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## Annual Remarkable Evening Benefit features President George W. Bush

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[New Albany, Wednesday, November 26, 2014] – A capacity crowd of 460 guests attended the [New Albany Community Foundation's](#) 13th annual *Remarkable Evening* benefit hosted by Abigail and Les Wexner at their New Albany home on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The featured speaker was the 43<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States, [George W. Bush](#). Bush was interviewed by [David Gergen](#), professor of public service and director of

the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. The two discussed topics ranging from Bush's just-released book [41: A Portrait of My Father](#) to his reflections on the presidency, post presidential life and his optimism about America.



President Bush told the supporters of the New Albany Community Foundation, “I am pleased to be here tonight with my good friends and gracious hosts, Abigail and Les Wexner, and I thank you for inviting me to be a part of

your evening for such a good cause. The United States is a blessed nation, and one of the great attributes of our nation is the generosity of the American people. Your support of the New Albany Community Foundation and the good work it is doing, especially in education and health, is what makes our country so special.”

President Bush follows a distinguished line up of thought-provoking *Remarkable Evening* speakers including:

## REMARKABLE EVENING SPEAKERS



**Earlier in the program, the New Albany Foundation awarded its 2014 Jeanne and John G. McCoy Community Service Award to Jackie and Ken Krebs.**

[The Jeanne and John G. McCoy Community Service Award](#) was established by the foundation in 2004 to recognize citizens who have made a significant impact on the community through their accomplishments, contributions, and community service in keeping with the mission of the Foundation. Through their remarkable philanthropy in New Albany and central Ohio, Jeanne and John G. McCoy embodied the spirit of this award and were the first to be honored with the distinction.



Jackie and Ken Krebs personify the spirit of the Jeanne and John G. McCoy Community Service Award. They are a respected force in daily life, quietly contributing their time and talent to New Albany in a multitude of ways.

The Krebs have been long time supporters of the Foundation through annual giving. Wanting to contribute further still, they set up a family fund several years ago and the first leadership gift made from the Krebs Family Fund was a \$160,000 donation toward the turf field installed at New Albany High School's Eagle Stadium in 2013.

It was the Krebs who chose the name "Veterans Field" as a tribute to both Jackie's father and Ken's father, who were members of the military, as well as to others who have served in the armed forces. In addition to the naming rights, the Krebs also asked that veterans be allowed free tickets to sporting events held at the field.

"It was something we thought would not only support a great asset in the community, but would do it in a way that would honor veterans, and I think that also reflects well on our community," Ken Krebs said.

The Krebs continue their significant contributions through their family fund and plan to use some of the money to support additional New Albany High School causes, in both athletics and education. And it's not only the high school that has received the support of the Krebs. Jackie serves as the president of the New Albany Community Garden and co-manages the New Albany Farmers Market which has grown significantly due in part to her involvement.

Past Recipients of The McCoy Award include:

- 2005 *Janet Atwater, founder of the New Albany Women's Network*
- 2006 *Dr. Ralph Johnson, past superintendent of New Albany-Plain Local Schools*
- 2007 *Bill Resch, environmental teacher advocate*
- 2008 *Don Cameron, community leader and Plain Township Trustee*
- 2009 *Dr. Phil Heit, founder of the New Albany Walking Club, New Albany Walking Classic & Healthy New Albany*
- 2010 *The Ryan Family: Ellen, David, Sarah and Mark, multi-generation family philanthropists*
- 2011 *Tiney McComb, founder and chairman of Heartland Bank.*
- 2012 *Bobby Schottenstein, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of M/I Homes, Inc.*
- 2013 *Jack Kessler, chairman of the New Albany Company*

**The tradition of great speakers visiting New Albany continues into 2015 with *The Jefferson Series*.**

On January 29, the New Albany Community Foundation presents food journalist and best-selling author of "Cooked," Michael Pollan in celebration of the debut of the Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany. Mr. Pollan will also speak to students at New Albany High School during his visit. Aetna, Lynne and Martyn Redgrave, and Chris and Jeff Rodek are proud to sponsor this event.

On February 25, *The Jefferson Series* will present *Revisiting the Vision: A discussion among New Albany planners assembled by Les Wexner, moderated by Emmy Award-winning journalist, Charlie Rose*. The group of planners will include Les Wexner, Jack Kessler, Gerald McCue, Laurie Olin, Jaque Robertson and Graham Wyatt. Support from Ruscilli Construction, Kaufman Development, NAI Ohio Equities, and Chris and Jeff Rodek made this lecture possible.

Tickets for the Pollan and New Albany planners events both go on sale on Monday, December 8, and can be purchased at [www.mccoycenter.org](http://www.mccoycenter.org). Adult tickets are \$25 and \$35, while student and senior tickets are \$10.

Wrapping up the 2014-2015 series, Emmy-award winning journalist Charlie Rose will return to New Albany on June 10 for an evening with United States Senator and astronaut John Glenn. Generous gifts from Louis Beck, Charlotte and Jack Kessler, Chris and Jeff Rodek, and Kaufman Development supported this event.

The New Albany Community Foundation and its donors are working together to create the most extraordinary community in America. Acting as a community builder, the Foundation develops collaborative partnerships and invests in transformational projects that benefit all residents and contribute to the greater good: developing a community of life-long learners, creating culture of wellness, and enriching the community through the arts and our natural environment. By championing forward-thinking initiatives, the Foundation and its donors have already had a significant positive impact.

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