



UPPER ARLINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation leads efforts to connect our community around big ideas and projects, strengthen local nonprofits, and build community leaders.

FOUNDATION NEWS

At the UA Community Foundation:

Community is our Middle Name!

We are a grantmaker, connector, and home for philanthropy in UA since 2007. Our community impact is thanks to your community support!

Learn more about our work in the video below.

VIDEO

MAKE A GIFT TODAY!

Welcoming Olivia Milburn | 2026 Summer Intern:

The Foundation is pleased to welcome Olivia Milburn as our 2026 Summer Development and Engagement Intern.

A rising third-year Marketing major at the University of Dayton, Olivia will be working alongside our team this summer supporting marketing and outreach initiatives.

Outside of the classroom, Olivia volunteers with 4 Paws for Ability and plays on the Dayton Women's Club Lacrosse team.

Welcome, Olivia!



Pictured: Olivia Milburn, Upper Arlington Community Foundation 2026 Summer Intern

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Leadership UA Concludes 2026 Program Year:

The Leadership UA Class of 2026 closed out its program year with two impactful sessions in May. The cohort first welcomed **Kerri Mollard** of Mollard Consulting for an engaging session on Board Governance, followed by a session with **Dan Sharpe** of the Columbus Foundation exploring what it means to be a grantmaker.



Pictured: Kerri Mollard of Mollard Consulting discusses board governance with the Leadership UA cohort on May 7.



Pictured: Dan Sharpe of The Columbus Foundation presents on community grant making to the Leadership UA cohort on May 21.

The Foundation celebrated the 2026 Leadership UA cohort at graduation on June 4th at the Bob Crane Community Center. The evening was a celebration of an incredible cohort, featuring remarks from Foundation Board of Trustees Member **Laurie Aquilina** and Board of Education Member and Leadership UA alumnus **Kip Greenhill**, certificate presentations for each cohort member, and check presentations to this year's grant recipients.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



Pictured: The 2026 Leadership UA cohort.

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Save the Date: The Big Table | September 29, 2026

The Big Table, a Columbus Foundation initiative, is returning to central Ohio on Tuesday, September 29, 2026! Now in its tenth year, The Big Table is a community-wide day of intentional conversation where participants are invited to meet new people, share their experiences, and listen with purpose, all in the spirit of building a more connected community.

Stay tuned in the coming months for more information on how to participate with the Upper Arlington Community Foundation and partners.



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COMMUNITY IMPACT

Leadership UA: Grantmakers of Foundation Funds

Each year, the Leadership UA cohort takes on a signature class project to deliberate and distribute \$10,000 in grant funding to local nonprofit organizations.

This year's grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Bailey's Clubhouse | \$4,078 Supporting the Bailey's Peaceful Play Project, an innovative pilot program creating a calming support zone within their childcare setting. Bailey's Clubhouse provides no-cost childcare for children ages 3 months to 6 years whose parents are undergoing cancer treatment.

Common Greens at the UA Farmers Market | \$2,300 Funding Seasoned Stories, an 18-week intergenerational program pairing UA seniors with a student intern for weekly farmers market visits.

Rainbow UA | \$1,350 Sponsoring a Family Pool Night, an upcoming evening event serving LGBTQIA+ students and families in our community.

Sustainable UA | \$1,072 Funding a permanent sign for the Wickliffe Elementary School bioretention area, supporting continued student learning and stewardship of the native plant environment.

Tri-Village Lions Club | \$1,200 Supporting a Free Little Pantry where community members can anonymously access food and essential items.



Pictured: UACF Executive Director Jessica Grisez and Board of Trustees Member Laurie Aquilina presenting checks to this year's Leadership UA grant recipients at the Class of 2026 graduation on June 4th.

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The Foundation was proud to join the **City of Upper Arlington** and the **Upper Arlington Historical Society** for a special America 250 celebration during Spring Fling on May 9th at the Amelita Mirolo Barn. The event featured the unveiling of new interpretive signage recognizing the site's historical significance as part of the America 250 commemoration.

The Amelita Mirolo Barn represents a meaningful milestone for the Foundation as its first capital project and a lasting example of the Foundation's commitment to investing in shared community spaces.



Pictured from left to right: Kristin Greenberg, Executive Director of the Upper Arlington Historical Society; Jessica Grisez, Executive Director of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation; and Sue Ralph, former Executive Director of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation unveil new Amelita Mirolo Barn signage on May 9, 2026.

CELEBRATE AMERICA 250 IN UA

**The Good Neighbor Fund, June Impact:
Helping Seniors Stay Safe at Home**

This month, the Foundation's Good Neighbor Fund provided support to senior neighbors with visual impairments, helping them maintain a safe living environment so they can remain in the comfort of their own home.

Assistance focused on addressing critical home safety needs, ensuring that financial barriers do not stand in the way of independence and dignity for vulnerable community members.



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Your gift to the organization is a gift to the Upper Arlington community through grants and programming that make an impact today, tomorrow, and always.

Please consider support for the Foundation.

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