Working with Neighbors from All Walks of Life
The Mission Statement

Akron Community Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life in the Greater Akron area through the development of organized philanthropy. To fulfill this mission, the Foundation is committed to:

• Serving Akron and surrounding areas with creative, visionary and sensitive grants that address the evolving needs of an area experiencing rapid economic and social change.

• Devoting special emphasis to programs that enrich the community in the distinct areas of Arts and Culture, Education, Health and Human Services, and Civic Affairs.

• Advising donors in the areas of their particular concerns and assisting them in achieving the most beneficial results.

• Performing as a responsible solicitor and prudent manager of philanthropic assets created through charitable gifts and bequests.

• Demonstrating community leadership by seeking innovative programs and acting as a catalyst in identifying problems and sharing information with other organizations.
Akron Community Foundation is concluding another successful year in providing philanthropic service to donors and building a better and stronger community.

The Board recently completed a long-range strategic plan that seeks to position Akron Community Foundation as the central and most trusted force in local philanthropy. We envision the Foundation becoming the focal point for prudently managing philanthropic capital in our community, providing services to donors of all means, and serving as a catalyst for improving the quality of life in our community through addressing needs with creative grant making and other services.

The plan looks to the continued growth of our assets, including unrestricted as well as donor-advised funds, agency endowments and scholarship funds. Akron Community Foundation has developed a reputation for supporting important community organizations while still providing support for grassroots organizations meeting ever-changing community needs. The Foundation has partnered with the United Way of Summit County and the University of Akron to conduct a community needs study to determine the most pressing needs in the community and whether there are areas where collaboration among funders can effect real change in our community.

The Akron Community Foundation's success can be attributed to a dedicated Board of Trustees and an energized and professional staff. Our Board of Trustees has worked hard this year, not only on strategic planning but also in prudently managing our investment portfolio. Staff and the Board of Trustees collaborate daily to ensure that the service provided to our donors is timely, meaningful and adds value to our donors and the community.

Special thanks to Jody Bacon whose vision and foresight continue to guide Akron Community Foundation to a bright future. Jody's efforts in building community and forging relationships in the donor community and the non-profit community in Summit County will yield dividends for our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Marc B. Merkl
Chairman of the Board
Akron Community Foundation has worked side-by-side with the Akron community and its many generous donors since 1955 to help make Summit County a better place to live and raise a family, now and for future generations. Over the years, the Foundation has grown to become a family of more than 200 affiliate funds through generous gifts from individuals, companies, foundations and charitable organizations that join with the Foundation to keep the Greater Akron area strong and vital.

It was a bequest from the estate of Akron industrialist Edwin Coupland Shaw that established Akron Community Foundation. In his will, drawn up in 1934, Mr. Shaw expressed his desire to provide a means for residents to make charitable gifts with a flexibility of purpose and permanence. Mr. Shaw’s initial gift was soon followed by gifts and bequests from many other civic-minded citizens.

This generosity and the drive to build a better community continue today. Akron Community Foundation has grown to a nearly $100 million endowment, making it possible for the Foundation to offer support in perpetuity to the multitude of nonprofit organizations and programs that serve this community. Through the ongoing commitment of our donors to the advancement of the Greater Akron area, the Foundation continues growing and working with neighbors from all walks of life.
The Community Fund

The Akron Community Foundation’s Community Fund enables the Foundation to respond to the changing needs of the community as needs arise. Gifts to the Community Fund help the Foundation provide grants to qualified nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations in Summit County that can have an immediate, positive impact on the community.

The Community Fund is the most flexible fund because of its unrestricted nature. This means the Foundation can evaluate applications and decide which qualified nonprofit programs and organizations would benefit the community most from receiving funding during each grantmaking quarter.

Seventy-five grants were awarded from this fund in the past fiscal year totaling $1,046,141. These grants served the community in a variety of ways, such as helping disabled students enjoy field trips to an arts festival and aiding in the protection of property in our historic Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor. Community Fund grants helped expand a program to supplement food donations at the area’s foodbank and supported leadership training for high school girls.

Each quarter, the Foundation focuses on a different area within the community to help advance the interests, education and well being of the residents. Grants are awarded in the areas of:

- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Health & Human Services
- Civic Affairs

Gifts of any amount to the Community Fund are welcome and there are many ways to give. The Foundation accepts gifts of cash, publicly traded securities, closely held stock, insurance, real estate, retirement plans and other readily marketable gifts as well. In addition, donors can choose to make gifts as a memorial or tribute to honor a loved one, friend or colleague. Contact Akron Community Foundation for more information at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.

Community Fund grants were made possible by the following funds:

- Adam Fund
- Akron Community Foundation Community Fund
- V. E. (Tom) Atkins Fund
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- Polsky Fund
- Helen S. Robertson Fund
- James G. Robertson Fund
- Roush Memorial Fund
- Sanatorium Contingent Fund
- Shaw Foundation Fund
- George Stevens Fund
- Trustees Annual Giving Fund
The Greater Akron community is alive with programs and events that offer residents the enjoyment of cultural and artistic expression in all its forms, including theater, dance, history, art and music. In the past fiscal year, 26 grants totaling $318,070 were awarded in the areas of arts and culture, including:

- **The Akron Symphony Orchestra**'s “Concerts for Kids” series brought interactive performances of “The Little Engine that Could” to children ages 3 to 6. Concerts for Kids offers many audience members first-time exposure to live symphonic music and to the instruments that make up an orchestra.

- **Act II Productions Illusion Factory**, $10,000, for educational fee reductions for school performances and Residency Day workshops.

- **The Akron African-American Cultural Association**, $3,000, for the 22nd Annual African American Festival and Parade.

- **Ardmore Foundation Inc.**, $3,000, for the Very Special Arts annual “Festival of the Arts” field trips for Summit County disabled students.

- **Arlington Church of God of Akron, Ohio Inc.**, $15,000, for the Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop.

- **The Central Summit County Choral Society**, $5,000, for the Summit Children's Choir Program.

- **Children's Ballet Theatre Inc.**, $5,000, to help fund performances of the first act of “Coppelia” to Summit County inner-city youth in second, third and fourth grades.

- **The Children’s Concert Society of Akron, Ohio**, $6,000, to support the 2001-2002 In-School Program.

- **Cuyahoga Falls Historical Society Inc.**, $10,000, for the restoration and preservation of the Conrad Botzum Farmstead.

- **Cuyahoga Valley Brass Band Inc.**, $5,000, for band support.

- **Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet**, $5,000, to help fund an original, new ballet for the 2002-2003 season.

- **The Foundation Center - Cleveland**, $2,000, for operating support.

- **Greater Akron Musical Association Inc.**, $35,000, for continued support of the “Concerts for Kids” series for 2002.

- **Jewish Community Center of Akron**, $7,500, to help sponsor the 2001 KidsFair event.

- **Leviathan Productions Inc.**, $65,000, for a video on the history of Akron from 1950 to 1999 featuring interviews with Polsky Award recipients.

- **Magical Theatre Company**, $15,000, for the expansion of KidScripts, a program that merges stories written by students with theatre.

- **Ohio Chamber Ballet**, $15,000, for the Summer Festival and Education Program.

- **Out in Akron Inc.**, $5,000, for the 2001 Cultural Festival.

- **Riverfront Center Association (Fiscal Agent: Cuyahoga Falls Lions Charities Inc.)**, $5,000, to help support concerts on the Riverfront Center Mall in downtown Cuyahoga Falls.

- **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Inc.**, $13,200, for the Traveling Trunk program.

- **Summit County Historical Society of Akron, Ohio**, $8,870, for the restoration of the Pockrandt Visitor’s Center.

- **Tuesday Musical Club**, $5,000, for the Evelyn Glennie concert.

- **United Disability Services Inc.**, $25,000, to help sponsor CityFaire, a family oriented arts event to be held in downtown Akron.

- **Weathervane Community Playhouse Inc.**, $7,000, for the design, production and distribution of marketing materials for the Youth Outreach Program.
The Blue Heron Rookery is one of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park’s featured locales. The collaborative efforts of the Trust for Public Land, the City of Akron and the National Park, and a grant from Akron Community Foundation, will help preserve and keep in its natural state the Park Gateway property. The southern gateway to the park, this property is the ideal site to view the herons as they build their nests and raise their young.

Summit County residents place great value on their environment and their community’s infrastructure. Many organizations have programs in place to help keep our cities, neighborhoods and green space vibrant and healthy for the generations to come. In the past fiscal year, 17 grants totaling $242,116 were awarded in the area of civic affairs, including:

- **Akron Rotary Camp for Crippled Children Inc.**, $17,000, for camp improvements.
- **Akron Zoological Park**, $19,770, to enhance the Zoomobile program.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Summit County**, $15,000, for the POWER Hour homework assistance and tutoring program.
- **The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation**, $20,000, for a Community Needs Assessment Inventory study in Akron neighborhoods.
- **Center for Nonprofit Excellence**, $25,000, for first-year administrative support.
- **Christmas in April Summit County Inc.**, $10,000, for repair and renovation assistance and safety improvements for homeowners in need.
- **Coleman Professional Services Inc.**, $6,000, to support SAGE Computer Services.
- **Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization**, $6,000, for the Cuyahoga River restoration program in Summit County.
- **Downtown Akron Partnership Inc.**, $15,000, for artists’ fees for First Night Akron.
- **East Akron Community House Association**, $15,000, for relocation and expansion of the Lifelink Prenatal Outreach, Early Start and Wellness program.
- **Good Shepherd Athletic Club**, $12,296, for program support.
- **Keep Akron Beautiful**, $11,275, for the 2002 Flowerscape program.
- **Let’s Grow Akron Inc.**, $12,000, for gardening programs.
- **Ohio Organization for Recycling and Reuse**, $25,000, for the Business Hazardous Waste Recycling Center for small businesses in Summit and Cuyahoga Counties.
- **Sisters of Saint Dominic of Akron, Ohio**, $10,000, for the development of a Master Site Plan to complete the Strategic Planning process.
- **Summit Education Initiative**, $12,775, for a community education event to stimulate citizen interest in the leadership of area school boards.
- **Trust for Public Land**, $10,000, for protection of the Park Gateway Property, part of the Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Program.
The Community Fund

Health & Human Services

A strong community can be measured by the health and well being of its residents. The Greater Akron area excels in the quality and variety of health and human services programs its many nonprofit organizations provide. In the past fiscal year, 19 grants totaling $302,140 were awarded in the areas of health and human services.

Health programs include:

All-Star Training Club, $7,500, for Web site and registration fees for needy, disabled individuals.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Summit County, $10,000, for the “Needy Soles” project, supplying shoes, socks and boots to needy mentally disabled persons.

American Red Cross Summit County Chapter, $30,000, for “Here for Life” capital campaign support to build a headquarters and service center for Summit County.

The Arc of Summit & Portage Counties Inc., $15,000, for the surrogate parenting program.

Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron, $10,000, for trauma support for children who witness violence and their families.

North Coast Community Homes Inc., $20,000, for renovation and rehabilitation of 28 Akron housing units for residents with severe mental illness.

Say Yes To Tennis, $16,970, for the player development program.

Victory Gallop Inc., $8,235, for “Project Petie” and “Camp Chops” providing therapeutic equestrian experiences to ill youth.

Human services programs include:

Akron Community Foundation’s Millennium Fund For Children, $10,000, for grant making.

Akron Community Service Center & Urban League, $15,000, for children’s enrichment after-school program.

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, $20,000, for expansion of the purchase program to supplement donated food.

Battered Women’s Shelter, $20,000, for general operating support.

Big Brothers & Sisters of Summit and Medina Counties Inc., $10,000, for the “Sidekicks” mentoring program, matching high school students with elementary students.

Family Services of Summit County, $10,000, for expansion of the anger management program for youth and adults.

H.M. Life Opportunity Services, $15,000, for expansion of services for children.

Mature Services Incorporated (AKA Senior Workers Action Program), $18,000, for homecare services to help older adults remain in their homes.

South Arlington United Methodist Church, $8,285, for the “Children of Promise” program offering academic, remediation and recreational opportunities for at-risk youth.

United Way of Summit County, $33,150, for the Cooperative Community Needs Assessment Project.

Young Men’s Christian Association of Akron, $25,000, for programs for at-risk youth involved in the juvenile diversion program of the Summit County Sheriff’s office.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Summit County supports Greater Akron’s mentally ill persons who have little or no support from elsewhere. Because getting adequate clothing can be a problem for this population, the Alliance provides shoes, socks and winter boots through the “Needy Soles” project. A grant from Akron Community Foundation helped the Alliance supply clients with vouchers for the purchase of these items.
Education

Learning is a life-long pursuit for many Summit County residents. Akron Community Foundation offers funding for programs that range from teaching adults homeownership skills to truancy prevention for students. In the past fiscal year, 13 grants totaling $183,815 were awarded in the area of education, including:

- **Citizens Policy Center**, $5,000, for the Earthlearn Classroom Project, environmental lessons for Akron Public School students.
- **City of Akron, Akron Health Department**, $10,802, for Ropes and Rock Wall Challenge Course opportunities for adjudicated adolescents.
- **Cleveland Health Education Museum**, $15,000, for Health on Wheels and Healthy Acts programs for Summit County Public Schools.
- **Community Drug Board Inc.**, $24,830, for “THRIVE” educational truancy prevention pilot program for targeted area schools.
- **Family Solutions**, $27,879, for homeownership skills, computer and vocational educational services.
- **Heart to Heart Communications Inc.**, $6,000, for Worklife Institute Seminar assistance for Akron area nonprofits.
- **Hudson Local School District**, $1,000, for the Charles D. Miller Leadership Forum for Hudson City Schools leaders.
- **The National Conference for Community and Justice Inc.**, $9,000, for “It’s Your Move” human relations, diversity programs for Summit County schools.
- **Project Learn of Summit County**, $20,000, for the health literacy program benefitting students, those with low literacy skills and health care practitioners.
- **Summa Health System**, $28,433, for “Health Care in Progress Initiative,” a collaborative effort to prepare minority students for health careers.
- **Summit Education Initiative**, $13,085, for a character/asset development conference for schools in Northeast Ohio.
- **Summit Portage Leader Institute**, $12,786, for leadership training for 48 Summit County high school girls.
- **Twinsburg City Schools**, $10,000, for Project STAR, a youth summer remediation reading program, a collaborative effort with the Twinsburg Library and Parks & Recreation Department.

Clients of the Akron Health Department’s Adolescent Alcohol/Drug Treatment program learn to experience healthy risk taking through Rock Wall and Ropes Challenge courses at Kent State University and Camp Y Noah. Over the years, Akron Community Foundation’s support of these programs has benefited many of the community’s youths who want to recover from their drug and alcohol use.
The 32nd Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award

Clifford and Judith Isroff Honored

For the past 32 years, the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award has been presented to the individual or individuals who best exemplify Bert Polsky's selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in the Greater Akron community. Mr. Polsky was one of those rare individuals whose creed was faith in people, community service and devotion to family.

This year, Clifford and Judith Isroff, who have served the Akron community for nearly 40 years with exceptional leadership in the arts and in cultural, health and educational pursuits, became the 32nd recipients of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award of Akron Community Foundation.

"The extraordinary thing about this couple is the extensive breadth and profound depth of the service they both have contributed over the years," said Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon. "Their efforts have made our area a better place to live."

Clifford Isroff has held leadership board positions that include president of Akron Community Foundation, Akron General Medical Center, Akron Jewish Community Federation and co-chairman of the Blossom Music Center Board of Trustees. He is the director of FirstMerit Bank and FirstMerit Corporation. In addition, Clifford served on the boards of numerous organizations, focusing on educational entities.

Judith Isroff founded Keep Akron Beautiful Inc., promoting recycling and beautification, and served as the organization’s executive coordinator from 1981 to 1989. She also has served as president of the boards of Leadership Akron, Akron Art Museum, Akron Roundtable and Hadassah. Judith also was the first, and to date only, woman board president of the Akron Jewish Community Federation. Her past board memberships are also numerous.

Over the years, both Judith and Clifford have received many honors for their devotion to the Akron community. Today, the Isroffs continue to invest their time and energy into the community demonstrating the enduring spirit of true humanitarianism.

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Photos from left to right: Cliff and Akron Community Foundation President, Jody Bacon, enjoying the gala event.

A proud moment for the well-deserving Cliff and Judy Isroff.

During the reception preceding the award presentation, Cliff and Judy Isroff spend a few moments chatting with last year’s Polsky Award recipient and former Akron Community Foundation Board President, Ann Amer Brennan.

Caroline (daughter) and Donald Schwartz, left; Jeff (son) and Elizabeth Isroff, right; shared Cliff and Judy’s honor.
Family of Funds

Akron Community Foundation’s family of funds support programs that enrich the lives of people within the many diverse groups in the Greater Akron community. These special-focus affiliate funds are permanent endowments from which grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that concentrate on specific fields of interest. The family of funds helps strengthen the Foundation’s permanent endowment and the community as a whole.

Donors can contribute to any of these named funds and gifts of any amount are welcome. You also can create a lasting legacy by establishing a fund in your own name anytime during your lifetime with a gift of $5,000 or more, or pledge a future gift through your will, trust or succession plan. The Foundation offers a variety of named-fund options, including:

- Donor-advised funds – These funds offer donors an active role by enabling them to recommend that grants be made to qualified organizations of their choice during their lifetime.
- Donor-designated funds – These are created through a bequest or other estate-planning strategy to continue the donor’s support of the community. Legacy gifts can be designated to provide assistance to a favorite nonprofit organization or to address a specific area of community concern.
- Field of interest funds – These funds provide support within a specific area, such as healthcare or the environment.
- Scholarship funds – Donors choose to award scholarships for a field of study or a specific educational institution. They also can establish criteria for selecting award recipients as well as name an advisory board to oversee the fund’s activity.

The Foundation offers several planned-giving options that can provide significant and timely financial and tax benefits. These options allow donors to reduce income and estate taxes, pass property tax-free to heirs, receive increased income for life and still grow as a philanthropist. Contact Akron Community Foundation for more information at 330-376-8522, or visit the Foundation’s Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.

More than 200 Akron-area youngsters have a whole new outlook on life thanks to a two-day visit from the Lenscrafters Foundation’s Gift of Sight Vision Van. Two of Akron Community Foundation’s donor-advised funds helped to support the program, which provides eye exams and new glasses.
Since its inception, the Millennium Fund for Children has provided grants for projects that help to improve the quality of life for children in Summit County. From field trips, to grief support, to books, swimsuits and bicycle helmets, the Millennium Fund has provided the area’s children with greater opportunities to grow and learn, and in some cases, to just have fun. In its two years of grantmaking, the Millennium Fund has awarded $58,389 to 38 children’s projects.

Created jointly by the Akron Beacon Journal and Akron Community Foundation in 1999, the Millennium Fund is a permanent endowment that grows through contributions from donors across the region, many of whom give to the fund their last hour's pay of the year. Now with more than 700 donors, the Millennium Fund has grown to over $155,000. Grants totaling $36,811 were awarded to 25 projects in the fund’s second year of grantmaking.

The Millennium Fund supports children’s projects by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations in Summit County that offer youths interaction with the arts, civic affairs, education, and health and human services. An advisory committee, chosen from the fund’s donors, helps select the nonprofit organizations that will receive grants. The committee looks favorably on small, grassroots programs for children where even a small grant can make a difference.

The Millennium Fund awards grants of $500 to $2,000 once each year in October. Applications must be received in the Foundation office by noon on September 1. For more information, contact the Foundation office at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.
Vernon L. Odom Fund

Vernon L. Odom was the distinguished founder and long-time leader of the Akron Urban League, serving the Akron community until his death in 1996. Mr. Odom promoted racial harmony and worked to improve the quality of life for the area’s minority population. The Vernon L. Odom Fund makes grants to further the same ideology Mr. Odom worked to inspire in the community.

The Odom Fund awards grants of up to $1,000 each year in the spring to qualified nonprofit organizations working on minority programs. The fund’s Advisory Board looks for small, grassroots programs that can help improve access to education, healthcare and human services; reduce crime and delinquency; promote an understanding of different cultures; and increase economic opportunities.

This year, 10 grants totaling $8,200 were awarded for projects, including the Coming Together Project’s “Unity Walk,” which took place September 15 and became a tribute to those who perished September 11. Other projects receiving grants provided arts and crafts materials for American Indian youth; a summer club for Muslim youth; achievement camp for the Hispanic community; and a program for immigrant and refugee women. The Odom Fund also awarded grants for after-school programs and an athletic camp for youths.

For an application and grant guidelines for the Vernon L. Odom Fund, call the Foundation office or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.

The Coming Together Project’s annual Unity Walk attracted more than 500 residents who wished to interact with their neighbors in the aftermath of September 11. A grant from the Vernon Odom Fund helped promote the event.
The Women’s Endowment Fund

The Women’s Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment committed to improving the lives of women and girls in Summit County and assisting women in their growth as philanthropists. An affiliate fund of Akron Community Foundation established in 1993, the Women’s Endowment Fund’s grantmaking focuses on creating opportunities to support educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth.

The fund also serves as a vehicle for change by bringing diverse community groups together to develop new approaches to meet the needs of women and girls. Every two years, the fund’s Advisory Board holds a forum to bring community leaders together to share information about an issue chosen because of its impact on the area’s female population and for its importance to the Greater Akron area. This year’s forum will focus on the plight of homeless teenage girls in Summit County; a population considered to be one of the fastest growing in the county.

In this grant year, the Women’s Endowment Fund awarded grants to four Greater Akron nonprofit organizations. Keeping in step with the theme of its 2000 forum, “The Impact of Money on Women,” the fund awarded $27,500 to programs that provide women and girls with knowledge of all aspects of finance, from budgeting to investing.

As the Foundation’s first affiliate fund, the Women’s Endowment Fund served as the model for the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund, which was formed in 1998. For more information about this fund, contact the Foundation at 330-376-8522 or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.
Medina County Fund

Since 1994, the Medina County Fund has awarded grants to qualified nonprofit organizations that help keep Medina County an ideal place to live and raise a family. Income from this fund benefits charitable efforts that include the arts, education, the environment, human services and much more. This year, the Medina County Fund awarded seven grants totaling $15,170 for programs ranging from concerts on the square to educational programs to purchasing an air compressor for local fire fighters.

The Medina County Fund is a permanent philanthropic endowment that is counted among Akron Community Foundation’s family of funds. Through this affiliation, the fund benefits from the Foundation’s expertise in grantmaking, fund administration and investment management. The Foundation’s annual independent audits and public disclosures of all grant activity assure continued use of gifts in the public interest.

In addition to its own grantmaking activities, the Medina County Fund exists to encourage philanthropy among Medina County residents and to build lasting support for nonprofit organizations. The overarching purpose of this fund’s grantmaking is to improve the quality of life for all Medina County citizens.

Women’s Endowment Fund of Medina County

In 1998, a small group of friends residing in Medina County gathered to discuss the possibility of starting a women’s endowment fund, which would promote philanthropy and improve the quality of life for women and children. Since that time, the Women’s Endowment Fund of Medina County has since experienced steady growth.

In 2001, the fund made its first grant to a qualified nonprofit group, awarding $4,000 to the Medina YWCA to support its Women’s Health Fair. Now in its second year of grantmaking, this fund continues to maintain its own fundraising and grantmaking initiatives while benefiting from its status as an affiliate fund in Akron Community Foundation’s family of funds.

For more information about the Medina County funds, call 1-800-476-4993, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.
The Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund was created in 1990 to provide a permanent source of supplemental funding to improve the quality of education in the Hudson City School District. Donald C. Barlow, a 1933 graduate of Hudson High School, started this fund with an initial gift in memory of his wife, Emily Pierce Barlow.

The fund has grown to include seven named scholarship funds including the Barlow Scholarship, which is awarded to students who demonstrate a high degree of leadership, academic ability and moral standards.

Other funds include the Dorothea Snyder Partners in Education Fund, which provides support to educators for initiating exciting and innovative programs that promote educational excellence and provide long-term benefits to Hudson students. The Harry Bubb Prize goes to seniors who demonstrate the greatest academic improvement between their sophomore and senior year, while the Scott Case Memorial Award is given to the Hudson High School Tennis Team member who best demonstrates the combination of skill, sportsmanship and citizenship.

The fund’s scholarships focus on students’ academic achievements; their intellectual endeavors outside the expected Hudson High School curriculum; and those who exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit that is associated with the concept of free enterprise in America.

To be eligible for grants or scholarships from the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund, students and staff making applications must be presently enrolled, a graduate, or employed by the Hudson City School District. The fund’s advisory board makes recommendations to Akron Community Foundation relative to the distribution of grants from the fund.

For more information about the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund, contact the Foundation at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.
Neighborhood Partnership Program

The Neighborhood Partnership Program is a collaborative grant program aimed at encouraging the development of small, neighborhood-based revitalization projects operated by Akron’s neighborhood organizations. In 1999, Akron Community Foundation joined with the Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development to increase the impact of this program. Each year, Akron Community Foundation provides $100,000 to the city for this effort.

Neighborhood organizations match the Neighborhood Partnership Program grants with in-kind volunteer services, as well as dollar-for-dollar cash contributions. Grants awarded range from $500 to $7,500. Staff from the Planning Department and the Foundation jointly review the applications to determine eligibility based on the project and whether the criteria have been met. This year, grants totaling $220,000 were awarded to 45 neighborhood programs for beautification and gardening projects, sporting and recreational facilities, after-school programs and family activities.

The City of Akron has seen an enthusiastic response to the Neighborhood Partnership Program. The program promotes cooperation between the city, neighborhood groups and area businesses, which has helped create a more solid bond between the city and its residents. This working relationship has inspired innovative new ideas and initiatives that directly benefit Greater Akron’s neighborhoods.

Applications are available at the Department of Planning and Urban Development. For more information about this program, call the department at 330-375-2090.
In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, Americans struggled to come to terms with the enormity of the events of that day. It wasn't long before the way to cope with the tragedy became clear — the only hope for healing would come through giving. The Greater Akron area was no exception. In an overwhelming display of teamwork, Akron Community Foundation, FirstMerit Bank and the Akron Beacon Journal joined together to create and administer the Fire Truck Fund.

The brainchild of the Beacon Journal, the Fire Truck Fund was intended to raise enough money to buy New York City a new fire truck. The fund was publicized in the Beacon and contributions came flowing in. It was FirstMerit Bank that waded through the first of the thousands of pieces of mail that accompanied Summit County residents' heartfelt contributions.

Then, to allow corporations and private foundations to make their own contributions to the fund, Akron Community Foundation stepped in. As a public foundation, the Foundation was able to accept donations from those entities as well as record and acknowledge the many gifts from all contributors to the Fire Truck Fund. This allowed donors to receive a tax-exempt status for their gifts, as well as assurance their contributions were received and added to the coffers of the Fire Truck Fund.

Contributions to the fund far exceeded the amount needed to buy New York City a fire truck. When the Fire Truck Fund was transferred to the proper organizations, the fund totaled enough to purchase a fire truck, two rescue vehicles and three police cars.

This collaboration is an outstanding example of how, on a moment's notice, Akron Community Foundation can act in concert with other area organizations to rally and organize such community efforts. In times of celebrations, disasters or special opportunities, the Foundation is flexible and can act quickly and effectively to serve its community. And in helping those in New York recover from their loss, the Summit County community was able to begin its recovery as well.
Leadership Through the Years

During the 46-year period, many Akron area citizens have served Akron Community Foundation faithfully and conscientiously in the capacity of trustee. They are listed below.

Lolita Adair
Fred Albrecht
David Albright*
Ronald Allan
Thomas Amer
Samuel Andress*
A. J. Ashe
Bruce Bailey
Tom Barrett
Judge Randolph Baxter
Paul Belcher*
John Bennett*
Roger Berk
Jennifer Blickle
Ann Amer Brennan
Robert Briggs
Stanton Brightman
Leon Brodeur
Robert Brouse
Richard Buchholzer
L. M. Buckingham*
Edmund Burroughs*
Howard Cable Jr.
Richard Chenoweth
John Christian Jr.
John Colyar*
Hugh Colopy
Michael Connor
J. M. Cornely
John Curry
Isiah Daniels
Russell DeYoung*
Joseph Davis
John Dotson Jr.
David Evans*
Donald Fair
Ann Falor
John Feudner Jr.*
Ardan Firestone*
Harvey Firestone Jr.*
Raymond Firestone*
John Floberg
Howard Flood
W. Howard Fort
Paul Frank*
Edward Gaffney
Anne Lane Gates
Stanley Gault
James Gels
John Gerstenmaier*
Bill Giermann
Stuart Giller
Ronald Glosser
Lincoln Gries*
J. Harvey Graves
John Guinter
Richard Hardgrove
John Hart*
Earl Hathaway*
Ellen Hay
Karl Hay
Gordon Heffern
Richard Heuerman
Gerald Hill
Willard Holland
Walter Hoyt Jr., M.D.
William Hulbert
Kathryn Hunter
Duane Isham
Judith Isroff
Charles Jahant*
R. G. Jeter*
Alain Johnson
J. Ward Keener*
Clarence Kelley*
Arthur Kelly*
Dr. Arthur Kemp
Elizabeth King
John Knight*
Judge Nathan Koplin
Hesket Kuhn*
Arthur Lange
David Larrimer*
P.E.H. LeRoy*
Joseph Leyden
David Lieberth
P. W. Litchfield*
M. D. McClusky
W. B. McIntosh*
Sam McKeel
Ben Maidenburg*
Norman Malone*
D. Bruce Mansfield*
Glenn Meadows*
Robert Mercer
Thomas Merryweather
Richard Michelson
James Miller
William Miller
Forrest Myers*
Louis Myers*
Mary Schiller Myers
Stephen Myers
Gilbert Neal*
Ernest Novak Jr.
John O’Neil
M. G. O’Neil
William O’Neil*
William J. O’Neil*
John Ong
Owen Orr*
William Ott*
G. Vernon Owen*
Harland Paige*
Howard Palmer
George Parry
Jan Parry
Charles Pilliod Jr.
B. A. Polsky*
Clarence Randall
Orville Reed III
William Richards Jr.
M. S. Richardson*
Richard Riley
Helen Robertson*
Justin Rogers Jr.
George Rooney
Patrick Ross
Bruce Rothmann, M.D.
William Ruhlin
Melvin Sacks
Charles Safreed*
Walter Sammis*
Fred Schell*
Edwin Schrank
J. P. Seiberting*
C. David Shaffer, D.D.S.
Helen Slusser*
Sandra Smith
Frank Steere Jr.
Robert Stefanko
John Steinhauser
Edwin Thomas*
Joseph Thomas*
William Tobin
John Tormey
David Unger
Gale Urda
Frank Van Cleef*
Harry Warner*
John White*
Judge James Williams
Doug Wilson
Robert Wilson*
Harold Yoder*
William Zekan*
Charles Zodrow*
*Indicates deceased

Trustees
Left to right, front row: Robert Merzweiler, Hoyt Wells, Alan Ockene, Cheryl Venarge, George Daverio Jr., Cynthia Capers Ph.D., George Sarkis, Viriginia Robinson, William Demas M.D., Ernest Estep M.D., Rennick Andreoli. Back row: Marie Covington, Scott Lyons Jr., Vice Chair and Treasurer, Patricia Graves, Secretary, Marc Merklin, Chair, Clifford Isroff, Judith Read, Mark Bober, Mike Lewis, Greg McDermott. Not shown: Kathryn Dindo, Mary Ann Jackson, William Sharp, David Vernon.
Our Past Leaders
1955-58 B. A. Polsky*
1959 Paul Frank*
1960 Charles Safreed*
1961-62 P.E.H. LeRoy*
1963 L. M. Buckingham*
1964 Walter Sammis*
1965 Robert Wilson*
1966-67 Arthur Kelly*
1968-69 Lincoln Gries*
1970 D. Bruce Mansfield*
1971 R. G. Jeter*
1972 Robert Brouse
1973 Justin Rogers Jr.
1974 Howard Palmer
1975 Samuel Andress*
1976 William J. O’Neil*
1977 John White*
1978 Duane Isham
1979 Richard Chenoweth
1980 John Ong
1981 Robert Mercer
1982 Glenn Meadows*
1983 William Zekan*
1984 Charles Zodrow*
1985 Melvin Sacks
1986-87 Robert Briggs
1988 Tom Barrett
1989 George Parry
1990 Gale Urda
1991-92 Ann Amer Brennan
1993-94 Edward Gaffney
1995-96 John Dotson Jr.
1997-98 Clifford Isroff
1999-2000 Robert Merzweiler
*Indicates deceased

Staff
Front to back; left to right: Charles Booth, Special Projects Coordinator, Steven Schloenbach, Vice President, Finance, Jody Bacon, President, Jennifer Conn, Vice President, Communications, Carolyn Christian, Vice President, Programs, Kim Yohey, Finance Assistant, Diane Schumaker, Program Assistant, De Shawn Pickett, Administrative Assistant
Summary Financial Statement 2001

At the close of fiscal year 2001, Akron Community Foundation and its affiliate funds hold more than $96 million in permanent philanthropic capital. The Foundation’s endowment is composed of gifts and bequests from thousands of donors. In 2001, gifts totaling $5.7 million and practical investments continue to drive steady growth.

The Foundation’s Distribution Committee approved 773 grants to a number of diverse qualified nonprofit organizations and for post-secondary scholarships. These grants were awarded to organizations and programs within the Greater Akron community that address important issues in the areas of education, arts and culture, civic affairs, and health and human services. This year, grants and other distributions totalling $5.9 million were reinvested in the community to produce incalculable beneficial results for the residents.

Gifts and bequests are combined to form the Foundation’s growing endowment, which helps maximize earnings and reduce administrative costs. The Foundation’s operating expenses are less than one percent of total assets.

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Notes: Foundation assets are managed by: Bank One, Akron; Brandes Investment Partners, Inc., San Diego; Clover Capital Management, Pilsford, NY; FirstMerit Bank, Akron; Frontier Capital Management, Boston; National City Bank, Akron; Oak Associates, Akron; Osprey Investment Partners, Philadelphia.

The Foundation is audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP. Copies of the audited statements are available from the Foundation office.
Growth in Assets Since 1955
Original gift from Edwin C. Shaw estate totaled $1,040,862

Grants Since 1990
In Thousands of Dollars

Operating Costs as Percent of Assets

Asset Classifications
By Fund Type, In $ Millions, as of 3/31/02
Designated Grants

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Designated Grants Since 1990

In Thousands of Dollars

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From April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002, Akron Community Foundation awarded $4,790,643 in 698 designated grants to 336 organizations.
Designated Grants

Downtown Akron Partnership Inc. $10,000
DUBLIN SCHOOL INC. $100
East Akron Community House Association $10,000
East Carolina University $1,000
Edwin Shaw Hospital Development Foundation $3,352
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University $500
Emerson College $100
Equal Justice America Inc. $100
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity $8,000
Family Services of Summit County $11,500
Findley Academy, Akron Public Schools $2,732
Fire Department of the City of New York $1,309,213
The First Congregational Church of Akron $350
First Presbyterian Church $5,000
First United Methodist Church of Cuyahoga Falls $20,050
Florence Fuller Child Development Center Inc. $200
Florida Atlantic University Foundation $250
Fordham University $1,000
Gathering Place $1,000

Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation Inc. $520
Greater Westside Council of Block Clubs $1,500
Greensboro Country Day School $7,000
Greenville Jewish Federation $360
Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education $8,000
Hamden Hall School Inc. $3,000
Hartford Public Schools $11,500
Hathaway Brown School $2,000
Haven of Rest Ministries Incorporated $100
Health Education Center of Akron Inc. $16,000
Heart to Heart Communications Inc. $20,000
Heartbeats Jump Rope Team Inc. $250
Heidelberg College $600
Hillcliff Foundation $1,000
Hiram College $250
Hiram House $17,000
The Historical Society of the Town of Greensvich Inc. $500
Holy Family Home $200
Hope Homes Inc. $1,000
Hospice of Medina County $2,500
International Society of Arboriculture $500
Interval Brotherhood Homes Corporation $19,140
Inventur Place Inc. $37,255
Invisible Theatre $2,500
Islamic Society of Akron $1,000
Jerome Lippman Jewish Community Day School $1,000
Jerusalem Baptist Church $500
Jewish Community Board of Akron Inc. $11,000
Jewish Community Center of Akron $26,250
Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland $5,500
Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona $1,500
John Carroll University $3,000
Jones Street Church $100
Junior Achievement of Akron Area Inc. $26,935
Keep Akron Beautiful $425
Kensmore High School, Akron Public Schools $2,000
Kent City Schools $5,000
Kent State University Foundation Inc. $620
Kent State University $10,700
Kent State University (Stark Campus) $1,000
The Larlham Fund $1,410
Law Enforcement Foundation Inc. $200
Lead Program in Business $1,000
Leadership Akron $21,116
Leadership Medina County $835
Legacy III Inc. $13,500
Lenscrafters Foundation $4,000
Let’s Grow Akron Inc. $32,250
Lincoln Elementary School, Akron Public Schools $2,000
Literacy Council of Medina County Inc. $2,123
Little Traverse Conservancy Inc. $1,000
Lincoln Foundation $5,000
Long Island University $500
Loyola of the Lakes Jesuit Retreat House $4,106
Loyola University of Chicago $1,000
Magical Theatre Company $5,000
Massachusetts General Hospital $25,000
Medina County Performing Arts Foundation Inc. $2,500
Medina General Hospital Foundation Inc. $2,500
Methodist Theological School in Ohio $5,000
Metro Catholic Parish School $1,019
Metro Parks Serving Summit County $1,000
MetroHealth Foundation Inc. $250
Miami University $2,500
Millworks Gallery Inc. $10,000
Mobile Meals Foundation Inc. $10,360
Montrose-Zion United Methodist Church $22,212
Mount Union College $1,600
Mount Zion Fellowship Church of the Brethren $5,000
Muscular Dystrophy Association $100
Music from Stan Hywert $1,275
Musical Arts Association The Cleveland Orchestra $13,000
National Foundation for Cancer Research $300
NEOUCOM Foundation $9,333
New Cleveland Opera Company $50,000
New York City Police Foundation Inc. $90,534
North American Indian Cultural Center $500
North Naples Methodist Church $1,740
North Springfield Presbyterian Church $2,000
Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc. $25,100
Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine $1,200
Northern Kentucky University $500
Northern Michigan Hospital/Burns Clinic Foundation $3,000
Oaks Family Care Center $4,047
Ohio & Erie Canal Corridor Coalition Inc. $500
Ohio Boychoir Inc. $200
Ohio Chamber Ballet $43,958
Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Inc. $6,750
Ohio Presbyterian Retirement Services Foundation $2,000
Ohio State University $1,500
Ohio University $3,100
Ohio Wesleyan University $5,000
Old Trail School $53,767
Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood-Ministry $19,401
Peninsula Library Foundation $100
Perkins Technology Middle School, Akron Public Schools $1,996
Planned Parenthood of Summit, Portage and Medina Counties $3,815
Portage and Medina Counties Inc. $1,800
Project Learn of Summit County $25,000
Project Lern of Summit County $13,000
Purdue University $600
Redmon Grief Resource Center Inc. $1,800
Richfield Village - Senior Citizen Center $1,000
Rootstown Elementary School, Rootstown Local Schools $2,000

Good Samaritan Hunger Center Inc. $1,000
Goodrich Middle School, Akron Public Schools $3,980
The Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio Inc. $1,000
Grace Lutheran Church $4,912
Greater Akron Musical Association Foundation $500
Greater Akron Musical Association Inc. $16,025
Hudson Local School District $42,705
Humane Society of Greater Akron $1,000
In His Steps Foundation $10,000
Indiana University $1,000
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A Community Fund grant helped support programs at Victory Gallop Inc., including Project Petic, which takes Petal Pete to Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron to visit children battling illnesses.
Tucson Jewish Community Center Inc. $500
Tucson Symphony Society $250
Tuesday Musical Club $20,500
United Disability Services, Inc. $10,000
United Way of Medina County $22,985

University of Colorado $100
University of Colorado Foundation Inc. $1,100
University of Michigan $100
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill $1,000
University of Toledo $1,100
University School $1,000

Wesleyan University $1,000
Western Reserve Academy $10,000
Western Reserve Girl Scout Council $11,300
Western Reserve Historical Society $15,000
Westminster Presbyterian Church $20,000
Wilderness Inquiry Inc. $250
Witan $2,161
Wittenberg University $1,000
Women's Auxiliary Board of the Summit County Children's Home $2,000
Young Concert Artists Inc. $100
Young Men's Christian Association of Akron $12,750
Young Men's Christian Assoc. of Greenwich $250
Young Women's Christian Association Medina County $4,000
Youngstown State University $250

United Way of Sarasota County $250
United Way of Summit County $235,942
University of Akron $35,504
University of Akron Foundation $25,450
University of Arizona $2,500
University of Arizona Foundation $12,000

Victim Assistance Program $11,500
Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Development Foundation $12,485
Vocational Guidance Services $100
Walsh Jesuit High School $10,000
Walsh University $6,600
We Care Community Development $2,000
Weatherave Community Playhouse Inc. $15,310

Boys and Girls Club of Summit County established “POWER Hour,” a comprehensive educational support program for club members with assistance from a Community Fund grant. The program includes homework help, tutoring and activities to enhance learning and raise academic proficiency.
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The Akron Community Service Center and the Urban League After-School Programs provide students with a safe, monitored environment on weekdays during the school year. These latchkey youths receive transportation to the program where they are provided with a healthy snack and tutoring in a number of important academic areas. With assistance from an Akron Community Foundation grant, about 55 children ages 5 to 12 were able to participate in the program this school year.

The Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet educates young audiences in the art of ballet. Grant support was received this year from the Community Fund to mount “Mole Music,” an orginial ballet.

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The Vernon Odum Fund and the Millennium Fund for Children have provided support for supplies for the P.I.E.C.E. and Children of Promise tutoring programs, which offer children homework assistance, tutoring and recreational activities.

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Funding from the Vernon Odom Fund helped make it possible for more than 600 youths to participate in Butch Reynolds Care for Kids Foundation’s 6th annual Butch Reynolds Relay Day, which took place at Ellet High School.
Local medical and educational institutions came together in the Health Care in Progress Initiative to combat the under-representation of minorities in the medical field. A grant from the Community Fund helped support educational opportunities that exposed middle school students to hands-on activities in health care facilities.
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Akron Community Foundation Recognized for Community Contributions

Ohio Ballet BRAVO! Award

Remarks by Timothy H. Champion, President, Ohio Ballet Board of Trustees
March 23, 2002

Since 1982, the Ohio Ballet Board of Trustees has given the BRAVO! Award to individuals or institutions which have made significant contributions to the arts in Northeast Ohio. For the Akron Community Foundation, its donors, staff, and Board of Trustees this recognition is long due. Begun in 1955 with a gift in trust of one million dollars from the Estate of Edwin Shaw, the Foundation has today assets of over 96 million dollars. The diversity of organizations receiving the Foundation’s support is astounding. Last year alone Akron Community Foundation distributed more than 3 million dollars to dozens of service organizations in the areas of Governmental Affairs, Health and Human Services, Education, Child Welfare and Minority Development.

In 47 years, Akron Community Foundation and its associate funds have distributed more than 34 million dollars to qualified non-profit organizations in Summit County. It has to date made 1,214 grants and more than 7 million dollars in the Culture and Humanities categories. Last year alone, the Akron Community Foundation distributed more than $400,000 to benefit the visual and performing arts, from The Akron Art Museum to Weathervane Community Playhouse and 25 institutions in between. Ohio Ballet has in its history received from the Foundation over $500,000 in 93 grants.

Since the First World War, Akron has benefited from the thousands who came to work in our industry, and made Akron their home. One of those émigrés we honor tonight. When Jody Bacon came to Akron in 1990, the total assets of Akron Community Foundation were 15 million dollars. The major growth of the Foundation has occurred on her watch. Jody has become a community advocate, and is teaching the joy of charity, and philanthropy to successive generations. She is a formidable interrogator, but she can say “no” without discouragement, and will usually work with you to find a “yes.” And no one says “yes” to a worthy project more enthusiastically.

The Akron Communality Foundation has been a pillar of support for hundreds of artists and arts organizations over its 47-year history. Our vibrant cultural life and heritage — which makes Akron and Northeast Ohio a wonderful place to call home, is enriched and sustained through the work of the Foundation and the generosity of its donors. The variety of performing and visual art forms available here is astounding for a community of this size. Their number and vitality are an enduring tribute to the Foundation and its donors.

It is right and fitting, therefore, to celebrate Akron Community Foundation for its contributions to the cultural life of Akron and Northeast Ohio. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Ohio Ballet, I am delighted to present the 2002 BRAVO! Award to the Akron Community Foundation.
Over the years, Akron Community Foundation has awarded grants to Project: LEARN of Summit County to support its many projects and programs that help nonreading adults improve themselves through reading skills. In December 2001, Project: LEARN honored the Foundation with the Literary Leadership Award – Philanthropy, which was presented to Foundation President Jody Bacon at Mayor Don Plusquellic’s first-ever Mayor’s Breakfast for Literacy.

“ Akron Community Foundation has been a mainstay of Project: LEARN for many, many, years,” said Project: LEARN Board of Trustees President Bob Gippen. “We wanted to recognize the financial support and ongoing good advice we have always received from Jody Bacon and others at ACF.”

Projects that have benefited from Akron Community Foundation grants in the past few years include Project: LEARN’S Jumpstart program, which helps orient students to the learning process and the Bridge program, which is considered a critical step between Jumpstart and a one-on-one tutor. The Bridge program keeps nonreaders who need special assistance from becoming discouraged or frustrated with learning how to be students once again. Learning disabilities support also has been implemented for students with special learning needs.

Recently the Foundation awarded $20,000 for a health literacy project. The grant will go toward the development of a health literacy curriculum, which includes working with healthcare providers to better serve patients with minimal literacy skills.

“Selecting Akron Community Foundation as the first philanthropic organization to be recognized was our way of publicly thanking and recognizing the Foundation for its support,” said Project: LEARN Executive Director Rick McIntosh. “We believe the Foundation is truly a partner in our efforts to provide literacy and lifelong learning services that help adults achieve their goals as family members, workers, community members and lifelong learners.”
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