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Brenda Cummins joined the Cleveland Foundation in 2015 and works with donors and organizations to help achieve their philanthropic objectives. She is a certified trainer in Family Philanthropy through 21/64.

Brenda brings senior level development experience from her previous role as director of Foundation Administration and Community Engagement at Summa Health. In her role, she advanced Summa's priorities through philanthropy and connected the greater community to the work of the organization. Prior work includes her position as a development officer at the Akron Civic Theatre, where she was responsible for all aspects of fundraising for the 1920's atmospheric theatre.

Through her first career path as an Audiologist and her community volunteer work in social services, healthcare and the arts, her strength is connecting people to organizations that make an impact in the lives of our greater community. She holds a master's degree in Audiology from Kent State University and a bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing from Bowling Green State University.

Brenda serves on the boards of several area non-profits, including 91.3 The Summit – WAPS and the Peninsula Foundation and previously served on the boards of Summit ArtSpace and Greenleaf Family Center. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron, Class 2007. She has volunteered on the American Heart Association Go Red for Women committee, with the Summa Medical Team for the Akron Marathon, and as chair of the Gay Community Endowment Fund Sugar Plum Tour Auction. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Northeast Ohio Planned Giving Council. She serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Akron.

Brenda lives in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and celebrates life everyday with her husband Brian and three grown children, Ian, Harrison and Madison

