THE CRYSTAL BALL: A 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Would you buy a ticket from Mike Delehanty? Many did!

Kaleidoscope Woman winner, Angela Kenworthy, shown with her husband, Jeff, Fairfield Fire Captain

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THE CRYSTAL BALL ANNUAL MEETING – Fairfield’s Choice for Giving – For Good, For Ever.

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Happy Birthday to us – and to all who helped touch and support the Fairfield Community Foundation 15 years ago. We also celebrate those who have sustained the Foundation down through dedicated, ongoing support – through volunteering, donating, and sharing their talents.

Since those early beginning years, the Foundation has touched the lives of literally thousands of area residents through grants, community involvement and scholarships. We are grateful to all those early visionary founders who invested in Fairfield and Fairfield Township’s future by creating the Foundation. They began the Foundation by personally contributing individual gifts of $5,000 or more. Then they reached out to ask other community people to help understand the beginning of the Foundation by doing the same thing. Now, because of good stewardship by our Board and a focus on good fiscal management, the Foundation has grown to more than $3.5 million in assets. We now have 137 active funds of various types that allow the Foundation to carry out the wishes of those who established them. In fiscal year 2014-2015, we provided more than $150,000 in grants and scholarships to support various activities and events.

That’s a lot of growth in 15 years. And it’s due to hundreds of supporting families. The Foundation’s work through donations to establish various types of charitable funds managed by the Foundation – and to others who became part of the Foundation’s work through their gifts to the Angels Circle of Caring. Their belief in the value added to our community by the Foundation helps insure that future generations will continue to benefit from their generosity.

Our funding provides needed food for those who are hungry and without adequate nutrition, or for programs that aim at impacting the use of drugs in our community, or for programs that impact good character development, or provide fire detectors for housing for those with disabilities, or giving young disadvantaged kids a chance to play baseball with good equipment, or for many other important causes, our goal is to enhance opportunities for people to grow, live and learn in a positive way. We’re about improving people’s lives.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our ability to serve our community.

Sincerely,
Diane Ruder, CFRE
President

SOFTWARE INTEGRATES ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF FOUNDATION

“A cornerstone of good stewardship is cohesive and integrated data management,” according to Diane Ruder, Foundation president. “Our new grant management software integrates all essential functions of the Foundation, including contact management, grant and gift management, and multi-faceted fund accounting.”

“We could never have purchased the software without the continuing investment in our work by the founding Board members,” Ruder said. “Their charitable gifts and pledges provided funding for its purchase.”

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Software Donors

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2014-2015 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Butler County Educational Services Center Cancer Family Care Center The Center for Family Solutions Coalition for a Safe and Drug-free Fairfield Fairfield Boosters Fairfield Central Elementary Fairfield Child Development Center Fairfield Civilian Club Fairfield Footlighters Fairfield High School Afterprom Fairfield High School Baseball Fairfield High School JKB Fairfield Parks and Recreation Fairfield YMCA Growin’ on the Green Impact a Hero Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields Make a Wish Mercy Franciscan at St. Raphael’s One Way Farm PARACHUTE Partnerships for Housing, Inc.

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Reds Rookie Success Salvation Army Hamilton Corps Shared Harvest Foodbank

Angels Circle of Caring

The Angels Circle of Caring is made up of special people who provide charitable gifts to help the Foundation’s mission. In a very real sense, they are a part of the Foundation in action. These gifts were given between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Thank you to all who help us change lives positively through your charitable gifts.

Class of 1964 Scholarship

Thomas Earl, CFRE
President

ANNIVERSARY GIFT BLOOMS TO FAME HONOREE

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James Glazier
Diane Copobianco
Kim and Kent Ernsting
Mary Gambler
OE Foundation
Ron Johnson
Jim and Pat Irwin
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loefler
John McGinnis

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Gifts of $1,000 and Above

America’s Life Insurance Company
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Brian and Barbara Begley
Ann Berg
Joan C. and Jim Bonaminio
Charles and Partners
John Clammens
Holberger Family Fund
Jane Routh Dieck
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jung
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Liberty Mutual Insurance
Richard and Marian Niehaus
Chad and Kendra Overton
Omni Business Forms
Dana and Roder US Bank
Fred and Joyce Valervics
Richard and Nancy White
Steve and Tracy Wohaler
Robert and Jenny Wolfertman

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Gifts of $101 - $999

Judge Henry and Alida Breuer
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Jim and Pat Irwin
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PEG COLLINS

Selected Wall of Fame Honoree

Long-time civic volunteer and leader, Margaret “Peg” Collins, was selected to have her photo included on the Foundation’s Wall of Fame located in the Fairfield Performing Arts Center. Peg’s civic involvement and volunteer efforts positively impacted the City of Fairfield’s development and its citizens’ lives in many ways.

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Gail Sutter, Bob Wolterman, Joyce Valerius and Jenny Wolterman.

Presidential Suite winner, Lis Bonis, Channel 12 news anchor, presents Ercel Eaton, former news writer with the Journal News, with a Kaleidoscope Woman award.

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15 YEARS AND GROWING STRONGER

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2015

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