Message from the Director

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

Take a look at the newsletter title above...you may have noticed that we have updated our logo a bit! We felt that after more than 20 years, it was time to refresh our look. We've kept the traditional pyramid, but we've made the logo easier to read and added a little more color. We hope this new logo will help us continue to raise the Foundation's visibility in the community.

The coming month is an incredibly busy time for the Foundation. We have two very important deadlines: March 12 is the deadline for preliminary grant proposals, and March 29 is the deadline for scholarship applications. We hope all eligible organizations and students will apply for these funding opportunities! For more information and details, see the side bar to the left and the article below.

In this edition of the newsletter, you'll meet one of our new board members, see how students have contributed to one of our scholarship funds, and read about an exciting speaker we helped bring to our community. We continue to be grateful to our donors and supporters throughout Fairfield County, who help make these projects and programs possible.

Stay warm!

Amy Eyman
Executive Director

Attention 501(c)3 Organizations

Preliminary Grant Proposals are due to the Foundation by March 12, 2012. The proposal is a simple document that does not take a long time to complete, so we encourage all qualifying non-profit organizations with a project that will benefit our community to apply!

To learn more about our grant process and to determine if you qualify, review our guidelines.

Lancaster Students Raise Funds for Scholarship

The Lancaster High School Class of 2014, Student Council and Skills USA helped sponsor the first annual Brian Sampson Memorial Walk/Run on October 20, 2011. Students presented Fairfield County Foundation Executive Director, Amy Eyman, with $1,003 for the Nauman Sampson Wittenberg Scholarship Fund.
Meet the Board

This month we profile new board member Gary E. Taylor.

Gary is a life-long, fourth generation resident of Pickerington. A graduate of Pickerington High School and The Ohio State University College of Commerce, Gary worked for 17 years at Midvo, Inc., in Dublin, Ohio, an authorized distributor of Volkswagen, Porsche and Audi products in both Ohio and Kentucky. In 1997, he became Executive Vice President of Midwestern Enterprises, Inc., and retired in 2001.

Gary was a member of the Board of Directors of Pickerington Bank for several years and has been president of the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society for eleven years.

Gary and his wife of 52 years, Barbara, have two children, Kenn and Kristen.

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 program at Ohio University’s Lancaster Campus, which we helped to fund.

On Wednesday, February 8, at Ohio University-Lancaster, Rev. Dr. Bernard LaFayette spoke in a program entitled "Freedom Riders: Riding for Racial Justice." The program was brought to Lancaster as part of the campus celebration of Black History Month.

LaFayette co-founded the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in 1960 and was part of the Freedom Riders in 1961. Freedom riders took interstate buses into the segregated south and tested U.S. Supreme Court decisions which outlawed racial segregation.

LaFayette was later appointed by Martin Luther King, Jr. as the National Program Administrator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Coordinator of the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign.

Promotional support for the program was also funded in part by Fairfield National Bank.

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Foundation meets highest national philanthropic standards

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