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# COMMUNITY CATALYST FALL 2025

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## 2025 ANNUAL RECEPTION

### An Evening Full of Philanthropy's Ripple Effect Throughout Our Community

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who was a part of and attended our 2025 Annual Reception! The evening was full of examples of all the good in our community, as well as philanthropy's ripple effect throughout it.

**The program was kicked off by our keynote speaker, Mr. Ed Leventhal, along with his guest speakers: Dr. Yamini Teegala, CEO of Rocking Horse Community Health Center, and scholarship recipient, A'Dymond Sammons.** Ed spoke about his family's long and proud history with the Springfield Foundation as well as with the community as a resident for seven decades. He then invited Dr. Teegala and A'Dymond to share how donor's dollars at the Foundation actually make a difference.

Dr. Teegala shared a presentation detailing updates from the year-old Health Center at Springfield High, exemplifying "collaboration at its best". **The Foundation is a proud partner of this project. Last year, we committed \$75,000 each year for five years as a part of our 75th Anniversary Initiative.** The presentation concluded with plans for additional services Rocking Horse will provide in the future.

Lastly, A'Dymond shared the meaningful impact that scholarships she received from the Foundation had on her college experience. It was inspiring to hear from a donor, grantee, and scholarship recipient, all exemplifying the expansive ripple effects of our philanthropy.

**Ramona Henry was the recipient of the 2025 Catalyst of Change award.** This award is bestowed upon a nonprofit, individual, or group that through their unwavering dedication, not only creates opportunities, but also serves as an agent of change who inspires action, drives innovation, and champions equity. Ramona was a trusted voice and advocate at Springfield City Schools for 30 years as well as at WellSpring as a part of their FAST (Families and Schools Together) program.

**Jo Alice Blondin and Andy Fox, Maryemma Hall, Joe and Cecily Morrow, Cynthia S. Phillips, and Melissa Mounter Tuttle were officially inducted into the Foundation's Legacy Society.** This society was created as our way of recognizing and thanking those who have shared their commitment to our community by making a planned gift to the Springfield Foundation.





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New Funds

- Baker Family Scholarship
- Devatha Yelchuri Foundation
- Dian and Jean-Pierre Schmid Donor Advised Fund
- Donna's Forever Friends Scholarship Fund
- Fred and Joy Bartenstein Fund

- High Street United Methodist Church - Graham-Krueger Fund
- Jim Scoby Memorial Athletic Scholarship Fund
- Professional Women of Clark County
- Stafford Family Advised Fund

- The Christian and Victoria Sorg Charitable Checking Fund
- The Dave and Linda Foley Fund
- The Spot at SPGA Charitable Checking Advised Fund
- Thomas P. and Cynthia L. Fisher Scholarship Fund

2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP STATS

THE SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION WAS PROUD TO AWARD 410 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO 323 RECIPIENTS

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, MORE THAN \$766,000 WAS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS, FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES



FOR THOSE LOOKING TO APPLY:

The 2026-2027 Springfield Foundation scholarship applications open on **December 1st, 2025** and the application deadline is **February 6th, 2026**.

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

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOPS

This year, we are excited to once again be offering scholarship workshops at local high schools. These workshops provide students with the opportunity to start the application with assistance from Springfield Foundation staff onsite. They will be available to answer any questions the students may have.

To see a full listing of scholarship workshops planned for this school year, visit [www.springfieldfoundation.org/scholarships/resources.html](http://www.springfieldfoundation.org/scholarships/resources.html).

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

SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Nancy J. Hemry Class of 1951 Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2014 to assist graduating high school seniors or current college sophomores and juniors, who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their school studies and financial need to further their studies by pursuing a degree as a science, math, or engineering teacher.

This year's recipient is Gabrielle Aills, a student at Wright State University. **She is the first recipient of this fund to receive full tuition for a year!**



If you are going into STEM Education, be sure to apply for this scholarship!!





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**Snap it!**

Don't forget to include the  
Springfield Foundation in your  
estate planning. To learn more,  
call us or visit our website!

# Giving Back Together

This holiday season, the Springfield Foundation will donate  
**\$1,000** to the **Buckeye Community School** here in Springfield.  
Will you join us in raising funds?

"We serve students who have faced challenges in traditional school  
settings and are seeking a second chance to achieve academic success."  
- Wendy Donovan, Vice Principal

### The donated funds will be used to:

- Enhance classroom resources that support credit recovery coursework and individualized learning plans.
- Provide student incentives and recognition programs that celebrate academic milestones.
- Support student well-being initiatives like emergency assistance, transportation support, and access to school supplies and meals.

If you would like to join us in giving back, please make a donation  
with **'Buckeye Community School'** as the memo/purpose, by  
**Friday, December 19th**. Donations can be mailed to the Foundation  
or made at [www.springfieldfoundation.org/donate](http://www.springfieldfoundation.org/donate).