Message from the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

As the deadline for our scholarship application approaches, we are reminded of how proud we are to be able to be a part of so many aspects of our community - recognizing those who do wonderful things, providing opportunities for higher education and working with children and adults alike to raise money for important causes. We urge those eligible students who haven't yet embraced the many scholarship funding opportunities available through the Foundation to visit our [website](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) and complete an application by March 29.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll learn more about the Red Cross Community Hero Award winner, meet one of our new board members and read about a new fund set up by the Fairfield Christian Academy. We continue to be grateful to our donors and supporters throughout Fairfield County who help make these projects and programs possible.

Enjoy the early days of spring!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Scholarship Application Deadline Reminder:

March 29, 2012

Reminder to all those applying for 2012-2013 Foundation scholarships, the deadline is quickly approaching! Fill out your application today, available on our [website](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org)!

Pictured are Rotary Scholarship winners from 2011. Photo by Martin Barker.

Foundation presents Community Hero Award to Fran Miller

The Fairfield County Foundation recently presented Fran Miller with the Red Cross Community Hero Award.

Fran received multiple nominations, one from Sheree Baker, President of the Fairfield Heritage Association who noted that "Fran has run our Fairfield County Fair booth, a major fundraiser for the association for over twenty years. She always has a smile and a positive attitude."

Barbara Hunzicker echoed the accolade from Ms. Baker for Fran’s work to support the community. "The holiday season is made much brighter with joy brought to the entire community, both young and old alike, because of Fran's direction of the Holiday Parade."

Continuing her service to community, Fran works on the project "Jillian's Dinners" that raises support for families in need. Additionally, Fran has served as a 4-H leader for 20 years and as a Twig 2 President. Additionally,
Fran is a member of the Lancaster Arts and Civic Club and served as president of the Lancaster Board of Realtors.

Fran has been a realtor with Gorsuch Realty for more than 20 years. Fran was the recipient of the Athena Award for outstanding women in business and community involvement presented by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and recipient of the State OAR Realtor of the Year Award.

We sometimes search for those heroes among us. Fran, a member of the Heroes Breakfast committee since its inception, has been a hero among heroes. She is well deserving of the Community Hero award and the Foundation was honored to present it to her in February.

Building a Legacy...One Project at a Time:

Grants provided by the Fairfield County Foundation continue to touch every corner of our community, helping organizations accomplish their goals. This month, we are featuring a new fund, the Fairfield Christian Academy Fund.

This fund was set up to enrich, improve and support the education of students of Fairfield Christian Academy (FCA). Money from the fund will be used to advance improvement in the classrooms, schools and facilities.

The Fairfield Christian Academy Fund will also grant scholarships to FCA students and help achieve specific educational goals and purposes established by the FCA School Board.

Meet the Board

This month we profile new board member Howard D. Sniderman, RN, MHA.

Howard is a native of Youngstown and lived in Columbus for 25 years before moving to Lancaster in 2000. He received his RN from the Mount Carmel School of Nursing and his Masters of Health Administration at The Ohio State University.

Howard has been the Chief Operating Officer at Fairfield Medical Center for the past 12 years.

Howard is a member and past president of Lancaster Kiwanis, a board member of the Central Ohio Red Cross Joint Committee on Local Accountability, and a board member of the Fairfield/33 Development Alliance.

Howard married his high school sweetheart, Tawny, and they have one daughter, Ashton.