A Message From the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Happy New Year! It's that time of year again, when we resolve to make changes - both big and small - that will improve our lives in some unique way. Here at the Foundation, we are continually seeking to improve and expand upon the ways we can better our community while helping individuals, families and organizations achieve their philanthropic goals. As you plan for 2017, we hope that you will continue to rely on our team to serve as a resource for all of your philanthropic needs.

We are excited to welcome two new additions to our staff. Get to know our new team members in the article below. Also, please note that our scholarship application is now live! All applications are due by April 3, 2017.

As always, we are very grateful for your ongoing support of the Foundation. We hope each of you have a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Scholarship Application Process Now Live

The Fairfield County Foundation scholarship application process is now live on our website. Once again we are working with AcademicWorks, a comprehensive Scholarship Management Solution, that allows the Foundation to automatically match students with relevant scholarships. This online scholarship process makes applying for scholarships more efficient for both the students and the reviewers. Please check the Scholarship FAQ section of our website prior to beginning the application. The deadline for all applications to be complete is Monday, April 3, 2017.

Local Food Pantries Receive Grant from the Zimpfer Fund
Again this year, the Board of Trustees approved support for local food pantries with discretionary grant funds during the busy holiday season. The Foundation awarded $25,000 from the George and Dollie Zimpfer Fund to the following Fairfield County food pantries:

- Baltimore-Thurston Area Food Pantry
- Canal Winchester Human Services Food Pantry
- The Foundation Dinners
- The Key to Giving
- Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Food Pantry
- Lancaster Vineyard Food Pantry
- Maywood Mission Food Pantry
- Millersport Community Food Pantry
- Mills Memorial UMC Food Pantry
- PCMA Food Pantry of Pickerington
- Salvation Army of Fairfield County Food Pantry
- St. Vincent DePaul of Lancaster Food Pantry
- Victory Center Food Pantry

We are happy to help these agencies that provide assistance to those in our community who are the most in need.

Foundation Welcomes 2 New Staff Members

**Abby King** joined the Foundation staff in December and will serve as the Program Officer. Her primary duties will be working with all aspects of the scholarship program.

Born and raised in Lancaster, Abby is a graduate of Fairfield Union High School. She attended The Ohio State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality management.

Her previous experiences in guest services and accounting will serve to make her a useful and valuable member of the Foundation team. Abby is very excited to be in a position to really get involved in the community she loves and spread the word about everything the Fairfield County Foundation has to offer.

In her down time, Abby enjoys reading, traveling and spending time outdoors hiking or kayaking with her husband and dog.
Stephanie Herman is the new Administrative Assistant at the Foundation. Stephanie has lived in Fairfield County the majority of her life and is a graduate of Pickerington High School and The Ohio State University.

She is excited to be a part of the Foundation team and looks forward to learning about the county’s needs and promoting the opportunities the Foundation provides. She believes Fairfield County’s history and cultural significance is great and the Foundation’s work goes a long way in ensuring a bright future for all who live here.

During her free time, Stephanie spends time writing and planning a middle-grade fantasy novel series, reading and attending various sporting activities with her husband and children.

**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.