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*Voices of Giving* is presented by the Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council to encourage people from all walks of life to make a bequest or planned gift to their favorite charity or nonprofit.

The *Voices of Giving Awards* pay tribute to those Greater Cincinnatians who -- out of selflessness, generosity, and foresight -- have chosen to make a bequest or planned gift to a favorite charitable organization. These individuals represent the true spirit of giving, which truly enhances the quality of life in our community, both now and far into the future.

Recognizing that a professional advisor frequently plays a pivotal role in bringing these gifts about, advisors are honored, as well, for their work with a donor in developing a planned gift.

It is our privilege to recognize a very special group of individuals who exemplify philanthropic support and service and who have made a dedicated gesture to ensure the long-term welfare of the many local charitable organizations and nonprofits that make Greater Cincinnati so special.

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# The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Voices of Giving Awards Ceremony

# <u>PROGRAM</u>

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Opening Remarks Mary Kay Koehler 2022 President Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council

Introduction to Voices of Giving and Recognition of Honorees John Lomax, Emcee Former Local 12 Good Morning Cincinnati Anchor

**Closing Remarks** 

Mary Kay Koehler 2022 President Greater Cincinnati Planned Giving Council

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2022 Voices of Giving Honorees

Rich and Lynn Arnold St. Joseph Home

Deanna Behrens Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

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Miami University

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Cincinnati Public Radio

#### **Trish and Ron Hanna**

Maple Knoll Communities

# Tim and Barb Rawe

Brighton Center

#### **Carolyn Scheve**

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#### **Paula Steiner**

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CET – Cincinnati Public Television

#### Mike and Sue West

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### **Barbara Weyand**

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

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#### Rich and Lynn Arnold Nominated by St. Joseph Home

St. Joseph Home provides systems of support for people with complex developmental disabilities and their families. Through residential, respite, and adult day programs they give the highest quality medical and personal care to support meaningful, dignified lives for the most vulnerable people in our community.

Rich and Lynn Arnold have been supporters of St. Joseph Home for over 30 years, serving in a variety of capacities. Rich served on the board of trustees for many years and, after board leadership, continued to serve on the Advancement Committee. Rich has been a steadfast volunteer for events and while he was President of the Sharonville Chamber, he introduced dozens of new donors and friends to St. Joseph Home. There is truly no greater advocate for St. Joseph Home and their mission.

Rich owned and operated the successful printing business VersaPrint (now Allegra) for 30 years, before selling the business and finishing his full-time work as President of the Sharonville Chamber, now the Northern Cincinnati Chamber. During his tenure as Chamber president, his engaging personality and drive grew membership from just 76 to over 300. For this work, he was recognized in the 2015 class of the *Cincinnati Business Courier's* Second Act Award.

Rich said the most influential person in his own life was his father-in-law, who convinced him that at age 28 he had the tools to start his own business. If it didn't work out, the older man told him, he was still young enough to start over. It turns out that buying that first printing business worked out, and Rich and Lynn both learned to love service to others through their business and personal lives.

Rich and Lynn have been residents of Anderson for over 25 years where they raised two kids and now have a total of five grandchildren. Friends report that Lynn and Rich balance each other out and are truly amazing grandparents and supporters of their children. In fact, they just recently returned from taking the entire family on a Disney Cruise.

Rich and Lynn are passionate supporters of St. Joseph Home. They worked with their attorney to leave a specific percentage of their estate to benefit St. Joseph Home. This gift will continue the compassionate care that those St. Joseph Home serves experience every day.

"How do Lynn and I put into words and express the care and compassion which is shared with the residents and program participants at St Joseph Home every moment of every day? Every single team member has a special place in our hearts for their

attitude and dedication to the residents. We believe that every person deserves life with all their physical and mental needs met each day. Planned giving is important to us now and into the future. We know that their needs are growing and hope to play a small part in the continuation of this important ministry that we are so grateful to support."

This estate gift from the Arnolds will allow St. Joseph Home to provide exceptional care to individuals who require significant medical and personal support to live happy and fulfilling lives. The Arnolds philanthropy will literally bridge the gap between what government funds provide and what their residents and clients actually need.

"Rich and Lynn have connected so many friends and supporters to St. Joseph Home, we will forever be in their debt. That they would think of St. Joseph Home in their estate planning is truly humbling and we are honored to continue their impact for generations to come," said St. Joseph Home CEO Dan Connors.

St. Joseph Home is pleased to honor Rich and Lynn Arnold for the 2022 Voices of Giving Award.

#### Deanna Behrens Nominated by Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

Since 1875, the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden (CZBG) has been a community treasure, whose legacy is one of excellence in animal care that inspires visitors and supports wildlife beyond its borders. Donors and volunteers, such as long-time zoo friend, Deanna Behrens, have enabled the Zoo to engage millions of children and adults through the years as the Zoo brings people "close enough to care" about wildlife and conservation.

Like many Cincinnatians, Deanna often came to the zoo as a child, and it captured her heart. "I have so many wonderful memories here...celebrating birthdays, walking around with my family, visiting on school trips, and later with my friends. This is my 'Happy Place.' I come here to explore and to embrace my love of animals, especially the cats."

Volunteering is in Deanna's blood, beginning when she was thirteen years old. After college, she wanted to find "the right opportunity" that combined her love of animals and children. After careful consideration, she joined a group of dedicated CZBG volunteers. She has served in a variety of capacities throughout the years from assisting with events to her current role as a Habitat Ambassador, where she

volunteers 2-3 times per month, teaching folks about the zoo's conservation and sustainability efforts.

"I love sharing knowledge and teaching people. This is my chance to give back and I personally receive so much in return. Not only do I get to disseminate important information, but it has taught me to be a better person and a citizen of the world."

While Deanna has been kindhearted with her time and her talent, she has also been thoughtfully generous with her treasure. As a loyal donor, she not only belongs to a membership club, but she also supports zoo-wide events and donates to ongoing causes. She even directed her birthday gift money to the zoo!

In her caring way during COVID, she made a special donation in honor of several zookeepers who were so instrumental in the widely popular "Home Safari Series," which were created to bring the Zoo to people at home when it was closed.

In finding a way to touch future generations, Deanna has made CZBG a beneficiary in her will. Her generous undesignated gift will benefit the Zoo's greatest needs.

CZBG is honored to thank and recognize Deanna for her amazing bequest and extend our appreciation for her vote of confidence in our efforts to ensure a world where both wildlife and people can thrive. Her legacy gift will have meaningful impact on countless Zoo visitors for years to come.

The Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden is thrilled to honor Deanna Behrens as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honoree.

Thelma and Harvey<sup>\*</sup> Bergman Marjorie Bergman Adler and Steven Adler Mallory Mandel Adler and Jeffrey Adler BreeAnna Rosen Bergman and Michael Bergman

#### Nominated by Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati

Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati (JCGC) serves the burial needs of the Greater Cincinnati Jewish community with care and dignity and honors the resting places of our people. JCGC manages 25 Jewish Cemeteries, providing burial services in keeping with the traditions of Judaism, as well as preserving and maintaining the rich

history and heritage of the cemeteries and the dearly departed, through educational programming and through providing genealogy resources.

The Bergman and Adler families have been actively involved with Cincinnati's Jewish community for generations. Harvey and Thelma Bergman supported the creation of Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati at its founding and three generations of the family now have legacy commitments to JCGC to ensure their support will continue in perpetuity.

Harvey Bergman was part of the first generation of his family born in Cincinnati. His mother's family operated the H. Zussman and Son Company clothing manufacturer located in Cincinnati. Harvey brought his New Orleans bride, Thelma Juliette Gerber Bergman, to Cincinnati in 1951, after Thelma graduated from the University of Alabama following their marriage in New Orleans.

Harvey later expanded the company nationally as Bergman Manufacturing. He had been active in commercial real estate, as well, and later in life the family established the Bergman Group, Inc., now known as NAI Bergman, where several family members, including some of JCGC's honorees, serve in various roles.

The extended Bergman/Adler Family spend time with one another through work, as well as through their membership at Adath Israel Congregation, community service at local non-profit organizations, and family gatherings. "Family" and "Service" are values by which they live and their legacy commitments are a testament to their desire that those values be passed on to future generations.

Upon Harvey's passing in 2017, Rabbi Irvin Wise described Harvey as "a quiet, soft spoken, modest, gentle, sweet and caring person. He was generous and because of his modesty very few knew of the extent of his generosity." Thelma shares this practice of giving quietly and the ethic was passed to their children, including Marjorie and son-in-law Steven Adler; and grandchildren, Jeffery (and Mallory) Adler and Michael (and BreeAnna) Bergman, who all have a legacy commitment to JCGC and other local organizations.

Marjorie and Steven Adler recognize the influence of their fathers in their philanthropic work. "Our fathers were involved in their Jewish communities and taught their children to do the same," they said. Marjorie and Steven have been involved with Adath Israel, the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, the Holocaust and Humanity Center and other local organizations.

The third generation of the family is following the model set by their grandparents and parents. Jeffery and Mallory Adler and Michael and BreeAnna Bergman are each involved with several community agencies, including the Holocaust and Humanity Center, Cedar Village Foundation, and Adath Israel Congregation. This is in addition to their commitment to JCGC.

The example and leadership of these young couples is noteworthy. Jeffrey served for many years on the Board of Cedar Village Foundation. Michael has served on the Board of Jewish Cemeteries for 12 years and has been an Officer more than half that time! When asked about his service and commitment, Michael said, "Following in my family's footsteps of supporting meaningful organizations in our community, like the Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati, is something that Bree and I are proud of. We look forward to having our children follow in our footsteps and carry-on the family tradition."

Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati is incredibly grateful for the Bergman and Adler Families' commitments, which will ensure the future care for our community's dearly departed and the sacred grounds in which they rest. Their generosity will surely inspire other families to follow in their footsteps.

The Bergman and Adler Families' Legacy Gifts will help ensure that Jewish Cemeteries of Greater Cincinnati can continue to fulfill its mission. They are grateful to be able to recognize the Bergmans and Adlers as their 2022 Voices of Giving Multi-Generational Honorees.

#### Dr. Lawrence Brennan and Ms. Karen Enzweiler Nominated by Greater Cincinnati Foundation

The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) believes the greatest changes happen when people come together – in partnership, collaboration and generosity. GCF's role is to align the right players and then coordinate their efforts and contributions to make the biggest impact. Together, all rise.

Dr. Lawrence Brennan and Ms. Karen Enzweiler have been residents and philanthropists supporting the Northern Kentucky region. The couple met while working at the Ontario's department store in Newport and have been married for more than 40 years. They have five children.

A dedicated oncologist, Lawrence Brennan, MD, provided excellent care for cancer patients at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and now supervises UC Oncology Fellows at

the Cincinnati VA. Together with his wife, Karen Enzweiler, he also provides caring support for charitable organizations through remarkable legacy gifts.

A graduate of Xavier University and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Dr. Brennan has spent his career in medical oncology and hematology. He helped found the inpatient hospice program at St. Elizabeth and was its volunteer medical director for more than 30 years. He received the American Cancer Society's "Physician of the Year" award and served as Chairman of the Campbell County Board of Health.

Ms. Enzweiler, a retired bank manager, has been an active community member for many years, with Board positions for Madonna House and Newport Catholic High School. She served on the Campbell County Foster Care Review Board for 25 years, through 2021, and volunteers at the St. Bernard Food Pantry and with her church, where she serves on the bereavement committee. She is a costume seamstress for grade school and high school theater productions.

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) is delighted to recognize Dr. Brennan and Ms. Enzweiler for their generous commitment to the Northern Kentucky community and for championing forward-thinking philanthropy. Their partnership with GCF began with the gift of a life insurance policy that will one day fuel a fund to generate both immediate and perpetual grants to St. Elizabeth, the Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE), the Diocesan Catholic Children's Home (DCCH), Newport Central High School, St. Catherine of Siena School, Madonna House, and St. Bernard Pantry. Last year, they generously established two new GCF endowments for the benefit of Parish Kitchen and the Emergency Shelter of NKY. These endowments will attract more donors who care about these organizations and who seek the Endow KY Tax Credit.

In 2019, Dr. Brennan and Ms. Enzweiler pledged a major gift for St. Elizabeth's Cancer Center, the new 233,000 sq. ft. facility that expands genetic screening, precision medicine, clinical research and treatment options and focuses expertise at one location. The Palliative Care Center, located within the St. Elizabeth Cancer Center, bears their names.

GCF is proud to honor both Dr. Brennan and Ms. Enzweiler as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honorees.

#### William "Bill" Camm, MD and Ellen Camm Nominated by The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, affiliated with The Christ Hospital Health Network for over a century, is a regionally accredited, private institution of higher learning. Dedicated to delivering the highest quality healthcare education, graduates have the knowledge and skills they need to make a difference. The college educates tomorrow's healthcare leaders.

Bill and Ellen Camm have been active supporters of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences and The Christ Hospital for over 30 years. William "Bill" Camm, MD is a retired Internal Medicine physician. He serves on the Christ Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees. Dr. Camm has played an integral role in supporting the nursing students at the College during the past several years.

Dr. Camm credits nurses for his success as a physician. He has fond memories of working alongside nurses and supported their promotion into hospital leadership roles. From guest lecturing to sponsoring need-based scholarships through their annual giving, Bill and Ellen are ambassadors and champions for graduating future nurses and healthcare professionals.

Bill has generously included The Christ College of Nursing & Health Sciences as a beneficiary of his retirement plan. As a planned giving donor, Bill has shared his story and encouraged others to consider including The Christ College in their plans as well.

Dr. Camm graduated from Miami University, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa in Zoology, and attended the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He came to The Christ Hospital as an Internal Medicine resident and served on the medical staff during his tenure.

Dr. Camm currently serves as a medical consultant for OneAmerica, Southern Farm Bureau Life, Great American Life Insurance Company, and Southern Life. He also serves on the Advisory Board of The Winkler Center for the History of Health Professions at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

In recent years, Dr. Camm conducted video interviews with prominent physicians and administrators of The Christ Hospital. The interviews capture historical milestones in medicine. He served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana Alliance for Health Promotion and Child Advocates, Inc.

Dr. Gail Kist-Kline, President of The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences shared, "Dr. and Mrs. Camm are making a significant difference in lives of our students

and their future patients by sharing their time, talent, and treasure. They are absolutely 'Change Makers' who inspire others to also transform lives in the same manner; they are truly special people. We are so grateful for their commitment and wonderful support of our future healthcare leaders."

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences and The Christ Hospital Foundation are eternally grateful to Bill and Ellen Camm for their inspiration and commitment to helping students pursue a nursing education and career.

The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences is thrilled to recognize Bill and Ellen Camm as their 2022 Voices of Giving honorees.

#### J. Keith and Lisa M. Daniels Nominated by Northern Kentucky University

As a public comprehensive university located in a major metropolitan area, Northern Kentucky University delivers innovative, student-centered education and engages in impactful scholarly and creative endeavors, all of which empower graduates to have fulfilling careers and meaningful lives, while contributing to the economic, civic, and social vitality of the region. The mission of NKU Athletics is to advance the university's vision while focusing on the well-being of NKU student-athletes as the department prepares and empowers each of them for academic and competitive success at NKU and beyond.

Although Keith and Lisa Daniels are not Northern Kentucky University alumni themselves, their admiration for the university and its athletics program is immense. They have been courtside season ticket holders for the NKU Men's and Women's Basketball teams since 2008. Their interest was piqued when the Truist Arena, formerly The Bank of Kentucky Center and BB&T Arena, opened and the pair of basketball fans thought they ought to check it out. They were eager for a fun way to get involved in the Northern Kentucky region, and the people working in the NKU Athletics program exceeded their expectations. "Everyone in the athletics department is so friendly and accessible," Keith says, "There are not many programs in the country where season ticket holders like us are greeted by the athletic director at almost every game and have had the ability to build a friendship."

Keith has served as a member of the Go Norse Fund Athletics Advisory Board since 2015, becoming an executive committee member in 2018 and serving as board president since 2021. When envisioning the future of the NKU Athletics program, Keith

and Lisa hope to see NKU win an NCAA Tournament game. Keith shares, "Winning just brings more winning, whether in the classroom or on the court."

When drafting their will and trust, the couple believed the best legacy gift would be to establish the Keith and Lisa Daniels Endowed Athletic Scholarship. This gift will support an undergraduate scholarship at NKU for a student-athlete on either the Men's or Women's Basketball team. The scholarship recipient will rotate academic years to support each team equally. The Daniels have had the opportunity to interact with NKU's student-athletes and have consistently been impressed by their professionalism and poise. Giving to these young men and women seemed like the perfect way to ensure they receive a well-rounded and rewarding experience at NKU.

Keith shares, "We hope it will help students receive the funding needed to make a meaningful difference in their life." Lisa continues his sentiment, "It shouldn't all be hard work. We want to help them get a good education and ease the financial burden so they can still enjoy their time in college."

The Keith and Lisa Daniels Endowed Athletic Scholarship will support the advancement of NKU Athletics in perpetuity. Northern Kentucky University is thrilled to celebrate Keith and Lisa Daniels as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honorees.

#### Lee and Rosemary Fisher Nominated by Miami University

Miami University, a student-centered public university founded in 1809, has built its success through an unwavering commitment to liberal arts undergraduate education and the active engagement of its students in both curricular and co-curricular life. It is deeply committed to student success, builds great student and alumni loyalty, and empowers its students, faculty, and staff to become engaged citizens who use their knowledge and skills with integrity and compassion to improve the future of our global society.

Music and Miami University have long bonded Lee (Class of '68) and Rosemary Holoviak Fisher (Class of '69). The future Miami Mergers met during a choir practice at Oxford's Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Lee was in Glee Club, and Rosemary was a member of the Choraliers during their days at Miami. Lee graduated with a degree in political science, and Rosemary earned a degree in education. After Miami, the Fishers moved to the Philadelphia area where Rosemary worked as an elementary school teacher and Lee in corporate finance. Years later, their shared passion for song led them to reconnect with their musical Miami memories when they attended the Glee Club's 100th anniversary concert weekend in 2007. "It was the Glee Club that made me feel like I was a part of the university," Lee said.

Since moving back to Oxford in 2013, the Fishers have shown unwavering support to the Glee Club and its students. They created the Lee and Rosemary Fisher Scholarship in 2015, the first endowed scholarship in the Glee Club's history. In 2019, they established the Fisher-Holoviak Music Professorship to provide additional support to the Glee Club Director, Dr. Jeremy Jones. They have generously included the Miami University Foundation in their estate plan, as they have pledged to support their scholarship, their professorship, and the Glee Club Director's Fund. The Fishers' generosity will ensure that the Miami University Men's Glee Club will be able to maintain its tradition of excellence for generations to come.

Lee is a dedicated volunteer and ambassador for the Glee Club as well. He serves on the Glee Club Alumni Advisory Board and was instrumental in the creation of its alumni-student mentorship program. On three separate occasions, they helped organize concerts for the Glee Club while touring in Florida, most recently in January 2022. Lee and Rosemary are also passionate fundraisers for the group, soliciting donations from friends and family during Miami's annual day of giving campaign. Lee also enjoys recording personal thank you videos for Glee Club donors.

"We've taken care of people because they've taken care of us," Rosemary said. "It's our way of saying thank you." The Fishers want to add more chapters to their Glee Club story – with a dream that more supporters contribute to the narrative. "We hope we're just setting the right example," Lee said. "That's really the best kind of legacy we think we can leave. If it causes other people to consider doing the same thing, mission accomplished."

Miami University is proud to honor Lee and Rosemary Fisher as their 2022 Voices of Giving honorees.

#### Rilla Foster Nominated by CET – Cincinnati Public Television

CET's mission is to strengthen the communities it serves through programs and services that inspire and inform, educate and engage, fostering citizenship and culture, the joy of learning and the power of diverse perspectives. Rilla Foster dedicated over 25 years as a special education teacher, helping schoolchildren with learning disabilities. She retired from Kenton County Schools. Early on in her teaching career, Rilla became fascinated with television production, having been a big fan of Cincinnati legendary hosts Rob Braun and Paul Dixon.

Rilla followed her heart and curiosity, to take a break from teaching to learn about television. She landed at WKRC and developed a longtime friendship with the Clooney family. Rilla learned the art of television firsthand from Nick, Nina, their daughter Ada, and a young George. Working with the Clooneys got Rilla hooked.

Rilla started to work at then WCET-TV in 1975 for *Measure Up* a public television series on math. Two years later, she worked with another math-based, WCET-TV production *Studio M*, eventually volunteering that same year with the *Action Auction*.

Whatever Rilla touches at CET turns to gold. She has a successful return on making cold calls to businesses to ask for Action Auction donations. Rilla's bright smile and warm personality beam across phone lines while she passionately talks about public television to the unknown voice on the other end. Not many volunteers have the patience and determination to accomplish what Rilla does on an annual basis.

Rilla has also been instrumental in CET's Thank-A-Thon by calling and personally thanking longtime donors for their loyal support. Nobody can work a phone like Rilla, which is why she naturally embraces the station's mission.

For over four decades, Rilla has been supporting the station with her talent and treasure. For her extraordinary commitment, Rilla received the Barbara Kellar Volunteer of the Year Award — once in 2008 and again in 2013 — a high honor bestowed upon a CET volunteer.

With an average of over 250 hours of volunteerism at CET per year, it is amazing Rilla has time to volunteer at other non-profits as well as travel. Rilla is an avid fan of local theatre. She enjoys ushering at the Aronoff Center for the Arts (she started volunteering when the building was built 27 years ago), Cincinnati Children's Theatre, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Know Theatre, Ensemble and over seven local theatre companies. She is also a 40-year volunteer with Cincinnati Public Radio where she has answered phones during their pledge drives.

When not in town volunteering, Rilla is a huge fan of State Fairs, having been to over fifteen states when not en route to one of 10 trips to London. She loves to explore historical and cultural icons around the country and the world.

"CET offers excellent programming for everyone and teaches important values to kids and families. I want to continue to show my support after I'm gone," says Rilla. This is why she has included CET in her will. With seven nephews and nieces and seventeen great-nephews and nieces, she is aware of the importance of CET's Emmy awardwinning programming for all children. Many next generation Fosters trust PBS programming and are connected to public television just like their great-aunt Rilla.

CET is grateful for the loyal and dedicated commitment of Rilla Foster to public television for nearly five decades. Her kindness helps public television achieve its mission on-air, online, and in the community. Her future gift will ensure the CET will remain a safe, trusted, and free community resource for future generations of public television viewers.

CET is thrilled to honor Rilla Foster with the 2022 Voices of Giving Award.

#### Dr. Kelly Hale Nominated by Cincinnati Public Radio

Cincinnati Public Radio's mission is to engage your mind, enrich your life, and lift your spirit.

Dr. N. Kelly Hale is a lifelong listener and forty-year supporter of Cincinnati Public Radio and 90.9 WGUC. "It's so important to have a station like WGUC when you are a musician and your life is in the arts, because it is an affirmation of that professional life and that professional world," says Dr. Hale. "There are plenty of stations that affirm so many other aspects of life and to have WGUC as an arts beacon on the airwaves is really important for those of us who live in the arts world and perform in the arts world, as well as audience members who enjoy the arts world."

An educator at the University of Texas and University of Cincinnati, Dr. Hale joined the CCM faculty in 1976 and served as professor of opera and coaching for three decades. While at UC, Dr. Hale established the opera coaching program and even served a stint as interim chair of the opera department.

Dr. Hale has shared his own personal music and Cincinnati experiences with WGUC listeners through modules he affectionately calls "WGUC Moments." "Music was in my home, and I was maybe 10 or 12 years old when I realized I can't do anything else but music in my life, it's the most important thing."

Though he retired from teaching at CCM in 2008, a 57-year position performing church music in 2011, and a 40-year tenure with a music festival in Northern Michigan in 2018, Dr. Hale can't seem to do "retirement" right. "In 2015, I was contacted by a former student who was in an emergency situation and needed a pianist for his concert film tour, 'Bugs Bunny at the Symphony.' So, I jumped right in." He's now played these concerts with 28 different orchestras on two continents. "These early Warner Brothers cartoons were filled with classical music. The only thing is it's two or three times faster than you normally hear it on WGUC. And that keeps us all on our toes!"

Dr. Hale joined the station's Ransohoff Legacy Society when he shared his decision to include WGUC in his will. "I have always thought that leaving something for WGUC in my estate planning was the right thing to do because it has been so incredibly important in my life, and I value it so very highly. When I needed to revise my will, it was something that I saw as very important to do – a sort of a legacy that I hope will help in keeping WGUC not only going, but expanding, and finding as many new ways as can be found in this 21st century of putting its mission forward."

Thanks to Dr. Hale, the programming on WGUC he loves, appreciates and counts-on will continue and be expanded upon for generations to come. "The most important thing is for WGUC to stay on the air, and to stay on the air now and tomorrow and in the next decade. And then in the next century. And keep classical music alive and well, and an option for anybody that is spinning the dial. I don't know if we're going to be listening in the same ways that we are now, but I know that we'll always need to hear classical music," say Dr. Hale.

"I would say to those people that have been listening for a long time and they know that it's important to them: 'Go ahead and make that planned gift to WGUC, and you'll know that you're helping to perpetuate that wonderful quality of life that WGUC gives us day in, day out.'"

Cincinnati Public Radio is excited that Kelly Hale is their 2022 Voices of Giving Honoree.

#### Trish and Ron Hanna Nominated by Maple Knoll Communities, Inc.

Maple Knoll Communities, Inc., a non-profit, continuum of services provider, is dedicated to supporting older adults, so they can live happy, healthy and active lives in order to live life the way they want to in retirement.

Giving back is part of Trish and Ron's DNA and has been since they were married 40 years ago.

At Delta Airlines, Ron was known for his innovative but tough style of training and managing the agents who took those "thankless calls" from customers. He was part of creating the major hub for Delta here in Cincinnati during the mid-eighties and rose to become head of that operation for a period of time.

Trish always considered her profession as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and investment advisor as a form of ministry. Over her 40-year career, she helped hundreds of multi-generational clients accomplish their financial dreams and put to rest their fears about money.

Together, Trish and Ron are a formidable team. They are Beloved Nana and Papa to twelve grandchildren and special others. They have provided college funds for all of them (or are still saving for the little ones).

Trish and Ron were a lead couple in helping to settle a refugee family from Uganda in the early nineties, culminating in helping to build a Habitat house for them. When the family first arrived, there was mom, dad and two little girls ages 5 and 3. "That love and mentorship continues to this day; the family lives within 10 minutes of our home at Maple Knoll and we now are saving for the former 5-year-old's two girls, ages 8 and 10, one of whom is named Claire *Patricia*," the Hannas shared.

They served on the Board of Young Life in Fairfield and spent two weeks as chaperones at the Young Life Camp on Saranac Lake, New York. "Thankfully, that was in our 'youth'...we surely couldn't do that now!"

Both did 20-years of long-distance caregiving for Trish's parents in Florida, juggling schedules, children, and grandchildren to give them the care they needed before they passed away.

Trish is very active in her church and other religious organizations. She has been on the Board of Trustees for St. Barnabas Episcopal School in Deland, Florida for 6 years and is currently Vice-President. During her tenure on the Board, she has served on the Finance and Development Committee and chaired the Investment Committee.

She is also a member of the SCHC, a 150-year-old international organization of Episcopal women across the globe. As a member of SCHC, she has served as head of her local chapter twice, led three National conferences, was on the Governing Board for 10 years, and served as head of the Financial Oversight Committee. The highlight

of her career with SCHC was chairing a fundraising campaign called Funding Our Future; the campaign raised over \$3.2 million.

Trish is also an officer in her local Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) Chapter. The mission of the organization is providing scholarships for women to complete or extend their education. The motto of PEO is *women helping women reach for the stars*.

The work Trish and Ron are most proud of is right here at home. They're loyal Ambassadors for Maple Knoll Village, and love to welcome prospective residents and corporate staff to their home and to be with them at dedicated events. They made a planned gift through their trust to Maple Knoll because they believe in the quality of life and the genuine caring that Maple Knoll represents. "Knowing that we can be part of providing that for others in the future is priceless and gives us extraordinary joy!"

Maple Knoll Communities is honored to recognize Trish and Ron Hanna as their 2022 Voice of Giving Nominee.

#### Tim and Barb Rawe Nominated by Brighton Center

The mission of Brighton Center is to create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through family support services, education, employment, and leadership.

Philanthropy and community are at the core of everything Tim and Barb Rawe believe in, and Brighton Center continues to be inspired by their generosity. Tim spent his career with Fifth Third Bank and retired as Northern Kentucky Market President in 2008, and Barb spent over 40 years transforming generations of our youngest leaders as an educator at St. Therese in Southgate, Kentucky. It is pretty remarkable to think of the thousands of lives transformed due to the investment of their time, talent, and treasure in this community.

Tim and Barb have been involved with Brighton Center for over 40 years and have led various efforts both personally and professionally to support the organization, including Brighton the Holidays initiative that helped raise critical dollars during the holiday season to support families; the Homeward Bound Shelter was the beneficiary of gifts from The Albert S. and Anna L. Rawe Foundation (which was created by Tim and his siblings to honor the compassionate nature of his parents Albert and Anna Rawe), and incredibly generous personal gifts to Brighton Center.

Tim served on Brighton Center's Board of Directors, served as Board Chair, and recently served as a key member of our Legacy Campaign Committee. Tim's steadfast support and leadership as a member of this Committee helped us reach our goal in our Tammy Weidinger Opportunity Fund. As a result of this campaign, Barb and Tim shared their intent to include Brighton Center as a part of their estate. This gift will ensure the sustainability of Brighton Center for years to come.

"We are very happy to support Brighton Center with a gift of cash as well as a Planned Gift through our estate. We believe in the mission of Brighton Center and have supported this mission for over 30 years. The many programs that are offered provide support to individuals and families, thus allowing them the opportunity to reach selfsufficiency. Supporting the Legacy Campaign is our recognition that there will always be individuals and families in need of support. It also reflects our confidence in Brighton Center's leadership team and staff. It is comforting to know that they will continue to provide life-changing programs that enhance the quality of life for their customers."

Words can't adequately express how grateful Brighton Center is to Tim and Barb Rawe for their investment today and for ensuring that future generations can benefit from the transformational, life-changing programming offered at Brighton Center on their journey to self-sufficiency.

Brighton Center is thrilled to honor Tim and Barb Rawe as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honorees.

#### Carolyn Scheve Nominated by Mount St. Joseph University

Mount St. Joseph University is a Catholic academic community grounded in the spiritual values and vision of its founders, the Sisters of Charity. The University educates its students through interdisciplinary liberal arts and professional curricula emphasizing values, integrity and social responsibility.

Carolyn Scheve is a Mount St. Joseph University Alumna, graduating from the Mount in 1963 with an Arts & Humanities degree. She then went on to earn her Master of Arts in Education from the University of Cincinnati and started her own business as an Interior Designer. Ever supportive of her alma mater, Carolyn generously has offered her time and talent to the Mount as a member of both the Reunion Committee for the Class of 1963 and the MSJ Alumni Board. She began financially supporting Mount St. Joseph University in 1983 with a one-time gift of \$5.00. Carolyn slowly built her financial support of the University and its mission through one-time gifts, pledges and gifts in kind.

In 2010 she became a member of the Mount St. Joseph University Heritage Society when she made a charitable estate gift to be used for expenses of or a scholarship for the Mount's Art Department. Over the years, Carolyn's giving has become quite considerable. Her lifetime giving total is significant, and includes an endowed scholarship she established in 2021.

Mount St. Joseph University and its students, especially those in the Arts & Humanities programs and the Art Guild, are eternally grateful to Carolyn Scheve for her support and enduring dedication to her alma mater and educating Mount students. Her generosity has touched so many lives and continues to do so.

Mount St. Joseph University thanks Carolyn Scheve and is pleased to honor her with the 2022 Voices of Giving Award.

#### Corky Steiner and Rick Steiner\* Nominated by Jewish Federation of Cincinnati

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati's mission is to develop and connect leaders, contributors, organizations, and ideas to build an inclusive Jewish community that helps people in need, supports Israel, and assures a vibrant Jewish future.

Corky and Rick Steiner's father, Phil, and his two brothers, Al and Joe, cofounded Kenner Products Company which began small and later gained success through adding a myriad of wildly successful toy products to their portfolio. Many of the familiar toys include Easy Bake Oven, "Give a Show" Projector, Sit and Spin and the licensing rights for the toys of the Six Million Dollar man television show. Kenner Products then rocketed into the stratosphere with the rights to the Star Wars Franchise which ranks among the top toy products ever to hit toy store shelves.

Philanthropy for the Steiner family began as the result of the success of a small toy company that started in Cincinnati's west end named Kenner after the street the office was located on and grew by leaps and bounds. Phil Steiner, through his tireless community work and leadership in the 70's, 80's and 90's, modeled philanthropy to his two sons, Rick and Corky.

As the Steiner family's business grew, so did their family's philanthropy. From a young age, Corky and Rick saw their father actively participate in fundraising at the Jewish Federation as an annual campaign chair. They also saw their father's passion for taking care of the Jewish community. Like Phil, Corky took an active role in assisting the Jewish Federation by developing a strategic plan to grow their annual campaign. Rick became a prominent Broadway producer of hit musicals with four Tony awards to his credit most notably, *Big River, Jersey Boys, Hairspray*, and *The Producers*.

Up until his untimely death, Rick was also involved and supportive of the Jewish Federation and overall Jewish community. The Steiner family has been exceptionally generous and ongoing loyal supporters for generations.

When Phil turned 80, Corky and his brother Rick decided to take a more active role in their father's philanthropic giving which Phil had orchestrated during his leadership years in Kenner. Following their father's death, Rick and Corky met with their estate planner (and former Voices of Giving Honoree) Bob Brant who arranged a trust to benefit the community on a long-term basis. Their goal was to continue Phil's legacy by "giving back" not only for this generation but for generations to come. Corky and Rick have both been inducted into the Jewish Federation's Abraham Moss legacy society. Both brothers were featured in "Marquis Who's Who in America "- 72nd edition.

Corky and Rick have followed their fathers lead and have given back to Cincinnati's Jewish community and have themselves carried out a series of gifting throughout their lifetime and for generations to come. Corky reflects, "My brother Rick and I hope others may follow with the idea that gifting can begin at home and it can continue to grow from generation to generation." The Jewish Federation and partner agencies are forever grateful to Corky and Rick who have provided invaluable resources in making the future of Cincinnati's Jewish community an enriching place to live.

Jim Friedman, Director of Gift Planning at the Jewish Federation stated, "I have known both Corky and Rick since early childhood. It is personally gratifying that after all they have accomplished in their business and entertainment careers, they have so generously given back to enrich our community through ongoing current generosity as well as their extraordinary vision to sustain future generations."

The Jewish Federation of Cincinnati is thrilled to honor Corky Steiner and Rick Steiner as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honorees.

#### Paula Steiner Nominated by Freestore Foodbank

Freestore Foodbank's mission is to improve lives by eliminating hunger in partnership with our community, and our vision is to create a hunger-free, healthy, and thriving region

Community involvement has long been a part of Paula Steiner's life. Examples of her volunteer leadership are many. Near to her heart are ongoing work with The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra and The Little Sisters of the Poor. Paula also supports the Freestore Foodbank; she has been a donor for more than 20 years!

One in seven neighbors in our tristate area is at risk of hunger. Of special interest to Ms. Steiner is Power Pack, the Freestore's childhood food program for food-insecure elementary age students. She has reviewed applications from area schools to host the program. This program reaches students in 105 schools in 18 counties with an average of 5,600 weekly packs. "With Power Pack, children receive bags of shelf-stable favorites each Friday to help them over the weekend," said Paula. "It touches my heart to think of kids who may not have enough food until they return to school on Mondays."

In addition to being a long-time contributor, Paula informed the Freestore last year that the organization will be a beneficiary of her Donor Advised Fund, along with Tender Mercies, The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra and the St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy.

"I believe in encouraging philanthropy, both in my own family and in the community at large," said Paula. "I created a fund to promote my own family's giving and part of my estate will benefit special organizations I support, like Freestore Foodbank. My point of view is that we have benefited from our society so we want to give back for the good fortune we have had."

Paula's planned gift will help the entirety of Freestore Foodbank operations. This includes Freestore's ongoing efforts to feed neighbors across 20 counties, provide workforce development programs and deliver supportive services that are so vital to families to gain their independence and stability.

Long term, Ms. Steiner's gift will enable Freestore Foodbank to continue its work into the next generation, work that's led Freestore to become a model for other food banks nationwide. Freestore Foodbank thanks Paula for making that gift part of your legacy.

Freestore Foodbank is thrilled to recognize Paula Steiner as their 2022 Voice of Giving Honoree.

#### Jami Vallandingham Nominated by CET – Cincinnati Public Television

CET's mission is to strengthen the communities we serve through programs and services that inspire and inform, educate and engage, fostering citizenship and culture, the joy of learning and the power of diverse perspectives. One remarkable individual who embodies CET's mission as a donor and volunteer is Jami Vallandingham.

"I grew up watching CET. Everything I watched on public television helped form me," says Jami. Perhaps that is why she has been a donor since 2009 and a volunteer equally as long. As a member of CET's Planned Giving Committee, Jami has dedicated time to helping create the station's gift acceptance policies; reviewed marketing pieces and offered her expertise to complex planned giving scenarios to ensure it was good for both the donor and the station.

Outside of being a committee member, Jami, along with her charming mother, Terri, have spent many long hours as "talent wranglers" for the CET Action Auction. Jami has also helped by contacting long-term donors during the CET Thank-A-Thon. Receiving a phone call or hand-written note from Jami touches donors in a special way. In 2017, Jami was the recipient of the Barbara Kellar Volunteer of the Year — a high honor bestowed upon a CET volunteer who has made a significant difference.

With the increase virtual programming that was the result of the pandemic, Jami lent her humor, talent, and expertise in two annual virtual estate planning seminars. These free, educational programs were well received as she served on a panel to help answer questions from CET's audience from around the country.

One may begin to wonder when Jami finds time to rest. With a demanding job as a Shareholder and CPA at VonLehman CPA & Advisory Firm since 2002, Jami also finds time to volunteer at other non-profits beyond CET: Greater Cincinnati Foundation's Financial Advisor Network, Treasurer of Jolly Park Community Development Council, a Board of Trustee of ProSeniors, and serves on VonLehman's Executive Committee.

Jami leads the firm's Strategic Business Service Group and specializes in business and personal income tax and planning for small business owners, wealthy individuals and retirees. When the joy of tax season is over, one can find Jami near a body of water; a beach is bonus time to unwind from her work and volunteer commitments. (CET staff has Zoomed with her poolside more than once. Jami is just that committed.)

Jami has nearly 30 years of tax experience and is a proud graduate of Cumberland College (now Cumberland University). She was taking pre-law classes but soon took a

liking to numbers, earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. A native of Alexandria, KY, Jami, along with her husband, Dave Hoskins, continues to call the Commonwealth her home.

CET appreciates the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that Jami Vallandingham makes possible. Her time and expertise have helped shaped CET's Planned Giving program, which is highly regarded throughout PBS stations coast-to-coast.

CET is pleased to honor Jami Vallandingham with the 2022 Voices of Giving Award.

#### Mike and Sue West Nominated by Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is a network of neighbors, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

Mike and Sue had already been supporters of St. Vincent de Paul for over a decade, but it was three years ago when this relationship deepened—and began to improve housing instability for neighbors in need.

Raised in strong Catholic families — Mike in Chicago and Sue in Cincinnati — they met while teaching at St. Margaret Mary School in North College Hill. Eventually, Mike transitioned into a career in land development, home building, and real estate while Sue raised their two children. They know from personal experience the importance of a stable, loving home environment.

When Mike and Sue visited St. Vincent de Paul's Outreach Center for the first time in 2019 and learned about the Homeless Prevention Program — which provides rent and utility assistance to neighbors at risk of eviction — they knew they wanted to do more.

As past landlords, Mike and Sue recognized the importance of this program and wanted to do something to help stabilize housing in our community. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, they knew the time had come to act. With both tenants and landlords struggling, Mike and Sue made an initial major gift in April 2020 to launch the West Family Housing Assistance Endowment. Even after a second major gift in April 2021, their vision was just beginning.

Mike and Sue also decided to make St. Vincent de Paul the lone beneficiary of one IRA and the partial beneficiary of another IRA. These legacy gifts will help grow the

Endowment and allow even more families in need to stay safely in the comforts of their own homes. When it is fully funded, the West Family Housing Assistance Endowment will stabilize housing for at least 25 more families every year than St. Vincent de Paul would have been able to help on its own.

As our community continues to recover from the rippling impacts of the pandemic, Mike and Sue's commitment inspires hope for the future. "We would hate to leave this world and not give something back," they assert. "We chose St. Vincent de Paul to receive the social services portion of our estate plan because they are a premier local provider of services to the needy in our community. We know that our gift will help our neighbors in need."

St. Vincent de Paul thanks Mike and Sue for their transformative vision for housing stability and for helping better fulfill its mission to create a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

St. Vincent de Paul is proud to honor Mike and Sue West with the 2022 Voices of Giving Award.

#### Barbara Weyand Nominated by Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is a professional, regional theatre committed to producing and presenting for diverse audiences the broadest range of theatre in an inviting theatrical environment. Their mission is accomplished through works of the highest caliber produced onstage in a fiscally responsible manner, and through stimulating education and outreach programs.

Barbara Weyand is a force within the Cincinnati arts community. She has been dedicated to helping many arts organizations over the years. Through serving on the boards of the Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Ballet, Public Media Connect (CET and Think<sup>TV</sup>), to Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, her commitment to the arts and her generosity has helped create a positive impact for all of these organizations.

At the Playhouse, Barbara has been a subscriber for 22 years and Board Member for 17 years, she is a founding member of the Leading Ladies program, and a member of the Morse Johnson Society. She has donated generously to the current capital campaign, allowing the Playhouse to build a brand-new mainstage complex in Mt. Adams.

Barbara's legacy gift shows her dedication to the Playhouse and its mission to connect the community through theater. She has ensured that not only will the Playhouse continue to grow, but that audiences will have the opportunity to experience live theatre of the highest caliber for years to come.

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is forever grateful to Barbara Weyand for her continued support and dedication to theater and the Cincinnati arts community as a whole.

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is proud to honor Barbara Weyand as their 2022 Voices of Giving Honoree.

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