

# Beck Ambassador Of The Quarter



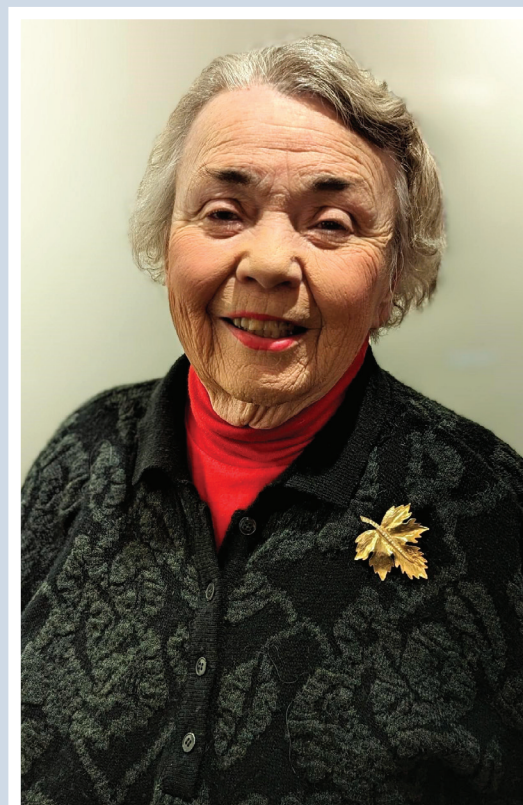
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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN

On Friday March 10, the Capital Campaign came to a close, and all those involved in the success of the campaign were invited to join us for a celebratory luncheon. Thanks to all our very special Capital Campaign donors we raised over 7.3 million dollars over the last 5 years.

Thanks to you, here is what we have been able to accomplish thus far: The Fowler-Spellman Education Wing is fully renovated and operational, as well as the Center for Music & Creative Arts Therapies. The Annex Building has been fully demolished to make space for a future pocket park, and the building will be upgraded with a fully ADA accessible front entrance and a new marquee for the Senney Theater. Finally, we will “Raise the Roof” on the second floor to create a new teaching and rehearsal studio and additional restrooms off the main lobby.



**RACHEL ABERNATHY**

**When did you start volunteering at The Beck Center**

10 years ago when I retired. I had friends who were already volunteers at Beck and I knew Rennie.

**Favorite event/show?**

I don't mean this just to say it - I enjoy everything I see at Beck Center - everything is great. Most importantly I can hear and understand everyone!

**Meaningful Beck experience?**

Being part of women's committee has been a very meaningful experience. As part of the committee, we sell tickets for the Wine Raffle and I'm proud to say that I helped sell many of those tickets this past year. I also enjoy encouraging new people to join our volunteer staff!

**Why do you volunteer?**

I live in Lakewood and I was looking to volunteer when I retired. Beck is a great place to volunteer but the warm-hearted Beck Staff and Community is what kept me coming back for all these years. I also volunteer at the Cleveland Zoo and the Cleveland Science Center.

**How has your volunteer experience changed over the years?**

I have become much closer to community and as my mobility has changed Beck Center has accommodated my disability to allow me to continue to be part of the volunteer staff. The Beck Center really has become my family.

**What are your interests outside of the arts?**

I used to love traveling! I've been to all 7 continents and you'd find me traveling at least 4 times a year. I was also an avid hiker, I hiked 11,000 miles, and was a member of the Cleveland Hikers Club.

Thank you for all you do, Beck Ambassadors! Ambassador interviews are featured in every Donor Digest, one of the benefits of making a financial contribution to Beck Center for the Arts! We rely on civic-minded individuals, like you, to help provide important volunteer services. Volunteers are a critical part of Beck Center's mission to inspire, enrich, and transform lives through dynamic arts experiences. For more information about volunteering, please visit:

**[beckcenter.org/about/volunteer](https://beckcenter.org/about/volunteer)**

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## VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEER & EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

February marked a special occasion as we gathered for the first Volunteer and Employee Appreciation event since 2019! It was a fantastic opportunity for Beck Family members to get together and celebrate the milestones of many devoted individuals. We are especially grateful to Senator Nickie Antonio for joining us and providing citations from the State of Ohio to our Beck Family members who have been with us for 15, 20, 25, 35, and 55 years!

Next year, we'll be celebrating those who began their employment or volunteer role in years ending in -9 and -4 (ex. 2019, 2014, 2009, 2004, 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, etc)

Please contact **Bryce** ([blewis@beckcenter.org](mailto:blewis@beckcenter.org)) or **Charles** ([cbattaglia@beckcenter.org](mailto:cbattaglia@beckcenter.org)), if you started during one of those years.

At the celebration, we recognized many wonderful nominees for special volunteer awards. A complete program can be found [here](#).

### Volunteer Award Winners:

**Behind the Scenes Award** – For the “unsung hero.” The enthusiastic supporter, a volunteer who is committed to getting the job done at Beck Center:

– The winner is **SUE DUFFY**, creator of “Razzle Dazzle”

**Shining Star Youth Award** – Awarded to a dedicated youth volunteer who gives significant time and energy to Beck Center:

– The winner is a tie: **CASSIDY CIPOLLO** and **SARAH BAHR**

**Leading Role Award** – Awarded for distinguished leadership. A true “Ambassador” who makes a significant contribution to Beck Center:

– The winner is **PAT OLIVER**, Chair of the Board of Directors

## 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

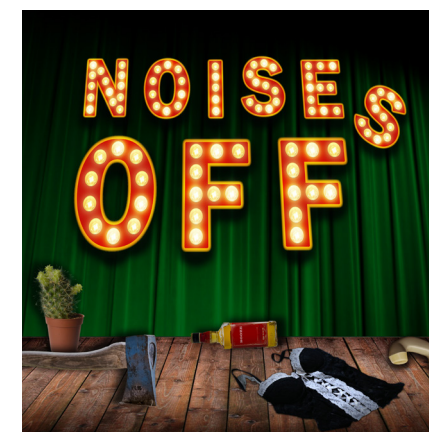
Beck Birthday Party on Saturday morning, May 13th ; Super Saturday free programming for families with young children.

90th season announcement on Tuesday evening May 16 at Beck Center, free and open to the public. Information will be available soon on [BeckCenter.org](http://BeckCenter.org)



Beck Center's five-year milestone volunteers and employees

## NEXT ON STAGE...



### NOISES OFF

*Written by Michael Frayn | Directed by Scott Spence | Presented through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide | Senney Theater*

Conceived when English playwright Michael Frayn was watching a performance from the wings, he said, “It was funnier from behind than in front, and I thought that one day I must write a farce from behind.” And write a fabulous farce he did! This play within a play was meta before meta was meta. Come watch a tennis match of hilarious comedy.

## ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The Annual Fund provides essential operating support to continue our dynamic arts education, performances, free community programs, and exhibits. Out of Beck Center's \$2.9 million annual budget, 60% is earned revenue from theater ticket sales, class registrations, and program fees; however, that leaves approximately \$1M to be raised each year through contributions from individuals, foundations, companies, special events, and government support. In short, we couldn't provide access to our quality arts education and professional performances without you! Thank you to everyone who has donated this season!

You can help us continue a strong 2023 by making a gift [HERE](#) and choosing Annual Fund. Please direct questions about the Annual Fund to **Jay'da T. Hall**, Annual Fund Coordinator ([jhall@beckcenter.org](mailto:jhall@beckcenter.org))