



# 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.

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## FOUNDATION NEWS

### Introducing 2026 Heart of UA Honorees

The Upper Arlington Foundation is proud to celebrate the 2026 Heart of UA honorees — community leaders whose philanthropy, service, and vision have made a lasting difference in Upper Arlington and beyond.

This year, we are also excited to introduce the inaugural Heart of UA Changemaker Award, recognizing individuals who are creating meaningful, grassroots impact through the spirit of service, innovation, and connection.

Please join us in honoring all of this year's recipients on **Sunday, April 26, at the Bob Crane Community Center**, and read on to learn more about their inspiring work.



### 2026 Heart of UA Honorees



**Greg Guy and Lisa Ingram**  
*2026 Heart of UA Honorees*

Lisa Ingram and Greg Guy have been extraordinary champions of philanthropy and civic engagement in Upper Arlington and throughout Central Ohio. Their support of community initiatives and nonprofit organizations reflects a genuine commitment to improving lives, expanding opportunity, and investing in the long-term health of our region — and it all started when they were young professionals who simply chose to get involved. Decades later, their impact is both deep and far-reaching. Greg and Lisa's story is a powerful reminder that lasting change begins with a single step, and that the leaders we need tomorrow are already in our community today. We hope their example inspires the next generation to follow in their footsteps.

*Pictured: Greg Guy and Lisa Ingram, 2026 Heart of UA Honorees.*

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## 2026 Inaugural Changemaker Award Honorees



*Pictured: Meg Hall, 2026 Heart of UA Changemaker Honoree.*

### **Meg Hall | Beehive Alliance** *Inaugural Changemaker Honoree*

Meg Hall has spent her career and volunteer life building stronger support systems for children and families.

As a mother of two and former preschool teacher, she has seen firsthand the difference that community resources can make — especially for those navigating behavioral and mental health challenges. A dedicated volunteer with the Beehive Alliance, Meg has helped grow the all-volunteer organization to 40 members since 2019, hosting events that raise funds and reduce stigma. To date, the group has raised over \$500,000 to

support prevention programming through The Kids Mental Health Foundation and behavioral health services at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Through her work, Meg is helping reshape how communities support children's mental health.



*Pictured: The Stair Family, 2026 Heart of UA Changemaker Honorees.*

### **Annie and Jim Stair | Red Oak Family Foundation** *Inaugural Changemaker Honorees*

Annie and Jim Stair are community leaders whose work shows what's possible when personal experience becomes public purpose. Annie, an educator and former Peace Corps volunteer, founded the Red Oak Family Foundation in 2022 after recognizing the isolation that many families navigating autism diagnoses face — and deciding to do something about it. Together, Annie and Jim have also been longtime contributors to the Upper Arlington Civic Association, serving as General Chairs of the Fourth of July celebration and championing inclusive initiatives like the Diversability Zone and the annual Sensory-Friendly Winter Wonderland. Their story illustrates that meaningful community impact doesn't require a lifetime of service — it requires a willingness to start.

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## **A Busy and Impactful Month for Leadership UA:**

March has been an active and engaging month for Leadership UA participants! The cohort began with a session at the Upper Arlington Public Library on March 5, followed by a professional etiquette workshop on March 12 led by Foundation Board Member Jennifer Griffith of First Merchants Bank.

Participants also took part in Community Night on March 12, where they heard from a wide range of local nonprofits and community organizations shaping Upper Arlington.

The month will conclude with a class social at a Columbus Blue Jackets game, generously supported by Vorys. We look forward to closing out a dynamic month and continuing the program's momentum this spring.



*Pictured Left: The UAPL Research Services Team presents to the Leadership UA Cohort on March 5, 2026.*

*Pictured Right: Community member Craig Smith presents to the Leadership UA Cohort about the Northwest Kiwanis Club on March 12, 2026.*

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT

### **A Community Gathering for Connection: Annual Iftar Brings UA Neighbors Together**

The Foundation was honored to join the City of Upper Arlington's Community Relations Committee and the Upper Arlington Public Library for the annual Iftar gathering on March 11 at the Bob Crane Community Center. The evening offered a meaningful opportunity for neighbors to come together, learn about Ramadan, share a meal, and celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich our community.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to a welcoming and memorable event. We are proud to support and partner in initiatives that foster connection and understanding.



*Pictured: UA Neighbors attend the Iftar celebration on March 11, 2026 at the Bob Crane Community Center.*

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## **Foundation Grant: A Creative Celebration of the UA Farmers Market**

The 2025 Upper Arlington Farmers Market featured a fun, creative addition with *Magic at the Market*, where children visiting the market used Polaroid cameras to capture their favorite moments, from fresh produce to community connections.

The final photos were proudly displayed at the Upper Arlington Public Library in early March, where community members of all ages had the opportunity to experience and enjoy these creative snapshots of the market.

This project was made possible by a grant from the Upper Arlington Community Foundation through the Leadership UA Class of 2025. Thank you to the Upper Arlington Public Library for hosting the exhibit, Common Greens for their partnership, and the young photographers who brought it all to life.



*Pictured: Common Greens Executive Director Abbe Turner and Team Members Liv Morris and Barry Weaver stand next to the photo display of Magic at the Market at the Upper Arlington Public Library on March 8, 2026.*

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## **The Good Neighbor Fund, March Impact: Meeting Urgent Needs**

In March, the Foundation's Good Neighbor Fund provided targeted support to local families navigating complex medical and financial challenges.

Assistance included covering a car insurance payment for a family caring for a medically fragile child, helping maintain stability and support their path toward secure, long-term housing.

The Fund also provided emergency rent assistance to a family facing financial strain following a serious car accident, helping ensure housing stability during a difficult recovery period.



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## GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

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### **Upper Arlington High School Career Day: Connecting Students with Community Impact**

At the end of February, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation was proud to participate in Upper Arlington High School's Career Shadowing Day, engaging with students about careers in the nonprofit sector and the impact of community-focused work. It was a great opportunity to connect with students, share our experiences, answer their questions, and hopefully inspire their interest in community impact work.

We extend our thanks to Upper Arlington High School, our host Saint Marks Episcopal Church, and our presenting community partners, the Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Education Foundation.



*Pictured: Executive Director Jessica Grisez presents alongside the Upper Arlington Education Foundation to Upper Arlington High School Students about non-profit leadership during Career Shadow Day on February 24, 2026.*

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## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

### Support the Foundation with a gift today.

At the UA Community Foundation, community is our middle name! 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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