



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

Congratulations, Wendy Hinton Gomez!

Congratulations to Wendy Hinton Gomez on being named Grand Marshal of the 2026 Upper Arlington 4th of July Parade! Wendy has long been a champion for our community, and this recognition is so well deserved.

Wendy serves as Secretary of the Upper Arlington Community Foundation Board of Trustees and previously served as an Honorary Co-Chair, alongside her daughter Kate, of the Bob Crane Community Center fundraising Capital Campaign. Her leadership, dedication, and heart for UA continue to guide the Foundation's work every day.

A special congratulations as well to the planning committee and the UA Civic Association for another wonderful Independence Day!



Pictured: 2026 Grand Marshal Wendy Hinton Gomez and family at the Upper Arlington 4th of July Parade.

Nominations Now Open: Heart of UA & Changemaker Awards

Nominations for the 2027 Heart of UA Award and Changemaker Award are officially open through August 31st, 2026!

Do you know someone whose generosity and impact make Upper Arlington a better place? We want to hear about them.

Click the button below to learn more about each award and submit a nomination. Award recipients will be recognized at the April 24, 2027 Heart of UA event, the Foundation's annual fundraiser.



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HEART OF UA AWARD

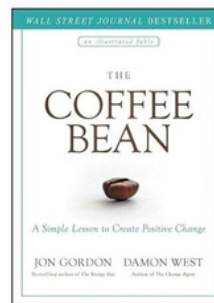
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Save the Date: Fostering a Conversation with Damon West

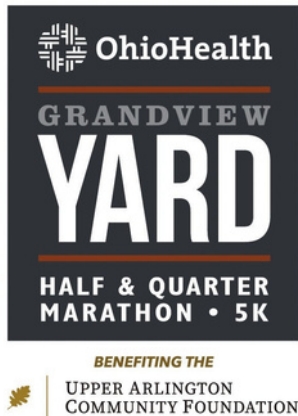
The Foundation is proud to continue the *Fostering a Conversation* series, welcoming internationally known keynote speaker and bestselling author Damon West of *The Coffee Bean* on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026 at 7:00 PM at Upper Arlington High School.

Damon's powerful story of resilience, redemption, and positive change is one you will not want to miss. The *Fostering a Conversation* series, led by UAHS students, connects our community across generations through a collaboration between the Foundation, UA Schools, and the UA Education Foundation and Alumni Association. Special thanks to this year's event partner, the Tri-Village Chamber. Ticket sale details will be announced soon.



Pictured: Damon West, keynote speaker for the September 15th Fostering a Conversation event.

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Run, Volunteer, and Support the Foundation at the Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon

The Foundation is happy to once again be the benefiting charity for the OhioHealth Grandview Yard Half & Quarter Marathon and Purple Heart 5K on Sunday, August 23rd! A portion of every registration goes right back to the Foundation, supporting the programs and grants that strengthen our community.

Are you a runner? Choose from the half marathon, quarter marathon, or 5K and use discount code **26UAF10** when you register!

Interested in volunteering? Click the button below to sign up to volunteer at a water station in Upper Arlington and support runners as they pass through our community.

Would you rather help at our event booth? Email Molly Seguin at molly@uacommunityfoundation.com for more details. We hope to see you on race day!

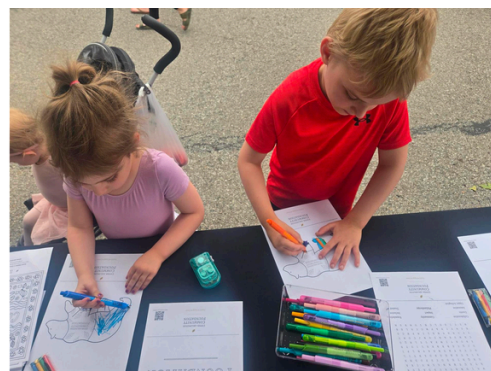
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

REGISTER TO RUN

Community Connections at the Farmers Market

On June 17th, the Upper Arlington Community Foundation set up shop at the community booth at the Common Greens UA Farmers Market! We loved connecting with neighbors, sharing more about the work of the Foundation, and watching children enjoy our Foundation-branded coloring sheets. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to chat with us!

The Common Greens UA Farmers Market is held every Wednesday from 3:00–6:00 PM through October 21st at [2151 Dorset Road](#) in front of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.



Enjoy this update? Catch up on news of the past.

This is a monthly Foundation e-news update. View past issues below. Thanks for helping us make an impact in our community!

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Support the Foundation with a gift today.

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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