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FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 60 YEARS



Members of the Springfield Youth Symphony provided entertainment for the reception.



Ronn Richard, President and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, gave an inspiring keynote address to reception guests.

The Foundation's annual reception was held on October 22, 2008 at the Springfield Museum of Art with over 150 guests in attendance. The focus of the program and reception that followed was a highlight of the Foundation's past 60 years of community partnership. The evening's program included several recognitions and special presentations. Two former Foundation Trustees, Jean Acton and Fred Cole, received the Homer C. Corry Award for their outstanding service to the Foundation as a Trustee. Mary Sharon Miller was the recipient of an Outstanding Volunteer Award recognizing her exemplary dedication as a volunteer reader for the Foundation's Scholarship Committee (Page 2 highlights these recognitions in more detail).

The newest members of the Foundation's Legacy Society were inducted at the annual reception as well. This year's inductees are: Gail Brunson, John and Karen Detrick, Dick and Marie Flickinger, Larry and Sherry Kaffenbarger, Cheryl Lightle and Wade Skaja, Jim and Nancy McGregor, Bishop Cecil and Roseann Pratt, and Polly Ricketts.

The program concluded with two special presentations. Foundation donor, Cheryl Lightle, gave an inspiring speech explaining why she and her husband

Wade Skaja have chosen to give to the community through the Foundation. She explained some of the opportunities that exist to make a difference and emphasized the importance of supporting the causes you care about now and in the future. Cheryl's motivating story was followed by a keynote address from Ronn Richard, President and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation. Established in 1914, the Cleveland Foundation was the world's first community foundation and served as the model from which all such foundations, including the Springfield Foundation, were created. Ronn's address reflected on the historic role community foundations have played in their communities and the roles they will play into the future. He talked about the leadership position the Cleveland Foundation has taken as an agent of change in Cleveland, throughout northern Ohio, and beyond. His comments were thought-provoking and inspiring.

We would like to thank those who attended the event and our entire community for your continued partnership and support. Your commitment to our organization and our community has sustained us over the past 60 years and is what drives us forward . . . For good. For ever.

2008 SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION LEGACY SOCIETY INDUCTEES



New Legacy Society Members pictured left to right are: Gail Brunson, Karen and John Detrick, Marie and Dick Flickinger, Sherry and Larry Kaffenbarger, Cheryl Lightle and Wade Skaja, Jim and Nancy (not photographed) McGregor, Roseann and Bishop Cecil Pratt, and Polly Ricketts.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As you have read, we are proudly celebrating our 60th birthday. This, like many special occasions, has caused a time of reflection. This year has been a turbulent one financially, with the stock market bouncing up and down dramatically from day to day. But as one reflects over the Foundation's history, it is important to remember that this organization has been through tough times before and we will make it through the current one we are experiencing. The most important thing to remember is to be patient. The Foundation's assets are invested in a well-diversified manner, and should be able to handle the test of time.

As the nation heads into a new era of change, it makes one excited about what the next 60 years at the Springfield Foundation will hold. Thank you so much for your support and for our future partnerships!

FORMER TRUSTEES HONORED

Former Trustees Fred Cole and Jean Acton were inducted into the Foundation's Homer C. Corry Society on October 22, 2008. The Homer C. Corry Society, named in honor of the Foundation's first President, was established to recognize the outstanding commitment and leadership of former Foundation trustees.

The award was given posthumously to Fred Cole. Fred was one of the Springfield Foundation's founding 15 members serving as a Trustee from 1948-1975. He served as the first Secretary; an office he held for 13 years, and as President from 1962 through 1968. His final position as an Officer of the Board was as Chair of the Board Governance Committee from 1968 – 1971. Barry Reich, the Cole family's close friend, accepted the award on their behalf. Jean Acton was appointed to the Board of Trustees in June of 1988. During her time as a Trustee, she served in a variety of capacities including Chair of the Nominating and Distribution Committees. She also served as the organization's Vice President from 1995 through 1996 and as its President from 1997 through 1998. Jean is also a member of the Foundation's Legacy Society.



Jean Acton receives her recognition from Board President, David Sanders, at the Foundation's Annual Reception.

Fred and Jean have demonstrated exemplary volunteer service as a Foundation Trustee and have exhibited extraordinary commitment to the Clark County community. We are grateful for their contributions of time, talent and other resources that have made a significant impact on lives of those throughout Clark County.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECOGNIZED



Mary Miller receives Volunteer Award from the Springfield Foundation's Program Officer, Joan Elder (Center) and Board President, David Sanders.

Mary Miller was recognized for her service to the Springfield Foundation. Mary has been a Scholarship Reader at the Foundation since 1995. After she retired from teaching French at South High School, where she was also Department Chair, she was recruited to service at the Springfield Foundation by her good friend, and fellow scholarship committee member, Sara Winwood. Every year, Mary reads each scholarship application received at the Foundation. In 2008, more than 300 were received! Mary's dedication and that of countless others are the Foundation from which the organization has grown. We simply could not accomplish all that we do were it not for people like Mary Miller.

ELDERLY UNITED ESTABLISHES ENDOWMENT

Elderly United recently established an endowment with the Springfield Foundation. This endowment was created by the Board of Trustees of Elderly United in 1999 and was established to honor Matthew Brown, who was President of the Board of Trustees for 19 years, beginning in 1969. Mr. Brown's vision was to maximize available resources in the Clark County community to help older adults in need of critical services.

Over the years, Elderly United has continued to build this endowment through the generosity of additional gifts from its

supporters. This unrestricted endowment currently provides annual income to help offset the costs of fulfilling its mission of enhancing the lives of older adults by offering quality services that promote general well-being, independent living, and socialization.

The Springfield Foundation recently provided a grant to support one of Elderly United's many programs. The grant was used for the purchase of a large-screen reader (pictured here) to be used by people who have vision loss. This

equipment is to support the Vision for Independence program.



DONOR ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO GIVE BACK

Cheryl Lightle speaks fondly of her Mother and Grandmother, both long time Springfield area residents. They were the ones who taught her how to stretch a dollar. And through their examples, they also showed her the value of giving to others.

Cheryl, who describes herself as a "working girl all my life", retired in 2004 as the President of Creative Memories, a world leader in the direct selling scrapbook industry, a subsidiary of The Antioch Company out of Yellow Springs, Ohio. In 2003 when Antioch became a 100 percent employee-owned company, it generated an unanticipated financial windfall for Cheryl.

The extra income, the tax benefits and their personal beliefs made it the right time for Cheryl and her husband Wade to establish two donor-advised funds through the Springfield Foundation. One fund focuses on the welfare of animals and the other is to assist people in crisis. While each fund supports a different community need each provides them the flexibility to direct grant distributions to the charities of their choice. To date, the Funds Cheryl and Wade established have awarded nearly 40 grants providing in excess of \$100,000 of support in their specific areas of interest.

"We are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances," Cheryl explained. "You don't have to be a Rockefeller to make a difference in people's lives. Find something that you feel passionate about - and you can give your time, your talent and/or your treasure." We could not agree more!



Cheryl Lightle shares her story with guests at the Foundation's Annual Reception.

Year End Giving



As the year comes to a close it's time to reflect on the past and plan for the future. Perhaps this is the year you can truly make a difference in the lives of others through a charitable gift. Not only will you feel good about your philanthropic actions, you may be rewarded with tax benefits too.

Here are a few ways you can contribute:

Cash- Charitable gifts are most often made in the form of cash and checks.

Securities- Making gifts of stocks, bonds, and/or mutual funds in the right way can bring extra tax savings by avoiding capital gains.

Gifts of Life Insurance- You can contribute a life insurance policy to us by naming us either the policy owner or the beneficiary.

Other Assets- You may own real estate or other properties that could be an option for charitable giving.

We will be pleased to provide more information to you and/or your advisors as you complete your plans this year-end.

Call Horton Hobbs today at (937) 324-8773.

WELCOME to the family! NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS AT THE FOUNDATION

The **Norman and Mildred Carey Family Endowment Fund** was established by the Carey Family to support charitable organizations as advised by the Family now and for future generations.

The **Clark County Community Fund for Animals** was established through a gift from the estate of Isabelle F. Preston. This fund will provide support to local organizations that preserve the well-being, humane treatment and protection of animals.

The **Covenant Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund** was established by the Board of Covenant Presbyterian Church to support the church and its membership.

The **Elderly United Endowment Fund** – (see left)

The **First United Church of Christ Endowment Fund** was established by the Board of First United Church of Christ to support the church and its membership.

The **Glen Helen Association Endowment Fund** was established to support the organization's programs and operations focusing on the preservation and programs of the 1,000 acre Glen Helen Nature Preserve in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

The **Fred and Maxine Leventhal Endowment Fund** was established by former Foundation Trustee Fred Leventhal and his wife Maxine to support their many charitable interests. Eventually, this fund will support five local charities and one national organization.

The **Isabelle F. Preston Unrestricted Fund** was established through a gift from her estate and will provide the Foundation with the opportunity to respond support the changing needs of our community.

The **Ed Pickering Memorial Fund** was established by Evalind Pickering to memorialize her late husband and to honor his dedication to a local organization fighting homelessness.

The **Rex H. Rowand Endowment Fund** was established to support the charitable causes close to Mr. Rowand as determined on an annual basis.

The **Tecumseh Land Trust Endowment Fund** was created to support the organization's programs and operations specific to the preservation of agricultural land, open space, and historic structures, and for the education of the public about methods of private land conservation.

To establish a fund or make a contribution to an existing one, please call the Foundation at (937) 324-8773.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

In June, the Springfield Foundation Board of Trustees approved 193 scholarship awards to area high school and college students for the 2008-2009 academic year.

A total of \$278,638 from over 40 scholarship funds was awarded. These funds will help area students advance their educational goals.

For a complete list of scholarship recipients visit our website.

GRANTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Springfield Foundation has been busy with its competitive grant process. The staff and trustees feel that it is a privilege to be involved in helping the community in this way.

114 requests were received from local agencies, totaling over \$2 million. This year the Foundation will approve discretionary grants totaling nearly \$468,000. These grants will be used to support programs throughout 2009. Grants will be awarded in December and a complete list will be available on our website in early 2009.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Scholarship Applications: March 16, 2009
Grant Applications: August 2009

Scholarship applications will be available on our website January 1, 2009.

ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE

Download our 2007 Annual Report at our website!



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