NEIGHBORS WHO CARE

The runner up in the Grant Challenge receiving $1,500 is SELF for their project, “Neighbors Who Care.” It is a home repair project that helps lower income, elderly and the disabled families to stay in their home by making repairs and accommodations to make it possible.

SECOND ANNUAL GRANT CHALLENGE

DOROTHY DICKEY’S LOVE OF EDUCATION CONTINUES THROUGH A NEW FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Dorothy Jane was a dedicated educator for over 62 years in Fairfield and Hamilton. Because of her commitment to education and her love of children, upon her death in 2016, her own children Jennifer, Mark and Brent decided it would be fitting to create a scholarship in her memory - The Dorothy Dickey Scholarship. It is designed to assist future educators with their education. It will be awarded to a Fairfield High School senior who has chosen to major in education in college. The first scholarship will be awarded in May, 2019.

Both John and Dorothy were active citizens in Fairfield. Dorothy taught in Fairfield and Hamilton, and in 1982 created the Lindenwald Preschool for youngsters 3 to 5 years old. Dorothy believed that it was important that what you do in life feeds your soul. What fed her soul was teaching. Her daughter, Jennifer, said there was a plaque in their home stating, “To teach is to touch a life forever.” Along with her sister, Betty Jo Vance, Dorothy directed the Lindenwald Preschool until 2014.

After her family, education was Dorothy’s first love. The Fairfield community was close behind education for both her and her husband John. Together they have a long history of working to improve the quality of life in Fairfield. In 1999 they were among the first to become Founders of the Fairfield Community Foundation, dedicating their fund to the city’s parks and green spaces. Dorothy believed that children need green spaces and parks. The playground equipment in Harbin Park is one of their many projects. Dorothy was one of the founders of the Fairfield Four Seasons Garden Club. She and her husband have also been very generous to the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Fields. The flag pole plaza and children’s’ play area at the fields are because of their generous donations.

The Dorothy Dickey Scholarship is truly a well-deserved honor in the memory of a woman who dedicated her life to education and her community. Through her scholarship, Dorothy continues to “touch a life forever.”

BECAUSE OF YOU!
The Badin High School Joe Nuxhall Scholarships are newly awarded annually in honor of Robert and Nelda Ernst in recognition of their outstanding support of the Joe Nuxhall Scholarship Fund of the Fairfield Community Foundation through their annual giving and estate plans.

2017 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION
To enhance and strengthen the quality of life in Greater Fairfield.

OUR VISION
Fairfield Community Foundation—Fairfield’s choice for giving.
Gratitude. Each year, it has been my practice to adopt a word to express where I am in my life, and what I want to express to family, friends and colleagues. The word is a direction for my year, a promise. Quite often, it is difficult to find just one word. Life is complicated and I have so many things I’d like to convey.

This year it is simple. I wake up each morning grateful for another day. Even on the darkest day, I am grateful for the love and support of my husband Garry. We just celebrated our 15th anniversary and he still likes me. Fifteen years ago, we blended our families; collectively we have 5 adult children. In August we will welcome our 7th grandchild. There is so much love wrapped up in our beautiful family and much to be grateful for.

On May 30th of 2017, I was welcomed as President by the Board of Trustees of the Fairfield Community Foundation. Since arriving, I found so many things that have allowed me to utilize my word. Our Board has been amazing. They are there when I need them and are truly engaged.

The word gratitude captures what I feel toward Diane Rudor, my predecessor. She managed the Foundation with grace for 3 ½ years. During that time she strengthened the Foundation with her experience and love for the community.

The individuals who volunteer for the Foundation are amazing! They unselfishly give of their time and talent. I can’t thank you enough.

I am very grateful for the support of the City of Fairfield. They not only support us with a place to do business and award us yearly grants, they are a committed partner dedicated to strengthening our community to make a lasting difference. One of the things that impress me the most is the passion shared by those who work here in the building.

There is a feeling of community here in Fairfield. Even though I have been here a short time, I feel deeply engrained in the fiber of this community.

Then there are our wonderful donors who help provide us with the means to support our community through scholarships, grants and so much more. When I think of our donors, I think of a group of compassionate people who believe in their community. They want to ensure Greater Fairfield thrives and grows long after they have left this earth. I am grateful for their trust in the Fairfield Community Foundation to carry out their legacy of love and hope.

Linda Yarger, President

REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

I have enjoyed serving on the Board of Trustees for the Fairfield Community Foundation. I have had the pleasure of working with many talented and inspiring people and seen how their talent and generosity are making a difference in Fairfield. Speaking of which, it has been my pleasure to welcome Linda Yarger as the new face of the Foundation.

If you have not met her, I’m sure you will soon. She has come to our organization with a wealth of experience and enthusiasm which is already making an impact in our community. Linda is well aware of the Foundation’s mission “to enhance and strengthen the quality of life for the citizens of Greater Fairfield.”

The Foundation offers a unique opportunity for you to leave your legacy by providing for needs of the community. The Foundation can establish funds which can be directed to support a specific area of your interest, a particular not-for-profit organization, scholarships or even funds which allow you to recommend how those funds should be used in the future. Of course, the Board is dedicated to making a difference in Fairfield and funds can be donated without restrictions to allow the Foundation to respond to the changing needs of the community. It should come as no surprise that many of the funds established at the Foundation tell the story of the caring people who have inspired gifts or donated to make these gifts possible. I encourage each of you to consider how you can and would like to make a lasting impact here in Fairfield. For the Foundation’s mission to be accomplished, we trust that each of you reading this annual report are doing so because Fairfield is important to you. Whether Fairfield has been a place to raise your children, work or if you are a transplant here, I expect that you are reading this report because you plan to make your future here with family and friends. The Fairfield Community Foundation offers you the opportunity to make a permanent and lasting gift. The Board is committed to supporting the community’s needs, but to do so it takes the community to make that difference. Please stop by or call Linda if you would like to explore how you can make a lasting gift to support Fairfield.

Steve Wolterman, Board Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE FOUNDATION, PAST AND PRESENT

Joanie Bonaminio
FCF Founder

I am proud and honored to be a founding member of the Fairfield Community Foundation. With a committed and dedicated group of men and women in our community, this non-profit organization has grown significantly over the last 20 years with the mission of connecting those in need with those who care. The foundation has helped many hundreds of families throughout Fairfield and Fairfield Township changing lives and creating opportunities for success.

My hat’s off to those who had the vision to create the FCF, working tirelessly to get this off the ground and for serving up to 9 years on the Board of Trustees. Many have moved on and away, but what they have left behind is invaluable to our community. The Fairfield Community Foundation continues to grow and thrive.

Congratulations on celebrating 20 years!

Dick Niehaus
First President of the FCF

I am proud to be a citizen of Fairfield where the quality of life is excellent. A major reason for this high quality of life is the numerous citizens and groups who have committed themselves to making sure Fairfield and Fairfield Township are great places to live and raise a family. One organization that is tirelessly working to enhance the quality of life in our community is the Fairfield Community Foundation. Through grants to community organizations and scholarships to our youth, the Foundation is an integral part of the positive fabric of Fairfield and Fairfield Township. It does not do this alone, however. It depends on the generous support of our citizens. Since its creation in 1999, many citizens have stepped forward with their financial support - support that brings the Foundation alive.

I encourage all of our citizens to consider supporting our Fairfield Community Foundation. Your financial support will provide the Foundation with necessary means to continue funding community projects and scholarships. And it is tax deductible. You will become an integral part of enhancing the quality of life in our community.

Carolyn Roark
New FCF Trustee

After participating in a Nonprofit Board Leadership Certificate Program through the Butler County United Way at the Miami University Corporate Community Institute, I knew I wanted to serve on a nonprofit board. However, for me, it had to be the right fit. After attending some of the Fairfield Community Foundation’s events, I loved the authentic comradery of the Board members and knew I had found a place where I could serve and use my God-given talents. I have lived in Fairfield for 30 years, and I want to help enhance and strengthen the quality of life for the citizens of the Fairfield community. It is also important to me to be a role model for my grandchildren, Aidan and Jude. I feel very blessed to be a member of the Fairfield Community Foundation Board and to serve alongside some very caring community members.

Doug Robertson
New FCF Trustee

I have spent a 30 year career working for a community minded family who’s company credo includes “We support our community …” and “… are grateful to God for our blessings”. They and their employees truly live by these values and stress the importance of serving the community where they live and work. Following their lead, I’ve served a number of wonderful church, youth, and community organizations in the area, but had yet to discover the right service opportunity that supported the larger community of Fairfield where I’ve benefitted from being a lifelong resident.

Growing up and now raising my own family in Fairfield has been an incredible blessing. Being invited to attend several of the Fairfield Community Foundation events and realizing the dedication of each of the board members to its mission has made it clear to me that this is an organization dedicated to successfully giving back to my hometown. I’m honored to be joining the FCF Board and excited to be a part of supporting this Foundation’s mission to enhance and strengthen the quality of life for all those who make Fairfield their residence of choice.
ANGELS CIRCLE OF CARING

The Angels Circle of Caring is made up of special people who provide charitable gifts to help the Foundation’s work in our community. Each donor is an important partner with the Foundation. Gifts listed below were given between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. Thank you.

AMBASSADOR Gifts of $101 - $999
Anonymous
Allan and Dorothy Bailey
Ronald and Ann Berg
Judge Henry and Alida Brewer
John H. and Sharon Clemmons
Robert and Christine Jung
Kiwanis Club of Fairfield
Richard and Marian Niehaus
Chad and Kendra Oberson
OMH Printing and Promotions
Diane and Melvin Ruder
Gail Suiter
Todd and Elaine Taylor
Scott and Tina Taylor-Thomason
Richard and Nancy White
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wolterman
Stephen and Tracey Wolterman

AMBASSADOR Gifts of $101 - $999
Diane Capobianco
Fairfield Citizens for Safety
James and Susan Fitton
Gerald and Christine Gille
Phoebe Kerby
John and Kimberly Kirsch
Wayne and Cindy Koening-Daggs
Christopher and Nancy Meier
Virginia Peterson
Richard and Patricia Petry
Sue Shepherd
Billy and Peggy Smith
Paul and Marion Thomis
Fred and Joyce Valerius
Jack and Jean Wesseler

ANGELS CIRCLE OF CARING

Meet Chris Neuman. I met Chris when he came in to pick up his scholarship check. He is now a student at Miami majoring in graphic design. He had considered becoming an architect, but decided graphic design met his need for precision and free form. He just happened to have most of his portfolio on his cell phone. This is his self-portrait. He won first place at Fairfield High School’s art show. If I didn’t know better, I would have thought it was a photo.

MEET CHRIS NEUMAN

Balance Sheet

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HOW WILL THE NEW TAX LAW AFFECT CHARITABLE GIVING?

The new tax law goes into effect in January 2018 and will affect tax filing in April 2019. How will the new law affect charitable organizations like our Fairfield Community Foundation? In 2019 it won’t make a difference on your tax return unless your total deductions exceed $12,000 for single filers or $24,000 for joint filers. Common deductions include charitable contributions, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, and state and local taxes.

If your deductions do not exceed the standard deductions, even with your donation to Fairfield Community Foundation, you can use a technique called “tax looping” with your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). This technique involves doubling up tax-deductible payments into one year, then minimizing these payments the following year in order to take advantage of the large standard deduction.

To learn more about this technique (tax looping) talk to your tax adviser/preparer.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Give Back Fairfield
- The Joe Nuxhall Miracle League
- Badin High School
- Fairfield Family YMCA
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys and Girls Club
- Fairfield High School
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- One Way Farm of Fairfield
- Salvation Army
- Fairfield West Baptist Church
- Mercy Franciscan at St Raphael
- Reds Rookie Success League
- Fairfield High School Baseball
- Kenny Anderson Foundation for Autism
- Butler County Educational Services
- Fairfield Church of the Nazarene
- Coalition for a Drug Free Fairfield
- Fairfield Rotary Club
- Fairfield High School Afterprom
- Green Umbrella
- Civility International
- Fairfield Community Arts Center
- The Joe Nuxhall Foundation
- Fairfield Food Pantry
- Learning Impacts Family Enrichment
- Ohio National Baseball

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sherry A. Armesaad
- Ben and Greta Bartels
- Sally Braun
- Lisa Mitchell Brown Memorial
- Karin Carboy Kaledioscope
- Ron Chasteen
- LCP Michael J. Cifuentes
- Erick Cook Memorial
- Harold and Pat Craig
- Jan Creed
- Robert Crenbaker
- Larry Deis
- Christy Dennis Memorial
- Jenny Evans
- Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
- Fairfield Champions Fund
- Fairfield Community Foundation
- Extracurricular Activities
- Fairfield High School Choraliers in honor of Paul Thom
- Fairfield Women
- Four Seasons Golf Club
- Dan Friedman Memorial Music
- Don & Phyllis Graf Family
- Jimmy Hassman Memorial
- Musi Highfield
- Kiwanis Club of Fairfield
- Buddy LaRosa
- Doug Lopina Award Fairfield Boys Soccer
- Dr. Fred Marzan Memorial
- Mark & Massie Coaches Wrestling
- McClellan Memorial
- Galen McCollum Memorial and NAF Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Dennis McRoberts Memorial Baseball
- Anonymous
- Steven Miller Family
- Joe Nuxhall
- Phillip J. Nuxhall Theater Arts
- Olinger
- Clarence and Madeline Phalen
- LCP Taylor B. Przynzycki Memorial
- Howard and Kathleen Schul Fine Arts
- Kathleen Sullivan Memorial
- Tannenbaum
- Harry & Jerry Thomas Scholarship
- Martha M. Tippton Memorial
- UT Prasim
- Ron Winningham Memorial

Butler County Philanthropy Day

Front Row – Left to Right
Angela Brown
Diane Landi
Lillian Hopkins
Jennifer Hamon

Middle Row – Left to Right
Stephanie Gonza
Kathleen Michitti
Linda Yarger

Back Row – Left to Right
Willard Hopkins
Bob Wolterman
Jenny Wolterman

Special thanks to the City of Fairfield for its continuing support.
FAIRFIELD OPIATE TASK FORCE IS RAISING AWARENESS

The Fairfield Opiate Task Force was founded in June of 2016 and has a core mission of raising the community awareness concerning the drug abuse epidemic currently afflicting our society. Many from the City of Fairfield’s administrative staff, including fire and police were asked to join. One of the first groups to volunteer outside of city staff was the Fairfield Community Foundation.

The Foundation continues to be an important member of the FOTF in our ongoing effort to take our message to an even broader segment of the Fairfield community. We look forward to even more opportunities in the future to make a real difference in the lives of those most at risk from this terrible disease. With the help of groups like the Foundation we are confident we can succeed. Remember; GOOD FOLKS, WITH GOOD IDEAS, DOING GOOD THINGS, RESULT IN GOOD OUTCOMES.

Bill Woeste
City Rep to the Fairfield Opiate Task Force
Councilman-at-Large, City of Fairfield

DON HASSLER NEW WALL OF FAME HONOREE

Don Hassler worked at Procter and Gamble for 42 years. He loved what he did but wanted to do more to help make his community the best it could be. He began working for the Civil Defense in 1960 assisting with law-enforcement. In 1965 it changed to the Auxiliary Police Department and within a year Don became its Captain. He led the Auxiliary Police Department for 32 years. When asked, Don will tell you this was his favorite position held in Fairfield. His love for his community didn’t stop there. He served on the Fairfield City Council from December of 1981- November of 1989. He again served on Fairfield City Council from December 1991-December of 1999. Don loves to make things beautiful. So serving on Parks and Recreation Board from April of 2003-December of 2011 was very satisfying to him.

The Fairfield Grange was also blessed by Don’s expertise. As Master of the Grange, he led the city to create Grange Park. Don is deeply engrained in the fiber of the City of Fairfield where he served as Safety Inspector, Treasurer of the Fire Levy, and Chair for the Fire Levy in 2016. One would think this would fill a lifetime of commitment to the City, but Don continues to be actively involved. He has served on the Planning Commission since January of 2012, currently serves on the Transportation Improvement District since 1996 and is the Council Representative for the Design Review Committee.

Mark Wendling, City Manager of Fairfield put it best when he said, “Don is a driven, hard-working man who is always doing something to make his community better. He is reflective of the Fairfield community. Don is every man.”

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDING FOCUS

• Unrestricted
• Scholarships
• Character Education
• Arts and Culture
• Parks, Beautification and Recreation
• Historic Preservation
• Seniors, Youth and Disabilities

TO LEAVE A BEQUEST

You may use the following language: I give and bequeath to the Fairfield Community Foundation, a non-profit corporation, the residue of my estate (or the amount of $_____) to be used where most needed (or to set up a fund for the purpose of ____________). Our tax-ID number (non profit) is 31-1625750.