



Foundation Welcomes New Director

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Elizabeth Maiden joined the staff of the Erie County Community Foundation as Executive Director on April 25. A native of Lorain County, Beth previously worked for the Nordson Corporation Foundation and the Community Foundation of Lorain County before serving as President/CEO of Leadership Lorain County. "We are excited to bring someone with Beth's expansive philanthropic and nonprofit experience to Erie County," said Mary Jane Hill, Chairman of the Erie County Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Beth is a graduate of Heidelberg and Case Western Reserve Universities. Her first nonprofit job was with the American Red Cross where she taught CPR and First Aid to community members and was responsible for Health Education pro-

grams in the local schools. "Every time I review a grant, I remember how excited we were to get funding for a new program or service," she said. "Working in philanthropy, especially in the community foundation world, I appreciate the ability to both work with donors to fulfill their charitable dreams and to research and fund worthwhile programs."

The success of the Erie County Community

Foundation and the impact that it has had on the community lead Beth to seek the position. "In twenty years, this Foundation has accomplished so much, and it is poised to take on larger projects because of the generosity of its donors. The potential is endless," she said. "The opportunity to work collaboratively with the local private foundations was also a unique opportunity."

Beth currently serves on the Board of Directors for Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio where she chairs the External Affairs Committee. She and her husband, Warren, currently reside in Amherst, but they look forward to a move to Erie County in the near future. Beth may be reached via email to bethm@eriefoundation.org or by calling the Foundation at 419-621-9690.



Round 1 Community Grants

Awarded

The Round 1 grants resulted in \$113,250 being awarded to 25 local, non-profit organizations.

The Erie County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the completion of its Round 1, 2016 community grants cycle. Funding for these grants was made possible as the result of another major grant to the Community Foundation from the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation as well as through the generous support of many donors in the community.

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Organizations receiving funding include:

- BGSU Foundation for Caryl Crane Theatre, production support for "James and the Giant Peach"
- BGSU Foundation for James H. McBride Arboretum, informational kiosk
- Cancer Services of Erie County, transportation for cancer patients

- Care and Share, Inc. of Erie County, food pantry
- St. Mary's Catholic Church, kitchen equipment at Holy Angels Church for Catholic Community Supper
- Edison Birthplace Museum, roofing project
- EHOVE Adult Career Center, financial assistance for adult learners
- Sandusky Central Catholic Schools, Panther Performance Center
- Erie Metropolitan Housing Authority, "Take Part—Stay Smart" program at Erie County Senior Center
- Erie Metro Live Steamers, passenger loading platform
- Firelands Habitat for Humanity, van for construction crew
- Friends of Erie MetroParks, steps and handrail at Hoffman Forest MetroPark
- Friends of The Sandusky Greenhouse, sunstopper shade structure
- Goodwill Industries, automatic scrubber
- The Huron Playhouse, scenic studio equipment and supplies
- Kelleys Island Historical Association, church window
- Kidney Foundation of Ohio, patient assistance program
- Nehemiah Partners, young agronomists' community garden
- North Point Educational Service Center, classroom technology
- Sandusky Library, "One Book, One Community" program
- Sandusky State Theatre, platform for wheelchair access
- Serving our Seniors, transportation dispatch center
- St. Mary School, Missoula Children's Theatre production
- Stein Hospice, Special Needs Program
- Trinity United Methodist Church, Empowered Families Program
- The Volunteer Center, website creation

These grants will benefit the residents of Erie County thanks in large part to the outstanding efforts of our local non-profit organizations. These organizations provide a broad variety of services to address the changing needs of our communities.

Saying Farewell

Jeanette Henry



Eugene Koby



George Mylander



The Erie County Community Foundation mourns the loss of three great friends and community leaders.

Jeanette Russell Henry, CEO, historian, and volunteer, graduated as valedictorian of Milan High School in 1942. Also a graduate of Oberlin School of Commerce, she went on to found the Homestead Inn, becoming President of Homestead Inn Motels as well as South Avery Corporation Farms.

Jeanette was very active in the Milan community. A lifelong admirer of Thomas Edison, she was a trustee of the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum. Jeanette also served as trustee for the Milan Historical Museum, McBride Arboretum, and the Erie County Community Foundation.

Her generous legacy lives on through the Joseph P. and Jeanette R. Henry Donor Advised Fund at the Foundation.

Eugene "Gene" Koby, veteran, volunteer, and accountant, was born in Tiffin. Gene proudly served in the US Army from 1961 to 1963. He founded Koby and Co. CPA's and was employed there until retiring in 2015. Active in the sailing community, Gene served as past commodore of the Sandusky Sailing and Yacht Clubs.

Gene was the founding Treasurer of the Erie County Community Foundation and proudly served in that role until the time of his death. His generous legacy lives on through the Eugene A. and Marilyn K. Koby Fund at the foundation.

George Mylander, educator, veteran, and philanthropist, was born in Sandusky and devoted his life to the City. Following his service in the US Army, George graduated from Bowling Green and began his career as a teacher and administrator in Sandusky City Schools.

George served four terms on the Sandusky City Commission, and as trustee of Sandusky Memorial Hospital, an institution his father helped found, leading the Board of Directors through many mergers. George was also a trustee of this Foundation. His legacy lives on through the Mylander Foundation and his many philanthropic efforts that will be part of the City of Sandusky in perpetuity.

"Well done, good and faithful servant," a verse quoted at Mylander's funeral, seems a fitting tribute for these three generous leaders.



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Scholarship Season in Full Swing

It is the time of year when high school seniors are graduating and continuing their education beyond high school. The Erie County Community Foundation believes there are few, if any, gifts as valuable to a student as the gift of an education. We are proud to administer 32 local scholarship funds to assist Erie County's best and brightest continue their education beyond high school.

The Community Foundation's Scholarship Committees will review hundreds of applications for the \$76,508 in available scholarship dollars this year. In 2016, the Community Foundation awarded \$84,870 to Erie County students. Look for our scholars on Buckeye CableSystem!

If you would like to help local students continue their education, please contact Randy Wagner at 419-621-9690 or randyw@eriefoundation.org.

