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RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION

Our Community Newsletter • Spring 2011

Bradford Groves Named Foundation President



Mr. Groves assumes his position as president on March 21. Members of the community are invited to visit the Foundation office to greet him personally. An announcement for an up-coming welcome reception will be made soon.

Bradford (Brady) Groves has been named the new president of Richland County Foundation. He succeeds Douglas Freer, who has been serving as interim president since the retirement of Pamela H. Siegenthaler last year.

Sidney A. Foltz, III, chairman of the Foundation Board made the announcement, saying, "I am pleased to welcome Brady as our new president. His experience and knowledge of the area will be an asset to the Foundation as we continue to grow and provide community leadership."

Brady has spent most of his career in the area and comes to the Foundation with more than twenty-five years of experience in management, finance, sales and marketing, as well as human resources. He served as director of the Chamber Foundation at the Mansfield/Richland Area Chamber of Commerce. Following this position he was appointed president of the Marietta, Ohio

Area Chamber of Commerce. He later returned to Richland County to work in management positions at area businesses.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Mr. Groves worked in sales and marketing at MedCentral Workable Health and Safety Services and as manager of MedCentral Health and Fitness Center. He worked closely with the community and local businesses to increase membership and to build their many programs. Brady is a familiar face to many in Richland County through his participation in and support of health and fitness. He has promoted youth athletics and served since 1999 as director of the Mehock Relays. Additional community service involvement includes seven years as treasurer of the Richland County Chapter of the America Red Cross.

A native of Mansfield, Brady Groves graduated from Mansfield City Schools. He holds a BS in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University and received his MBA from Ashland University.

"It really is an honor to be part of the Richland County Foundation and its long history of serving our community. With so many positive things happening in our area, it was very appealing to me to join an organization that could identify and address the emerging needs of our community in order to effect long-term, positive change. I am looking forward to working with a great staff and Board to help enhance the quality of life in Richland County," Brady said.

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APRIL

Fri 1 – 5:00 pm

College scholarship application deadline

Mon 11 – 11:30 am

Board of Trustees regular meeting

Sat 9 – 7:00 pm

CONNECTIONS Spring Fling for members and prospective members

MAY

Mon 2 – 11:45 am

Annual Meeting of Richland County Foundation-Mid-Ohio Conference Center

Fri 6 – 5:00 pm

Due date for general grant applications for June decision

Mon 30

Foundation office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

Thurs 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Basic Grantwriting at Mansfield/Richland County Public Library

JULY

Fri 1 – 5:00 pm

Due date for general grant applications for August decision

Turning Retirement Accounts into Charitable Good

There is good news for individuals in their 70s—and for the communities they care about. A new law makes it possible to give individual retirement account (IRA) assets to charity through 2011, free from federal tax. Prior to 2006, all lifetime distributions from IRAs were taxed—even those given to charity.

This means that, now, you can give far more with less to charity. This may be an attractive giving option for you if you are:

- Interested in making a gift to charity.
- Over 70 1/2 and now receiving minimum IRA distributions—but do not need the extra income.

Through 2011, the new law allows those age 70 1/2 and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to charity this year—and another \$100,000 next year—tax-free. If married, each spouse can transfer \$100,000 per year from his or her IRA.

Using IRA assets to make a gift during your life, as opposed to giving via bequest in your will, enables you to experience the joy of making a gift to support one or more charities.

For more information on the charitable giving legislation and the Charitable IRA opportunity, please contact Doug Freer at 419.525.3020 or visit our website at www.rcfoundation.org.



Dr. William and Suzanne Shamadan made a gift to The Women's Fund with a contribution made directly from their IRA.

“We were really pleased when congress extended the law. Several people took advantage of the opportunity when this legislation was originally introduced in 2006. They have used it to support special funds or the Community Endowment with gifts from \$100 to more than \$20,000,” said Doug Freer, interim president.

2010 Financial Highlights

Total gifts received for various charitable purposes were \$1,398,580 and came from 1,676 separate gifts. The Foundation is responsible for 311 separate component funds, each of which has its own charitable direction established by the donor. Foundation assets, as of December 31, 2010, were \$82,699,669.

Four new funds established in 2010

Joseph T. “Jep” Bloor Memorial Scholarship Fund

Betty J. Horner Scholarship Fund

Dr. J. Bruce and Nancy L. Jackson Fund (donor advised)

David S. McVicker Scholarship Fund

Grants Awarded

\$3,017,723 in grants were paid to community charitable organizations from funds established at the Foundation.



College Scholarship Applications Due April 1

The last day to submit applications for undergraduate college scholarships is Friday, April 1, 2011. Application and guidelines are available on the Richland County Foundation website at www.rcfoundation.org.

Who can apply? Students who are residents of Richland County and are attending or planning to attend an accredited college or university on a full-time basis, demonstrate a minimum grade point average, and show financial need.

New Fund to Provide College Scholarships



Jep Bloor was an avid sportsman and enjoyed boating near his home in Huron.

The Joseph T. "Jep" Bloor Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in November by Jep's brother, Bill. Working with his professional advisor and Doug Freer, interim president at the Foundation, an endowed college scholarship fund was established to benefit Mansfield Senior High students.

Jep and Bill had a special relationship. When Jep died at the age of 49, Bill wanted to find a way for his brother to be remembered for future generations. "He was a special man who was loved by all who knew him. Jep loved all sports, especially tennis, and grew up playing on several different teams. His interest in sports remained an important part of his life and benefited him in his personal and professional life. I thought that a college scholarship fund to benefit students from his hometown who were involved in varsity sports (with a preference to tennis) would be a way to honor his memory and help other young athletes with their education."

Annual Meeting Announcement

Richland County Foundation 66th Annual Meeting for election of trustees and 2010 reports

Monday, May 2, 2011
11:45 am

Mid-Ohio Conference Ctr.

Please call the Foundation office at 419.525.3020. Cost for the lunch meeting is \$18.

The 2010 Annual Report will be available after May 2 on our website or by requesting a copy by calling the Foundation office at 419.525.3020.

2011 Grant Application Schedule

Discretionary Grants

Applications are due Friday at 5 pm on the following dates:

- May 6
- July 1
- September 2
- November 4

Special Programs

- College Scholarships, April 1
- Individual Assistance, September 2
- The Women's Fund, September 16
- Connections Fund, November 4

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(top to bottom)
 Margie Cassidy of Catholic Charities (center) discusses the Payeeship Program with Melinda Pierce (left) and Margene Thompson (right) of Adult Protective Services.

Sheriff Deputy Chuck Kochis; Gene Barrier, Chairman of the Richland County Project Lifesaver; and Sheriff Deputy Rich Eichinger are shown with tracking device equipment for Project Lifesaver.

Seniors participate in weekly programs at the Mansfield Area Y. A recent grant from the Foundation will support a pilot program to provide additional programs and social opportunities.

Supporting Emerging Community Needs

When donors establish funds without restrictions or make contributions to the Community Endowment Fund, they have entrusted the board with the ability to respond to ever-changing needs of our community.

Community Endowment Supports Recent Grants of \$114,042 for Local Agencies



The Board of Trustees approved the following grants in December (2010) and February (2011) from Unrestricted and Field of Interest Funds.

Catholic Charities received \$15,000 as a start-up grant for a Payeeship Program that helps clients (including the elderly) allocate resources to pay bills and to learn budgeting skills. *Granted from the Alan P. Tappan Fund.*



Lions – District 13-B Philanthropic Fund received \$10,000 to purchase two full sets of tracking device equipment to implement Project Lifesaver. Tracking equipment will be located at Sheriff's out post locations in Shiloh and Butler to conduct county-wide search and rescue efforts to locate individuals with dementia, autism, or cognitive conditions that may cause them to wander. *Granted from the Pauline S. Treisch Fund.*



Mansfield Area Y received \$26,000 for a pilot program that would hire a Coordinator for Senior Citizen Programming to expand senior services in conjunction with the Silver Sneaker's program. *Granted from the Katharine C. Bristor Fund and the Charles R. Underhill Fund.*

MedCentral Health System received \$3,000 for Your Heart in the Balance to purchase scales for clients with critical congestive heart conditions to monitor their weight, as it pertains to fluid retention. *Granted from the Marion Draffan Wisdom Fund.*

Pleasant Hill Outdoor Center received \$10,000 as the final dollars needed for the Kitchen Renovation Project. *Granted from the Pauline S. Treisch Fund.*

Richland Community Development Group – Pilot Project will receive up to \$50,000 to implement Phase II of a pilot project to coordinate a county-wide, collaborative effort for both economic and community development. The grant will provide a \$1 for \$1 match to raise funds to support a structured and sustainable organization. *Granted from the Paul R. Tappan Fund.*

Annual Grants from Designated Funds totaled \$311,408

Grants to 40 nonprofit organizations in Richland County were awarded in February from funds established to support these organizations. Donors can establish a fund that will support one or more of their favorite local charities, while the charities can establish a fund to provide long-term financial support to their organization.

\$100,093 in grants were awarded from Designated Funds established by donors

Alzheimer's Association
 -Northwest Ohio Chapter
 American Red Cross
 Ashland University
 Boy Scouts Heart of Ohio Council
 Center for Individual and Family Services
 Children's Theatre Foundation, Inc.
 The Domestic Violence Shelter, Inc.
 First Congregational Church
 First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Friendly House Association
 Kingwood Center
 Mansfield Area Intergroup
 Mansfield Area Y
 Mansfield Art Center
 Mansfield Cancer Foundation
 Mansfield City Schools
 Mansfield Community Playhouse
 Mansfield Memorial Homes
 Mansfield Richland County
 Public Library
 Mansfield Rotary Club Foundation
 MedCentral Health System
 North Central State College Foundation
 Ohio Bird Sanctuary
 Ohio Genealogical Society
 The Ohio State University-Mansfield
 Ontario Local Schools
 Renaissance Performing Arts
 Richland Academy of the Arts, Inc.
 Richland Carrousel Park, Inc.
 Richland County Children Services



Richland County Children
 Services Auxiliary
 Richland County Historical Society
 Richland County Museum
 Richland Pregnancy Services
 Saint John's United Church of Christ
 The Salvation Army
 Third Street Family Health Services
 Toy Time, Inc.
 United Way of Richland County
 Volunteers of America

\$211,315 in grants were awarded from Agency Endowment Funds established by nonprofit organizations

Children's Theatre Foundation
 First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
 Mansfield, Ohio
 Mansfield Area Y
 Mansfield Art Center
 Mansfield Cancer Foundation
 Mansfield Community Playhouse
 Mansfield Symphony
 North Central State College
 Ohio Bird Sanctuary
 The Ohio State University-Mansfield
 Ontario Public Schools
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 Richland Academy of the Arts, Inc.
 Richland Carrousel Park, Inc.
 Richland County Historical Society
 United Way of Richland County



Dave Eichinger

Recent Grant to Economic Group Promotes Collaboration

Dave Eichinger, of the Richland Community Development Group commented about the success of the project as they move forward into Phase II, . . . "the grant will help us put a day-to-day director in place who can harness all the great separate ideas being created. They will help coordinate the shared needs of many of these movements to create efficiency and maintain momentum in our effort to stimulate economic activity throughout the county."

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Left to right: Stephanie Seveigny, Cynthia Sjostedt, and Krista Schmidt at Connections Winter Gala.

Connections held its annual winter gala and grant awards ceremony in January at Art Works on Main in downtown Mansfield. The committee's 2010 grant focus was on programs that support economic development. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Mansfield-Richland County Public Library – MRCPL Mobile Notebook Lab – \$2,500

Grant dollars will purchase three laptop computers that will be used in response to the great demand for assistance in computer literacy and to identify opportunities online for work-readiness and career development. The Library will take their computer lab "on the road" to assist as many people as possible in the outlying areas of Richland County.

In addition to grants to support economic development, Connections presented a check to United Way for \$1,000 during the "Dash to the Goal" event.



Connections awarded \$4,000 in grants at their annual gala.

Downtown Mansfield, Inc. – Final Friday Concert Series – \$1,500

Grant dollars will support this on-going program by providing additional capital equipment to expand programming and improve the infrastructure of the site. The concert series is part of Downtown Mansfield's effort to revitalize the downtown area. Proceeds of the concert series are given back to the local business owners to improve the exterior facade of their businesses.

Mark Your Calendar! **CONNECTIONS SPRING FLING**

Connections Advisory Committee is hosting a social event for members, friends, colleagues, and prospective members at the Mansfield Art Center on Saturday, April 9,
7 - 9 p.m.

RSVP at the Foundation,
by phone: 419.525.3020
or by email:

kjohnston@rcfoundation.org

The Women's Fund Awards \$9,150 in grants

The Women's Fund advisory committee, chaired by Jo Black, sponsored a luncheon in November to present grant awards to six local nonprofit organizations. Annual grants are awarded through a competitive process to support programs and projects for women and girls in Richland County.

Center for Individual and Family Services
Ladies in Recovery – Program addresses addiction and mental health issues. Emphasis is placed on empowerment, self-esteem, rebuilding personal identity, and identifying relapse triggers in alcohol/drug use and mental health.

Center for Individual and Family Services
The Women's Group – Program provides an opportunity for women suffering from mental illness to try new activities, learn new skills, and meet a variety of people through exposure to various cultural and civic programs.

Emergency Pregnancy Contact (EMPAC)
Helping Mom Succeed III – Program provides young pregnant women with resources about the baby, parenting skills, and for the mother herself so that participants can become more effective parents and family members.

Richland Pregnancy Services (RPS) *Mom*
The Salvation Army Connect 4 Life program teaches relationship skills between mothers and daughters.

to Mom Mentoring – Program helps young women learn parenting and life skills from Mentor Moms who are trained through RPS. Clients can earn “Mommy Money,” which can be spent at RPS to purchase baby items.

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland *Girl Scouts Lunch Bunch: Back to Basics* – Program is targeted toward elementary school girls in Mansfield City Schools to teach basic life skills such as manners, appreciation of differences, and respect for self and others.

The Salvation Army *Connect 4 Life* – Program will help mothers and their tweenage daughters (ages 10-13) learn how to strengthen and build a foundation for a life-long relationship. Teams will attend workshops focused on cooperation, confidence, communication, and conflict resolution. Spending time together and participating in an overnight retreat are important aspects of the program.



Honor the Special Women in your Life on Mother's Day

Celebrating 15 years of making grants to serve the women and girls in Richland County

To help build The Women's Fund endowment and celebrate 15 years, Mother's Day gifts can be made in honor or memory of the special women in your life. A card acknowledging the gift is sent to the honoree(s) in time for Mother's Day. You can make your gift online at www.rcfoundation.org or by sending a check to the Foundation with the names and addresses of the women you would like to honor. Be sure to make your gift by April 30 so that their acknowledgement card will be received by Mother's Day.

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Community Grants from Donor Advised Funds

\$472,546 was recently approved to the following local organizations

American Red Cross
Ashland University (4 grants)
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Catholic Charities
City of Mansfield
Culliver Reading Center (2 grants)
Discovery School
The Domestic Violence Shelter
Friendly House
Galion Area United Way
Galion Community Center-YMCA
Galion Community Hospital Foundation
Galion Kiwanis Club
Humane Society of Richland County
Kingwood Center
Madison Local Schools
Mansfield Art Center
Mansfield Christian School
Mansfield Community Playhouse
MedCentral Health System-Hospice
North Central State College Foundation
The Ohio State University
Plymouth Local Schools
Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian
Center (2 grants)
Renaissance Performing Arts (2 grants)
Richland Academy of the Arts
Richland County Habitat for Humanity

Shelby Helpline Ministries
Soldiers and Sailors Museum
Summit Therapy Charities
Toy Time, Inc.
United Way of Richland County
(2 grants)

Interim President Doug Freer and Program Officer Becky Smith presented grant checks from donor advised funds totaling \$75,000 to United Way for their annual campaign. The gift was made at United Way's "Dash to the Goal" event at Graham Auto Mall on January 14.



Donors who establish donor advised funds have the privilege of suggesting grants to their favorite public charities following guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. Most support Richland County and local needs.