



Altrusa International of Washington Court House

Community Impact Report 2025 - 2026

Empowering Communities Through Service

Altrusa International of Washington Court House continued its long tradition of service, literacy advancement, and community partnership throughout 2025–2026. Our club strengthened relationships, expanded outreach, and delivered meaningful impact across Fayette County.

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

In 2025, Altrusa of Washington Court House celebrated its **50th anniversary**, marking five decades of leadership and service. Members pledged to complete **50 Random Acts of Kindness**, demonstrating that small actions create lasting community change.

Our Commitment

Across 2025–2026, Altrusa International of Washington Court House:

- Strengthened literacy access for children and families
- Supported essential community organizations
- Expanded digital and public outreach
- Grew membership and leadership capacity
- Delivered meaningful service with compassion and purpose

By the Numbers:

- **8** LFL
- **50 +** Random Acts of Kindness
- **50** years of Service
- **39** Partnerships in Fayette County
- **3** Scholarships totaling \$1800.00
- **2** Altrusa International Global Initiatives Supported
- **5** Fundraisers/Donations Completed
- **600 +** Books Distributed
- **1** Grant Completed
- **25** Community Events Served
- **Countless** Volunteer Hours Served by Altrusans throughout the Community

Literacy & Education Impact

- **Little Free Libraries:** Maintained 8 LFLs across Fayette County, stocked with adult and children's books in partnership with Carnegie Public Library.
- **Change X Grant:** Continued multi-site literacy distribution printed African picture books for preschool children **560 Book Dash books** (wordless + English) to five community partners including Head Start, Life Pregnancy Center, Help Me Grow, YMCA Child watch, and the Farmers Market.
- **MT Literacy Night:** Supported literacy programming.
- **Graduating Seniors Scholarships:** Recognized local students, including all three local schools, Fayette Christian Schools, Miami Trace Local Schools, and Washington Court House Local Schools.
- **Belle-Aire Penguin Patch:** Volunteered and help students shop for books at the school book fair.

Community Service & Partnerships

- **Hands of Christ Street Ministry:** Volunteered on-site, assisted with facility needs, and supported holiday outreach.
- **Salvation Army:** Provided volunteers for **Bell Ringing** and contributed to community holiday programs.
- **Red Cross:** Donated cookies for blood drives
- **Downtown Live Holiday Celebration:** Offered crafts, books, and family engagement activities.
- **Farmers Market Outreach:** Distributed books, shared resources, and strengthened community visibility.
- **Ranch of Opportunity:** Provided snacks, journals, and support for youth residents.
- **Fayette County Soil and Water:** Altrusans volunteered at the Discovery Camp at Lakeview Farm, and Nature Hunt Event at Shaw Wetlands.
- **911 Tribute Game:** Altrusans supported the bake sale, and lemonade shakeup stand.
- **United Way, Jamook, YMCA, OSU Extension, Key Realty, Riten Industries, Local Fire Department, Adena Fayette Hospital, DECA, Fayette County Historical Society, Fayette County Farmers Market, Help Me Grow, St. Andrews Episcopal Church Heating Center:** Collaborated and supported through donations, event support, and joint programming.
- **Club 52:** Financially supported formally known as Club 21, supporting children's medical camps, health initiatives, and educational projects.
- **Days for Girls:** Financially supported an imitative that works to eliminate the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation so that women and girls have improved health, education and livelihoods.

Club Growth, Leadership & Recognition

- **Distinguished Club Status (2025–2026):** Earned District Five's **Distinguished Club** designation for excellence in service, leadership, membership, and community impact.
- **Membership Expansion:** Welcomed new members including Mary Jo Kendrick, Jennifer Eggleton, Annette Perry and Ruthann Ruth.
- **Membership Development:** Supported member development through strategic planning retreats, increased nominating committing by two additional members, and leadership succession planning. Also created an additional committee called Grants and Fundraising.
- **Membership Engagement:** Instituted the Happy Dollar so we could start meetings sharing our wins with each other. Also, instituted get to know you forms, and #AltrusaUnpacked where we explore the history of Altrusa.
- **Officer Training:** Members were encouraged to attend webinars lead by District 5 via zoom. President attended and summarized president's meetings.

- **Community Engagement:** We spoke at Rotary about the club and in turn were gifted with a book drive donation to the LFL of approximately 50 books. ChangeX Zoom presentation for Clinton County on BookDash grant to inspire more literacy projects.
- **District Engagement:** Hosted District 5 Governor Shelley Kendrick; sponsored the District Five Membership Award; sent delegates to the district conference along with a garden basket for a raffle and submitted an application for a club district award.

Communications & Digital Outreach

- **Website Enhancements:** Updated the club website to include a **Free Digital Books** link, improving access to literacy resources for families.
- **Facebook Growth:** Increased posting frequency, shared service photos, highlighted partnerships, and celebrated club achievements.
- **Google Drive:** Improved internal communication and record-keeping.

Fundraising & Events

- **International Flavors Dinner (2026):** Partnered with Washington High School DECA; supported scholarships and literacy projects; received a **\$1,000 donation from VFW Post 3762**.
- **Community Yard Sale:** Raised funds for the Altrusa Foundation to support literacy and outreach programs.
- **Kroger Rewards:** Anyone can register us as their non-profit of choice for this program.
- **Elks 129:** Donation of \$3000 to the Altrusa Foundation to support literacy and outreach programs.
- **Fair Gates Fundraiser:** Staffed gates to raise funds for local service projects.