foundation's grants committee to make grants reflecting community needs.

— We are an attractive alternative to starting a private foundation, since we handle all record keeping, reporting to the IRS, accounting, and investment management.

— Donors who establish a fund at a community foundation benefit from the highest available tax deductions for charitable contributions.

— Donors can establish a variety of funds, depending on their financial and charitable goals.

— Donors can create a fund through which their family can recommend grants, ensuring that future generations learn the value of giving back.

— We pool the assets of individual funds, giving us economies of scale to hire top investment managers.

— Donors can choose to be anonymous in their giving.

— We are governed by leaders with

strong ties to their communities.

— Community foundations build endowments to ensure that grants are always available to support the community, and ensure donors' interests and legacy are honored forever. Contact the Fairfield Community Foundation office for information on how to set up your own named fund.

## 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
- A tax deduction

Foundation Chair, John Brunner with Angel Committee Co-Chair Joani Bonaminio



The Paul McKendry Scholarship is given annually in memory of the Fairfield Township assistant fire chief. From left to right are Lt. Chris Robinson, Lt. Hank Gibson, Matt Lolli (2011 recipient), Melissa McKendry and Assistant Chief Ben Bultman.

Susan Ingmire of Ignite Philanthropy, Walt Lunsford of the Hatton Foundation and Betsy Hope of the Fairfield Community Foundation, at a Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields appreciation luncheon.



# A Special Project

## The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields at Hatton Park

A very special project for the Fairfield Community Foundation, The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields are a dream of Joe Nuxhall's made reality by the determination and leadership of Joe's son, Kim Nuxhall, Kim's wife Bonnie and Mrs. Joe Nuxhall, Donzetta.

Every American child dreams of playing baseball, but for those with physical or developmental disabilities it is impossible to negotiate the challenges of the conventional game. Miracle League fields, with their rubberized surfaces, turn dreams of playing baseball into a lasting reality.

Located on land provided by the City of Fairfield, just passed Water Works Park, the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields are the result of a \$2.5-million fund drive of cash and in-kind contributions that will provide safe recreation for kids and adults with challenges far into the future.

Aerial view of fields under construction



Sean Casey and Karlee Thomas



### A letter from Karlee Thomas

What baseball means to me:  
Having fun, being like other kids that can walk, and being able to compete with other kids, seeing the excitement on the kids' and parents' faces and the laughter. It is all about being together, and having happiness.

Playing baseball with the challenger league for a few years (but) I haven't been able to play the past 2 summers due to surgeries. I have accomplished my dreams by playing baseball. I would go and watch my big brother play and that was what I wanted to do. I feel I am a better person and more outgoing since I play ball. I feel no different than any other normal person.

I was nominated to represent the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League for all special needs children, and that has made me very happy and proud. I wish to make other special needs children able to have the enjoyment and happiness of playing baseball just as any other person or child can, and accomplish their dreams.

To be able to take their everyday stresses of care time, surgeries and the busy schedules of doctor's appointments and so on and to just let loose and have fun and not worry. To have them feel normal and special as they are.



Ground-level view of pavillion under construction

*100 years from now kids with challenges will still have a place to play baseball*