A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Happy September! There is a crispness in the air, the leaves are beginning to turn, and our kids are settling into their school routines. It's fall in Fairfield County, which also means the Fairfield County Fair is just around the corner! We hope to see you out and about enjoying all the beauty and festivities our community has to offer.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find information about our Ambassadors' Club, details of a recent grant provided to The Recovery Center and an overview of the Kenneth and Zita Trimmer Scholarship Fund.

Your continued support in the funding of our programs and projects does not go unnoticed, and we thank you for all that you do for our community!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Fairfield County Foundation Ambassadors' Club

The Ambassadors' Club provides the funds to help the Foundation raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community and share information about the Foundation's efforts locally. Becoming a member of this generous group allows you the
opportunity to directly support the Foundation's work through an unrestricted fund for the needs in our community.

As an Ambassadors' Club member, you are the face of the Foundation, making it possible for us to tell our story in the community and carry our mission forward. We will keep you informed of our activities and also invite you to attend Foundation functions such as our year-end Ambassadors' Club event and our annual meeting.

To date, Ambassadors' Club members have contributed more than $200,000 directly to this cause, and we ask that you consider making a contribution of your own today. As a reminder, the Foundation now offers the option of online giving. The online portal allows donors to securely give the amount of their choosing to either an existing fund or to a broad issue area that addresses a specific community need. In addition to a one-time donation, it also gives donors the opportunity to give a recurring monthly or annual donation.

Click here to donate online now.

The Recovery Center Receives Grant for Facility Updates

Fairfield County Foundation awarded grant funding to The Recovery Center in the amount of $34,671 from the George and Dollie Zimpfer Memorial Fund during the Spring 2017 grant cycle. The funds were used to revitalize the campus and update the facility. Exterior improvements include the addition of an awning and signage as well as a gazebo, which provides a great outdoor space for clients to enjoy. The updated lobby is very clean and welcoming with new flooring and paint. The hallways received fresh paint and new laminate flooring, which is easier to maintain and provides a cleaner look.

Technology was upgraded to improve communication and allow direct connection to partnering agencies such as the jail, the hospital, and other social service agencies. In addition, because many of the counselors meet with clients in places outside the office, laptops were purchased to provide them the ability to document their sessions on site rather than waiting until they return to the office. This not only makes their jobs easier, but also much more efficient.
Kenneth D. and Zita M. Trimmer Scholarship Fund

Kenneth and Zita Trimmer were long-time, local residents who established a Charitable Remainder Trust with the Fairfield County Foundation for college scholarships. These scholarships help graduates of Fisher Catholic pursue a course of curriculum for a bachelor's or associate's degree in nursing in an approved nursing program, as well as graduates of Fisher Catholic or Lancaster High School who pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration from any approved college or university, or a Master of Business Administration from Harvard University.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer owned and operated Trimmer Insurance
Agency in Lancaster from 1952 until retirement in 1983. Mr. Trimmer, who passed away in May of 2003, was a graduate of Lancaster High School and The Ohio State University. He was a veteran of the Pacific theater in World War II, retiring with the rank of major. He served as a former director of the Lancaster National Bank, past president of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club and the Fairfield County Agricultural Society, past exalted ruler of Lancaster Elks #570 and member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Masonic bodies, and Aladdin Temple Shrine. Mrs. Trimmer, who passed away in June of 2010, was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Columbus and was a member of the St. Mary's Church in Lancaster. She was associated with many community and charitable organizations and was a past president of the Frank Benson Hospital Twig #7.

Both Kenneth and Zita Trimmer believed that the establishment of these scholarships was one way for them to give back to their local community, which had been so good to them. Graduates have been awarded more than $134,000 since the scholarship began in 2011.

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is a non-profit, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institution with a long-term goal of building permanent funds established by many donors to carry out their charitable interests, and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the residents of a defined geographic area.