



BAY
VILLAGE
FOUNDATION



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

from Board President

MINDY STROH



*President Elect Sean O'Reilly
and President Mindy Stroh*

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Bay Village Foundation,

The year 2025 marks a remarkable milestone for the Bay Village Foundation—our 30th anniversary. This moment offers us a chance to reflect on the vision and generosity of our founding members, whose belief in the power of local philanthropy planted the seeds for everything we've accomplished since. We are deeply grateful for their leadership and proud to carry forward their legacy of community impact.

As we share the 2024 Annual Report, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support. It has been a true honor to serve as President for the past three years, working alongside an inspiring group of trustees and volunteers who are passionate about enhancing the quality of life in our beloved town.

Thanks to your generosity, 2024 was a year of meaningful progress. We proudly awarded \$36,939 in community grants to 10 outstanding organizations that enrich Bay Village in countless ways. This year's grant recipients include: Bay Village Branch Library, BAYarts, Bay Village Historical Society, Bay Village Police Department, Family Haven, Karen's Way, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, Cleveland Metroparks Huntington Reservation, Village Project, and Youth Challenge. These partnerships fuel programs that educate, inspire, comfort, and bring joy to neighbors of all ages.

Our Memorial Plaque Program continues to offer a heartfelt way for families and friends to honor loved ones and community champions. In 2024, we were honored to commemorate Cynthia and Eric Eakin, Jon Loufman, and The Westlake | Bay Village Observer, founded by Denny and Tara Wendell. Their lasting contributions will be remembered through plaques installed in the heart of Cahoon Park.

We were also proud to partner with the City of Bay Village on the creation of the new Village Green, a transformative project that enhances the heart of our community. Located between City Hall and the Cuyahoga County Public Library branch, the Village Green serves as both a connecting hub for trails to nearby destinations and a vibrant gathering space for casual meetups and planned events. The Bay Village Foundation contributed \$50,000 toward this project—an investment in shared spaces that bring people together and strengthen our civic life.

We also awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to three exceptional Bay High School seniors—James Kelly, Faith Tuetschbein, and Nicholas Szekely, who was honored as the T. Richard Martin Scholar. Investing in the next generation of leaders remains one of the most meaningful aspects of our mission.

As my term as President concludes, I'm excited to continue serving as a trustee and to support our incoming President, Sean O'Reilly. With deep roots in Bay Village, thoughtful leadership, and a passion for community, Sean is well positioned to guide the Foundation into its next chapter.

Thank you for being an essential part of our story. Your support makes a lasting difference—and helps ensure that Bay Village remains a place where generosity, connection, and community spirit thrive.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Mindy Stroh
President, The Bay Village Foundation

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Legacy Society Members

The Sonia Coulton Family In Memory of Richard Coulton
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 Julie and Al Paulus

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Cash	73,247	83,168
PayPal Account	-	6,106
Fireworks Fund	-	1,950
	<u>73,247</u>	<u>91,224</u>
Investments - Highland and UBS Financial Services, Inc.	678,198	601,845
Investments - Cleveland Foundation	89,376	77,690
Total Assets	<u>\$ 840,821</u>	<u>\$ 770,759</u>
Grants Payable	-	-
Scholarships Payable	-	-
Bay Skate Park Custodial Funds Payable	-	9,755
Net Assets		
Restricted - Martin Scholarship	53,375	49,227
Tennis Court Maintenance	-	-
Bay Village Community Council	1,257	1,415
Fourth of July Fireworks	-	1,975
Total Restricted	<u>54,632</u>	<u>52,617</u>
Unrestricted	<u>786,189</u>	<u>708,387</u>
Net Assets	<u>840,821</u>	<u>761,004</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 840,821</u>	<u>\$ 770,759</u>



Bay Village Foundation grants supported local organizations such as the Village Project

SCHOLARSHIPS



The following Bay Village students have been the recipients of the Bay Village Foundation and the T. Richard and Betsy Martin scholarships:

2024

James Kelly
Nicholas Szekely
Faith Tuetschbein

2019

Mary Harkness
Halle LeBerge Koury
Benjamin Noren

2014

Elizabeth Auckley
Colleen Kowalski
Baylee White

2008

Jennifer Grisnik
Michelle Kowalski

2023

Matthew Hein
Elise Kelley
Annabella Mayer

2018

Adriana Chesterfield
Halle Dieterich
Aidan O'Donnell
Maggie Williams

2013

Jackson Brothers
Max Lamb
Max Langer

2007

Sarah Gerlach
Emily Grady

2022

Ashley Almquist
Casey Bartman
Maizy Ereditario

2017

Will Huntington
Madison Noren
Anna Walker

2012

Carrie Hall
Julia Mosier

2006

Laura Godfray
Alexandra Naegele

2021

Ryan Duffy
Morgan Fischer
James Lyons

2016

Joe Auckley
Abigail Christel
Evan O'Donnell

2011

David Johnson
Morgan Maxwell

2005

Michelle Bauknecht
Megan McCrone

2020

Olivia Doland
Edward Papp
Olivia Reed

2015

Kathryn Kerka
Katie Koomar
Jessica Mosier

2010

Kelsey Brax
Katherine Corbitt

2004

Catherine Broomfield
Katherine Finlay

2003

Kurt Frederick

2009

Carolyn Emmer
Jacob Kestler

2002

Brent Bauknecht

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

The following individuals have been honored with a bronze plaque on the walking bridge at the T. Richard Martin Walking Trail in Cahoon Memorial Park.*

2024

Cynthia and Eric Eakin
Jon Loufman
Westlake | Bay Village Observer

2023

Thomas and Barbara Brugh
Carol Bryan Dillon

2022

James H. Cowles
Pamela M. Ebert
Jack and Estelle Green
Larry and Carol Marsalek
Maryann O'Reilly
Young-Coulton-Kerka Family

2020

Marie Ashmus
James H. Cahoon
Alan Paulus

2019

Gary A. Ebert
Robert and Nancy Fleming
Frank and Marge Heldt
Barbara and Ian Woodburn

2018

Russell D. Brill
Henry and Betty Laub
Wayne Reese
Jean and Julius Zajac

2017

Herman and Joyce Bredenbeck
The Hawthorne Family
Edward R. (Ned) Matthews
Robert J. Thomas

2016

Jim Potter
Lela and Richard Schier
Eileen Vernon

2015

Henry and Helen Reese

2014

The John Harknett Family
John Matyas

2013

Lisa J. Huhndorff
John L. Uyhas, Sr.

2012

Joan Hirsh
Elizabeth (Betsy) Ross Martin
James C. Redinger
Ivan and Miriam Shepard

2011

Tom Jelepis
Tom and Sandy Sullivan

2010

Robert Kitzerow

2009

John and Alva O'Neill

2008

Walter R. Groeger

2007

Thomas Allen Vernon

2004

Del Donahoo
Frederick Francis Drenkhan
David Henry Jacobs
T. Richard (Dick) Martin

2003

Bradley Howard Friedel
Ruth Hart and Robert Stromberg
Grace McGahan Matthews
Laurie Ann Wilder

2002

James H. Cowles
Harry J. Ebert
Jack Wesley Llewellyn
John Harrison Parker
Wayne E. Wentz
Dale A. Smith

* The plaques are installed at the request of family, neighbors and friends who make a contribution to The Bay Village Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 or more. Contributions must be made, and wording for the plaque agreed upon, no later than March 31 in order to allow time for the engraving of the plaque prior to the Memorial Day Program.



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Bay Village Foundation outreach includes the community Touch A Truck event.



MISSION

The Bay Village Foundation is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) corporation dedicated to preserving the quality of life in Bay Village, Ohio, using the talents and resources of the private citizens and non-government funding. The Bay Village Foundation exists to provide support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's historical, cultural, social, and educational heritage. Through the Bay Village Foundation, its citizens and businesses are encouraged to perpetuate the traditions that make Bay Village a special place to live and work.

FAQ

What does the Bay Village Foundation support?

The Bay Village Foundation exists to provide support for projects and programs fostering Bay Village's historical, cultural, and educational heritage. Present and past citizens and businesses are encouraged to perpetuate the traditions that make Bay Village a special place to live and work by supporting the Foundation.

Can I specify where my donation is used?

Yes. For example, donors may specify that their donation be used for the Play in Bay project or other community projects. And, although we encourage unrestricted donations, if the gift is in excess of \$10,000, you may request that the principal be maintained and you may designate corresponding interest and/or income from that principal to a specific project consistent with the purpose of The Bay Village Foundation.

How is the money distributed?

Grant applications are distributed in December, and the public is notified of submission requirements and deadlines. Proposals may be submitted by mail or online. The Grants Committee meets and selects winners in early spring. Trustees are presented with the Committee's recommendations and a vote is taken.

Grants are distributed at the Memorial Day Program. Money designated for a specific purpose is directed to that project and unrestricted gifts are used for projects voted on by the trustees. Can I make contributions other than money? Yes. The Bay Village Foundation can accept gifts through wills, life insurance policies, life income trusts, gift annuities, and securities. It is suggested that you consult with your lawyer or tax advisor when making a contribution other than money.

What do I do to make a contribution?

If you would like someone to call you regarding the Bay Village Foundation, please contact Foundation's Secretary at (440) 899-3490. He/she will arrange to have a trustee call you to answer your questions. Tax deductible donations may be made by mail to P.O. Box 40122, Bay Village OH 44140, on-line via the Cleveland Foundation or using PayPal via the foundation website, www.thebayvillagefoundation.com.

Who are the Trustees?

The trustees listed herein are from Bay Village. Trustees are members of various civic and community groups, neighbors and friends, who have a deep interest in Bay Village. The names of all trustees are included in this report. All trustees are volunteers.



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*The Bay Village Foundation helped raise
\$50,000 for the city's new Village Green.*