



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.

The Foundation is Growing: Share Your Voice by Brief Survey

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation invites the community to help shape its future. For nearly two decades, the Foundation has served as a philanthropic home for residents who care deeply about Upper Arlington—investing in programs that strengthen health and wellness, safety, belonging, arts and culture, and our shared public spaces. Now, as community needs evolve, the Foundation is expanding its reach and seeks public input to ensure it continues to respond to what matters most. Residents are encouraged to lend their voice and help guide the next chapter of impact.

We want to hear from you. Please complete a brief survey to help us grow to meet community needs today, tomorrow, and always.

SHARE YOUR VOICE!

FOUNDATION NEWS

Deadline Approaching: Nominate a Heart of UA Award Recipient Today!

The Heart of UA Award honors individuals, families, or family foundations whose five or more years of exceptional generosity and volunteerism demonstrate outstanding civic and charitable leadership and inspire others to give.

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).*

If you know someone whose volunteerism and philanthropic impact have made a meaningful difference in Upper Arlington, please consider submitting a nomination for the 2026 Heart of UA award by January 31.



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HEART OF UA AWARD

Save the Date: Heart of UA
Sunday, April 26, 2026, 5:30 PM
Bob Crane Community Center

SUBMIT A NOMINATION TODAY!

Announcing: Leadership UA 2026

The Upper Arlington Community Foundation is proud to announce the Leadership UA Class of 2026.

Leadership UA brings together a diverse group of professionals committed to learning more about Upper Arlington, strengthening their leadership skills, and building relationships that support collaboration and community impact. Throughout the year, participants will engage in meaningful conversations and experiences designed to prepare them for long-term civic leadership.

We look forward to the impact this group will make in the year ahead!



Pictured: The Leadership UA 2026 Cohort; Aparna Dial, Audrey Plant, Brad Pettit, Chloe Polinsky, David Pardoe, Devanie Gossett, Erin Fortkamp, James Russell, Jasa George, Jesse Elizabeth Lee, Justin Leonti, Kayla Toon, Matthew Hoffman, Rachel Blanchard, Richard Hall Moore, and Taylor Mullinax.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Good Neighbor Fund Makes a Difference

This month, the Fund helped two families start the New Year with greater stability and hope.

A family resettled in Upper Arlington after an emergency. A mom and her three UA Schools children are beginning a new chapter, with Foundation grants easing the stress of moving by covering rent and utilities while they connected with resources to settle in. Referred by UA Schools.

A UA mother who lost her job due to lack of affordable childcare found relief and a path forward. Foundation support covered living expenses—including reconnecting her gas—reducing immediate stress and helping her focus on stability through services from Franklin County Job and Family Services. Referred by UA CARES.



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Caring for Older Adults in UA

As a follow-up to [The Big Table discussion held in October 2025](#) (where community members came together to reflect on what it means to age in Upper Arlington), the Foundation is pleased to share that the City of Upper Arlington is continuing this important conversation through a series of community discussions.

These gatherings will further explore the needs, priorities, and experiences of older adult residents, and how our community can best support people as they age. Caregivers, family members, and residents are encouraged to participate and share their perspectives at one of the following sessions:

Wednesday, February 11 at 3 pm – Tremont Library, Friends Theater

Tuesday, February 17 at 12:30 pm – Bob Crane Community Center, Level 5,

Event Center A



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Neighbors Helping Neighbors City of Upper Arlington Activates Volunteer Snow Support

After this week's storm, the City of Upper Arlington is asking residents to step up as snow-removal volunteers to help older adults and neighbors with medical or physical challenges clear sidewalks, driveways, and pathways during winter weather.

If you are able to help, you may sign up to volunteer through the button below

and know your time can make an immediate difference for a neighbor in need. Residents who need snow or ice removal assistance are encouraged to call 614-583-5326 to submit a request through the City.



[VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH SNOW CLEARING](#)

Tri-Village Packers

Winter Break Distribution Update

Tri-Village Packers 2025 Winter Break Distribution supported 75 families and 140 children, reflecting a 50% increase in need since last spring. Similar participation levels and comparable demand is anticipated for Spring Break.

This effort was made possible by 70 Tri-Village area volunteers who contributed more than 200 hours. Their generosity and commitment are essential to the program's success.

Looking ahead to 2026, Tri-Village Packers plans to continue supplemental nutrition support during Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break, and extends special thanks to its donors, whose generosity makes it possible to meet the growing needs of children in our community.



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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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