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New Leadership for Board of Directors...



Heather Ross, newly-elected OCCF Board of Directors President for 2022-2023.

At its September 2022 meeting, the OCCF Board of Directors approved nominations of Samantha Prow, Kim McCracken, and Mary LaVerne Boston as new members. Their terms will begin October 1; and they will be eligible for three three-year terms, for a total of nine years on the board.

A new slate of officers was approved at the same meeting, with the resignation of President Miles Flynn after his eighth year as a member of the Board of Directors. He is succeeded in that position by former Vice-President Heather Ross.

Ross is one of a group of all new officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and Marshall Noble is the newest member of the Executive Committee, rounding out the Leadership Team.

Ross has been a member of the board since 2019, and in addition to serving as Vice-President, she has chaired the Investments Committee and the Nominating and Bylaws Committee, as well as served on the Executive and Finance Committees.

Rounding out the slate of officers for the new fiscal year are Vice-President C.J. Fleenor, Treasurer Susan Gilmore, and Secretary Lee Collins.

IUCRE Hoosier Housing Ready Workshop

The IU Center for Rural Development is hosting a workshop, sharing practical information on approaches and strategies to develop housing using their Hoosier Housing Ready Toolkit.

The workshop takes place in the Orange County Community Center on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Topics include potential for new housing projects, resources for communities to develop housing, infrastructure and package sewer systems, ROI programs for housing, and tips on forming a community task force. For more details and to register, go to rural.indiana.edu.



Changes to the Board Saying goodbye and hello...

Members of the OCCF Board of Directors may serve up to three three-year terms (a total of nine years). In 2022, as our fiscal year ends, we say good-bye to three long-time members and hello to three new members.

OCCF Board President Miles Flynn has served in that capacity since the resignation of Janalyn VanEmon in September of 2020. He became a board member in October of 2014, but will be leaving the position effective October 1, 2022.

Having served eight years of his nine-year allowance, Flynn has served on several OCCF committees in addition to serving as President and Vice-President.

Marsha Tellstrom completed her full nine years of Board membership effective September 30, having served since 2013. During her tenure, Tellstrom has served as Secretary as well as Chairman of Grants and Scholarships Committees, and the Lilly Community Scholarship Committee. Her service has also included

tenure on the Investments Committee.

Also leaving the Board of Directors, having completed his three terms, is Board Treasurer Shane Buffington. Buffington has served as Board Treasurer for most of his tenure, as well as

Chaired the Finance Committee.

All three outgoing Board members have served as Executive Committee members, guiding the Foundation through smooth seas and rough ones, as well. They will be missed.

There are currently 15 members of the Orange County Community Foundation, Inc., five from each of the county's school districts. Filling the positions left by Flynn, Tellstrom, and Buffington are Samantha Prow, Mary LaVerne Boston, and Kim McCracken.

Summer Grants >>>

Grants from the Simmons and Tegarden Funds

Through the generosity of donors Don Simmons and William Tegarden, funding is made available annually for charitable purposes serving the people of Orleans.



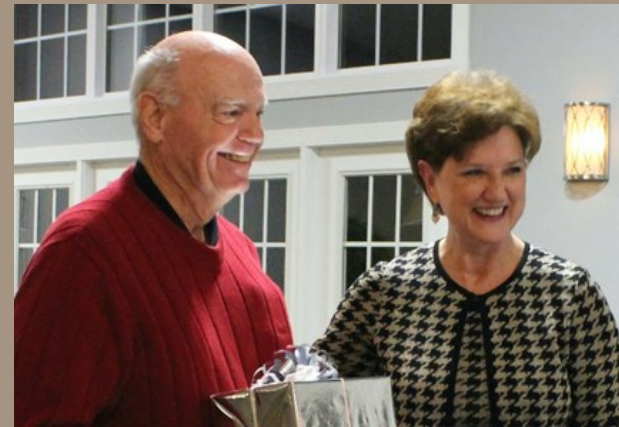
Orleans Philanthropist Don Simmons

Simmons Unrestricted

Through the years, the Simmons Unrestricted Fund has provided nearly \$163,000 in funding for organizations serving the population of Orleans, Indiana from the large endowment established by Don Simmons, an Orleans native.

Grants 2022

This year the combined payouts from the Simmons and Tegarden Unrestricted Funds provided assistance to resilience programs at Orleans schools, the OHS Academic Team, food pantries serving the Orleans community, and the OHS Art classes. A total of \$14,052 was granted in 2022 from the two unrestricted funds.



Bill Tegarden receives the 2016 Philanthropist of the Year Award from Executive Director, Imojean Dedrick.

Tegarden Unrestricted

Since its establishment in 2007, the Tegarden Unrestricted Fund has provided nearly \$40,000 in funding for Orleans charities. William "Bill" Tegarden, creator of the fund, is a former OCCF board of directors member and the 2016 Philanthropist of the Year for Orange County.

2022 Sol Strauss Fund Grants 2022

This year's \$21,161.93 payout from the Sol Strauss Supporting Organization Endowment Fund made the following grants possible:

- IU Health Paoli Hospital**
\$12,092.53
- Paoli Food Pantry**
\$1,000.00
- Resilient Rams Program**
\$4,419.40
- Paoli Volunteer Fire Department**
\$3,200.00
- First Chance Center**
\$450.00

Sol Strauss' Philanthropy Keeps Giving

Sol Strauss was once a bachelor gentleman who owned a dry goods store in Paoli. Little did anyone realize that he was amassing a fortune throughout his lifetime to provide for hospitals and charities. A refugee from Nazi Europe, philanthropy was Mr. Strauss' way of giving back to the community that welcomed him.

Since the Sol Strauss fund was, in part, returned to Orange County for management in 2006, it has provided more than \$322,000 in grant funding to the local hospital, charities, and non-profit organizations serving the people of Paoli.

Of each year's payout, four sevenths is designated for the local hospital, with the remainder subject to a grant application process for Paoli organizations doing charitable and/or non-profit work.



Local philanthropist, Sol Strauss, whose legacy benefits Paoli residents.

First time event-- Community Connect

Several local partners came together on September 22 to present Community Connect, a one-day, one-stop mission to provide free information and guidance to everyone in our community.

Orange County's first-ever Community Connect event was held September 22 at the Orange County Community Building and included free lunch, a blood drive, free health screenings, and free flu vaccines, among other free services and information. Attendees could enjoy free breakout sessions, eye and oral assessments, HIV/hepatitis screenings, information on



A giant walk-in brain allowed visitors to explore the causes and effects of dementia.

dementia support, childcare assistance information, family support services, car seat checks, legal guidance, financial solutions, utility payment relief, housing and rent assistance, veterans services, employment services, and food bank guidance.

Agencies coming together to offer these free services and information included IU Health, Hoosier Uplands, Duke and CenterPoint Energy, Orange County Fiber, Southern Indiana ProBono, Orange County Veterans Services, Building Blocks Head Start, Springs Valley Bank and Trust, Old National Bank, South Central Area Special Education, OC Thrive, Youth First, Paoli Community Food Bank, United Way, SICIL, Habitat for Humanity, Life Family Resource Center, PACT, SICHC, Community Inclusion Ambassadors, Purdue Extension-Orange County, Safe Haven, Q-Source, WorkOne, Anthem, Love Never Fails, Rural Demential Network, and the Orange County Health Department.



Community Connect Partners and Sponsors >>>

PARTNERS:

- IU Health
- Southern Indiana Community Health Care
- American Red Cross
- Town of Paoli
- Master Rental of Bloomington
- Purdue Extension-Orange County
- Orange County Health Department

SPONSORS:

- United Way of South Central Indiana
- Old National Bank
- Orange Co. Community Foundation, Inc.
- Orange Co. Economic Development
- Thrive Orange County
- CenterPoint Energy
- Duke Energy
- Springs Valley Bank & Trust

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- Heather Ross, President
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- Lee Collins, Secretary
- Mary LaVerne Boston
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- Susanne Crane
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- Doug Finney
- Brenda Johnson
- Kim McCracken
- Roger Moon
- Marshall Noble
- Samantha Prow
- MaryAnn Whalin

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