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Esther Manuel's Passion for Arts Education Lives On

Esther Manuel, a retired educator and life-long supporter of the arts in Springfield left her legacy through the Esther I. Manuel Youth Arts Ambassador Fund after she passed away at the age of 92. She was a fixture at the Springfield Arts Council's Summer Arts Festival each year, placing her chair to the left of the production building near the sidewalk, even after her mobility became an issue. She was involved from the beginning, helping select the first Executive Director of the Springfield Arts Council, Chris Moore, who stayed with the organization for 39 years. She worked the Summer Arts Festival for many years, donated and attended many events. **She was passionate about bringing arts and culture to the community, making sure everyone had access to it.** She knew the arts could expand our vision of the world.

Associate Creative Director of the Springfield Arts Council, Krissy Brown, writes: "While the Youth Arts Ambassadors (YAA) is cost-free to be a member, there are some activities that do have a cost tied to them such as attending the Junior Theater Festival and participating in some performances. We are thrilled to be able to use **this endowment from Esther to act as a scholarship for students that otherwise wouldn't be able to participate in these activities.** These opportunities have been life changing experiences for some of our YAA members and this financial assistance will be incredibly helpful to continue making this program accessible to everyone. YAA has been a safe haven that helps instill confidence, self-worth, leadership skills,

and so many other vital, life skills into the middle and high school students of Clark County, and I'm honored Esther is continuing her support.

I have so many fond memories of Esther attending our Youth Arts Ambassador shows in their very early stages and her being in the front row to watch them perform when we took the students to Oakwood Village. She always told me how proud she was that this program existed in Springfield and how much she loved watching it grow! Esther was a bright light in the audience and a true supporter of this program since it's start in 2015."

Her son, Matt Manuel, says,

“She would be so pleased with this legacy and will definitely be there in spirit. We need to keep giving to arts and culture. It's so important for people to have exposure to the arts, to be able to recall an experience to encourage them to become artists or patrons in the future.”

Esther supported many charities during her life financially and through her volunteerism, including Northridge United Methodist Church, Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Ohio Retired Teachers Association, Civic Opera, and she was a reviewer for the Springfield Foundation's scholarships. She saw the importance of the arts, education, and cultural experiences. **Through this gift, she is still bringing people together to experience the arts in our community!**



2022-2023 Scholarship Stats

THE SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION WAS PROUD TO AWARD **420 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS** FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



THANKS TO YOU MORE THAN **\$599,000** WAS AWARDED TO LOCAL STUDENTS FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES

For those looking to apply, the 2023-2024 Springfield Foundation scholarship application will be available online at www.springfieldfoundation.org from December 16, 2022 through February 17, 2023.

Fall New Funds

The James and Patricia Bean Fund

This deferred fund will support the missionary work of the Hillard Church of Christ.

The Carleton F. and Ruth T. Davidson Trust

The fund shall be used for unrestricted support of the charitable or educational purposes of The Carleton F. and Ruth T. Davidson Trust and its affiliated agencies.

The Karen S. Rose Fund

This deferred fund will support Cornerstone Baptist Temple, Dayton Children's Hospital, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Clinton County Humane Society, Helping Animals Lost and Orphaned (HALO), Freedom Service Dogs of American, and K9s for Warriors.

Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association Guest Artist Fund

The Fund shall be used for unrestricted support of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Association and its affiliated agencies.

Nancy E. Thibeault and Rodney S. Jones Scholarship

This deferred scholarship will support a graduating senior from Greenon High School, pursuing further education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, or education.

Ted and Jodi Vander Roest Donor Advised Fund

This fund was established in honor of Ted Vander Roest's retirement from the Springfield Foundation to support non-profit organizations of his and Jodi's choosing.



The Esther I. Manuel Youth Arts Ambassador Fund

This fund supports the Youth Arts Ambassador program (arts education) of the Springfield Arts Council.

To set up a fund at the Springfield Foundation, contact Sarah McPherson at **937-324-8773** or sarah@springfieldfoundation.org.



Susan Carey Named Executive Director

Susan (Suzie) Carey was selected as the next Executive Director of the Springfield Foundation in June 2022. Mrs. Carey has served as the Springfield Foundation's

Director of Grants and Scholarships since 2014 and served as its Accountant from 2007 to 2014. Prior to joining the Springfield Foundation, Mrs. Carey served as the Controller at the Hugo Bosca Company, a local manufacturer of fine leather goods. Mrs. Carey earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Accounting from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She serves on the Women's Partnership Board and is chair of its Grants and Research Committee. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Sorority Beta Psi Chapter and served as National President from 2013-2014. Mrs. Carey lives in Springfield with her

husband, Dan, and her daughters, Carli, and Chloe. Her adult son, Christian, resides in Columbus, Ohio.

"I am honored and excited to accept the role of Executive Director," says Mrs. Carey. "Thanks to our former Executive Director, and our dedicated board and staff, the Springfield Foundation is well-positioned to grow our assets and our impact. I look forward to engaging with current and new donors, area nonprofits, and community leaders in meeting the needs of the Springfield community, a place I am proud to call home."



Lori Boegershausen Hired as Grants Manager

For the last two and half years, Mrs. Boegershausen worked at Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) on scholarships and development. **While there, she secured a \$4 million grant for the retention and recruitment of the K-12 workforce**

in Appalachian Ohio. Additionally, she assisted with incubating the African American Community Fund (AACF), which is a regional community foundation that began with a \$3,000 donation and is now over \$500,000. Through AACF, she secured a \$50,000 grant for capacity building for Black-led non-profits from US Bank and a \$1 million grant for FAO's I am Child of Appalachia Fund and AACF. Additionally, Mrs. Boegershausen led the processing of \$550,000 in scholarships awards to over 300 students.

was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany where she taught English to fifth through twelfth grade students and worked at a local integration center for immigrants and refugees. She was born in New Jersey and raised in Florida. She attended Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers and has a degree in history.

Mrs. Boegershausen says, **"I'm excited to meet all the great organizations in Clark County. Everyone has been so friendly!** I can really see the love and passion people have for Clark County. I'm also looking forward to going through the grants process this year and taking it to the next level as the organization grows."

She received her Masters in International Development Studies from Ohio University, focusing on food insecurity, women's empowerment and poverty. Before that, she

As we continue to be the community's source for improving the lives of all Clark County residents and be recognized as the Community Foundation for all, we are also working on:

Developing a Strategic Plan — The last plan was created in 2016 and was completed by 2019. We will select a consultant and start the process in the beginning of 2023, with the goal of having it completely developed by the beginning of 2024.

Increasing our Marketing & Social Media Presence — We need to continue to tell our story and reach out to broader segments of our community. This will be done through updating our marketing materials, creating a

social media content calendar, and holding an Advisors Lunch & Learn. This event took place on September 28th and took a deep dive into estate planning and the power of endowment with local lawyers, financial advisors, and CPAs.

Continuing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Work in Everything We Do — This will remain at the forefront of all we do, and we will support local nonprofits through their DEI journey. It will be part of the Foundation's culture, values and practice.

Continuing Strong Proactive Grantmaking — We know that many residents in this community are struggling, and we will support programs addressing

poverty and basic human needs. But we also want to help residents feel an emotional attachment to their community through arts, cultural, educational, and civic efforts.

Determining our Next Funding Initiative — The executive committee is appointing a committee to begin examining where the Foundation's support could be most impactful. We are now in a financial position that allows us to begin exploring the many challenges our community is facing. Our goal is to select a new initiative in 2023.

Celebrating our 75th Anniversary — Lookout for our celebrations for our 75th anniversary in 2023!



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