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The Geauga County Library Foundation was created in 1989. Its core purpose is to enhance and support the Geauga County Public Library. It is chartered as a non-profit corporation in the State of Ohio and has a 501(c) (3) tax exempt status with the IRS. Through the Foundation the Library is able to initiate programs and services that it would otherwise be unable to provide to the public.

The Foundation's Vision Statement:

The Geauga County Library Foundation provides resources that enable the Geauga County Public Library to constantly improve its ability to enrich lives.

The Foundation's Mission Statement:

The Geauga County Library Foundation supports the Geauga County Public Library and promotes reading through supplying financial support, expanding the visibility of the Library, and providing needed human and other resources to improve library services.

The Foundation is governed by a board of trustees consisting of three library board representatives, at least six community representatives, the library director and one library employee appointed by the library director. The board consists of no less than eleven people.

The Foundation raises money through memberships, gifts, planned giving opportunities, and fundraising activities.

The Foundation sponsors several regular activities:

1. The Chapman Award recognizes a Geauga County resident who best exemplifies the Foundation's mission.
2. Distinguished Speaker event in conjunction with the Friends of the Libraries usually held in the late fall. Notable authors, writers and others connected to the publishing or entertainment fields are invited to present a program to the community.
3. Bears and Books Program for kindergartners throughout Geauga County.

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4. Spring Social event to update members on current status of the Foundation and encourage their continued membership and participation, and invite potential new members to learn about the Foundation with the intent of encouraging them to join.
5. Signature fundraising event – Mini-golf in the library to raise awareness and money for the Foundation and its activities.

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