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FoundationForGaugaParks.org



Foundation *for* Gauga Parks

Geauga's Nature Connection



Impact

Small Grants

Since 2023

GPD Nature
Writing Contest
\$900

GPD Tree Planting
1,000 Trees
Sponsorship
\$2,700

Hambden
Township
Pollinator Garden
\$4,902

Geauga Skywatchers Fund

Total Solar Eclipse
April 8, 2024
\$3,000
Sponsorship
The Great Geauga
Total Solar Eclipse
2,500
Solar Eclipse Glasses
Handed Out

Geauga
Skywatchers Club
Since 2019
174
Telescopes Borrowed
1,249
Program Attendees

Nature Education Fund

Nature Scopes
Since 2003
11,178+
Binoculars & Field Guides
for Geauga 5th Graders

Chip Henry Institute
Outdoor Adventure
Camp
Since 2015
Supplies & Summer
Counselor for
1,010 Campers

Conservation
Scholarships
Since 2020
19 Students
\$13,000

School Field Trip
Transportation Grants
Since 2009
400 Buses
14,839 Students
\$52,827

BRIDLE TRAIL FUND

Through the Bridle Trail Fund established by the Geauga County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council (GOHC), FGP funded the new Tulip Trail at The West Woods. \$57,000 was donated to the Geauga Park District to extend riding opportunities for the equestrian community.



The Trail Ahead



Targeted Outreach Initiatives
to connect with younger residents and families, creating a more diverse and inclusive base of advocates.

Expand Board and Volunteer Engagement
by fostering a diverse and passionate network of community members dedicated to nature, parks, and community engagement. Interested in getting involved? It's easy! Just reach out to admin@foundationforgeaugaparks.org to learn about volunteer opportunities or to sit in on a committee meeting.



Strengthening Partnerships
with environmental nonprofits and local agencies to explore synergies, share resources, and enhance fundraising efforts to ensure sustainable, impactful outcomes that reflect community needs.

Driving Initiatives that actively promote and protect pollinators and native plant species in our own backyards.



Here for Good.

We are committed to community access to nature and nature education, cultivating long-term support from community members and ensuring sustainability of our initiatives.



Inspiring the Next Generation



Shaping Future Leaders



Engaging Geauga's Youth



Our Mission

To fund community engagement with nature through education, preservation, conservation, and appreciation of the unique natural character of Geauga County.

Core Values

- **Nature Enthusiasts** – we support community engagement with nature.
- **Thrive Together** – we work hard, collaborate for meaningful progress and make things happen.
- **Authentic Relationships** – we build credible and genuine connections with our community, our donors and each other.
- **Commitment to More** – we are invested in the long-term success of our work and constantly seek out ways we can improve.
- **Here for Good** – we want to make a positive impact in Geauga County now and for future generations!

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Preserve Geauga's Natural Legacy – Your Year-End Gift Matters

As we approach the close of another incredible year, I want to express my deep gratitude for your support of the Foundation for Geauga Parks. Because of friends like you, we've been able to expand and preserve our beloved parks, protect diverse wildlife habitats, enhance trails, and inspire countless young minds through hands-on environmental education. Every gift you've made has helped us strengthen our commitment to conservation and community connections right here in Geauga County.

One of the most impactful ways to contribute to our mission is through legacy gifts. If you are interested in more information on planned giving or would like to talk about an estate gift, please email me directly at christine@foundationforgeaugaparks.org

Thank you for your support!

With heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for a joyful holiday season,

Christine
Executive Director



Thank You for Your Support!

Please accept my gift of: ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$_____ (an amount of my choosing)

I would like my gift applied to:

- ☐ Greatest Need (Unrestricted)
- ☐ Park & Trail Enhancement
- ☐ Nature Education
- ☐ Geauga Skywatchers
- ☐ Bridle Trail Fund
- ☐ Dan Best Nature Education Fund
(Thompson Ledges Township Park)
- ☐ Hiking Through Grief Documentary Film
- ☐ UH Geauga Medical Center Trail

This Gift is in ☐ Memory, or in ☐ Honor of:

Name: _____

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