Bath Community Fund invites residents to annual meeting on May 2

The 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 5 p.m. at Hale Farm & Village, 2686 Oak Hill Rd., 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 grant recipient organizations and learn their plans for using the grants to benefit people in the Bath community.

The meeting will 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.”

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. Recent grants have supported the construction of an additional restroom at Bath Community Park, provided food for Revere students in need and funded a therapeutic horseback riding program for children with special needs, among other projects.

“We’re grateful for Bath Community Fund’s continued support in helping not only Victory Gallop, but all the non-profits 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.

“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 public are invited to attend the annual meeting. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by April 18 to Gayle Wilson at 330-436-5614 or gwilson@akroncf.org, or register online at akroncf.org/BCF2019.

Bath Township Museum will open April 8 at 2 p.m. for this year’s exhibit, “Honoring Bath Township Veterans.”

The exhibit starts with the Civil War, featuring Captain Sumner Nash, son of Hopkin and Lovisa Nash, who enlisted in the 115th Ohio Volunteer Infantry on Aug. 6, 1862, and Civil War widow Charlotte Miller Lee, whose husband Benjamin R. Lee was killed in battle in Georgia.

The World War I portion of the exhibit will feature Army serviceman James Arlo Miller. The World War II section will feature Marine aviation technician Sgt. James Hawley, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor on the day it was bombed.

The Korean War era will feature an Army service woman, along with Airman Robert Elrod Sr., a 1960s Air Force veteran who served during the Bay of Pigs invasion. The Vietnam War portion will show a helicopter pilot and a U.S. Coast Guard cutterman.

Others featured in the exhibit include a Red Cross volunteer from WWII, a suffragette and a Revere High School student in 1960s prom formal, along with memories of Bath School.

Display cabinets will have items from the War of 1812, the Civil War, WWII, Korea and Vietnam, and from veterans buried in Bath Township cemeteries.

The museum is located at 1241 N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd. Hours are Monday, 2-4 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; and the last Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-noon.

Email us photos of your family or friends at a Bath event.

They may be printed in the Bath Country Journal or shared on Facebook!

Email to news@scriptype.com and please include names.