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# Save the Date

Hamilton Community Foundation and Affiliates Annual Meeting | October 22, 2024  
Holiday Open House at the Lane Hooven House | December 5, 2024 | 4-6pm

## New Faces, New Places



**Tracy Eads**  
*Community Investment Officer*

Tracy is a Ross resident who is kindhearted and passionate about helping others. Tracy is the lead on nonprofit grants for our foundation. In her role, she creates strong relationships with non-profit groups within the community.



**Alex Johnson**  
*Donor Services Officer*

A Hamilton native and a natural people person with deep community roots, Alex is a perfect fit for this role. A graduate of Badin High School and Miami University, she will work closely with our donors and prospective donors.



**Kasey Rouse**  
*Director of Scholarship & Youth Programing*

Kasey's role at the Foundation has expanded and now encompasses youth programming, including the Youth Philanthropy Committee and TAP Scholarship Program.

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SUMMER 2024



Annually, the Fairfield Community Foundation, in collaboration with Hamilton and Ross, awards \$1 million in scholarships, significantly supporting nearly 300 area students. This commitment to education empowers individuals and ensures a stronger, more vibrant future for students like Owen Crawley.

By investing in the education and dreams of our youth, they empower individuals and ensure a stronger, more vibrant future for our community. ■

Owen is majoring in Astronautical Engineering at the United States Air Force Academy. After college, he plans to serve as an officer in the United States Air Force or Space Force.

Thanks to the incredible support of our generous donors who have given the gift of education, Owen can reach the stars and beyond.

“If I’m lucky, I’ll be an astronaut!”

**Owen Crawley,**  
Fairfield Champions, Jenny Evans Memorial Scholarship, LCPL Taylor Prazynski Memorial Scholarship





**Empowering Excellence:**  
Katie Braswell's Women  
Mean Business Award Nomination  
by Fairfield Chamber of Commerce

We are honored to have a superstar among us. Our Vice President, Katie Braswell, has been recognized with a nomination for the Fairfield Women Mean Business Award! This prestigious award recognizes outstanding women who have made significant contributions to their communities and industries through leadership, innovation, and dedication.

Under her leadership, the Foundation secured over \$2 million in funding in less than two years, significantly impacting the community. Katie's nomination is a testament to her exceptional work and commitment to the Fairfield community. She has set a high standard for community involvement and demonstrated that women in leadership can create profound and lasting impacts. ■



**Grant Awarded to Support Critical  
Intervention for Students**

Recently, our school district encountered a significant challenge when essential grant funding for four key intervention roles was discontinued. These specialists are crucial in identifying students at high risk of self-harm and suicide. In the past year alone, they performed hundreds of assessments and connected many students to life-saving care.

In response to this critical need, our Community Foundation stepped in to support the continuation of one of these positions for an additional year. Moreover, the district has managed to secure funds to sustain two more of these critical roles. This timely support gives the Fairfield City School District the breathing room needed to seek further funding, ensuring that our students continue to receive essential mental health support.

The Fairfield Community Foundation prioritizes the mental health of our students, recognizing this as a vital resource for the community. By supporting our community schools through the Fairfield Community Impact Fund, we aim to further enhance the well-being and safety of our students. ■



*Somewhere over  
the Rainbow Bridge...*



At a special location in Fairfield, where heaven touches earth, the fabled Rainbow Bridge will soon become a reality. This serene site will offer grieving pet owners a place to honor their beloved, departed companions.

A citizen group, led by Tina Barrett, is fundraising for a Rainbow Bridge to be constructed overlooking Fairfield's Furfield Dog Park on East Miami River Road. The bridge will provide bereaved pet owners a place for quiet reflection, allowing them to leave memorabilia such as collars or favorite toys as they remember their passed pets.



**The  
Rainbow  
Bridge**  
Fairfield, Ohio

The community volunteers for the project hope to raise over \$200,000. The Fairfield Community Foundation is managing the funds for this project, accepting tax-deductible donations on behalf of it. ■

**Historic Huffman Family Gift**

The private foundation of Harold W. and Anna Huffman has been entrusted to the Fairfield Community Foundation, forming the Harold W. and Anna Huffman Fund.

This remarkable gift, valued at over \$1 million, symbolizes the Huffman family's deep-rooted generosity and vision to give back to the Fairfield community. Upon converting the private foundation to the community foundation, the family felt deeply secure in the Foundation's ability to honor and extend the family's legacy. ■

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*It's a tremendous honor, and we're humbled by the donation itself, as well as by the trust and confidence the Huffman family has placed in the Fairfield Community Foundation to steward these resources going forward.”*

**-Justin Krueger,  
Chair of the Fairfield  
Foundation Board**



Harold W. and Anna Huffman