



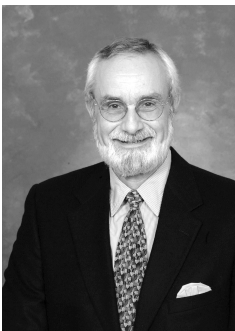
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Symphony Endowment Foundation Announces New Trustees and Officers, Receipt of Bequest

The Southwest Florida Symphony Endowment Foundation announces the appointment of new trustees, and also the election of officers for its 2008/2009 fiscal year, beginning July 1. Launched in 2001, the Endowment Foundation was established by the Symphony as a separate non-profit corporation, operating under the direction of an independent Board of Trustees.



Newly appointed to the Foundation Board are Trustees Michael Schneider-Christians of Cape Coral, Chair; David Carleton Hall of Fort Myers, Vice Chair/Assistant Treasurer; and Robert L. Fuchs of Fort Myers, Secretary/Treasurer.

Schneider-Christians described the mission of the Foundation as expanding and managing its base of financial assets to help the Symphony achieve long range operational goals and objectives. These include building a core orchestra and providing continuing support for many of the Symphony's important educational scholarships and award programs. He went on to say that a significant bequest this year from a long-time Symphony patron that raised assets to the \$1,000,000 level has been instrumental in expanding and strengthening the Foundation's financial capabilities to carry out its mission.

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