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COMMUNITY Catalyst

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Reflecting on 2023: Philanthropic Milestones and Community Impact

In 2023, the Springfield Foundation achieved significant milestones, opening 23 new funds and receiving \$12.6 million in charitable gifts. We distributed over \$686,000 through 400 scholarship awards, and approved funding for 100 projects through our discretionary grant program. Additionally, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary, initiated a multi-year grant to address youth mental health, and supported various community projects, showcasing our commitment to philanthropy and community betterment.

Take a look at all we have accomplished with our donors, partners, and community leaders:

- Opened 23 new funds.
 - 6 Scholarship Funds
 - 4 Charitable Checking
 - 7 Designated Funds
 - 1 Donor Advised
 - 1 Agency Fund
 - 1 Unrestricted
 - 3 Horizon
- Received \$12.6 million in charitable gifts.
- Distributed \$4.8 million in grants.
- Distributed over \$686,000 in scholarships.
- Received 361 scholarship applications and awarded approximately 400 scholarships.
- Received 123 discretionary applications and funded 100 fully or partially.
- Collected over \$58,000 in Partners in Philanthropy campaign.
- Launched a new software platform which included the GoFund Online Donor Portal.
- Celebrated our 75th Anniversary culminating with a Gala at the Hollenbeck Bayley Center with over 250 guests in attendance.
- Co-Created a collaborative comprised of community leaders dedicated to lowering youth violence in our community. This group successfully obtained a \$1.6 million technical assistance grant to investigate the gun violence problems in our community and identify effective strategies to reduce youth violence.
- Selected a new initiative supporting a joint mental and behavioral health initiative in collaboration with Rocking Horse Community Health Center, focused on the school-based health clinic at Springfield High School. The Foundation is dedicating \$375,000 toward this initiative.
- Provided financing support for the new Global Impact Stem Academy "Upper Academy" located on the campus of Clark State.
- Provided over 200 local students with coats, hats, and gloves through a Winter Coat Drive supported by our donors, board, and staff, and repurposed the allocated holiday card budget to purchase additional coats.
- Board and staff participated in fitting students at a local elementary school with new gym shoes through Shoes for The Shoeless.
- Staff provided volunteer service throughout the year to the Summer Arts Festival, Springfield Cancer Center, Dayton Children's Hospital, the Pink Honor Walk, Kenwood Elementary School, the Children's Garden at Snyder Park, and the Jazz and Blues Festival.
- Attended the Mental Health and Wellness Fair held at Clark State College and spoke with students about the scholarship process and FAFSA.
- Participated at Clark County College Night hosted by the Clark County School Counselors and OACAC.
- Said goodbye to two departing Trustees, Victoria Dawson-Scrusse and Jeanne Lampe, who have made invaluable contributions to the organization.



2024 Grants

Each year, the Springfield Foundation accepts applications for a highly competitive discretionary grant cycle. Funding is provided to initiatives and projects in arts and culture, civic affairs, education, environment and conservation, animals, health, and human services.

Applications that are in line with the Foundation's grantmaking objectives, derived from a community needs assessment undertaken by the Foundation, are prioritized for consideration. Through this process, the Foundation ensures that only projects with the potential to make a significant impact in Clark County receive funding.

To ensure a fair and impartial evaluation process, a distribution committee performs a rigorous evaluation of applications. Each application is evaluated based on its quality, feasibility, impact, qualifications, and budget before being selected to receive funding. Through this process, the Foundation maintains its commitment to supporting initiatives that have the potential to create positive change in the community.

For the 2024 grant cycle, 100 proposals were funded either fully or partially for a total of \$833,520. These grants are made possible through the generous support of our donors.

This year, anticipate minor revisions to the grant application, so remain alert for further information. [To apply, look for more information on our grant information session conducted in either May or June of this year. The 2025 competitive application is set to open in mid-June and conclude in mid-August. For more information, email Lori, Director of Grants at \[Lori@Springfieldfoundation.org\]\(mailto:Lori@Springfieldfoundation.org\).](#)

Education Total: \$146,924	
Clark County Literacy Coalition	Basic Literacy for Adults
Clark State College	College for Kids and Teens
Cliff Park High School	Cliff Park HS Construction Trades Program
Covenant Community Develop. Corp.	Covenant Freedom School
Crayons to Classrooms	Teacher Resource Center, Clark Cty. Program
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton	Habitat for Humanity Partnership with the Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center
Job Seekers Network	Youth Development
Links Foundation, Incorporated	History Alive! Series
National Inventors Hall of Fame	Invention Project STEM Program in Clark Cty.
On-The-Rise	Operational Support
Springfield City School District	Project Springboard Family Literacy Program
Springfield City Youth Mission	StartUp Entrepreneurship Program
Springfield Peace Center	Operational Support
Springfield Promise Neighborhood	Operational Support
The Braxton Miller Foundation	The Braxton Miller Foundation STEM Program
The Conscious Connect Community Development Corporation	Operational Support
WellSpring	SPARK
WellSpring	FAST
Wittenberg University	Operational Support for Champion City Write Now at Wittenberg University

Arts & Culture Total: \$107,495	
Clark County Combined Health District	Haitian Flag Day Celebration 2024
Clark County Historical Society	Curtis L. Truss, Sr. Truck Display Project
Clark State College	Clark State Performing Arts Center Season
Dance Stomp Shake	Dance Stomp Shake Programs
Dayton Public Radio (WDPB/WDPG/WUSO)	WUSO 89.1FM Springfield Signal Clarity
Gammon House, Inc.	Gammon House Juneteenth Celebration
NAMI Clark, Greene and Madison Counties	Art Exploration IV
Springfield Foundation	Public Arts Committee
Springfield Arts Council	Youth Arts Ambassadors
Springfield Museum of Art	Operational Support
Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association	Operational Support
The Civic Theatre of Springfield Ohio	Operational Support targeted to production of the musical revue "Ain't Misbehavin"
Westcott House Foundation	Operational Support
Westcott House Foundation	Westcott Accessibility Plan & Implementation

Health Total: \$213,824	
CitiLookout Counseling and Trauma Recovery Center	Operational Support
Clark County Combined Health District	Diabetes Self-Management Program
Clark County Combined Health District	Start Strong Clark County
Clark County Department of Reentry	Reentry Program: Personal Assistance Transitioning Home & General Support
Family & Youth Initiatives	Real Life Choices
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio	Girl Scouting in New Carlisle and Clark County
Girls on the Run of Dayton	Building Back Stronger to Serve our Clark County Constituents
Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley	Child Screening Service with Early Childhood Mental Health Component
Heart Health Now	Clark County Minority Health Fair
Hope Hollow	Direct Services for Clark Cty. Cancer Patients
Jefferson Street Oasis Community Garden	Garden Sustainability
LifeCare Alliance	Diabetes Emergency Supply Assistance Prog.
Maple Tree Cancer Alliance	Exercise Oncology Program at Springfield Mercy Cancer Center
Mercy Health Foundation Clark & Champaign Counties	Cancer Care Outreach Program
Mercy Health Foundation Clark & Champaign Counties	Mercy Health Med Assist
Mercy Health Foundation Clark & Champaign Counties	Gold Plus Stroke Program
National Trail Parks and Recreation District	Playground Fall Protection Program
Ohio's Community Mercy Hospice	Pathways of Hope Bereavement Services
Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region	Operational Support for Springfield Health Center
Pregnancy Resource Clinic of Clark County	Operational Support
Prevent Blindness	HealthyEyes Program
Rocking Horse Community Health Center	Patient Advocacy/Community Health Worker
Ronald McDonald House Charities Dayton	Reducing Barriers in Access to Health Care
Springfield Family YMCA	Financial Assistance
Springfield Initiative Dba Open Hands Free Pantry	Operational Support
Springfield Ohio Urban Plantfolk (SOUP)	Porch Garden Project
The Riding Centre	Therapeutic Riding Program

Human Services Total: \$297,230	
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.	SUCCESS Program
American Red Cross Miami Valley Ohio Chpt.	Disaster Relief and Recovery in Clark County
Autumn Trails Stable	Operational Support
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio	Clark County Youth Mentoring
Caring Kitchen	Emergency Homeless Shelter for Clark County Residents
Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio	Springfield Empowerment Center: Empowering the New Haitian Community
Central Christian Church	Food Trailer Ministry
Children's Hunger Alliance	Year-Round Food Access for Clark County Children
Clark County Family & Children First Council	Supplemental Care Program
Clothes That Work	Workforce Program Expansion to Springfield
Deaf Community Resource Center, Inc.	Clark Cty. Deaf Community Resource Center
Encompass Connection Center	Relationship Education for Individuals and Families
Fellowship Christian Church	Back To School Block Party
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Dayton	Critical Repair Home Program
JLC Springfield Comm. Outreach Gathering	Community Motivational Luncheon
Junior Achievement Mad River Region	JA Pathway to obtain and maintain economic self-sufficiency for youth, young adults and families
Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.	Operational Support
National Council of Negro Women - Clark County Springfield Section	Holiday Food Basket Giveaway
Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Inc. (NHP)	Operational Support
Ohio Tri County Food Alliance dba Second Harvest Food Bank CCL	Operational Support
Project Woman of Ohio	Operational Support
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio, Inc.	Helping Hands - Clark County
Rotary Club of Springfield, OH Foundation	Services to People with Disabilities Program
SiFi Ministry, Inc. DBA Safe Harbor House	Safe Harbor Recovery Housing Program
Springfield Arts Council	American Sign Language Interpreters
Springfield City School District	Mckinney Vento
Springfield District Council St. Vincent DePaul Society	Operational Support
Springfield Museum of Art	Automatic Front Door Replacement
TAC Industries Inc (The Abilities Connection)	Operational Support
The Braxton Miller Foundation	Mentorship Program
United Senior Services	AmeriCorps Seniors Retired and Senior Volunteer Program
United Way of Clark, Champaign & Madison Counties	211 Community Helpline

Environment, Conservation & Animals Total: \$32,047	
Animal Welfare League of Clark County	Spay/Neuter Program
Clark County Dog Shelter	Adoptions-Spay/Neuter-Heartworm testing
Clark County Spca, Inc.	Spay/ Neuter Initiative
Tecumseh Land Preservation Association	Operational Support
Glen Helen Association	Save the Glen Campaign

Civic Affairs Total: \$36,000	
Leadership Clark County	The Community Leadership Academy
Wittenberg University	Summer Civic Internship Program
Springfield Foundation	Executive Director Discretionary Grants

Spring New Funds

BarBK Endowment Fund — This fund was established to honor the memory of Barbara Swigart, by her devoted husband Keith Swigart and daughter Wendy Voorhees. It supports Autumn Trails Stables for their unrestricted use.



Nancy W. Henderson Endowment Fund — This fund, established by an estate gift, supports the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, the Springfield Museum of Art for unrestricted use, the Springfield Arts Council, and the Gary Geis Dance Company.

Ray, Mildred and Terry Group Family Fund — The purpose of this fund is meeting human need and enriching the quality of life for residents of Pike and Bethel townships, Clark County, Ohio.

The Dr. Henry Jud ("Hank") Memorial Fund in Support of the Gammon House Interpretive Center — This memorial funds supports the Gammon House for the Design/Build of a Gammon House Interpretive Center.

The Elva Hampshire Scholarship Fund — This scholarship supports Greenon High School graduates majoring in Mathematics.

The Lawrence E. and Carole A. McCoy Scholarship Fund — This fund was established by an estate gift to award scholarships to graduating senior from Northeastern High School, preferably active in school government and/or varsity softball.

Landon William Shaffer Memorial Scholarship — This fund was established by memorial gifts. Landon's scholarship will award to graduating seniors from Kenton Ridge High School, with a preference for students majoring in special education.

The Triad High School Scholarship for Higher Education in Agriculture — This fund was founded by the McDavid family, who aim to ignite generosity and impact through giving back. The fund will award to graduating seniors from Triad High School who demonstrate a passion for Agriculture and will major in it.

Weixelbaum Memorial Fund — This fund was established by an estate gift for unrestricted use. It will support projects submitted to our grant cycle, which addresses the most critical needs facing our community.



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Don't forget to include the Springfield Foundation in your estate planning. To learn more, visit our website or call our office.

Welcome to our New Board Trustees!



Kim Griffith and her husband Scott previously owned 7 Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken restaurants, before retiring in April 2022. Residing in New Carlisle, Kim's past board experience includes roles at Lee's Famous Recipe Advertising, the Small Business Development Center, and she currently serves on the Encompass Connection Center, Discipling Another, and the Personnel Committee at Fellowship Christian Church.



Born and raised in Springfield, **Kevin Loftis** graduated from Catholic Central, the Siebel Institute with a Diploma in Brewing Studies, and the University of Vermont. He returned to Springfield to work in commercial real estate at Midland Properties before co-founding Mother Stewart's Brewing in 2016. Kevin also co-founded Friends of Buck Creek, a local non-profit focusing on natural asset development in Clark County, where he resides with his wife, Jeanne.

Check out our new online portal, **GoFund!**

It is live on our website under Donors and GoFund Donor Portal.

With GoFund, you have access to:

- Your donation history
- Viewing your fund statements
- And if you possess a Charitable Checking or Donor Advised Fund, you can conveniently and securely submit your grant requests online.