Bath Community Fund celebrates nearly $75,000 in grants

‘Tis the season for giving! This month, Bath Community Fund is celebrating nearly $75,000 in gifts back into the community since it was established five years ago. In December, the fund awarded its fourth round of grants totaling $26,250 to 12 deserving nonprofit organizations whose work will positively impact lives in Bath.

Created in 2014 by a group of committed Bath residents, Bath Community Fund is a permanent endowment that supports programs that preserve Bath’s historical and environmental legacy, enhance the local arts and culture landscape, serve youth through education and recreation, and meet residents’ social service needs. Gifts to Bath Community Fund support the fund’s grantmaking. All gifts are fully tax deductible and are invested and grown over time, meaning a gift made today will continue to multiply for generations to come. Learn more and donate at BathCommunityFund.org.

Congratulations to our 2019 grant recipients

Apollo’s Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra
$1,200
To provide free and discounted concert tickets for students and senior citizens in Bath Township

Bath Park Board
$3,500
To support the construction of an additional restroom at Bath Community Park

Bath Township
$1,000
For landscaping at the Heritage Corridors of Bath Wayside Exhibit

Bath Volunteers for Service
$1,000
For digital marketing and community outreach for the 2020 Home Tour

Crown Point Ecology Center
$3,500
To build an outdoor classroom for environmental workshops and youth education programs

Stewart’s Caring Place
$2,000
To provide support services for Bath residents on a cancer journey

Western Reserve Playhouse
$2,000
To build a new basement entryway for the acting classroom

Western Reserve Historical Society
$4,500
To create an orientation space in the new welcome center at Hale Farm & Village

The University of Akron Field Station
$3,850
To create a bird guide for students and other visitors of the Bath Nature Preserve

Embracing Futures
$900
To support an oral health education program at Bath Elementary School

Revere High School PTSA
$1,000
To provide stress-management tools for students and staff

Victory Gallop
$1,800
To support horse shows for children with special needs and life-threatening illnesses

The University of Akron Field Station
$3,850
To create a bird guide for students and other visitors of the Bath Nature Preserve
This holiday season give a gift that will last forever

As the holidays approach, consider the benefits of giving your loved ones a gift that can’t be broken, stored away, or quickly consumed. Instead, why not celebrate the joy of the season with a gift in their name to Bath Community Fund?

A gift to Bath Community Fund is the perfect way to honor a friend, family member, or colleague while making a lasting difference in the community you live in and love.

Recipients will receive a card letting them know of your gift, and you will become part of a community-wide legacy that will live on long after all of us are gone.

In addition, the end of the year is an ideal time to give to charity, particularly when making a gift of appreciated stock, because you can avoid paying capital gains while earning a deduction for the full fair market value of the stock.

Residents who are 70 ½ or older can also take advantage of a charitable IRA rollover, which allows you to transfer up to $100,000 from your IRA to charity tax-free. This is an excellent way to satisfy your required minimum distribution and avoid paying taxes while supporting your community forever.

Learn more about all the easy ways you can give at www.akroncf.org/BCFwaystogive. Gifts can be made online with a credit card until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 31 at www.akroncf.org/give/BCF. Stock transfers should be initiated by Dec. 10 to ensure year-end processing.

For more information, contact Renee Scherick, major gifts officer at Akron Community Foundation, at 330-436-5612 or rscherick@akroncf.org.

Grow our impact with the power of endowment

In our fourth year of awarding grants, Bath Community Fund received 15 funding requests totaling nearly $46,000 from deserving nonprofits — almost twice the amount we had available to grant. By helping us grow the endowment, you can ensure that so many more of those pressing needs will be met for current and future generations of Bath residents. Learn more at www.BathCommunityFund.org.

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For Bath Forever

Leave Bath Township...

stronger, kinder, greener, healthier, more vibrant

With a single pen stroke, you can leave your mark on the community more significantly than you ever imagined. Learn how you can create a lasting legacy by including Bath Community Fund in your estate plans at www.akroncf.org/BCFestate.

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