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A newsletter from Four County Community Foundation

WINTER 2026

4CCF grants create positive impact

In 2025, Four County Community Foundation awarded more than \$465,000 in grant dollars to schools, local governments and various nonprofit agencies for a variety of projects that make a positive impact in our communities.

In addition to the quarterly competitive grant process, 4CCF's Proactive Committee works to address needs as they arise.



A volunteer at Oxford's Immanuel Congregational United Church of Christ Free Meals sorts through canned goods.

In November, that committee granted \$70,000 to 14 area food pantries as the result of SNAP funding disruptions and subsequent reductions in benefits.

Learn more about our Feeding Families Forever Fund and make an online donation by visiting <https://www.4ccf.org/initiatives/feeding-families-forever/>.

Scholarship season is here!

Coming off another record-breaking year, Four County Community Foundation is excited for what the 2025-26 scholarship season holds. The application portal is accepting submissions from high school seniors and current college students until March 1, 2026.

We've welcome new awards, including the Kenneth A. Monicatti and The Pond Guy scholarships, and have launched a year-round Trades School Scholarship application.

"We believe that creating this year-round offering should better meet the needs of high school seniors who finalize their plans after graduation or those post-graduates who start classes outside of the traditional school year," said **4CCF's Executive Director Kathy Dickens**.

Both the traditional and Trades School scholarship application can be accessed at <https://www.4ccf.org/scholarships/apply/>.

New tools help donors start a 4CCF fund

Are you curious about what's involved in creating a fund with Four County Community Foundation? Our website now features specialized tools to help you learn more about the process.

Head to our website's new **"Launch Your Fund"** page, **found under the "Giving" tab at [4ccf.org](https://www.4ccf.org)** and see the steps required to launch a fund, check out the documents specific to our different funds, explore options for contributing to a fund and much more!

Of course, you're always welcome to have a conversation with our staff or pose your pressing questions to Kathy Dickens at kdickens@4ccf.org or (810) 798-0909. She's always more than happy to chat!



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In other 4CCF news...

Businesses, families and individuals can support the work of Four County Community Foundation by becoming a **2026 Annual Sponsor**.

Sponsorship dollars will be earmarked for the foundation's signature events and activities in 2026—things like our Scholarship Celebration and Night of Thanks events that connect donors with awardees; our Return to Earn internship program; grant writing workshops and much more.

Check out our sponsorship form at 4ccf.org or send an email to kdickens@4ccf.org.

Three new trustees are joining Four County Community Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2026. Welcome to **Julia Kaiser, Angie McCoy and Adam Schlusler!**

More than **\$51,000** was awarded in **2026 Quarter 1 grants**. Recipients included Macomb Science Olympiad, pictured below. Upcoming grant deadlines are **April 1, July 1 and October 1**.



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