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# COMMUNITY CATALYST FALL 2024

SERVING THE CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SINCE 1948

## 2024 Annual Reception An Evening Spent Amplifying the Good



We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who was a part of and attended our 2024 Annual Reception! The night was full of examples of all the good in our community, and we're proud to amplify it in any way we can.

The program was kicked off by a heartwarming, passionate, and vulnerable keynote presentation from Tom Ballard, "The Heart Rock Guy". Tom spreads his kindness through hand-made heart rocks because he believes that people can use these rocks to strengthen family ties, deepen friendships, and even save lives. When he hands out a heart rock, he says his motto, "you matter, you are loved, you are seen, and you are not alone." All those in attendance received at least one heart rock, and Tom went on to give out hundreds more throughout our community in the short time he was here. He described Springfield by saying, "the community is humbly welcoming and full of culture. I love seeing the statues, murals, flowers, and architecture. Springfield preserves, celebrates, and amplifies its cultural beauty better than any town I've ever seen."

Jefferson Street Oasis (JSO) Community Garden was the recipient of the 2024 Catalyst of Change award. This accolade is bestowed upon a local nonprofit, individual, or group that through their unwavering dedication, not only creates opportunities, but also exemplifies commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion within our community. JSO's approach to serving and being served by the rich diversity of experience in Springfield is grounded in its mission to "address food insecurity that affects residents of Springfield by providing garden plots and programs that promote health and wellness."

Five individuals were officially inducted into the Foundation's Legacy Society; Darlene S. Carpenter, Steve and Vicki Fourman, Nancy L. Sleeper, and Barbara Parke Weaver. This society was created in 2001 as our way of recognizing and thanking those who have shared their commitment to our community by making a planned or deferred gift to the Springfield Foundation.



## 2024 ANNUAL RECEPTION



**CATALYST OF CHANGE RECIPIENT**  
Jefferson Street Oasis



**LEGACY SOCIETY INDUCTEE**  
Darlene S. Carpenter



**LEGACY SOCIETY INDUCTEE**  
Nancy L. Sleeper



**LEGACY SOCIETY INDUCTEE**  
Barbara Parke Weaver



## Fall 2024 New Funds

### **Buchwalter House Foundation**

This fund supports the charitable and educational purposes of the Buchwalter House Foundation, and is dedicated to preserving and promoting our community's historical heritage.

### **Darlene Carpenter Pet Rescue Fund**

This fund supports programmatic expenses related to no-kill shelters, rescues, and training programs.

### **Eric D. Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund**

This fund supports the educational aspirations of graduating seniors from Urbana High School, with a preference for those involved in golf and/or theater.

### **H. Glenn Roberts and Alice E. Roberts Memorial Fund**

This fund supports the most critical needs within our community through our competitive grant cycle.

### **Hulsizer Family Foundation**

This fund supports park and recreation programs, and live music entertainment in Clark County, Ohio.

### **Jessie L. Shropshire Fund**

This fund supports St. John's Missionary Baptist Church for their unrestricted use.

### **Judith O'Connor Memorial Fund**

This fund supports the charitable and educational purposes of Project Woman of Springfield and Clark County and its affiliated agencies.

### **North Hampton Community Church Endowment Fund**

This fund supports the charitable and educational purposes of North Hampton Community Church and its affiliated agencies.

### **OIC Sustainability Fund**

This fund supports the charitable and educational purposes of OIC of Clark County, Inc. and its affiliated agencies.

### **The Gladys and Herman Brosey Agricultural Scholarship**

This fund supports graduating seniors from Tecumseh High School with an interest in Agriculture.

# 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP STATS

THE SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION RECEIVED THE MOST APPLICATIONS IN ONE CYCLE TO-DATE AT  
**515 APPLICATIONS**

THE FOUNDATION WAS PROUD TO AWARD  
**443 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, MORE THAN  
**\$769,000**

WAS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS,  
FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES



## FOR THOSE LOOKING TO APPLY:

The 2025-2026 Springfield Foundation scholarship applications open on **December 2nd, 2024** and the application deadline is **February 7th, 2025**.

For more information, visit [www.springfieldfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.springfieldfoundation.org/scholarships).



2024 was an unprecedented year for students, colleges, and scholarship providers. The Department of Education updated the FAFSA application. As with any changes, there were many unforeseen issues with this application process. For example, the application opened 3 months later than expected, causing students to receive their college financial aid packets later. These issues led to additional stress for the students, parents, and scholarship providers.

**This year, we are excited to be offering scholarship workshops at multiple local high schools.**

**These workshops will provide students with the opportunity to start the application with assistance from Springfield Foundation staff onsite. Staff will also be available to answer any questions the students have.**

The Springfield Foundation is committed to assisting students to further their education and become leaders in our community!





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