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OHIO & ERIE CANALWAY TO HONOR DR. BRIAN HARTE OF CLEVELAND CLINIC AKRON GENERAL AT 2019 CANAL BOAT CAPTAIN'S BALL

AKRON, Ohio (April 22, 2019) – The 2019 Canal Boat Captain's Ball will be held Friday, May 17, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. The event, hosted by the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, will honor Dr. Brian Harte, president of Cleveland Clinic Akron General. Tickets for the event range from \$100 to \$250 per person, or \$1,000 for a table.

The Canal Boat Captain's Ball is an important fundraising event for the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, raising more than \$50,000 for continued development of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Towpath Trail and connector trails last year alone. The event features a silent and live auction, dinner, raffle prizes and a special Fund-A-Need portion to benefit the organization's Fishing Derby in the fall.

Captain's Ball recognizes a leader in the Akron community for their support of the Ohio & Erie Canalway. Brian Harte, MD, SFHM, is president of Cleveland Clinic Akron General and Cleveland Clinic's Southern Region, which includes more than a dozen Cleveland Clinic healthcare facilities. He is passionate about the history of Northeast Ohio and the role that the Ohio and Erie Canal and the Towpath Trail have played and continue to play in that history.

For Dr. Harte's full bio and more information on the Captain's Ball, visit ohioeriecanal.org/captains-ball. Contact the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition office at 330-374-5657 with any questions.

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The Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition is a recognized leader across the region, developing the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and its connector trails in Summit, Stark, and Tuscarawas Counties, while leveraging resources and stimulating community and economic development.