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PERSON OF THE WEEK

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Lee A. Kay

South Euclid resident Lee A. Kay gets great satisfaction from her work.

"It's always a pleasure to help people make their community better," said Kay, who is a contractor in the field of community organizing and development now working with the small grants program of Neighborhood Connections.

Through her work, Kay helps benefit grass roots organizations in Cleveland in need of funding.

"I let people know they are powerful and they are smart and that they can make their neighborhoods a great place," she said.

One example of such a grant, she said, helped fund a graffiti art program in down-

town Cleveland "that validated graffiti as a form of art."

Kay was inspired to get into the work she does after watching closely her father, Louis Gleason, now of South Euclid, do such work as she grew up. He worked for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Kay, who is married to husband, Kevin, is stepmother to three adults and one teen, and is a step-grandmother of four.

One of her favorite hobbies is reading, her favorite book being "Animal Vegetable Miracle," by Barbara Kingsolver.

"I love to walk and read and South Euclid has great place for both," she said.

— Jeff Piorkowski

