

What's new in philanthropy?

\$75,631 AWARDED IN THE FIRST GRANTS CYCLE

The Huron County Community Foundation was ecstatic to grant \$75,631 in our first grants cycle as a new organization. An awards breakfast was held in April, showcasing grants made to 18 area nonprofits, schools, and municipalities. Grants go to meet the greatest areas of need and to projects that will help Huron County thrive.

Highlights included a \$10,000 grant to Firelands Rails to Trails as they continue to connect communities and offer recreation opportunities throughout the county, multiple grants to children's literacy programs like Huron County Imagination Library and Team First Book, a video campaign created by Norwalk Economic Development Corporation with the goal of attracting young workers, grants to enhance public spaces in New London, and several grants to expand arts and cultural offerings via the Firelands Symphony Orchestra and Norwalk Arts Center. A full list of organizations awarded can be found below.

Our robust grants process is made possible by unrestricted dollars from the National City Fund, Jerry E. Stover Fund, and the Fund for Huron County. Several Field of Interest Funds were also put to good use, including the Bertha Mead Fund which supports families and children, the American Timber & Steel Fund that promotes increased access to exercise and recreation, and several Funds created by Ralph and Anne Walter with the intention to enhance New London and help it prosper.



Organizations Awarded:

Abigail Pregnancy Services
Citizens Ambulance Service
CLI Incorporated
Firelands Rails to Trails
Firelands Symphony Orchestra
First Presbyterian Church
Hope Restored
Huron County Humane Society
Huron County Youth Soccer Club
New London Local Schools
Norwalk Area United Fund - Imagination Library
Norwalk Arts Center
Norwalk Cemetery Association
Norwalk Economic Development Corporation
Team First Book - Huron County
Village of New London - Cemetery & Parks
Willard Hope Center

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SUPPORT NORWALK CITY SCHOOLS - CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

In the fall of 2021, anonymous donors approached the Community Foundation with an idea. They wanted to grow the Endowment Fund for Norwalk City Schools by offering a Challenge to the community, \$50,000 was the target.

Due to the generosity of many in our community, we crushed that goal and raised over \$112,000 in total.

The funds raised go directly into the Endowment Fund for Norwalk City Schools located at the Community Foundation, offering scholarships and financial aid to seniors and faculty grants to enhance learning in and out of the classroom.

We'd like to thank our anonymous donors for their big idea and our entire community for their support.



NEW TO THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION: DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

A Donor-Advised Fund is like a charitable checking account for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations and community projects you care about.

When you contribute cash, stocks, or other assets to a Donor-Advised Fund at the Community Foundation, you are eligible to take an immediate tax deduction. Then those funds can be invested for tax-free growth, and you can recommend grants to virtually any IRS-qualified public charity.

You want your charitable donations to be as effective as possible when you give. Donor-Advised Funds are the fastest-growing charitable giving vehicle in the United States because they are one of the easiest and most tax-advantageous ways to give. Interested in learning more? Please contact us at 419.621.9690.

BECOMING OUR OWN ORGANIZATION

2021 brought an exciting next step in the evolution of the Huron County Community Foundation. After being a part of the Community Foundation of Lorain County for many years, we branched out on our own, received our 501c3 status, and now govern ourselves locally. With some administrative help from Erie County's organization, we're learning, growing, and evolving. Stay tuned as our journey unfolds.

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LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

The HCCF was established to provide individuals the opportunity to directly impact the community where they live. Many organizations in Huron County rely on additional support to offer programs and activities to Huron County residents. 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.