Bath Community Fund to celebrate impact, recognize grant recipients

Bath Community Fund will join supporters and residents in celebrating the philanthropic endowment’s achievements and honoring its most recent grant recipients at the fund’s annual meeting on Thursday, April 19, at 5 p.m. at Hale Farm & Village, 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath.

BCF awarded its second round of grants, totaling $14,135, in November 2017, bringing its cumulative grant-making total to nearly $30,000 since its founding in 2014. At the meeting, representatives from grant recipient organizations will share their plans for using grant funds to benefit the Bath community.

The meeting will include election of the fund’s advisory board members, and an update will be given on BCF’s “For Bath, Forever” endowment campaign, which aspires to raise $2.018 million by the end of 2018.

“These are exciting and challenging times for BCF,” said Jim Bernard, advisory board member. “Exciting, as we continue to move toward the goal of $2.018 million by the end of 2018, Bath’s bicentennial year; challenging, as we have set in motion the process, which will ensure our success and our ability to distribute at least $100,000 annually to so many worthwhile nonprofit organizations in Bath.”

Established in June 2014 by a group of Bath residents, BCF is a permanent charitable fund dedicated to strengthening the Bath community for current and future generations by providing leadership, fostering collaboration and creating a legacy of charitable giving. The fund, an affiliate of Akron Community Foundation, is committed to reinforcing and preserving Bath’s historical and environmental legacy, supporting local nonprofits, responding to community needs and helping the community’s less fortunate.

Donors, supporters and members of the public are invited to the annual meeting. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by April 5 to Jody Miller Konstand at 330-618-4477 or jmkmedia@msn.com, or register online at akroncf.org/BCF2018.