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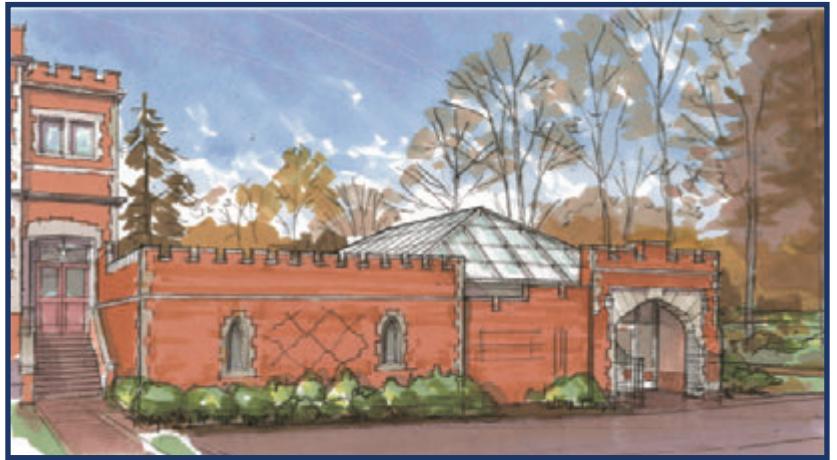
community foundation

WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER



THE JEFFREY MANSION PROJECT

The Bexley Community Foundation announced in October, 2017 that it will conduct our first ever Capital Campaign to raise \$1 million to support the City's Jeffrey Mansion Project. The campaign will support the projected costs to upgrade the programming and event space at the Mansion by enclosing the atrium with a glass ceiling, adding more event space to meet the increased demand for more programs tailored to the needs of Bexley residents. The new space will be ADA accessible, include a catering kitchen, and provide space for the Jeffrey Mansion preschool and summer camps.



YOUTH AND RECREATION FUND

BEXLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Meet Me at the Mansion

Save the date - March 9, 2018

1908 Society

Bexley Community Foundation



The Bexley Community Foundation Board, after an in depth strategic planning process last December, identified 8 priorities for the Foundation; community engagement was one of them. To increase awareness of our Foundation and its beneficial work in Bexley and to allow all residents to become supporters of our Foundation, we created our 1908 Society. The Foundation's new giving level honors the City's historic roots. By giving a minimum gift of \$19.08, residents have the opportunity to become donors and stakeholders in the Foundation. Our 1908 Society had tables at a few of The Main Event summer programs and participated in the July 4th parade. Our big launch was celebrating Bexley Day at the Farmers' Market on August 10th, Bexley's 109th Birthday. Bexley celebrities, including Mayor Kessler, served cake and ice cream and we had fun celebrating Bexley's birthday. The Community Engagement committee is now in the process of evaluating our first steps, determining what's next, but always with a goal of becoming more effective in growing our Foundation. For additional information or to join our 1908 Society, please visit www.bexleycommunityfoundation.org.

TO OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS

As we wrap up our activities in 2017, we are pleased to report that since our inception in 2010, we have awarded just under \$1,000,000 in grants to Bexley community organizations that provide both events and programs to all those that live, learn, work and play in Bexley. Without you, none of this would be possible. Thank you for supporting the work of our Foundation.

If you have already made your 2017 gift, THANK YOU. If you have not yet done so, we ask you to consider a year-end tax deductible donation to the Bexley Community Foundation. Gifts can be made by credit card through our website or by check using the enclosed envelope. The greater the "we", the more WE can do.

Happy Holidays,



Paul Lacroix
Board Chair



Hallie Raskin
Executive Director



FUND UPDATE

NEW!

BEXLEY FARMERS' MARKET FUND

The Bexley Farmers' Market Fund was established in 2017 to support the Bexley Farmers' Market, a weekly market that runs from May through October in Bexley.



BEXLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY AUTHOR SERIES FUND

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, #1 New York Times bestselling and Pulitzer Prize winning author Elizabeth Strout will visit Bexley as the featured guest for Bexley Public Library's Bexley Community Author Series. After a sold-out event in 2017 with Colson Whitehead, Bexley Public Library looks forward to once again welcoming readers from all over Central Ohio and beyond to be inspired by this award-winning and celebrated author.

2018 GRANT DEADLINES

We will hold two cycles for grants in 2018.

For giving guidelines and priorities, please visit our website at bexleycommunityfoundation.org.

LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE

January 26, 2018

June 22, 2018

GRANT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

March 16, 2018

August 10, 2018

BUILDING MOMENTUM



The Bexley Community Foundation celebrated its seventh annual gathering and seven years of grant making with over 200 donors, volunteers, grantees and friends on Wednesday, September 27 at The Wells Barn at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The evening focused on community projects and programs funded by the Foundation, a presentation on the new 1908 Society and an announcement of the Jeffrey Mansion Project. Councilman Steve Keyes concluded the program with an original song.

CORNERSTONE AWARD

The Foundation annually awards its Cornerstone Award for Philanthropy and Service to honor current or former Bexley residents who inspire and challenge us by their examples of exceptional service and giving to Bexley and the greater community.

This year's recipients are Susie and Charlie Rath. Susie, a 1958 Bexley High School graduate, and Charlie met in 1963 at Wentz's Pharmacy, now Graeter's on the corner of Drexel and Main Streets. Susie worked the soda fountain and Charlie – a sales representative for The Upjohn Company, a Kalamazoo based pharmaceutical manufacturer – called on Roy Wentz, Jr. to assure that his store's inventory of Medicinals was adequately stocked. Susie and Charlie were married in 1964 and after the arrival of their three children – Anne, Kate and Charlie (all BHS graduates) – the family moved to their home on Brentwood in 1970. "Raising our family in Bexley has been a wonderful experience," says Susie. "And still today – we love the experience."

Susie and Charlie have always been involved in our Bexley community. At the Foundation, they have opened the Susie and Charlie Rath Creative Arts Fund in memory of Leland S. McClelland and Susie has served on the Bexley Beautification Fund Board of Trustees. Charlie has written, directed and helped produce videos each year for the Foundation as well.



\$23,000 was awarded from three different funds to install a new playground at Cassingham Elementary.

\$5,000 from the Susie and Charlie Rath Creative Arts Fund was awarded to BexArts, for its inaugural season.

\$3,000 from Bexley Community Foundation Fund to the Bexley Public Library for a three-part community program titled "Safe Conversations about Race".

\$2,755 from the Youth and Recreation Fund to purchase 30 helmets, goals and balls for Bexley Boy's Youth Lacrosse to expand the program to 1st and 2nd grade boys in our community.

\$10,000 from our Wellness Fund and General Fund to Capital University for an Active Aging Symposium.

\$5,000 to the Bexley Celebrations Association to support the 4th of July celebration.

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FORTH OF JULY IN BEXLEY

