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For 49 years, Akron Community Foundation has worked with the Greater Akron community in building permanent philanthropy to create, support and expand this area’s many quality services and programs. Always seeking to open new windows of opportunity for both residents and the region’s myriad nonprofit organizations, Akron Community Foundation remains steadfast in its vision to keep Greater Akron vital and to make the region an even better place to live and work.

With a growing family of more than 250 affiliate funds, Akron Community Foundation partners with like-minded individuals, businesses, corporations and charitable organizations, all focused on building the permanent endowment that strengthens the programs and services that enhance and enrich all areas of our lives.

The original endowment that created the foundation was inspired by Akron industrialist and philanthropist Edwin Coupland Shaw, who set aside in his will $1 million to provide a means for other civic-minded residents to make donations to a greater philanthropic cause that would be permanent and flexible. Staying true to that vision, the foundation remains attentive, prepared to respond to the community’s evolving needs and modes of growth.

Sharing a vision for today and a clear view of the future, Akron Community Foundation and the Greater Akron community are creating a wealth of opportunities for tomorrow.
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.
Every day one of the foundation’s grants touches our lives...
The theme of this year's report, “Windows of Opportunity,” speaks to the opportunity Edwin Shaw gave us in 1955 through his bequest of $1 million. Each year more donors help to increase permanent community philanthropy at Akron Community Foundation. Through the pooling of our resources we share the opportunity to build a better community.

As you read this report you will see that donors have built the foundation’s assets to more than $106 million and that $4,480,796 was reinvested in our community through the programs and projects of Summit County’s nonprofit organizations. Since the foundation’s beginning in 1955, the cumulative total of grants awarded is $44 million.

Every day one of the foundation’s grants touches our lives, from the flowerscapes of Keep Akron Beautiful to the cultural offerings of the symphony and the art museum to programs that enrich and educate our children to the human services programs that reach out to those in need.

I am privileged to have the opportunity to work with you toward a strong and vibrant community. I thank you, our donors, the Board of Trustees and a very competent and dedicated staff for keeping Edwin Shaw’s opportunity alive, well and moving forward.

Jody Bacon  President

Akron Community Foundation has just concluded its 49th, and most successful year of philanthropic service to the Greater Akron community.

A few years back, the Board of Trustees adopted a strategic plan to direct the long-term future of Akron Community Foundation. A fundamental component of that plan included the ability to accommodate the foundation’s need to grow. With the completion of our building — expansion campaign and addition of the foundation’s first full-time development officer, we are prepared to continue our tradition of meeting both the needs of our donors and the expanding number of charitable and civic organizations we serve.

None of this success would have been possible without a diligent Board of Trustees and a dedicated Akron Community Foundation staff. This year, Patricia Graves leaves the Board after nine years of dedicated service. Patty’s contribution as a Board member and as Secretary of the Board has been instrumental in the foundation’s growth.

The board continues to oversee the management of our funds with investment policies that have fostered prudent and steady asset growth. This past year our investment portfolio reached an all-time high. Just as important, we were able to fund significant grants within our community.

The foundation’s staff, led by Jody Bacon, has provided us with the professional skills required to understand the needs of the Akron community and to position the foundation to address those needs. In addition to acknowledging the excellence of our staff, the board extends special recognition to Jody, who led the effort — almost single-handedly — to raise the funds to pay for our building expansion without invading endowments or incurring debt.

Akron Community Foundation is poised to meet the future. We are pleased to report that the foundation will enter its next half-century having the resources to make a difference in all of our lives.

George Sarkis  Board Chair
## Summary Financial Statements

### Comparative Summary Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2004 and 2003

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### Comparative Summary Statement of Activities for the Years Ended March 31, 2004 and 2003

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| INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS | 29,842 | (14,257) |
| NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR | 76,241 | 90,498 |
| NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR | $106,083 | $76,241 |

Notes: Foundation assets are managed by: Bank One, Akron; Brandes Investment Partners, Inc., San Diego; Clover Capital Management, Pittsford, NY; FirstMerit-First National Bank, Akron; Frontier Capital Management, Boston; National City Bank, Akron; Oak Associates, Akron; Osprey Investment Partners, Philadelphia.
At the close of fiscal year 2003, Akron Community Foundation and its affiliate funds hold more than $111 million in permanent philanthropic capital. The foundation’s endowment is composed of gifts and bequests from thousands of donors, which are combined to maximize earnings and reduce administrative costs. In 2003, gifts totaling $8.5 million and a record annual net return of 41 percent helped solidify the foundation’s long-term commitment to Greater Akron. The foundation’s average annualized net investment return has been 12 percent, each year, for the 10 years ending March 31, 2004.

The foundation’s Distribution Committee approved 765 grants to a number of diverse qualified nonprofit organizations and for post-secondary scholarships. Grants and other distributions totaling $4.6 million were reinvested in the community to produce immeasurable benefits for Greater Akron residents. During 2003, the foundation’s operating expenses were less than one percent of total assets.
The Greater Akron community's needs and interests are as varied as the diverse groups within the region’s population. Akron Community Foundation’s Community Fund provides the foundation with the flexibility to support the programs and projects that are of the most value to the health and welfare of the area’s residents. The Community Fund allows the foundation to provide opportunities for growth for on-going established services, as well as to support emerging programs that meet new and different needs within the community.

Donations to the Community Fund help the foundation provide grants to Summit County’s qualified nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. During the foundation’s quarterly evaluation process, grant requests that create opportunities for collaboration are preferred, as are those that promote proven ways of meeting residents’ needs. The foundation’s Board of Trustees evaluates all applications and awards grants to programs and organizations offering the most useful and timely services to residents.

In the past fiscal year, 84 grants totaling $1,295,193 were awarded through the Community Fund. Among them were programs that brought ballet performances and concerts into the schools, offered leadership training for high school girls, provided trauma support for children who witness violence and supported a workshop series challenging racism.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING UNDESIGNATED FUNDS:

- ADAM FUND
- ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP FUND
- V. E. (TOM) ATKINS FUND
- DICK AND CHRIS CHENOWETH FUND
- COMMUNITY FUND
- CHARLES C. AND DORATHEA S. DILLEY FUND
- LISETTE ERTEL FUND
- JOHN L. FEUDNER JR. FUND
- FRANCES H. AND PAUL A. FRANK FUND
- GALA FUND
- LILLIAN D. AND LINCOLN H. GRIES FUND
- HERMINE Z. HANSEN FUND
- LUCILLE SCOTT HARRIS FUND
- KATHLEEN JOYCE FUND
- ARTHUR KELLY FUND
- KNIGHT FOUNDATION UNRESTRICTED FUND
- JOHN S. KNIGHT FUND
- WILLIAM C. KRISHER FUND
- MAGGIE & JERRY LIPPMAN TIKKUN OLAM “REPAIR THE WORLD” FUND

NEW FUND THIS FISCAL YEAR
The Community Fund awards grants in the areas of:

- ARTS & CULTURE
- CIVIC AFFAIRS
- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- EDUCATION

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. Donors also can choose to make gifts as a memorial or tribute to honor a loved one, friend or colleague. For more information or to make a contribution to the Community Fund, call the foundation office at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.

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Total funding from the Community Fund for fiscal year March 31, 2003 to April 1, 2004: $1,295,193

COMMUNITY FUND GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES:
- ARTS & CULTURE APRIL 1
- CIVIC AFFAIRS JULY 1
- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES OCTOBER 1
- EDUCATION JANUARY 1
Arts & Culture

The Greater Akron community places great value on its countless outlets for visual arts, dance, music, theater and historical preservation, which offer limitless opportunities for both spectators and performers. In the last fiscal year, 24 programs received grants totaling $306,010 in the foundation’s arts and culture quarter, including:

- **ACT II PRODUCTIONS**
  - ILLUSION FACTORY
  - NEW VAN TO TRANSPORT ACTORS, EQUIPMENT, SETS AND COSTUMES TO SCHOOLS $25,000

- **AKRON AREA ARTS ALLIANCE**
  - PUBLICATIONS $7,880

- **AKRON ART MUSEUM**
  - EXHIBIT, HANS HOFMANN SELECTIONS FROM THE UC BERKELEY MUSEUM OF ART $35,000

- **AKRON SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.**
  - A MOVE TO SUMMIT ARTSPACE AND FOR EQUIPMENT $10,000

- **ARDMORE FOUNDATION INC.**
  - ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AND ADULTS FROM WEAVER WORKSHOPS $3,200

- **ARLINGTON CHURCH OF GOD OF AKRON, OHIO INC.**
  - YOUTH EXCELLENCE PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP $20,000

- **CASCADE LOCKS PARK ASSOCIATION**
  - ARCHIVE PROJECT $5,000

- **THE CENTRAL SUMMIT COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY**
  - SUMMIT CHILDREN’S CHOIR PROGRAM $10,000

- **CHILDREN’S BALLET THEATRE INC.**
  - "TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLET" PRODUCTION OF "NUTCRACKER" FOR AKRON AREA STUDENTS GRADES ONE, TWO AND THREE $7,500

- **CHILDREN’S CONCERT SOCIETY OF AKRON OHIO**
  - IN-SCHOOL CONCERT SERIES $6,000

- **COMMUNITY HALL FOUNDATION INC.**
  - ACRON CIVIC THEATRE, 2003-2004 IN-HOUSE PROGRAMMING $25,000

- **CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK ASSOCIATION**
  - ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM $15,000

- **CUYAHOGA VALLEY YOUTH BALLET**
  - ORIGINAL BALLET BASED ON THE POPULAR CHILDREN’S CHARACTER MADELINE $7,000

- **FOUNDATION CENTER - CLEVELAND**
  - OPERATING SUPPORT $2,500

- **GREATER AKRON MUSICAL ASSOCIATION INC.**
  - 2004 CONCERTS FOR KIDS $35,000

- **GREATER WESTSIDE COUNCIL OF BLOCK CLUBS**
  - FALL CONCERT OF THE ED DAVIS YOUTH DANCE TROUPE SERVING INNER-CITY CHILDREN $5,000

- **KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC.**
  - PORTHOUSE THEATRE’S PERFORMING ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR SUMMIT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS $7,500

- **MAGICAL THEATRE COMPANY**
  - "PERFORMING ARTS CAN TEACH" PROGRAM $15,000

- **OHIO CHAMBER BALLET**
  - ANNUAL SERIES OF FREE SUMMER FESTIVAL SHOWS $20,000

- **ST. MARY’S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**
  - WALLPAPER PROJECT’S THEATER TOUR IN AKRON, "FROM HERE: A CENTURY OF VOICES FROM OHIO" $3,000

- **STAN HYWET HALL & GARDENS INC.**
  - REPAIRS TO THE GATE LODGE $20,000

- **TUESDAY MUSICAL CLUB**
  - CONCERT BY THE CANADIAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, LES VIOLONDS DU ROY $5,000

- **WEATHERVANE COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE INC.**
  - PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM WITH A SPECIAL EVENT DEVOTED TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN $6,430

- **WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
  - DOMESTIC SKILLS PROGRAM OF THE 2003 PROGRAMMING INITIATIVES $10,000

The talented role-players in Hale Farm & Village’s Domestic Skills department skillfully reenact daily living in the 1800s to help visitors better appreciate the complexity of life in the 19th century. A grant from the Community Fund supported the program. Guests at Hale Farm might enter a kitchen in which a homemaker has fresh cornbread cooling on a rack after baking it in a wood-fired stove, or watch as a farmer sows the first seeds of spring for a garden that will grow to harvest and provide food for his family throughout the winter.
THE COMMUNITY FUND
Civic Affairs

Lush parks, clear waterways and historic buildings enhance and beautify an infrastructure that makes Summit County residents proud. Keeping our cities safe, clean and healthy is the focus of the foundation’s civic affairs quarter. In the past fiscal year, 16 grants totaling $429,683 were awarded in the area of civic affairs, including:

AKRON ROTARY CAMP FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN INC.
CAMP IMPROVEMENTS $7,400

CASA BOARD VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION INC.
“CASA TOY SHOP,” PROVIDING HOLIDAY GIFTS TO NEGLECTED/ABUSED CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE $10,000

CITY OF AKRON
2004 NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM $100,000

DOWNTOWN AKRON PARTNERSHIP INC.
LOCAL ARTISTS/PERFORMERS’ FEES FOR FIRST NIGHT AKRON $15,000

THE FIRST TEE OF AKRON INC.
PROGRAM SUPPORT $15,000

FUND FOR OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE
POOLED GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE OF AREA FOUNDATIONS TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHEAST OHIO $100,000

GOOD SHEPHERD ATHLETIC CLUB
OPERATING AND EQUIPMENT EXPENSES $13,583

HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER AKRON
HUMANE OFFICERS’ PROFESSIONAL AND STATE-MANDATED TRAINING $7,000

INNER-CITY SOCCER TEAM
SOCCER PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH $5,000

KEEP AKRON BEAUTIFUL
FLOWERSCAPE PERSONNEL, SPRINKLING SYSTEMS AND FLOWERS $12,000

LET’S GROW AKRON INC.
SUPPORT FOR THE GARDENING PROGRAM $20,000

METRO PARKS SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY
ROOF RESTORATION OF THE HARTER FAMILY FARMSTEAD BARN IN SILVER CREEK METRO PARK $10,000

SISTERS OF SAINT DOMINIC OF AKRON, OHIO
EARTH CAMPS FOR URBAN YOUTH AT CROWN POINT ECOLOGY CENTER $14,700

SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE
“INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE” PROJECT FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS $15,000

SUMMIT PORTAGE LEADER INSTITUTE
LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR SUMMIT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS $10,000

YOUNG MEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF AKRON
EMERGENCY FUNDING OF AT-RISK YOUTH PROGRAMS OF THE YMCA, SHELTER CARE AND THE EAST AKRON COMMUNITY HOUSE $75,000

The Harter Family Farmstead was one of the area’s largest dairy farms whose lush acres now make up part of Silver Creek Park. The centerpiece of the farm was its barn, which was constructed in the mid 1850s with hand-hewn beams and later added on to in 1890, reflecting two eras of barn architecture. Metro Parks, Serving Summit County is working to preserve the historic structure for possible community use and a grant from the Community Fund assisted in renovation of the barn’s roof.
Residents in and around Summit County have the opportunity to receive treatment at some of the most well regarded healthcare systems in the country, which are supported by dedicated nonprofit organizations providing quality services to residents with a variety of needs. In the past fiscal year, 23 grants totaling $306,013 were awarded in the areas of health and human services, including:

**ACCESS INC.**
Emergency shelter support for homeless women and children $20,000

**AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MILLENNIUM FUND**
Grantmaking purposes $10,000

**AKRON COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES INC.**
Lab work for indigent patients $10,000

**AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK**
Assistance with purchase of a 16-foot truck with a lift gate $20,000

**BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM** $20,000

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OF AKRON**
Ongoing trauma support services for children and their families who witness violence $10,000

**COMMUNITY DRUG BOARD INC.**
Construction of Peachtree Estates II, housing for dual diagnosed females and their children $10,000

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES INC.**
Family advocacy, counseling education and support program and the mental health program at the jail $7,150

**FAMILY SERVICES OF SUMMIT COUNTY**
Community services for the deaf program to provide daily living skills and interpreter services $10,000

**H.M. LIFE OPPORTUNITY SERVICES**
Children's program $10,000

**INFO LINE INCORPORATED**
Replace older, out-of-warranty lifeline units $20,000

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OF SUMMIT COUNTY INC.**
Basic needs for homeless families with children and assistance with resuming a stable life style $15,000

**LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION INC.**
Train Summit County and Greater Akron Area D.A.R.E. Officers in preparation for a new curriculum $2,900

**MOBILE MEALS INC. FOUNDATION**
Home delivered meals for low-income individuals at nutritional risk $15,000

**THE NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF OHIO INC.**
Screen Akron area at-risk individuals for kidney disease $10,000

**OPPORTUNITY PARISH ECUMENICAL NEIGHBORHOOD-MINISTRY**
Testing and monitoring supplies for the laboratory and self-testing regimens for patients of the free clinic $20,000

**SAW YES TO TENNIS**
Court time for the player development program $11,271

**STEWART'S CARING PLACE**
Seed money to support families dealing with cancer $15,000

**SUMMA HEALTH SYSTEM FOUNDATION**
Clinical education component of the Dove program to enhance services for victims of violence $10,000

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**
Child Family Leadership Exchange inter-agency leadership-training program $10,000

**SUMMIT COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT**
“Unmarried Parents Program,” providing custody/visitation education $13,692

**UNITED DISABILITY SERVICES INC.**
Assist in preserving the Toy & Resource Center $26,000

**VICTORY GALLOP INC.**
Rider sponsorship program, providing a therapeutic equestrian experience for indigent children $10,000

For more than 30 years, Mobile Meals Inc. has provided nutritionally at-risk residents in Summit and Portage counties with home-delivered hot and frozen meals, serving up more than 2,000 meals a day. William S. Migden, of Akron, enjoys the meals delivered to him and his wife, Hope, saying it makes life a bit easier as the couple find it more difficult to get around. A Community Fund grant supported the Mobile Meals operation.
THE COMMUNITY FUND
Opportunities abound for Greater Akron residents of all interests and ages to teach, learn, tutor or demonstrate through programs ranging from hands-on to distance learning during the foundation’s education quarter. In the past fiscal year, 21 grants totaling $253,487 were awarded in the area of education, including:

AKRON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS INC.  
GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
$7,500

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
AFRICAN DRUM-MAKING SUPPLIES FOR STEWART ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
$7,419

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH  
ANTIOCH TUTORING AND LEARNING CENTER, A TUTORING, MENTORING AND LITERACY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN  
$3,120

THE ARC OF SUMMIT & PORTAGE COUNTIES INC.  
“PEOPLE TOGETHER,” A DISABILITY AWARENESS PROGRAM PRESENTED TO K-12 STUDENTS AND ADULT GROUPS  
$15,000

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF SUMMIT COUNTY  
POWER HOUR, A TUTORING PROGRAM PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT  
$15,000

CHILD GUIDANCE CENTERS INC.  
FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAMS  
$20,000

CITY OF AKRON, AKRON HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ROPS AND ROCK WALL COURSES FOR ADJUDICATED YOUTH  
$3,760

CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AWS SCHOOL WEATHER NET PROGRAM FOR USE IN SEVEN CUYAHOGA FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
$7,500

GREATER CLEVELAND HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION  
NORTHEAST OHIO NURSING INITIATIVE IN SUMMIT COUNTY PROVIDING CAREER SHADOWING AND WEB PAGE SUPPORT  
$12,088

JACOB AND CLARA FABER COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND TEXTBOOKS FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR AND REFINISHING PROGRAM  
$15,000

LEADERSHIP AKRON  
ANNUAL ORIENTATION RETREAT  
$12,600

NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INC.  
CAMP INVENTION SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IN THE AKRON AREA  
$10,000

PASTORAL COUNSELING SERVICE OF SUMMIT COUNTY  
PROGRAMS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL DISADVANTAGED YOUTH  
$15,000

PROJECT ALL READING CHILDREN INC.  
TUTORING PROGRAMS FOR TWINSBURG HEIGHTS STUDENTS  
$10,000

PROJECT GRAD AKRON  
IMPROVING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS IN THE BUCHTEL CLUSTER OF AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
$20,000

PROJECT LEARN OF SUMMIT COUNTY  
PART-TIME CURRICULUM SPECIALIST  
$12,000

SAINT JOSEPH PARENTING CENTER INC.  
RELOCATION EXPENSES PROVIDING NEEDED SPACE, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS  
$17,500

SUMMIT COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER  
“ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN THE PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM,” TO BENEFIT PRESCHOOLS IN SEVEN SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
$10,000

SUMMIT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AKRON, OHIO  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
$20,000

TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOLS  
PROJECT STAR, A SUMMER REMEDIATION READING PROGRAM  
$10,000

YWCA OF SUMMIT COUNTY  
CHALLENGING RACISM WORKSHOP SERIES FOR ADULTS IN COLLABORATION WITH COMING TOGETHER  
$10,000

The Jacob and Clara Faber Community Enrichment and Education Foundation was created to thank the community, by serving its students, that supported the Jacob Faber Body and Paint Shop in Cuyahoga Falls for more than 50 years. The Faber Foundation provides students in Summit County’s Six District Educational Compact with a state-of-the-art facility in which to learn automotive collision repair and refinishing. A grant from the Community Fund helped pay for materials and textbooks the students will use to learn the trade.
Two of the foundation’s donor-advised funds supported the Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway this year. The John A. McAlonan Fund awarded a grant for track maintenance while the Knight Foundation Fund provided funding for general support. The historic railroad offers day trips for groups such as the East Akron Community House, which offers programming for children.

FAMILY OF FUNDS

Akron Community Foundation’s Family of Funds provides residents with windows into the activities of Greater Akron’s diverse groups with various interests. These funds offer opportunities for community members to become involved with special-focus groups and to grow as philanthropists.

The Family of Funds supports many valuable programs aimed at enriching the lives of those within such populations as women and girls, minority groups, high school students, neighborhood groups and children. These affiliate funds are permanent endowments from which grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations providing programs geared toward these specific fields of interest. The Family of Funds strengthens the foundation’s permanent endowment as it advances the interests of the groups that make up this community.

Donors can make a contribution of any amount to a fund within the Family of Funds, or create a lasting legacy by establishing a fund in their name anytime during their lifetime with a gift of $5,000 or more. Donors can also pledge a future gift through a will, trust, charitable gift annuity or succession plan.

The foundation offers several planned-giving options that can provide significant and timely financial and tax benefits. These options allow donors to participate in community philanthropy while reducing income and estate taxes. Planned-giving options also allow donors to pass property tax free to heirs, receive increased income for life and still grow as philanthropists.

Contact us for more information about the Family of Funds or visit our Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org.
The Millennium Fund for Children was created through a vision shared by Akron Community Foundation and the Akron Beacon Journal in 1999 to create a vehicle that would provide long-term support for grassroots programs and small projects for children. The Millennium Fund's main objective is to fund programs that immediately touch and have a lasting affect on the lives of the children it serves.

Each year, residents are encouraged to donate their last hour's pay of the year to help build the endowment. An advisory committee, chosen from the fund's donors, helps select the Summit County nonprofit organizations that receive grants each year. The committee looks favorably on small, grassroots programs where even a small grant can make a difference. Organizations that receive grants offer children interaction with the arts, civic affairs, education, and health and human services.

In the past fiscal year, Millennium Fund grants helped purchase bicycles to reward elementary school children who had perfect attendance with bike rides, supported programs for grieving children and teens, provided computers for families with disadvantaged children, and supplied books and materials for youths struggling with self esteem.

Now with more than 1,600 donors, the Millennium Fund has grown to over $354,248. Grants totaling $38,093 were awarded to 25 projects in the fund's fourth year of grantmaking. 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 or to contribute to the fund, call the foundation office at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/millennium.
The Vernon L. Odom Fund was established in honor of the distinguished long-time leader of the Akron Urban League, who served the Akron community until his death in 1996. Mr. Odom worked to improve the quality of life for the area’s minority population and to promote racial harmony. Grants made by the Vernon L. Odom Fund help carry on the vision Mr. Odom had for the Greater Akron community.

The Odom Fund’s advisory board seeks opportunities to award grants to 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. The fund awards grants of up to $1,000 each year to qualified nonprofit organizations working on minority programs.

This fiscal year, 10 grants totaling $6,110 helped fund scholarships for international students to attend an empowerment camp and supported physical fitness activities for children, such as boxing tournaments, soccer and fitness camp. Odom grants also supported the purchase of equipment used in health screenings.

For an application and grant guidelines for the Vernon L. Odom Fund, call the foundation office at 330-376-8522 or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/odom.
For the past two years, the Women’s Endowment Fund has focused its grantmaking on Summit County’s fastest growing homeless population - teenage girls. To best serve women and girls, the fund holds biennial forums on selected topics to gather the information necessary to address important community needs. Information collected during two forums helped the fund award grants that offer positive opportunities for teenagers facing homelessness or that address issues related to this difficult problem.

The Women’s Endowment Fund celebrates its 10th year of building philanthropy in the Greater Akron area. One of the foundation’s permanent endowments, this fund is committed to improving the lives of women and girls in Summit County and to assisting women in their growth as philanthropists. The Women’s Endowment Fund’s grantmaking activities focus on creating opportunities to support educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth.

In this grant year, grants totaling $51,870 were awarded to four area nonprofit organizations committed to eliminating homelessness, including a program helping girls focus on positive futures, a literacy project for homeless girls, a project to help girls understand how their actions affect their futures and a study to identify ways for girls to be successful in school.

For more information about the Women’s Endowment Fund, or to make a contribution to the fund, contact the foundation office at 330-376-8522 or visit the fund’s Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/wef.
The Medina County Community Fund was created in 1994 to enhance the quality of life for Medina County residents by supporting charitable efforts promoting the arts, education, the environment, human services and much more. It is a permanent philanthropic endowment and one of Akron Community Foundation’s Family of Funds, all of which strive to make Northeastern Ohio a better place to live, work and raise a family.

In addition to its own grantmaking activities, the Medina County Community Fund encourages philanthropy among residents to collectively build lasting support for the county’s many hard-working nonprofit organizations. The overarching purpose of this fund’s grantmaking is to improve the quality of life for all Medina County citizens.

This year, the Medina County Community Fund awarded nine grants totaling $18,031 to programs that purchased park benches for handicapped residents, bought lunchroom tables for workers at a packaging plant, provided equipment for animal humane officers and rescue agents, and assisted renal patients in staying compliant with doctors’ orders.

For more information about the Medina County Community Fund, call 1-800-476-4993, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/medina.
The Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund was formed in 1998 by several pioneering women who wished to create a fund that would promote philanthropy and improve the quality of life for women and children across Medina County. Since that time, the fund has steadily grown. Now in its third year of grantmaking, the Women’s Endowment Fund, in the past fiscal year, awarded grants totaling $6,712 to three Medina County nonprofit organizations. Grants supported a program to help incarcerated women successfully re-enter society, a retreat for mothers and daughters that addressed employment-related issues and a hands-on educational program for children about birds of prey.

The mission of the Women’s Endowment Fund is to provide grant funding to organizations and programs in the Medina County area that support women and children, to serve as a catalyst for needed projects and to assist women in their growth as philanthropists. The fund supports organizations and programs that encourage the advancement and full participation of women and children in our community and in society. In addition, it supports organizations and programs that create opportunities for the educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women and children.

For more information about the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund, call 1-800-476-4993, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/medinawef.
The Dorothea Snyder Partners in Education Fund of the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund awarded a grant to support programs at the Hudson High School Environmental Land Lab, a new initiative offering hands-on learning opportunities in storm-water management, wetland preservation and water-quality management for Hudson students and the community. Students pictured clockwise from left to right are Sean Koebley, Nikki Gusz, Trent Tesmer, Matt Fritz and Colleen O’Neill.

Donald C. Barlow, a 1933 graduate of Hudson High School, created the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund in 1990 in memory of his wife, Emily Pierce Barlow. His vision was to provide a permanent source of supplemental funding to enhance the quality of education for students in the Hudson City School District. The Barlow Scholarship, awarded to students demonstrating leadership, academic ability and high moral standards, is one of Hudson Public Schools named scholarship funds. Other scholarships in the fund include:

- MARION ALBEE SCHOLARSHIP
- BARLOW SCHOLARSHIP
- BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- HARRY D. BUBB PRIZE
- ARTHUR CANIGLIA SCHOLARSHIP
- SCOTT CASE MEMORIAL AWARD
- LES DINGLEDINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
- HELEN BARLOW ART SCHOLARSHIP
- PAULINE KLUPINSKI SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
- CHARLES D. MILLER FUND
- CHARLES B. MINER SCHOLARSHIP
- BURTON D. MORGAN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP
- DOROTHEA SNYDER PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FUND
- DANIEL & JASON STEVENSON EXTRACURRICULAR AWARD

To be eligible, students and staff making applications must be presently enrolled in, a graduate of, 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/hudson.
In 1999, Akron Community Foundation joined with the City of Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development to increase the impact of the Neighborhood Partnership Program, which encourages the development of small, neighborhood-based revitalization projects operated by Akron’s grassroots-style community organizations. Since that time, Akron Community Foundation has provided an annual grant of $100,000 to the city to help fund such efforts as beautification projects, after-school programs for children, concerts for seniors and local clean-up campaigns.

Neighborhood Partnership Program grants, ranging from $500 to $7,500, are matched with in-kind volunteer services and dollar-for-dollar cash contributions by the grant recipients. The planning department and the foundation jointly review the applications to determine eligibility, and in the past fiscal year awarded grants totaling $233,823 to 60 neighborhood programs.

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 city at 330-375-2090.
The 34th recipient of the Polsky Humanitarian Award, Charles E. Booth has worked for more than half a century to advance the health and development of the Greater Akron community. Selected by a committee of past Polsky Award recipients, Charlie received the award in October. Through a banking career of nearly 40 years and a post-retirement career in the nonprofit sector, Charlie devoted time and energy to numerous area organizations ranging from the Girl Scouts to Edwin Shaw Hospital.

“Charlie Booth is a solid gold example of what the Polsky Humanitarian Award is all about,” said Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon. “For years, he has actively participated in strengthening the infrastructure of our community through business and nonprofit organizations.”

Serving as campaign chairman for the United Way/Red Cross in 1973, Charlie was also an active board member. Charlie served as president of the Downtown Akron Kiwanis, the Akron Association of Credit Management, Florence Crittenton Home Inc., the Health Education Center of Akron Inc. and the Community Improvement Corporation of Summit, Portage and Medina Counties, which honored him for his work as both president and chairman of the executive committee. He also served as president of the University of Akron Alumni Association and received its Alumni Honor Award in 1981.

Continuing his community involvement into his retirement, Charlie joined the staff of Akron Community Foundation in 1988 as special projects coordinator. He is board member emeritus of Akron General Medical Center, as well as a board member of the Edwin Shaw Hospital Development Foundation, the Mobile Meals Foundation, Akron General Medical Center, the Akron Clinic Foundation and Junior Achievement of Akron Area Inc. He served the Girl Scouts of the Western Reserve Council as finance committee chair and helped establish and was executive director for Akron Tomorrow.

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34th BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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1. Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic was in attendance to honor Charlie. 2. John Werren, a Stark County Community Foundation trustee, enjoys the presentation with Charlie. John shared his reflections on Charlie. 3. Dorothy Jackson, former Akron Deputy Mayor for Intergovernmental Relations, and past Polsky recipient, congratulates Charlie. 4. Akron Community Foundation Board Chair George Sarkis presents the 2003 Polsky Award. 5. Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon gives a presentation on the foundation’s work throughout the year. 6. Charlie and Mary pose with six of their seven grandchildren, (clockwise from left) Julie Benchea, Tyler Booth, Brian Booth, Laura Benchea, Sydney Booth and Spencer Booth.

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The foundation offers a variety of fund options to meet donors’ needs - from the opportunity to pool charitable resources with the foundation and with other donors for maximum impact of charitable dollars in the foundation’s Community Fund to donor-advised funds where the donor has the opportunity to share in the selection of the charitable organization or specific area of interest.

It’s quick and easy to participate in the Community Fund and to establish a named fund at Akron Community Foundation - even if the gifts are complicated, such as gifts of restricted stock or real estate. In a philanthropic partnership with Akron Community Foundation, our donors have the opportunity to participate in their grantmaking.

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www.akroncommunityfdn.org

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  Online contributions are easy and secure.

• TOOLS FOR GIVING
  Offers in-depth information about the many ways to give.

• PLANNED GIVING DESIGN CENTER
  For resources and information about charitable gift and estate planning.
PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP CHOICES

Donors can select from four basic types of philanthropic funds that can be established through current or planned-giving instruments like the many types of trusts or charitable gift annuities:

• **The Community Fund**
  For donors who want to help the community solve today’s problems and issues but also want their gift to benefit this area far into the future. Donors can create an unrestricted endowed fund that benefits the community or simply make gifts to the Community Fund.

• **Donor-Advised Fund**
  Provides donors with the opportunity to name their fund and to be involved through their recommendations of specific organizations or programs and projects to the foundation board for funding. Donor-advised funds can be added to at any time in any amount and provide a ready instrument to receive bequests.

• **Designated Fund**
  Provides permanent support to one or more specific organizations.

• **Field of Interest Fund**
  For donors who wish to support one or more particular area of concern.

ADVANTAGES OF A PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP WITH AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

• Accessibility to a reliable, knowledgeable and friendly staff to answer questions and provide prompt service

• Opportunities to visit organizations and to learn more about the community

• Flexibility in types of gifts, cash, stocks and bonds, mutual funds, life insurance and real estate

• Planned-giving options include trusts, bequests, charitable gift annuities and a Pooled Income Fund

• Flexibility in charitable purpose

• Local expertise and a national network to help donors identify and evaluate worthwhile programs locally and across the country

• Maximum tax benefits and cost effectiveness as well as low costs for fund service and administration

• Alternative to establishing a private foundation eliminates the expenses and administration necessary in managing a private foundation

• A permanent legacy supporting specific organizations and/or interests in the community

The Humane Society of Greater Akron received a civic affairs grant from the Community Fund for state-mandated training for its humane officers. The training will better equip officers to handle situations involving domestic violence, animal law and officer survival and defense.

For more information about establishing a fund, call the foundation at 330-376-8522.
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AHOPE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUND
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AKRON GARDEN CLUB FRANK FUND
AKRON GARDEN CLUB GRAVES FUND
AKRON GARDEN CLUB SEWELL FUND
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LORRAINE G. AND DONALD R. FAIR FUND
THE FETH FAMILY FUND
THE FLOOD COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EUGENE FOUIE CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST
ED AND DOROTHY GAFFNEY FAMILY FUND
ED GAFFNEY, SR. MEMORIAL/AIR ENTERPRISES EMPLOYEE EDUCATION FUND
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GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND
ERWIN & KATHERINE GILES SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GILLER FAMILY FUND
DONALD L. AND CLARE G. GLASER FUND
GLICK-ZEDAK SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GOOD NEIGHBORS ENDOWMENT FUND
GREATER AKRON CHAMBER ENDOWMENT FUND
HANLON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HANSELMAN/STARR FUND
DOROTHY Y. AND WESTI HANSEN FUND
MORGAN HASBROUCK 4-H SCHOLARSHIP FUND
HAUMAN FUND
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND
GORDON E. AND MARGARET L.V. HEFFERN DESIGNATED GIFT FUND
DAVID & PHILLIS HILBERT FUND
CATHY AND MARK HILBERT FUND
HOWLAND PARK FUND
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A grant from the Community Fund during the foundation’s health and human services quarter is helping the Northeast Ohio Nursing Initiative continue its career shadowing program, designed to increase students’ interest in entering a career in nursing. In the seven-county initiative, Summit County has experienced the largest growth in the program, with 21 of its 83 high schools participating.
DESIGNATED GRANTS SINCE 1990 IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS


$0 $500 $1,000 $1,500 $2,000 $2,500

CIVIC AFFAIRS ARTS & CULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES OTHER

INTERVAL BROTHERHOOD HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND
JUDITH AND CLIFFORD ISROFF FUND
AKRON MEN'S CHAPTER NO. 36, IZAAK WALTON FUND
DR. TOM AND MARY ANN JACKSON FUND
JACOBS FAMILY FUND
HERBERT A. AND JEAN S. JONES CHARITABLE TRUST FUND
JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF AKRON AREA ENDOWMENT FUND
JUVENTILE COURT FUND
MARGARET D. KAUFMAN FUND
JESSIE AND ABRAM KIPPLE FUND
KNIGHT FOUNDATION FUND
KNIGHT FOUNDATION NON-PROFIT INITIATIVE FUND
MERNA AND EDWARD KORNANIK FUND
PAUL J. AND SUSAN B. KRUDER FAMILY FUND
LAD FUND
LAKE POINTE FUND
LEADERSHIP AKRON ENDOWMENT FUND
LEADERSHIP AKRON ENDOWMENT FUND (GAR) LITCHFIELD FUND
LOYOLA OF THE LAKES JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE
JOAN LUTZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND
MAGICAL THEATRE COMPANY ENDOWMENT FUND
THE MALONE FAMILY FUND
BRUCE MANSFIELD FUND

VIRGINIA CRAWFORD FRAZIER MOORE WHEELER & MARTIN FUND
JOHN A. MICALONAN FUND
MONTOSH-JACKSON FUND
MEDINA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL ENDOWMENT FUND
MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND
MEDINA COUNTY STEPHEN H. AND NANCY D. BIBLING FUND
MEDINA COUNTY HOLLAND GROUP FUND
MEDINA COUNTY LEADERSHIP FUND
MEDINA COUNTY RAPP/HOMESTEAD FUND OF THE MEDINA COUNTY MEDINA COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FUND
THE MEDINA SUNRISE ROTARY FUND
MEDINA COUNTY WESTFIELD GROUP FUND
MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND
MARC AND SHARON MERKLIN FAMILY FUND
THE MERRYWEATHER FAMILY FUND
METRO CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL FUND
LYNN AND EDWARD J. METZGER FUND
ROBERT A. AND JEAN C. MEYERS FAMILY FUND
MILLENIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN
MILICAN FAMILY FUND
MITTEN FUND
MONTROSE ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE
MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE NO. 2 FUND
NATIONAL INVENTION CENTER FUND
NORTH COAST SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
NORTHWEST SUMMIT ROTARY FUND
M.G. O'NEIL FUND
VERNON L. ODOM FUND
OHIO CHAMBER BALLET ENDOWMENT FUND (KF)
OHIO CHAMBER BALLET DBA OHIO BALLET ENDOWMENT FUND
OHIO HUMANITIES COUNCIL ENDOWMENT FUND
OPPORTUNITY PARISH ECUMENICAL NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY ENDOWMENT FUND
HOWARD AND MARGARET PALMER FUND
JAN AND GEORGE PARRY FUND
ANNE K. PETRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
POOLED INCOME FUND
C. COLMERY GIBSON POLSKY FUND
PORTAGE FUND
DR. MARGO S. PRADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
PROJECT: LEARN OF SUMMIT COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND
THE SR. LORETTA RAFTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
EMMA E. & CLARENCE A. RANDALL FUND
ROGER T. AND JUDITH A. READ FUND
ROBERTSON-HOYT ORTHOPEDIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FUND

B. W. ROGERS COMPANY FUND
THE SALINAU FAMILY FUND
SCHRANK FAMILY FUND
T.K. SEIBERLING TENNIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
SHAW MEMORIAL FUND
SISS FAMILY FUND
BRUCE AND PEGGY SILVER FUND
THE CARL E. SNYDER INNOVATION FUND
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STRONGSVILLE WOMEN'S LEAGUE-EDNA BRUN FUND
SUMMIT EDUCATION INITIATIVE FUND
SUMMIT EDUCATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM FUND
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TINKERS CREEK LAND CONSERVANCY STEWARDSHIP FUND

DAVID AND KATHRYN L UNGER FUND
UNITED WAY OF SUMMIT COUNTY FACILITY FUND
UNITED WAY OF SUMMIT COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND
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UNRESTRICTED PRESIDENT'S FUND
URDA FUND
CHRIS AND KATHLEEN M. VANDEVERE FUND
DAVID R. AND CHERYL L. VENARAGE FUND
M. CATHERINE AND DAVID C. VERNON FUND
VICTORY GALLOP INC. ENDOWMENT FUND
THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SUMMIT COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND
WEATHERKANE COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE FUND
JERRY AND EMILY WELTY FAMILY FUND
EDITH AND MILT WISKIND FUND
WITAN ENDOWMENT FUND
WITAN PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND
WITAN REMEMBRANCE FUND
WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT DEVELOPMENT FUND
WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND
WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT EVENT FUND
VINCENT & MARJORIE YAMBROVICH FUND
DAVID L. AND MARGARET SCOTT YEAGER FUND
MURIEL A. ZODROW FUND

NEW FUND THIS FISCAL YEAR

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### Designated Grants

From April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, Akron Community Foundation awarded $3,185,603 in 682 designated grants to 319 organizations.

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Former Akron Deputy Mayor
Dorothy Jackson, Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon and Jody’s granddaughter, Finn Madden, pull the clapper of Summit County’s Bicentennial Bell, which toured the county for Ohio’s 200th birthday. The foundation donated the bell’s wrought-iron stand to the county.
UNDESIGNATED GRANTS SINCE 1990
IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS


$500 $400 $300 $200 $100 $0

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The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and OPEN-M, Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry, staged a pilot program that offered food to the area’s families in need. In this fiscal year, the Foodbank received funding from the Community Fund to help pay for a new truck to pick up food donations, and OPEN M received a grant to purchase medical supplies for its free clinic.

**DESIGNATED GRANTS**

**INVISIBLE THEATRE** $250  
**ISLAND SCHOOL** $10,000  
**JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF AKRON** $16,000  
**JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION OF CLEVELAND** $4,000  
**JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILDREN’S SERVICE OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA INC.** $1,000  
**THE JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR THE RIGHTEOUS** $250  
**JEWISH MUSEUM OF FLORIDA INC.** $500  
**JOHANN FUST COMMUNITY LIBRARY INC.** $400  
**JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF AKRON AREA INC.** $14,234  
**KEEP AKRON BEAUTIFUL** $175  
**KENMORE HIGH SCHOOL, AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** $2,000  
**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY** $7,913  
**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC.** $1,380  
**THE KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF MEDINA COUNTY INC.** $2,000  
**LEADERSHIP AKRON** $20,817  
**LEADERSHIP MEDINA COUNTY** $791  
**LEAVE A LEGACY, SUMMIT, PORTAGE, MEDINA (FISCAL AGENT: UNITED WAY OF PORTAGE COUNTY INC.)** $3,000  
**LEGGETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** $2,000  
**LENSCRAFTERS FOUNDATION** $6,000  
**LET’S GROW AKRON INC.** $10,200  
**LENROCE FOUNDATION** $5,000  
**LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY** $700  
**LOUISE DUPONT CROWNSHIELD COMMUNITY HOUSE INC.** $1,000  
**LOYOLA OF THE LAKES JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE** $7,982  
**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO** $1,000  
**MEDINA COUNTY SHELTERED INDUSTRIES** $5,645  
**MEDINA COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** $2,774  
**MEDINA GENERAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION INC.** $500  
**MEDINA RAPTOR CENTER** $2,950  
**METHODOIST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IN OHIO** $1,000  
**MOROCCO CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL** $726  
**METRO PARKS SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY** $1,975  
**METRO PARKS SERVING SUMMIT COUNTY-SEIBERLING NATUREALM** $65  
**MIAMI UNIVERSITY** $1,000  
**MILLBROOK SCHOOL** $500  
**MILTON ACADEMY** $100  
**MISS HALL’S SCHOOL INC.** $1,000  
**MOBILE MEALS INC. FOUNDATION** $10,100  
**MONTROSE-ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** $15,850  
**MOUNDS HILL CEMETERY** $649  
**MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE** $100  
**MOUNT UNION COLLEGE** $700  
**MUSIC FROM THE WESTERN RESERVE** $22,809  
**MUSICAL ARTS ASSOCIATION OF THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA** $7,100  
**NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INC.** $22,389  
**NAVY SUPPLY CORPS FOUNDATION INCORPORATED** $100  
**NEOUCOM FOUNDATION** $4,500  
**NORTH FLORIDA LAND TRUST INC.** $1,000  
**NORTH LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** $1,000  
**NORTH SPRINGFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** $1,145  
**NORTHEASTERN OHIO UNIVERSITYS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE** $250  
**NORTHERN MICHIGAN HOSPITAL/BURNS CLINIC FOUNDATION** $3,000  
**OHIO & ERIE CANAL CORRIDOR COALITION INC.** $2,500  
**OHIO BOYCHOIR INC.** $100  
**OHIO CHAMBER BALLET** $38,601  
**OHIO FOUNDATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES INC.** $600  
**OHIO GRANTMAKERS FORUM** $2,500  
**OHIO PRESBYTERIAN RETIREMENT SERVICES FOUNDATION** $21,196  
**OHIO UNIVERSITY** $1,700  
**OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY** $1,000  
**OLD TRAIL SCHOOL** $5,332  
**OLD TRAIL SCHOOL FOUNDATION** $2,500  
**OPPORTUNITY PARISH ECUMENICAL NEIGHBOURHOOD-MINISTRY** $22,726  
**OUR LADY OF THE ELMS HIGH SCHOOL** $4,500  
**OUR LADY OF THE ELMS SCHOOL** $2,000  
**OUR LADY OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH** $22,000  
**PERKINS TECHNOLOGY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS** $1,725  
**PHI GAMMA DELTA OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION** $1,000  
**PHILHARMONIC CENTER FOR THE ARTS INC.** $2,000  
**PLANIFIED PARENTHOOD OF SUMMIT, PORTAGE AND MEDINA COUNTIES** $4,733  
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The People Together Project of the ARC of Summit and Portage Counties received a grant from the Community Fund to help educate and inform school children about people with physical, mental and sensory disabilities. Exercises such as wearing socks on their hands while attempting simple tasks, like tying their shoes or buttoning their shirts, helps students better understand and accept persons’ disabilities.
Project Star, Supporting Twinsburg Aspiring Readers, is an intensive summer reading program developed through the cooperation of Twinsburg City Schools, the Twinsburg Public Library and the Twinsburg Recreation Center. A grant from the Community Fund helped offer the program to nearly 160 elementary school students who are below grade level in reading skills. The library setting provides a fresh new place to learn and the recreation department rewards the children with a field trip once a week to a local park.
LEADERSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS
During the 49-year period, many Akron-area citizens have served Akron Community Foundation faithfully and conscientiously in the capacity of Trustee. They are listed below.


+Indicates deceased

OUR PAST LEADERS
The following persons who have served as Board Chair or President have provided outstanding leadership.

1955-1958 B. A. Polsky’
1959-1960 Charles Safreed’
1961-1962 William J. O’Neil’
1966-1967 Arthur Kelly’
1968-1969 Lincoln Gries’
1970-1971 D. Bruce Mansfield’
1972-1973 Robert Brouse’
1974-1975 Howard Palmer
1976-1979 Samuel Andress’
1979-1982 Robert Mercer
1982-1983 William Zekan’
1983-1984 Charles Zodrow’
1984-1985 Melvin Sacks’
1985-1987 Robert Briggs
1988-1989 Tom Barrett
1989-1990 George Parry
1990-1992 Mike Lewis
1997-1998 Clifford Irschoff
1999-2000 Robert Merzweiler
2001-2003 Marc Merklin

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