The Gessner Family Foundation was founded in 2009 and is located in Massillon, Ohio. The foundation is dedicated to serving many non-profit organizations in Stark, Summit, Cuyahoga, Wayne and other counties.

In addition to supporting the Massillon Museum, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, Jump Start Inc., Stark County Hunger Taskforce, Stark Prescription Assistance Network, Stark County Historical Society, First Tee of Canton, Stark County Humane Society, and many other nonprofits, the Stark State College Foundation receives scholarship support for healthcare students from The Gessner Family Foundation. These scholarships not only support the growth and education of students, but also help address the shortage of skilled healthcare workers in the community.

Additionally, the Gessner Family Foundation recently partnered with five other foundations and pooled their resources through the Stark Board of Trade, LLC, to purchase land waiting to be developed with the goal of bringing economic growth and new job opportunities to an area that was in need of revitalization.

Aside from the foundation’s significant impact, the Gessner family owns and operates MCTV, which provides telecommunications services to Stark, Summit, Holmes, and Tuscarawas counties and other areas. MCTV took on the challenge of providing high-speed internet service to rural areas of southern Stark County, which demonstrates the Gessner family’s desire to bring improved services to the entire community.