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Fairfield County Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has recently welcomed four new members to its Board of Trustees: Chris Claypool, Ron Collins, Jodie Phayer and Edie Waugh.

“We are thrilled to welcome our newest members to the Board of Trustees,” said Amy Eyman, CEO of the Fairfield County Foundation. “These are outstanding community members who bring a diverse set of experiences and expertise to our organization. We look forward to their contributions as members of the Foundation Board.”



Chris Claypool is a lifelong Fairfield County resident and recently retired CEO of Claypool Electric, a third-generation family business started by his parents in 1954. After graduation from Ohio Northern University with a degree in electrical engineering, Chris served on the Ohio National Guard 160th Air Refueling Squadron as he began his career with Claypool Electric. He is a registered professional engineer in the state of Ohio, a licensed electrical contractor and fire alarm installer/designer, and serves as the Vice Chairman of the Electrical Section Ohio

Construction Industry Licensing Board for the Ohio Department of Commerce. Chris and his wife Barb have three children and are grandparents to five grandchildren.

Ron Collins spent his career in the banking industry. He served as the Chief Credit Officer for The First Bremen Bank from 1998-2000 and President from 2000- 2009, when it was acquired by Vinton County National Bank. Ron was the President of Vinton County National Bank from 2009-2020, when he retired. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Vinton County National Bank and previously served on the boards of the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, Robert K. Fox Family YMCA, Fairfield 33 Alliance and the Pickaway County Economic Development Board. Ron and his wife Gayle reside in Carrol. They have two children and three grandchildren.



Jodie Phayer is a Lancaster native who loves all things Lancaster. She co-founded Arbuckle Phayer Accounting Group, LLC, a public accounting firm, in 2013. Her firm is a Champion Member of The Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce, a Legacy Member of Destination Downtown Lancaster and was recognized as Small Business of the Year by the chamber in 2022. Jodie is currently a Board Member and Treasurer for Lancaster Rotary Club, a Board Member and Treasurer for The Salvation Army of Fairfield County, and a Board Member and Finance Chair of Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency. She is also a member of Blue Star Mothers. Jodie

enjoys time at the beach and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Edie Waugh has over 30 years of experience in project and special event management, human relations and budgeting. She has served as CEO and Chair of the Eden Board of Directors since January 2018. Prior to that, she spent three decades at The Ohio State University, serving in several capacities including program manager for the Todd Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male as well as the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and administrative coordinator for the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA), among other administrative positions. She is also a licensed real estate agent with a passion for educating and providing remodeled homes to first-time buyers and others. Edie is the proud mother of a daughter, has a six-year-old grandson and resides in Pickerington.



About the Fairfield County Foundation:

The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children's programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

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