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## **Greater Fostoria Community Foundation Announces 2011-2012 Board & Officers**

### **NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**January 3, 2011 (Fostoria, Ohio)** – The Board of Trustees of the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, Inc. elected the following officers for 2011-2012: Mark J. Baker, President; Bridgett Mundy, Vice President; Judy Miller, Secretary; and Aaron Smith, Treasurer.

Mark is currently employed as the Chief Financial Officer of Roppe Holding Company. A Certified Public Accountant, Mark earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Bowling Green State University. He is involved with the Fostoria Athletic Boosters, the Geary Family YMCA financial development committee, the Fostoria Rotary Club and was the YMCA Volunteer of the Year in 1994.

Bridgett is employed by Blanchard Valley Continuing Care Services as the administrator of Independence House and Birchaven Village. She is also currently a board member with the Macklin Intergenerational Institute and is involved with the Blanchard Valley Health System, Fostoria Rotary, Fostoria Economic Development Corporation and Fostoria Chamber of Commerce as well as the GF Inc. Women's Mentoring Program. Bridgett earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Findlay and is an Ohio Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

Judy is the Vice President, Community/Employee Relations of Roppe Holding Company. She is also the co-founder and president of *The Fostoria Focus* and *Findlay NOW*. In addition to being one of the co-founders and past President of the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, Judy also currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Ritz Theatre, Tiffin, Ohio; the First

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National Bank of the Gulf Coast in Naples, Florida; and the Blanchard Valley Port Authority, as well as serving as State Representative, District One of the Ohio Republican State Central Committee.

Aaron is the president of Financial Design Agency of Ohio, Inc. where he is an investment advisor. In addition to serving on the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation board of trustees for many years, Aaron was also previously involved with the Fostoria Habitat for Humanity. He has been the varsity girls basketball coach at St. Wendelin High School for the last five years.

Other members of the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation Board of Trustees include: Immediate Past President Dr. A.K. Basu, Angela Briggs, Cheryl Buckland, Ronald Burns, Barbara Hoening, John Irwin, Karl Kerschner, Charles Knight, Siobhan Markey, Donald Miller, William Reineke, Sr., Eugene Schalk and Chris Widman and Executive Director, Michele Cochran.

**About the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, Inc.**

Since its inception in 1998, the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation has awarded over **\$1,000,081** in grants to almost fifty (50) charitable organizations within the community of Fostoria and surrounding townships. Donations to help grow the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation's endowment fund, or to support the operating fund are always welcome. Contributions are tax-deductible as allowed by law. For more information on the Foundation, see <http://www.fostoriacommunityfoundation.com>.

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