



2021 Annual Report

FAYETTE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION IS ROOTED IN FAYETTE COUNTY.

The Fayette Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Fayette County by inspiring a spirit of philanthropy and leadership within our community. We strengthen and build capacity in our community's nonprofits through grants from our unrestricted endowment and discretionary funds, as well as from donor-advised funds.

Because generosity is found here.

Our donors are passionate about the people, places, and ideas that make Fayette County a home to be proud of. They choose to give to the Fayette Community Foundation (FCF) because our organization is uniquely qualified to steward the hopes and dreams they have for their funds. When you donate to the Foundation, you know that your gift will continue to provide for our community for generations to come—because your vision, and our purpose, are better together.

ABOUT US

MEET OUR TEAM

This year, we're exploring all of the wonderful, surprising, and good people, places, and things that are Found Here, in Fayette County—and we don't have to look far to get started. Here are a group of people who see the potential in our community and match it to the visions and goals of donors: our dedicated staff and board.



Alexandra Pflug
Executive Director



Morgan Hamilton
*Director of
Community Impact*



Abigail Roszell
*Office Coordinator
and Data Specialist*



Billie Watkins
*Early Learning
Coalition Coordinator*

MEET OUR BOARD

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Board Member

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Board Member

FOUNDATION BY THE NUMBERS



Total contributions (gifts)



Total amount granted to the community

Number of individual organizations that received grants:

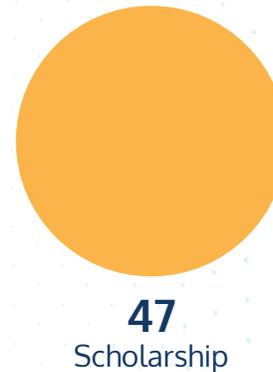
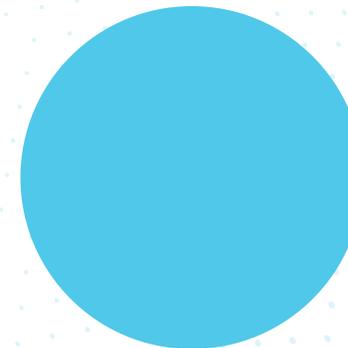
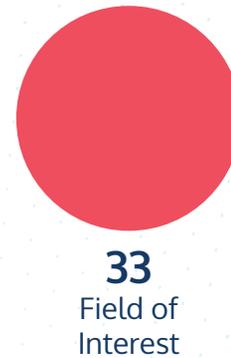
More Than 60



Total amount granted in scholarships

Number of students who were awarded scholarships:

More Than 40



**This Data has not been audited.*

ENDOWMENT FUND TYPES

COMMUNITY IMPACT FUNDS

Our Community Impact Funds offer a way for the Fayette Community Foundation to be flexible and responsive to community needs as they arise. Created by visionary philanthropists who wish to make an impact beyond their own lifetime, these funds allow FCF to provide support when and where it is most needed.

The drive to go further

Ryleigh Loper, Fayette County's 2020 Lilly Scholar, worked with local nonprofit Fayette County Community Voices to implement a Period Poverty Prevention Program in the local high school, funded by a Lead Forward Community Grant from Lilly Foundation Inc. Through a Community Impact grant from FCF, they were able to expand the program to the middle school and Whitewater Career Center—ensuring that young women and girls in Fayette County have access to necessary menstrual products.



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I never expected the amount of support and generosity the Fayette County Foundation and community members showed at the beginning of this project. Thanks to the foundation, we were able to expand the Period Poverty Prevention Project within a few months of the initial launch, and I am so thankful that more menstruating students will have access to the products they need. I also hope the foundation's willingness to support such a project and indirectly support a young adult, will inspire more students and young adults in the community to become involved and try to make an impact.”

Ryleigh Loper
2021 recipient of a Community Impact grant

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

For donors who are interested in supporting a broad area of interest—such as education, the arts, youth services, programs for the elderly, environmental sustainability, healthcare, recreation, or civic affairs—Field of Interest Funds provide a way to do just that. Through these funds, FCF directs distributions to programs within the field(s) designated by the donor—so you know your funds are being used in the best way possible within your area of interest.

Beauty takes flight in the heart of downtown

Two Field of Interest Funds supported beautification efforts in downtown Connersville in 2021. Through the James R. Herdrich Memorial Beautification Fund and the Father Robert Mazzola Downtown Beautification Fund, FCF was able to support the nonprofit Discover Connersville as they worked with a local artist to bring a butterfly mural to The Oasis.



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Thanks to the Fayette Community Foundation, we were able to start our mural project at The Oasis—a fun project that helps with the revitalization of our beautiful downtown. Two murals have already been completed, and more are in the works.”

Sharon McQueen
Executive Director,
Discover Connersville

ENDOWMENT FUND TYPES

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Interested in supporting the sustainability and longevity of a specific organization? By establishing a Designated Fund, you are ensuring that the charitable organization of your choice will continue to receive funds in perpetuity—as long as your named agency or charitable purpose remains in existence.

A sustainable future

With the Gilbert Lambert Family Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary Designated Fund, the new operations manager of the Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary looks to long-term sustainability for her organization.



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Having a designated fund through the Fayette Community Foundation for Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary shows me, as someone who's new to the area and this role, that the community truly cares about this property. With support like this, we're able to continue providing access to green spaces, promote educational programs, and hold fun events like the Hummingbird Migration Celebration and Night of the Owls. It's astounding how big a place the Sanctuary has in the hearts of the residents of Connersville and Fayette County, and I'm so grateful we're able to receive this grant to continue our mission!”

Libby Keyes

Operations Manager, Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

For donors who want to take an active role in the distribution of funds, the Donor-Advised Fund offers a way to serve in an advisory capacity to the Foundation. As income becomes available for distributions, the donor-advisor offers recommendations to FCF for grants that meet their charitable interests.

Active community builders

Recent Donor-Advised Funds have been used to support local parks. Donors with a finger on the pulse of our community provide valuable insight to the FCF through their recommendations for grants.



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Donor-Advised Funds have been able to support a number of charitable endeavors in the community, including the installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in the new CHS fieldhouse and a grant to the renovation of the J. Long Memorial 2nd Street Park.”

Alexandra Pflug

Executive Director,
Fayette Community Foundation



ENDOWMENT FUND TYPES

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Help local students achieve their academic goals through the gift of a scholarship. Scholarship funds may be established in memory of an individual, for a specific field of study, or for those planning to attend specific colleges and universities.

Shaping her future—and returning to her roots

2021 Fayette Community Foundation Scholarship recipient Lacie Boaz is attending Aveda Frederic's Institute to become a cosmetologist—and she already has a job waiting for her at a local Fayette County salon.

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I am extremely grateful to The Fayette Community Foundation for their generosity. Being a scholarship recipient allowed me to begin my college career to become a stylist without the stress and worry that huge student loan debt would bring. In three short months, I will graduate and begin building a clientele as part of the Connersville business community. I am so excited to be behind my own chair, giving back in my hometown.”

Lacie Boaz

2021 Fayette Community Foundation Scholarship recipient



OPERATIONAL FUND

Your gift to the Operational Fund allows the Fayette Community Foundation to continue our mission of providing funding and support to the causes that matter most. When you give to the Operational Fund, your gift increases the impact the Foundation is able to have in every area we support.

If you're looking for a way to give to many causes at once—and to increase the impact of the Foundation's work in our community—the Operational Fund is the best way to do just that.

Your gift to the Operational Fund supports:



OUR SUPPORTERS

None of the community-building, life-changing stories in this report would be possible without the support of our donors. Your dedication and generosity to the Foundation's mission leaves a lasting impact on countless lives.

NEW FUNDS

We're proud to have helped donors establish the following new funds in 2021.

- Bill Rose Memorial Scholarship
- Dale and Kris Thomas Family Scholarship
- Merle and Wilma Studt Service Scholarship

HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

Remembering our loved ones through giving offers us a way to celebrate their life in deep and meaningful ways. Honorary gifts recognize a person who has had special significance in your life and/or the lives of others. The Foundation was honored to steward the following memorial and honorary gifts in 2021.

In Memoriam

Audra Ross
Bette Thielking
Brenda E Moster
Caitlyn Logan
Charles F. Clark
Dale Thomas
Dr. John Weaver
Eugene Nobbe
Gene Worley
George Tatman Sr.
Hager Sizemore Ross
Henry Orschell

Jim and Katie Houser
Joed Connaway
John Binder
Julia Anne (Hardy) Risch
Julia Yake
Kenneth Caldwell
Leslie D and Mary H Wilhite
Linda Mason
Louis Glaub
Lucille McIntyre
Mary Annette Riedman
Mike Underwood

Mona V. Wedding
Nancy Phillips
Nikki Simpson
Patsy Edwards Price
Peg Moster
Richard Bohlander
Rosalyn Marschand
Shirley and Gene Risch
William Gray
Jennifer Davidson

Honored Individuals

Elly Bunzendahl
Howard Pletcher

Joel and Tammy Hornung
Jon and Angi Hornung

Morgan Hamilton

HOW TO GIVE

GIVE TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The Fayette Community Foundation seeks to be an objective and knowledgeable partner in your giving goals—adding value to your philanthropy and making your giving easy, informed, meaningful, and enjoyable.

Gifts to unrestricted endowments allow you to invest with other community partners in promoting community projects through grants. If you are looking for a more hands-on approach to philanthropy, our professional staff can provide you with the tools and expertise to create your named endowment.

Make a gift today.

givetofcf.com/donate-now

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving offers you a way to both maximize your tax advantages while making a lasting impact on the future of Fayette County.

By establishing a fund with the Fayette Community Foundation, you can begin making an impact during your lifetime and establish a legacy at the same time. Our dedicated team is here to talk with you about your wishes for the future.

Leave a legacy—starting now.

Visit our website to let us know about your intent to leave a gift to the Fayette Community Foundation as you plan your estate. By letting us know your plans ahead of time, we can work with you now to establish a fund that reflects your wishes and makes the greatest impact.

givetofcf.com/your-giving/planned-giving

LOOKING AHEAD

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As my first full year as Executive Director at the Foundation, 2021 was truly a foundational year for me. This was my first year experiencing a full cycle of all of our programs and activities—and this complete view of our operations has inspired and motivated me to continue our momentum into the future.

As we move forward, I am focused on strengthening our existing processes while leveraging technology to ensure we can continue to address the changing needs of our community. I'm also excited to provide continuing education opportunities for our staff, helping our team provide leadership and valuable insight to our partners and donors.

As 2022 progresses, I look forward to collaborating further with our community partners and getting to know more of our generous and thoughtful donors.

Alexandra Pflug
Executive Director



FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Joining the board in 2019, I was in the dark as to all of what the Fayette Community Foundation did. Since then, I have developed not only a better understanding of their role in our community, but also a greater appreciation for the work that is put in by the staff, board members, committee members, and, most importantly, the donors.

The pride I have being Fayette County resident is abundant; however, the pride I feel to lead a board of like-minded individuals is extraordinary. Every time I speak with stakeholders, I know we left the conversation trying to better the quality of life for those we serve.

As I reflect on my time serving on the board for the Fayette Community Foundation, I am grateful for all that we have accomplished and optimistic for all we will do in 2022 and the years that follow.

Devin Hornsby
Board President





Join us in celebrating and investing in the people, places,
and organizations that make Fayette County a place to be
proud of—*because we're better together.*

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