

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



“Bridge the Gap”

In 2019, Fox Families Care (FFC) was established by a group of parents in the Fox Chapel area that wanted to help children and families within the district have the resources they needed to thrive in our community. The President and one of the founders, Paulette O'Donnell, had a vision for FFC to create an organization that provided meaningful support to families who had financial stress. Mrs. O'Donnell and a group of compassionate and talented moms offered countless hours to make this vision come alive, and now FFC has become an integral and highly regarded resource to hundreds of students and their families within the Fox Chapel community.

As an all-volunteer organization, FFC strives to identify potential board and committee members and volunteers who have the dedication to serve and a heart to give their time to helping families and children in their own community. Volunteers come with their gifts and talents, and many have professional backgrounds in careers like fundraising, social media, finance, marketing, law, event planning, etc. Utilizing these skills, the volunteers spend many hours collaborating their unique talents together to create a wholly successful organization. Now, only three years later, the success of FFC has far exceeded even their original vision.

In the past year alone, for the 2022 calendar season, FFC has worked with the Fox Chapel School District and other community partners to provide resources such as:

- 822 bedding items
- 39 extracurricular scholarships
- 32 fulfilled requests from guidance counselors
- 110 scholarships to summer camps
- Seven scholarships to senior grads

- Five emergency assistance grants
- 106 backpacks and (\$1,000) for Operation Backpack

Furthermore, donations were made to other organizations like Second Harvest Community Thrift Store to establish a community-free fridge and FCASD Unified Sports. Other resources of help to students in the community were yearbooks, prom tickets, Halloween gift cards and coats.

From the outset, FFC has met its goal to “bridge the gap” between the needs and resources of children and families in our communities. Please visit foxfamiliescare.org for more information about FFC's mission, volunteer opportunities, community partnerships and upcoming programs.

Wrapping up the year, also check out the website to join their email list to receive notifications and the newsletter. FFC plans to end the 2022 year with:

- Scholarships so students can participate in extracurricular activities (club sports, dance, theater programs, etc.)
- Emergency assistance grants to help families with urgent needs
- Grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving
- Angel Tree gifts for the holiday
- Bedding Distribution in February

