



# 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

**No tricks or treats, just community spirit!** This October, we're celebrating the many ways neighbors come together to make Upper Arlington a place full of warmth, generosity, and connection.

### Assessing Community Needs

**In the UA tradition of neighbors helping neighbors when a need arises, several community organizations are joining together to help assess the gap for families facing a temporary loss in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding in November.**

**We look forward to sharing an update and ways to help soon.**

### Now Accepting Applications! Leadership UA 2026

Since 1988, Leadership UA has helped participants grow as community leaders while gaining an inside look at how our city works. Through bi-weekly sessions across Upper Arlington, participants:

- Develop leadership skills
- Connect with their cohort
- Help direct grant funding to support local nonprofit projects

Strengthen your connection to the community and your leadership journey—**apply today!**



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## Annual Meeting 2025 Transition of Trustees

On October 14, the Foundation hosted its 2025 Annual Meeting to celebrate a year of meaningful community impact and the transition of trustees.

### Highlights from 2025 include:

- **\$8.1 million** in action bringing the Bob Crane Community Center to life!
- **\$30,000 in grants supporting local nonprofits** and initiatives, including:
  - *Common Greens Farmers Market, Magic of the Markets*
  - *Rainbow UA, Cultivating Belonging for LGBTQ+ Youth*
  - *Tri-Village Packers, Winter Food Distribution*
  - *UA Historical Society, 100 Years of the UACA July 4 Parade*
  - *UA Public Library, Lane Road Branch, Youth Section Shelving*
- **\$27,000 in Good Neighbor Fund grants** providing emergency financial assistance for living expenses, home repairs, and emergency needs



Pictured: Guests attend the Foundation's Annual Meeting at the Event Center at the Bob Crane Community Center.

### Transitioning Officers

Laure Schoedinger, Chair  
Michael Martz, Immediate Past-Chair

### Outgoing Board of Trustees

Mike Fitzpatrick  
Jeff Backes, MD

### New Trustees

Stacy McIntire  
Greg Overmyer

## SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

### **Edwards Green Apple Fest Celebrating One Year of Edwards Green**

The Foundation celebrated one year of Edwards Green with neighbors, families, and friends at the first-ever Apple Fest on October 26! Guests enjoyed live music, cotton candy, pumpkin decorating, yard games, and dogs in costume in this special community green space owned and maintained by the Foundation and supported by community.

This beautiful community asset was a gift by Mike and Phaedra Edwards in honor of Peter and Suzie Edwards and their love of nature.

#### **Thanks to Volunteers**

*UARotaryInteractClub, Jones Middle School*

#### **Thanks to Sponsors**

*Dr. Craig and Deborah Anderson*

*Michael and Judy Martz*

*Stetson Kridler Meehan*

*Cheryl and Doug Godard*

*Sally and Andy Hackett*

*Hidden Creek Landscaping*



Pictured: Guests enjoy Edwards Green Apple Fest. Aerial image by drone, courtesy of a talented Jones Middle School volunteer.

## ABOUT EDWARDS GREEN

### **Big Table 2025 Supporting Upper Arlington Older Adults**

Nearly 40 Upper Arlington older adults, caregivers, service providers, and community members came together on October 21 at the Foundation's 2025 Big Table to discuss what it means to age well in UA. Participants shared their stories, highlighted what's working in neighborhoods, and identified gaps where more support is needed.

These honest, hopeful, and action-oriented conversations were part of a Columbus-wide initiative sparked by The Columbus Foundation.

#### **Keep the conversation going!**

Stay tuned for *Community Conversations* on older adult services in early 2026. The City of UA will collect feedback on needs and desires for this population of residents.



WATCH FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

## 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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