



# Local connection Local impact

A look back at the last year  
of working with the community



(Left photo) Volunteers with the active transportation team of the Healthy Community Partnership paint a colorful crosswalk for a safe streets demonstration; (Right photo) The 2024 honorees pose together at Gems of the Valley, hosted by the Fund for Women and Girls.

## GRANTMAKING AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

### Grant Investments

In 2024, the Community Foundation and our affiliate foundations increased support to local organizations and residents with **701** distributions totaling **\$7.8 million**. Among these grants, **\$3.3 million** was distributed through competitive grantmaking—a **\$1 million increase** over the prior year. This significant growth was possible due to new funds like the Rick Shale Fund and the Sixth Ward Neighborhood Improvement Fund.

Grant amounts varied widely, ranging from **\$500 to \$100,000**, with an average grant of **\$11,569**. This diversity underscores our dedication to supporting initiatives of all sizes, ensuring resources are directed where they're needed most to create meaningful change.

### Beyond Grantmaking

Together with our family of fundholders, we invested in empowering students and nonprofit organizations to further enhance our community's resilience and future potential:

- **Scholarships:** More than 70 students were supported with \$153,535 in scholarships, paving the way for academic opportunities and success.
- **Jumpstart Program:** We invested \$50,000 into 10 local nonprofits to participate in Jumpstart, a 12-month capacity-building program focused on strengthening their fundraising strategies. This initiative yielded an impressive collective fundraising revenue growth of \$83,663, with six participants planning to leverage the new infrastructure for ongoing growth.

## COMMUNITY GENEROSITY

Last year, our foundation experienced an outpouring of support from **744 donors**—ranging from individuals and households to organizations and businesses—who together contributed **1,489** gifts totaling **\$5,476,239.66**. Thanks to this generosity, we established **20 new charitable funds**, including **10 agency funds** designed to strengthen the sustainability of local nonprofits.

One of the most inspiring examples of community spirit was our **Giving Tuesday and Beyond Campaign**, which supported agency funds held by local nonprofits. The median gift to this campaign was just **\$20**—a powerful reminder that everyone can be a philanthropist. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful impact and fuels the change we can achieve together.

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(Left photo) Inspiring Minds received a \$75,000 grant for its Health and Wellness Program from the Warren Community Impact Fund; (Right photo) We hosted community-focused gatherings, including a board reunion at Ford Nature Center, to celebrate CFMV's 25th anniversary.

- **Healthy Community Partnership (HCP):** The Partnership grew in capacity with the hiring of the first staff member for the Active Transportation Team, ensuring every HCP action team now has a paid member of the support team. Additionally, HCP partnered with Youngstown State University's GuinFit program on Safer Streets and Safe Routes to School demonstrations, as well as park audits and data collection to improve public spaces.
- **Nonprofit Leaders Coffee Hours:** Our team hosted two Coffee Hours in 2024, bringing together over 50 nonprofit leaders to share insights, foster collaboration, and support one another. These continue in 2025.

**Every dollar distributed and every initiative that makes progress embodies the generosity and vision of our donors, fund holders and many community partners. Thank you to the community for the support and partnership that made this work possible in 2024 and beyond!**

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This two-page spread provides a snapshot of our work in serving the local community last year; for a closer look at our impact in 2024, visit our website.

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