

What's new in philanthropy?

\$40,000 AWARDED IN GRANTS TO HELP HURON COUNTY THRIVE

The Huron County Community Foundation (HCCF) is improving our community with \$40,000 of grant-making power. At a Board of Directors meeting in September, the Board voted to award a total of \$40,000 to 10 area organizations. Projects awarded fill critical needs, create opportunities for our young people, and contribute to a thriving community.

The largest grant awarded was \$10,000 to the Feichtner Memorial Youth Livestock Complex, as they continue raising money for a project that will benefit youth and spur economic development. Other highlights included support for a county-wide 2-1-1 program that connects people to essential health and human services 24 hours a day, speech therapy for preschoolers, job support for formerly incarcerated individuals, and funding to local food banks.

The HCCF Board of Directors has identified priorities around the youth of the community, whether that be the food that nourishes them and their families or offering art and cultural experiences to expand their world view.



Pictured: Artists' Open Studios- Framing Project



Pictured: Inspiration Station- Speech Therapy Program

Organizations & Projects Awarded:

American Red Cross– Disaster Preparedness, Response, and Recovery in Huron County

Artists' Open Studio– Gallery Quality Framing Supplies

Wakeman Caring Community– Stock the Pantry

Firelands Forward– Huron County 2-1-1 Project

First Presbyterian Church of Norwalk– Inspiration Station's Extended Speech Therapy

Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa & Sandusky Counties– Employment Re-entry Program for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals

Norwalk Arts Center– Junior Musical, Teen Theatre

Norwalk City Schools– Literacy Through Real World Experiences

Norwalk Economic Development Corporation– Feichtner Memorial Youth Livestock Complex

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio– Willard Food Distribution

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RAISING THE BAR FOR NONPROFITS: A FUNDRAISING SERIES

Over the summer, a series called "Raising the Bar" was held at the new BGSU Resort & Attraction Management School in downtown Sandusky. Hosted in collaboration between the Huron (HCCF) and Erie County Community Foundations, the goal was to better equip nonprofits with the tools to help them raise money and be sustainable organizations.

The classes were taught by regional experts and covered the topics of:

- Grant Writing Basics
- Fundraising 101
- Government Grants
- Major Gifts

Over 80 unique individuals registered to attend, and every class except for one was "sold out" (classes were offered free of charge). Proving skills courses like this are needed, nonprofit leaders reported being energized by the conversation and asked for continued classes in the areas of board governance, marketing, and other topics. We're looking forward to bringing this back next summer, stay tuned.



Pictured: "sold out" Grant Writing Basics class

SHOWMAN OF SHOWMEN SCHOLARSHIP

The Showman of Showmen contest highlights exhibitors from each of the species exhibited at the Huron County Fair. Competitors are scored on presentation of species, good sportsmanship, and knowledge of all eight species.

The Community Foundation was proud to support the hard work of our Jr. Fair Exhibitors through a 1st place \$500 scholarship at this year's Huron County Fair. The winner, Dyllan Knoll, was "surprised and amazed" by the announcement. Well done to Dyllan and all the 2022 exhibitors.



Pictured: Dyllan Knoll & Patrick Nolan, HCCF Board Member

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A GIFT TO THE FUTURE

Donations to the Fund for Huron County are used in the Community Foundation's competitive grant-making process. Dollars such as these help to address the greatest community needs and opportunities as they emerge. To ensure those and other programs thrive, we encourage you to consider making a gift to the HCCF, at any level. When we work together, we maximize our impact.