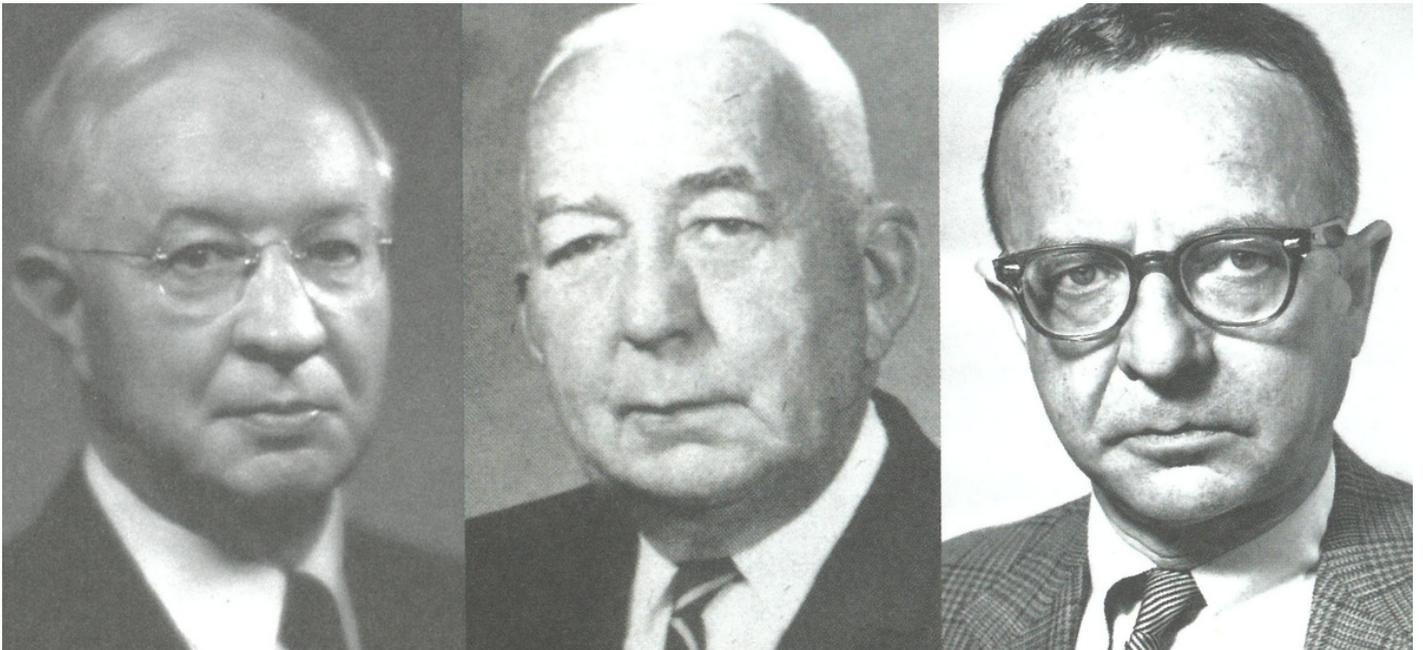


1948

The Beginning

The Springfield Foundation was founded in 1948 by community leaders who recognized the need for a permanent source of funding to support local charitable organizations and projects in Clark County, Ohio. The founders were visionaries who understood the importance of giving back to their community.

Thank you to Homer C. Corry, Joseph C. Shouplin, Fred M. Cole, and Harry E. Freeman (not pictured) for establishing the Springfield Foundation.





1966

First Scholarship

Ruth Hunter Carr, set up a scholarship in her late husband's, Albert H. Carr, name that would become active upon her death. His scholarship started with \$24,692 in 1966. It assists worthy young men or women who have graduated from any local high school to obtain further vocational or college training. This fund has now awarded over \$121,000 scholarships (almost five times the original amount in the fund) to over 130 students. The balance of the fund is currently over \$76,000 (over three times the original amount in the fund).

Garrett Beam, Ohio University student studying Family and Consumer Sciences Education and recipient of the Albert H. Carr scholarship, said, "The Carr scholarship has given me the opportunity to provide lasting knowledge to students just like my teachers have in the past."



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1988



Mina Hadley

Mina Hadley generously left the majority of her estate to the Springfield Foundation to support children with disabilities through the Rotary Club of Springfield.

Later in 1992, the Rotary Club of Springfield established the first Agency Fund at the foundation.





News-Sun photo by Scott Kissell

City officials hope to reduce the cost of redesigning the historic Esplanade on South Fountain Avenue between the Springfield Inn and the Marketplace. Renovations may include enlarging the Esplanade, installing a fountain and laying brick paving in an effort to create a more historic-looking downtown park area. Commissioners want to make the



News-Sun photo by Bill Norton

With the new fountain in the foreground, Mayor Copeland speaks during Sunday's ceremonies

1993

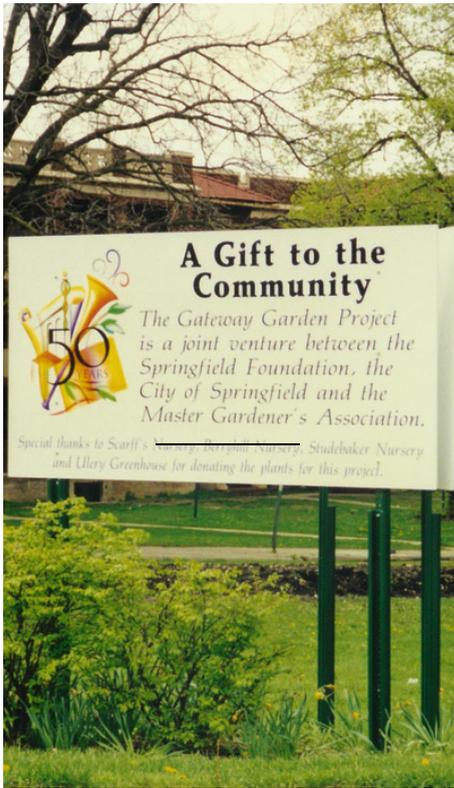
The foundation was operated by the all volunteer Board of Trustees until 1993 when Lori Kuhn was hired as the first Executive Director. It also supported the beautification project of the esplanade in downtown Springfield, fostering positive transformation within the community.

Foundation scholarship reader,
Mary S. Miller, shows off her
prized quilt, which she completed
during this year's scholarship
season. She started reading
scholarships in 1995 and
continues to this day.

1997

Les Femmes des Charities Club
celebrated its 50th anniversary by
established its scholarship at the
foundation in 1997.

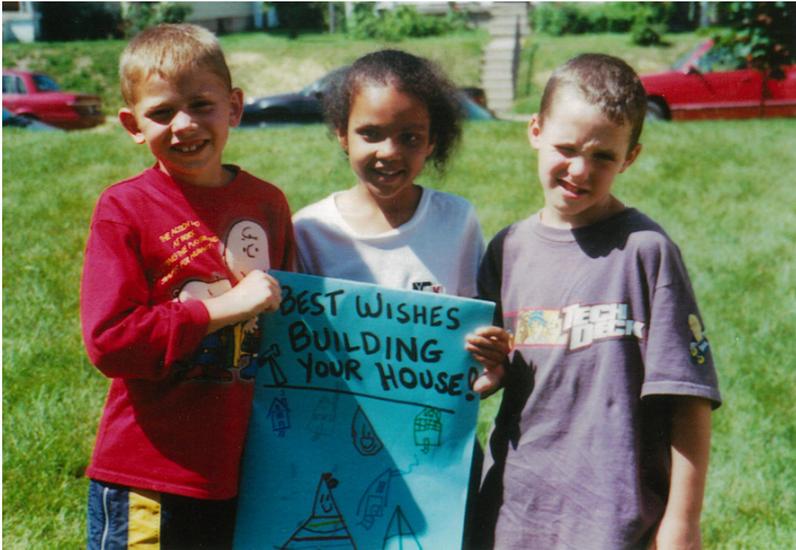




1998

The Springfield Foundation collaborated to establish the Gateway Garden on South Limestone Street, extending a warm invitation to visitors and residents as they enter the city.





1999
Strengthening
OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH
GRANTS



2004

A group of philanthopists came together to form the African American Community Family of Funds, an affiliate of the foundation, with a mission to encourage philanthropy among African-Americans in Clark County, help local nonprofit organizations, and award scholarships that help young people reach their educational goals.





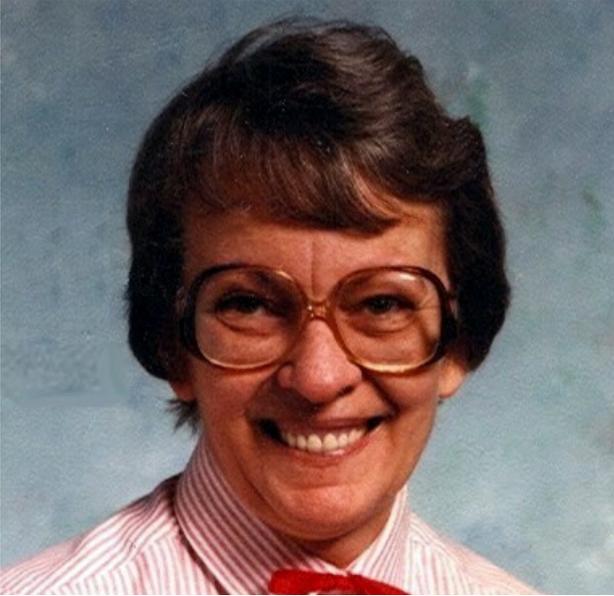
SHANNON MEADOWS, executive assistant to the city manager, talks during a meeting where the hospital will build a regional medical center in downtown Springfield.

2005

The foundation played a crucial role in supporting the new hospital development.



Sally A Hare, known as the "Cookie Lady," bequeathed a donation to the foundation for a fund that ensures the Springfield Police Division receive annual cookies in gratitude for their service while supporting Special Olympics Ohio, and a scholarship fund for employees of the Springfield Police Division or their families.



2006



Through our grant process, the foundation maintains its commitment to supporting nonprofit organizations in Clark County, like the Clark County Historical Society, Rocking Horse Community Health Center, and Gary Geis Dance Company.

2008



2009

The Women's Partnership Funds was formed in 2009 to address the ongoing barriers that women and girls face as they try to achieve their full potential in the Springfield community. They built a permanent source of funds for existing Clark County programs that address some of the biggest challenges women and girls face today.

2010

The Springfield Foundation received the Association of Fundraising Professionals Award for Outstanding Leadership in Philanthropy in 2010. Additionally, they collaborated on the restoration of the Hartman Rock Garden.

In 2012, the foundation allocated \$100,000 to provide support for Global Impact STEM Academy.





The foundation partnered with other community stakeholders to create SpringForward, a non-profit organization revitalizing our downtown.

2015



Our Board of Directors, Donors, and
Legacy Society Members

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COMMUNITY





Scholarship

The scholarship program at the foundation plays a pivotal role in empowering the community's future leaders by providing them with access to quality education and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

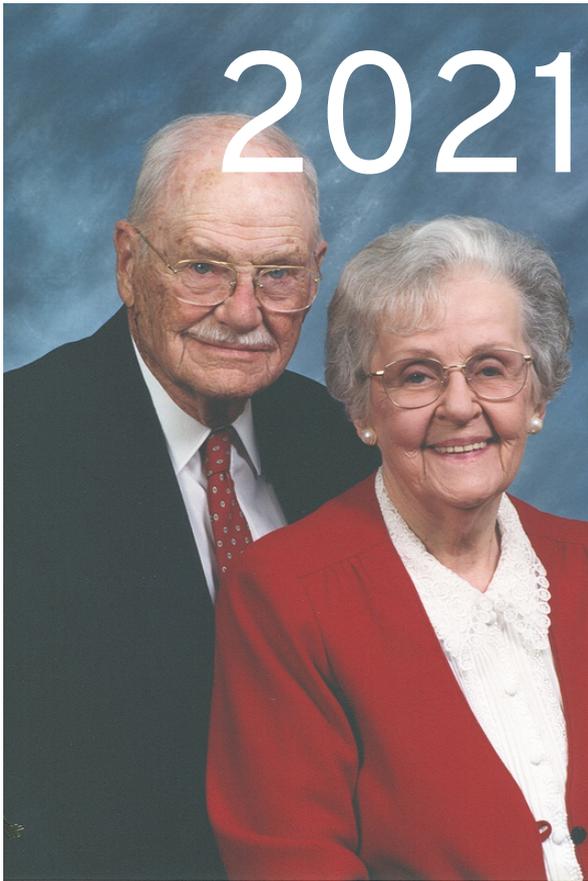


Grants

The grants program significantly enhances the community by fostering innovation, addressing pressing needs, and promoting positive social change through its strategic support to local initiatives and organizations.







The Robert G. and Ruth E. Bayley Unrestricted Fund was established with a gift from their estate to support the most critical needs in our community. Their gift to the foundation ensures that their passion for giving back to our community will carry on forever.





The Springfield Foundation celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2023. In 75 years, the foundation has awarded **\$69.5 million** in grants and awards, with **\$7.5 million** of that total being scholarships.

We are proud of all we have accomplished with our donors, partners, leaders, and the community. We are excited for all we can accomplish together in the future.

For good. For ever. For all.





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