

Overmyer Estate Plan Supports the Future of OCCF

In January of 2026, Ottawa County Community Foundation (OCCF) President Ron Overmyer and his wife Janice made a financial decision to further support the future of OCCF by adding to their estate plan a provision for a bequest gift to the Foundation.

“We have been longtime residents of Ottawa County. We feel that Ottawa County is our home,” says Ron. Originally from Fremont, he first came to this area in 1967, after being hired as a 4-H Extension agent at just 21. “I didn’t look much different than the 4-H members who were teenagers, but I am very glad that the local people who were on the interview committee took a chance on a young, inexperienced OSU graduate.”

Janice, from New Riegel, joined Ron when they married in 1970. She had a dual career as a hospital nurse and a school nurse for Benton-Carroll-Salem Schools, Port Clinton City Schools and St. Boniface School. The Overmyers have two children and four grandchildren.

“Ottawa County is a great place to live due to its outdoor recreation, small-town feel, strong sense of community and its excellent schools,” says Ron. “Being an Ottawa County resident has led to a fantastic life for both of us in our professional careers, involvement in community organizations, leadership opportunities and raising our family.”

Janice adds, “We have decided to ‘pay forward’ to Ottawa County through OCCF for all the benefits that we received and continue to receive by being part of this wonderful county.”



When their estates are settled, the Overmyer’s OCCF bequest gift will be made through a brokerage account that they have designated for local nonprofit organizations. Per the couple’s wishes, the bequest may “be used for whatever purpose OCCF deems worthy.”

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OCCF Welcomes Three New Leaders to Its Board

OCCF is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Trustees: James Krieger, Brian Koenig, and Duane Kokinda. Each brings strong community ties, professional experience, and a shared commitment to supporting the people and organizations that make Ottawa County a great place to live.



Brian Koenig

Brian Koenig of Elmore has been connected to OCCF for many years, first establishing the Pamela Graver-Koenig Memorial Scholarship in memory of his late wife, Pam. The scholarship supports Woodmore High School seniors involved in soccer, track, or cross country who plan to pursue careers working with children. Brian previously served on the OCCF Board of Trustees. A retired professional with Crown Battery, Erie Steel and BAP Manufacturing, he has also been involved with several area organizations including Fremont Rotary and the Sandusky County YMCA and brings experience working with community foundations across the region. “I’ve been fortunate in life because of the help and support of others. Serving and giving back is one way I can repay those who helped me along the way.”



Duane Kokinda

Duane Kokinda was born and raised in Port Clinton and returned in 2018 after a 40-year career in the energy industry. He and his wife now live on Catawba Island. Duane and his family have been active supporters of OCCF and established the Joseph and Eleanor Kokinda Family Fund in honor of his parents. The fund supports nonprofit organizations serving the Port Clinton community. During his professional career, Duane managed a diverse portfolio of business operations and joint ventures, experience he now brings to the OCCF board. “For me, charitable giving is a way to pay it forward to the community where I was raised. It is also about remembering our parents and the values they passed down to our family.”

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A MESSAGE FROM SHEA MCGREW, *EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

Whenever I'm asked what a community foundation does, I usually start by explaining that we offer charitable giving services. But the heart of our work goes beyond that—we help people support the causes and organizations that matter most to them. The Ottawa County Community Foundation is, at its core, about people and what they genuinely care about.

In this newsletter, you'll read about two of those people: Ron and Janice Overmyer of Oak Harbor. Ottawa County is home for them, and their commitment to the community runs deep. Ron currently serves as OCCF's board president, providing thoughtful and dedicated leadership.

Through their involvement, Ron and Janice have seen firsthand how OCCF enhances the quality of life for residents across Ottawa County. They want that impact to continue well into the future, which is why they have included a generous bequest in their estate plans—ensuring their support will carry forward for years to come.

If you're thinking about how you can support a cause or organization you care about, consider following the Overmyers' example. Establishing a bequest in your will or trust is a simple way to make a lasting difference. And if you'd like to learn more, we'd be glad to talk with you.

We're grateful to Ron and Janice for their continued leadership, generosity, and commitment to Ottawa County—both today and for the future.



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The Overmyer's goal is to ensure that OCCF can continue its charitable work for years to come, helping Ottawa County remain a desirable setting for family, work, and recreation.

Janice currently volunteers with Riverview Auxiliary (President), International Health Partners, St. Boniface Rosary Altar Society and Ottawa County Holiday Bureau. She has also been a Red Cross CPR Instructor, Relay for Life Chair and 4-H Advisor. Ron has served on many committees since joining the OCCF Board in 2020. A retired OSU Extension Agent, he is also on the Boards of Friends of the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, International Health Partners, Heartland Agdeavor, and Agdeavor Ethanol Investments.

"OCCF is the base that makes all the donor wishes possible," concludes Ron. "Thank you for the important work you do. We are pleased to be able to support OCCF's mission... Making a bequest is so easy. We encourage everyone to support their favorite causes this way."

For more information about leaving an estate gift, contact Executive Director Shea McGrew, 419-635-7750.

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James "Jim" Krieger lives in eastern Benton Township near the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and has called Ottawa County home for most of his life. Jim brings extensive experience in finance and public accounting and looks forward to helping ensure the Foundation's funds are carefully stewarded while continuing to grow opportunities

for community impact. He has also been active in a number of community organizations, including serving with the Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge and supporting local education initiatives. "I think of all the people from this county who guided me as I grew up and the wisdom they shared with me. Now it is my turn to do the same and repay those who helped along the way."

Our Newest Emeritus Members

The board voted to name Tina Hablitzel and Jan Preston as Emeritus members because of their outstanding contributions, leadership and service to OCCF. Tina and Jan share why they remain committed to OCCF's mission.



TINA - "I joined the OCCF board in 2015 at the invitation of my father-in-law, Dr. Derrill Hablitzel, as he retired from his own service. Over the next nine years, serving alongside such dedicated, civic-minded leaders was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I gained a deep appreciation for our generous community and the many nonprofits OCCF supports. As an emeritus member, I remain committed to its mission of Doing Good. Forever."



JAN - "My time with the OCCF Board was shaped by both challenge and purpose. In 2020, we experienced the loss of our founder, Joy Roth—a difficult moment that brought the Board together in new ways. Even during the uncertainty of COVID-19, I saw firsthand how OCCF responded to the needs of our community, including efforts like the Rapid Response program. I was especially proud to support initiatives focused on education and workforce development. What stays with me most is the spirit of the people—dedicated, compassionate, and committed to making a difference. My experience showed me that there is nothing a group of devoted individuals, supported by a generous community, cannot accomplish for good."

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This year, OCCF is also proud to award nearly \$200,000 in scholarships to students across Ottawa County thanks to the generosity of our donors and scholarship fundholders. Watch for an upcoming newsletter for the full list!