Thank You to Our 2023 Donors

A message from the President

In my last message it was encouraging to reflect on how dedicated the Lake Erie Foundation (LEF) has been to working onlevelfor the protection of Lake Erie over the last several years. As we begin 2024, our organization remains committed to our mission of helping to restore and protect Lake Erie for generations to come.

As we look back at 2023, it was another year of focusing on key issues affecting Lake Erie’s health and providing support to our partners and allies working towards those goals. LEF continued its efforts to protect Lake Erie from the effects of climate change, including the growing threat of wind turbines in the lake. We partnered with like-minded organizations to advocate against the placement of wind turbines in Lake Erie, and our efforts have led to the successful suspension of the proposed project.

In addition to our work on wind power, LEF continued to monitor the impact of plastic pollution on Lake Erie. We supported our partners in their efforts to reduce plastic waste and advocated for stronger regulations to address this issue.

We also continued to focus on reducing the phosphorus levels in Lake Erie’s fields, which can contribute to harmful algal blooms. Through our partnerships with local farms and organizations, we worked to implement best management practices to reduce nutrient runoff from agriculture.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the potential for the Great Lakes to become a hub for sustainable energy innovation. LEF is committed to working with our partners to ensure that any future development on the lake is done in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to protecting Lake Erie. Your contributions have made a significant difference in our work to improve the health of our lake. We look forward to continuing our efforts in 2024 and beyond.

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The 2023 Proactive Boat Show introduced our newest members, Mike & Karen Ingraham, Lake Erie Foundation. Mike & Lisa are pictured here with LIF Board member late Brian Schrieth who showed them. The Hydzik’s are passionate about Lake Erie and spend much of their free time enjoying the lake. Volunteers are the backbone of our events! If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to info@lakeeriefoundation.org.

2023 Tributes
Lake Erie Foundation Board and Staff share these gifts in memory and honor of family members, loved ones, and special people.

In Memory of Brian Ingold
Heather Stefanski
In Honor of Bettyann & Farley Helms
Crystal Miller
In Memory of Charles “Bud” Gehring
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In Memory of Anna DeFabbo
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We invite businesses to join us in our mission by becoming a sponsor. To see all the benefits or to join us in our mission, please contact Mary Margaret Lawley at mlawley@lakeeriefoundation.org for corrections.

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2019-2020 Lake Erie Foundation Volunteer of the Year, Debbie Parker, and Lake Erie Foundation Volunteer Nina Furst are shown.

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