Bath Community Fund Invites Residents to Annual Meeting/Recognize Grant Recipients

By Kristen Ashby

Bath Community Fund leaders are gearing up for the fund’s annual meeting, where they will join supporters and local residents in celebrating the achievements of the philanthropic endowment and showcase its most recent grant recipients. The meeting will take place Thursday, May 2, at 5pm. at Hale Farm & Village, located at 2686 Oak Hill Road in Bath.

The fund awarded its third round of grants totaling $19,800 in December 2018, bringing its cumulative grant making total to nearly $50,000 since it was founded in 2014. Guests at the annual meeting will have the opportunity to meet representatives from the grant recipient organizations and learn their plans for using the grants to benefit people throughout the Bath community.

The meeting will also include the election of the fund’s slate of advisory board officers and provide an update on its “For Bath, Forever” endowment campaign, which aspires to raise $2,018 million in celebration of Bath Township’s bicentennial year in 2018.

“We’re excited to celebrate the fund’s accomplishments over the last year and hear how our grants are making a tangible difference in the lives of local residents,” said Kathy Sidaway, BCF secretary and incoming advisory board chair. “Our goal is to grow the endowment to more than $2 million so we can grant at least $100,000 back into our community every year forever.”

“We’re grateful for Bath Community Fund’s continued support in helping not only Victory Gallop, but all the nonprofits in the Bath community,” said Kim Gustely, co-director of Victory Gallop and one of 10 grant recipients that will be highlighted at the fund’s annual meeting. “So many lives have been changed for the better because of the generosity of the community and the great dedication and vision of Bath Community Fund.”

Donors, supporters and members of the general public are invited to attend the annual meeting. Refreshments will be served. To reserve your seat, RSVP by April 18 to Gayle Wilson at 330-436-5614 or gwilson@akroncf.org. You can also register online at www.akroncf.org/BCF2019.

Yoga for Research

By Kim S. Sowinski

The second annual Yoga for Research event will be held Saturday, April 27 from 10am until noon at Michael Angelo’s Winery in Richfield. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Research Institute for Children’s Health at CWRU School of Medicine, seeking faster treatments and cures for genetic diseases. This all-levels, mellow morning flow will feature live cello music by Andrew Salo, a Brecksville resident, followed by a brunch buffet and optional private wine tour with tastings. Bring your mat! Reserve your spot for $30 (Private wine tour $50) at 2019YogaforResearch.eventbrite.com.

Mitch Drumm, PhD, is the Director of the Research Institute for Children’s Health. Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. The Research Institute was conceived to provide a structured program to develop therapies for any of the more than 7,000 genetic disorders affecting 1 in 30 children. Since launching in the spring of 2015, they have expanded its active research programs from Cystic Fibrosis and Down syndrome to more than 20 disorders in the areas of pulmonology, metabolism, and intellectual disabilities, and have also expanded the purview of the Institute to include neurological disorders.

When Mitch helped discover the Cystic Fibrosis gene in the late 1980s, he started putting in place that technology to find treatments and cures for genetic diseases with processes that takes weeks instead of years.

A long-time Brecksville resident with his wife, Mary and three grown daughters, Mitch’s original hometown is New Philadelphia, Ohio, where he graduated from high school. Kim graduated from Dover High School, the rival town next door. Mitch knew Kim and her family, in particular from being on radio (WJER where Kim started her broadcasting career). From this connection, and a later one when he coached her daughters in CYO Track, he solicited Kim’s help in “getting the word out” about the Research Institute. If you have any questions regarding this event at Michael Angelo’s Winery, please contact Kim at 216-952-6508 or 2019YogaforResearch.eventbrite.com.

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