



**Kate Lewis**

*Resident of Kew Road*

*Tell us about yourself*

I work at University Hospitals in the office of Institutional Relations & Development. I oversee our base-building annual giving fundraising program, volunteer leadership program, and work with individual donors to fulfill their philanthropic interests. Prior to coming to UH, I worked in higher education development. My hobbies include interior design & decorating, antiquing, renovating my home, and running and hiking with my dog, Rocky, in Forest Hill Park. I also volunteer for a local animal rescue organization. I don't have kids of my own but I am an awesome aunt and enjoy spending time with and spoiling my nieces and nephews.

*How long have you lived in Forest Hill? Why did you move here?*

I have lived in Forest Hill for nearly 4 years. After living in Washington, DC; Chicago; Baltimore and Newark, DE, I decided to move to Cleveland to be closer to family (family here in Cleveland as well as Buffalo, which is where I am from originally). I focused my home search on Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights to be close to my job in University Circle. I was in town for one day and determined to make an offer on the best house at the end of the day. Admittedly, I didn't know much about Forest Hill but I was impressed with the neighborhood and the homes on my street. I liked that there was a strong Home Owner's Association tasked with the responsibility to maintain the quality and integrity of historic Forest Hill. Ultimately though, the house and its "good bones" was the reason I moved to Forest Hill. Since then, I have enthusiastically embraced Forest Hill and have enjoyed learning about its historic legacy.

*Why do you want to be a trustee?*

After moving in July 2013, I immediately got involved with FHHO, first holding a position on the board and then serving as a trustee. I would like to continue in my role as trustee for Kew Road as I am passionate about Forest Hill, believe in our community and want to help raise awareness and make things better. After years of moving from city to city, I am here to stay and want to immerse myself in the community.

*What will be your neighborhood focus as a trustee?*

As a trustee, I plan to continue to work on the Fall for Forest Hill 5K run/walk to benefit Forest Hill Park. Last year's inaugural event was a tremendous success and this year promises to be even better. Our goals for the 5K are to promote Forest Hill, raise money for the park through the East Cleveland Parks Association, and create an opportunity to do something positive to bring the neighborhood together. In addition, I would like to help form groups such as book clubs/dinner clubs/wine clubs/running groups, etc. to get together with neighbors who share common interests and as a way to socialize. Lastly, given my background in development/fundraising, I would also be able to assist with additional fundraising initiatives for FHHO.