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ABOUT MYSELF

While I did not grow up or attend school in Lakewood, I have called Lakewood home for 20 years, longer than I have ever called anywhere home. My wife, Kris Williams, and I are proud to raise our two daughters here, where they attend our exceptional schools (Harding Middle School and Lakewood High School). I graduated with a BA and MA in Sociology from Cleveland State University in 2001 and currently work as a Philanthropic Advisor at the Cleveland Foundation. Additionally, I play drums with The George Martins, a Beatles cover band.

While it's not perfect, I have found Lakewood to be a model community in many ways, from its walkability and entrepreneurial spirit, to its diverse, inclusive and highly engaged population, welcoming and numerous parks, tree-lined streets filled with single-and-multi family houses and apartments, neighbors who enjoy rolling up their sleeves and getting involved, accessible elected officials and public servants, opportunities for youth to explore their

interests, for families to thrive and for our oldest residents to age in place. It's been a pleasure to personally grow older here and not only watch my own children thrive thanks to the support of this community, but to be able to make my own mark through involvement in the community.

Volunteering has been an important part of my life and since I moved to Lakewood, there have been so many opportunities to serve in this way. In 2008, working with the folks at (then) Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach, I started a community hot meal and free produce distribution, which led to my creating the All You Need Is Love (and food) Beatles-themed fundraiser, which still runs and raises money for hunger relief in Lakewood to this day. In the past, I served on LakewoodAlive's development committee. I currently serve on H2O's advisory committee as well as the community engagement committee for Beck Center for the Arts, where I also worked as their Director of Development for five years. Believing that civic engagement is critically important, last year I organized Andrews Avenue's very first block club, working to connect residents of my street to our public servants as well as to issues that are important to us all as residents of Lakewood. Joining the board of trustees of the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation is the next step in service to a community that I am proud to call home. I look forward to furthering our work while supporting our remarkable students and our tireless, dedicated teachers.