Familiar faces lead Bath campaign

As summer winds down, work on Bath Community Fund’s “For Bath, Forever” endowment campaign is in full swing. Members of the fund’s advisory board and its six campaign co-chairs have begun a concerted outreach effort to secure major gifts to the campaign.

All of the co-chairs — Amy & Brad Bowers, Dr. Tom & Mary Ann Jackson, and Thom & Lisa Mandel — have deep roots in the Bath community. Each couple is currently meeting with local residents and business owners to ask for their support in this township-wide initiative.

“Bath is a place of abundant resources, but it also has unique needs and challenges,” said co-chair Amy Bowers. “This is an opportunity for people who care about the future of Bath to leave a lasting legacy in our community.”

The goal of the “For Bath, Forever” campaign is to raise $2.018 million by Bath’s bicentennial in 2018. An endowment of that size would allow the fund to grant at least $100,000 back into the Bath community every single year.

Such grants could provide more community arts, cultural and youth programs in Bath; conserve wetlands throughout the township; help to fund an expansion of the Bath Veterans’ Memorial; and so much more — all in support of the more than 60 nonprofits in Bath.

“As someone who has lived and raised a family in this community, I believe BCF has the potential to make our township even better, stronger and more unique than it already is,” said co-chair Mary Ann Jackson. “I invite everyone who loves Bath to join Tom and me in preserving the beauty and history of our community for generations to come.”

All gifts to the “For Bath, Forever” campaign are fully tax-deductible, and contributors will be honored on a public giving pyramid. Learn more about the campaign and see a list of donors at www.akroncf.org/BCF.

Get involved
We’re looking for volunteers to host informational gatherings in their homes so their friends and neighbors can hear about Bath Community Fund. To learn more, contact Jody Konstand at 330-618-4477 or jmkmedia@msn.com.

Apply for a grant
If your nonprofit has a project or program that enriches the quality of life in the Bath community, we invite you to apply for a grant! Applications open Sept. 1 and are due by Oct. 1. A link to the application can be found at www.akroncf.org/ApplyBCF. Approximately $14,000 will be available for grantmaking, and decisions will be announced in November. Questions about the application process should be directed to John Garofalo, ACF’s vice president of community investment, at 330-436-5624 or jgarofalo@akroncf.org.