



# 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

### Foundation Announcement: 2026 Heart of UA Award Recipients

The Foundation is proud to announce that the 2026 Heart of UA Award will be presented to **Lisa Ingram and Greg Guy**. Deeply engaged civic leaders, their philanthropy and volunteerism have made a meaningful impact across Central Ohio, especially in Upper Arlington. Their work reflects a longstanding commitment to investing where it matters most.

**Please join us on Sunday, April 26, at the Bob Crane Community Center as we honor Lisa Ingram and Greg Guy at the 2026 Heart of UA, recognizing their lasting impact on our community.**



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HEART OF UA AWARD

Past recipients of this prestigious award include: *Tim and Glenda Huffman (2019), Mary Ann Krauss (2020), Sue Ralph (2022), and the Ness Family: Lynn and Bob, Emily and John (2023), Kip Greenhill (2024), and the Crane Family: Loann and Bob Crane, Shannon and Robert Crane, Tanny Crane and John Wolff, Deidre Harrison and Tom Crane, Jamie Crane and Tim Miller (2025).*

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## Leadership UA 2026 Kicks Off:

Leadership UA 2026 is well underway! The cohort began with orientation on January 15, followed by the year's keynote from community leader Cathy Lyttle, who launched our book club discussion of *The Dream Manager*. Cohort members will continue reading and engaging in guided dialogue around the book throughout the program year.

In February, participants attended a dedicated City Overview session, followed by Police and Fire night, each offering a closer look at how our city operates day to day. Thank you to our city employees for sharing their time, expertise, and practical insight.

We look forward to continuing the program with spring sessions ahead!



*Pictured: The Leadership UA 2026 Cohort during City Overview Night at Upper Arlington Council Chambers on February 5, 2026.*

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## COMMUNITY IMPACT

### Foundation Fund in Action: Bringing Authors to UA

On March 2, the Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation welcomed award-winning author Jerry Craft for an engaging evening at the Performing Arts Center at Upper Arlington High School. Craft shared his journey from reluctant reader to Newbery Medal–winning author and spoke about the power of reading, creativity, and perseverance. Following the talk, he met attendees and signed books.

Craft is the New York Times bestselling author and illustrator of *New Kid*, *Class Act*, and *School Trip*. *New Kid* made history as the only book to receive the Newbery Medal, the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature, and the Coretta Scott King Author Award.

This special event was made possible in part by the **Ann Royce Moore Fund**, which supports bringing award-winning authors to Upper Arlington to share both literary and analytical insight into their work with our community.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR SERIES

**Foundation Support:  
Magic at the Market**

Last fall, the Foundation was proud to support *Magic at the Market*, a hands-on photography project through Common Greens (host of the UA Farmers Market) for children ages 5 and up. Through a Foundation grant, the market purchased Polaroid cameras and film, inviting kids to capture their favorite sights along Dorset Road on Wednesday evenings.

Selected photos from every participating child will be featured in the *Market Art Exhibition*, on view March 6–31, with a public reception on March 8 from 2–4 pm in the Tremont Library Commons.



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## The Good Neighbor, February Impact: Meeting Urgent Needs

### A family facing housing instability in 2026

In February, the Foundation provided emergency assistance to help cover rent and utility costs for a local family continuing to face hardship after SNAP benefits were reduced in late 2025. With children newly enrolled in the school district, this support helped stabilize housing during a critical transition. Referred by UA Schools .



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### New Fund Alert: Caring for our UA Seniors

The Foundation's Senior Care Fund helps Upper Arlington residents age 60+ remain safe, healthy, and independent at home.

The Fund supports important non-emergency needs—from home safety repairs and medical equipment to respite care, meals, transportation, and in-home support. Referrals come from trusted community partners.

While the endowed fund continues to grow, immediate current-use gifts are needed to provide timely support.

The community is invited to support this fund and help ensure seniors receive the services they need today.



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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.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY!**

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