

## 2015 CORNERSTONE AWARDS

### Bob Keidan

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Bob Keidan, a long-time resident of Jefferson Township, has been involved with Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools for many years. From school classroom support to levy campaigns to the establishment of the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation (GJEF,) Bob Keidan was there.

"Bob cares deeply about helping the Gahanna schools be the best they can be," said Carole Bickel. "He truly embodies the purpose of the educational foundation, which is to 'promote excellence.'"

Keidan's involvement started at the school and classroom level as his children were Gahanna-Jefferson students.

"Mike Fritz [2014 Cornerstone Award Inductee] and I saw other communities developing educational foundations to raise money and awareness, so we decided to capitalize on that as well," Keidan said. "I feel like I'm representing all the volunteers who give of their time for this. I take great pride in how I've seen Gahanna grow."

Bickel noted that Bob is a tireless GJPS supporter who cares deeply, giving of his time, talent and expertise to a number of projects, including the GJEF, School Business Advisory Council, Clark Hall advisory committee and financial committees. Keidan wouldn't have it any other way.

"We wanted the foundation to be a tool for teachers to be creative, and tackle projects they usually wouldn't be able to do. The foundation gives them the means to do that," said Keidan.

He reflected on the relationship between the schools and the community, calling GJPS a source of pride and an integral part of the city of Gahanna.

"I've seen the attitude in Gahanna grow positive over the years, and I've seen the great things accomplished by Gahanna-Jefferson students," said Keidan. "I appreciate being recognized."

Keidan is a graduate of The Ohio State University.