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Paige is a long time Bexley resident, wife to Mike Crane, mother to sons Dan and David, and a dedicated community volunteer.

A love of, and interest in, education, literature, the arts and gardening has guided Paige's involvement with many different organizations. Currently Paige serves on the Board of Trustees of the Bexley Public Library, (2001-present) and the Director's Circle Council of the Wexner Center for the Arts (2010- present). Past Board affiliations include the Board of Trustees of the Columbus Academy, Board President of the Parents Association of Columbus Academy, BalletMet of Columbus, the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and the Bexley Public Gardens and Tree Commission. In addition, Paige is also a member of Twig 3 and The Little Garden Club of Columbus. The Columbus Academy continues to be a focus of commitment for Paige and Mike as they are currently co-chairs of the New Quest Capital Campaign.

Franklin Park Conservatory has been a philanthropic interest for years, living in such close proximity to the park sparking a desire to see it thrive and improve. With the guidance of former Development Director Beth Fisher, several projects were implemented, including enhancing the entry gardens and plantings along Broad Street, the establishment of the conifer and grasses garden and just recently the water smart garden, all of which have been very gratifying. Attending events such as Hat Day and Field to Table have added to the fun! Paige was awarded the Ann Isaly Wolfe Award in 2011.

Paige graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Sociology. Born in New York City to an English mother and French Canadian father, Paige was brought up in an Army family and lived overseas in Germany and Okinawa, Japan with time spent stateside in North Carolina and settling in Columbus as a junior in high school. A love of travel was established early on, and Paige was a flight attendant for American Airlines for five years based in Chicago. Back in Columbus she also worked at Windwalkers and for the Bexley News as a weekly columnist.

Walking her dog Kris to Franklin Park several times a week all year round is a must and a treat! There is always something of interest to observe and favorite places to visit. When not walking the dog, Paige can be found riding her bike on the Three Creeks trail, reading, planting and watering flowers and entertaining family and friends.