An Idea That Changed Our Community

Celebrating Fifty Years of Philanthropy
In 1955, one man’s idea changed our community forever.

A bequest in industrialist Edwin Coupland Shaw’s will established what we know today as Akron Community Foundation. It provided a means for local residents to make charitable gifts that would grow in perpetuity and provide for the community’s changing needs.

Today, the foundation’s assets have grown to nearly $117 million and more than $50 million has been reinvested in the community through grants to area nonprofit organizations. The generous gifts of thousands of other Summit County residents help Akron Community Foundation carry forward his legacy, improving the quality of life in the Greater Akron area.

Although he had died 14 years before, Shaw’s spirit was as alive as ever that evening. In 1934 when writing his will, he had expressed his desire to create a way for residents to make charitable gifts with a flexibility of purpose “to meet the changes in the community needs wrought by the passage of time and the variance in circumstances.” It was the reason those men gathered 50 years ago. Today, we know it as Akron Community Foundation.

Shaw was a philanthropist in the truest sense of the word. He became so widely known for his work in health and welfare that Akronites sometimes forgot he was an outstanding engineer who had a great hand in the mechanical and engineering development of the rubber industry. He worked for B.F. Goodrich Co. for many years and worked his way through the ranks to serve as vice president of factory operations.
Shaw’s initial gift of $1,033,533 was soon followed by gifts and bequests from many other civic-minded citizens who wished to enjoy sound and faithful administration of their philanthropic plans. It was Edwin Shaw’s desire that the board, made up of not less than five or more than 15 trustees, would have complete power to direct the income from the fund. The majority of the trustees were to be from Summit County and they would serve without pay.

Collyer, Frank, Litchfield, O’Neill, Polsky and McIntosh were joined by Harvey S. Firestone Jr., John S. Knight, J. Penfield Seiberling, Paul E. Belcher and Forrest D. Myers to become the first 11 trustees of Akron Community Trusts, which in 1982 became Akron Community Foundation. Lisle M. Buckingham served as legal counsel and secretary until 1957, when he also became a trustee.
On June 8, former and present trustees commemorated the evening 50 years ago when one man's idea changed the way we think about community philanthropy. They reflected fondly and looked ahead optimistically at Akron Community Foundation's enduring impact on Greater Akron.

Throughout the coming months, the foundation will celebrate its 50 years of building community philanthropy and a very significant milestone: more than $50 million in grants reinvested in our community over the past 50 years.

From funding a study that helped turn The University of Akron into a state institution to funding a prototype for the nation's federal Head Start program, Akron Community Foundation has a long history of impacting the community in some very noticeable ways. Once a month throughout the year, these significant grants will be showcased in the Akron Beacon Journal along with information about the foundation’s history and growth. These pages will also feature recent programs funded by the foundation.

Now more than ever, the welfare of Greater Akron depends on how we work together. While Mr. Shaw could not have anticipated the magnitude of this area’s regionalization efforts, he did foresee the flexibility needed for the foundation to remain relevant and available to the community.

Akron Community Foundation’s trustees and staff are leading the way in encouraging collaboration among organizations. The foundation provides a neutral place where nonprofit organizations and donors can convene around the critical issues facing our community. This puts the foundation on the pulse of our area’s needs even as they are evolving. This collaboration and communication will continue to provide a focus as the foundation moves forward into the next 50 years.
Akron Community Foundation Mission

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.
As Akron Community Foundation enters its 50th year, the spirit of philanthropy that gave birth to this foundation is as vibrant as ever in the Akron community. It is a privilege to have served as chair and been a part of this organization’s rich history.

I thank the members of the board of trustees and chairs of each of our board committees who have presided over the prudent management and record growth of our assets and the able distribution of grants to the community. In particular, thanks to Dr. Cynthia Capers who with great dedication chaired our ad hoc committee to synthesize the strategic plan for grantmaking with the identified needs of our community. The future of the foundation is exciting.

This year also marks the departure of five Akron Community Foundation trustees, Dr. William Demas, Marc Merklin, Robert Merzweiler, Virginia Robinson and Cheryl Venarge. Their contributions as board members have been instrumental in the foundation’s growth. Thanks to each of them for nine years of dedicated service.

The job of chairing Akron Community Foundation is made all too easy by a dedicated and professional staff. We are well served with Jody Bacon at the helm. Jody cares deeply about what this foundation means to the community and what it can mean to its future. With Jody’s leadership and that of the many who have served on our boards, and with the support of our extended philanthropic family, we are inspired to advance the lasting legacy of Akron Community Foundation.

George Sarkis

George Sarkis, BOARD CHAIR
The theme of this year’s report, “An Idea That Changed Our Community,” speaks to the challenge Edwin Shaw gave this community in 1955. Through his bequest of $1 million, he established Akron Community Foundation as the place for everyone to build permanent community philanthropy. Each year more donors support the foundation as a way to give back to the community. Through the pooling of our resources, we share the opportunity to build a better community.

As you read this report you will find that donors have built the foundation’s assets to nearly $117 million dollars. This year, the foundation made 835 grants to Summit County’s nonprofit organizations for a total of $6,133,815 - the largest amount in the foundation’s history. 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 and the human service 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 our donors, the board of trustees and a very competent and dedicated staff for continuing to work to keep Edwin Shaw’s challenge growing and changing our community for the better.

This foundation continues to grow and build its ability to make a difference - one donor at a time.

Jody Bacon, PRESIDENT
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In the past 50 years, one thing has remained constant in Greater Akron — change: change in our economy, change in our technology and change in the community as a whole. Even in 1934, Edwin Shaw understood that in order for this community to remain successful it must adapt to meet our changing needs. That’s the purpose behind Akron Community Foundation’s Community Fund.

The Community Fund is flexible, allowing the foundation’s board of trustees to respond to current needs with timely grants that provide the most value to this area’s residents. Its flexibility allows the board to help grow ongoing established services and to support emerging programs that meet new and changing needs.

Donations to the Community Fund help the foundation provide grants to Summit County’s qualified nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Grant requests that create opportunities for collaboration are preferred, as are those that promote proven ways of meeting residents’ needs.

Each quarter, the board focuses on a specific grantmaking area. It evaluates all applications and awards grants to programs and organizations offering the most useful and timely services to residents.

In the past fiscal year, 86 grants totaling $1,435,531 were awarded from the Community Fund. Among them were programs that brought theater training and performances into the schools, offered emergency repair to local homeowners in crisis situations, provided emergency shelter to local women and girls, and taught local children the economic impact of staying in school.

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.
The Community Fund Awards
Grants in the Areas of:
- Arts & Culture
- Civic Affairs
- Health & Human Services
- Education

Total funding from the Community Fund for fiscal year April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005: $1,435,531

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

Adam Fund
Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Partnership Program
Jean S. and Thomas J. Amer Fund
V. E. (Tom) Atkins Fund
Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund
This City Reads Fund
Community Fund
Decker Endowment Fund for Families
Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Fund
Lisa 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
John S. Knight Fund
William C. Krisher Fund
Maggie & Jerry Lippman Tikkun Olam “Repair the World” Fund
W. Bishop & Elizabeth C. McIntosh Fund
The Burton D. Morgan Foundation Fund*
Pat and Alan Ockene Fund
Ohio Charitable Fund
C. Colmery Gibson Polsky Fund
Polsky Fund
Helen S. Robertson Fund
James G. Robertson Fund
Roush Memorial Fund
Sanatorium Contingent Fund
Shaw Foundation
Richard W. & Charlotte E. Staiger Fund
George Stevens Fund
Ronald L. Stiles Fund
Trustees Annual Giving Fund
Georgia Urda Fund
Emma Vioran Fund
William Wallace Fund
L. Frank & Angela M. Wilson Fund
William C. and Betty J. Zekan Fund
Muriel A. Zodrow Fund

*New fund this fiscal year.

Deadline Dates:
- Arts & Culture - April 1
- Civic Affairs - July 1
- Health & Human Services - October 1
- Education - January 2
Blossom Music Center hosts some of today's hottest entertainers. It is also the summer home of the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra. Last fiscal year, Akron Community Foundation continued its support of Blossom programming. A $25,000 grant from the Community Fund went to support Cleveland Orchestra's 2005 “Bravo Broadway Music of the Night.” The series has become a summertime tradition for scores of Northeast Ohioans, many of whom enjoy a picnic under the evening sky.
Akron Community Foundation has long embraced Greater Akron’s many artistic outlets. Foundation grants have gone to support the many visual-arts, dance, music, theater and other artistic programming throughout Summit County. In all, 25 programs received grants totaling $597,500 during the foundation’s arts and culture quarter, including:

In 1968, Akron Community Foundation made a $20,000 grant toward the construction of Blossom Music Center. The architectural award-winning concert venue would later host such national acts as Simon & Garfunkel, Henry Mancini and the Boston Pops Orchestra.

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**arts & culture**

- Act II Productions
- Illusion Factory
- 2004/2005 series of CONNECT theater residencies in Akron schools
  - $12,500
- Akron Area Arts Alliance
- 2004/2005 season of exhibits and educational programs
  - $15,000
- Akron Art Museum
- Capital campaign/Inaugural Celebration
  - $300,000
- Apollo’s Fire The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra
- 2004/2005 season support
  - $5,000
- Arlington Church of God of Akron, Ohio Inc.
- Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop
  - $20,000
- Central Summit County Choral Society
- Summit Children’s Choir Program
  - $7,000
- Children’s Ballet Theatre Inc.
- “Take Me Out To The Ballet” production of “Nutcracker” for inner-city students
  - $7,500
- Children’s Concert Society of Akron, Ohio
- In-School Concert Series
  - $6,000
- Coming Together Project
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay and Oratorical Contest
  - $3,000
- Community Hall Foundation Inc.
- - Akron Civic Theatre
- 2004/2005 in-house programming
  - $25,000
- Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet
- Original ballet, “Day in the Life of a Child”
  - $8,000
- ETC All American Youth Show Choir Inc.
- New rehearsal facility
  - $2,000
- Foundation Center - Cleveland
- Renewed support
  - $2,500
- Greater Akron Musical Association Inc.
- 2005 “Concert for Kids” series
  - $35,000
- GroundWorks Dancetheater
- 2004 Akron icethouse residency, performances and educational outreach to schools
  - $20,000
- Magical Theatre Company
  - Performing Arts Can Teach (P.A.C.T.) program
  - $10,000
- Musical Arts Association
  - The Cleveland Orchestra
  - “Bravo Broadway’s Music of the Night” Blossom sponsorship
  - $25,000
- O’hare Irish Dance Boosters - Akron OH Inc.
  - “10 for 1” program designed to provide costumes, choreographic materials and dance camps for local children
  - $4,500
- Ohio Chamber Ballet
  - Summer Festival and “Turned Out Tikes” programs at local parks
  - $20,000
- Ohio Youth Ballet
  - 2004 community performances and outreach activities
  - $5,000
- Tuesday Musical Association
  - Krystian Zimerman performance sponsorship
  - $10,000
- VSA Arts of Ohio
  - Annual arts festival, Imagia Nation Workshops and First Night Akron participation
  - $3,500
- Weatherwane Community Playhouse Inc.
  - Informational brochure
  - $11,000
- Western Reserve Historical Society
  - “THE FARM - Agricultural Programming” at Hale Farm
  - $10,000

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With the turn of a new century, the Akron Zoo began a new chapter in its history, kicking off a seven-year expansion effort that added many new exhibits and the Bernhardt Family Welcome Center. A $10,000 grant from the Community Fund supported the construction of the zoo’s new Environmental Education Center, which is scheduled to open this fall. There, area students and educators can visit the Akron Community Foundation classroom to learn more about a variety of environmental issues.
Over the years, Akron Community Foundation has remained committed to making our cities, neighborhoods and natural surroundings safe, clean and healthy. Each summer during the civic affairs quarter, grants from the Community Fund are made to organizations to improve the quality of life in Summit County. During the past fiscal year, the foundation made 16 grants from the Community Fund totaling $276,781 for the following civic affairs programs:

- Akron Community Service Center & Urban League Capital Campaign $75,000
- Akron Rotary Camp for Special Children Inc. Bunk beds $8,200
- Akron Zoological Park Environmental Education Center $10,000
- City of Akron 2005 Neighborhood Partnership Program $50,000
- Coleman Professional Services Inc. SAGE program, which trains and employs persons with disabilities $5,000
- Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association Summer 2005 Field-Based Science Camp program $15,000
- Downtown Akron Partnership Inc. Local artists and performers for the 9th annual First Night celebration $10,000
- Keep Akron Beautiful 2004-2005 Flowerscape program $10,000
- Let's Grow Akron Inc. 2004 gardening support $15,000
- Medina Summit Land Conservancy "Landscape of the Future," an initiative to develop land acquisition priorities $7,500
- Rebuilding Together Summit County Inc. Emergency Repair component, which will assist homeowners in crisis situations $15,000
- Sisters of Saint Dominic of Akron, Ohio 2005 summer Earth Camp Program at Crown Point Ecology Center $15,000
- Summit Athletic Running Club New timing clock to be used for all club races $6,081
- Summit County Prosecutor's Office The Introduction to Criminal Justice Project $15,000
- Summit Portage Leader Institute Leadership training for Summit County high-school girls $10,000
- Tinkers Creek Land Conservancy Comprehensive watershed land conservation protection plan $10,000

In 1978, Akron Community Foundation made a $60,895 grant for a new exhibit at the zoo, the Paul Belcher Aviary. The structure's design was the first of its kind to encompass the birds and the visitor. It was considered so revolutionary that several other zoos across the nation copied it.

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Northeast Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) is the only medical school in the country that partners with three state universities and 17 hospitals. One, Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, is the fiscal agent of Summit County SAFE Kids Coalition. The organization provides free child safety seat inspections at AAA's downtown Akron offices. It also provides free safety seats to needy residents through the area's many social-services organizations. A $10,000 Community Fund grant supported these programs.
Health and human service organizations are primary contributors to an area’s quality of life. During the health and human services quarter, Akron Community Foundation awards grants to programs that focus on care, health education, public health and social services. In the past fiscal year, the foundation distributed 27 grants from the Community Fund totaling $332,000 for local health and human services organizations, including:

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**health & human services**

- Access Inc. Operating expenses for emergency shelter $20,000
- Akron Blind Center and Workshop Inc. Independent Living Program $5,000
- Akron Community Foundation Millennium Fund Grantmaking purposes $10,000
- Akron Community Health Resources Inc. Healthcare services for indigent individuals $10,000
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Electric pallet jacks for the distribution warehouse $12,000
- American Cancer Society Inc. “Walk to Learn,” an exercise/nutrition awareness program for children $8,000
- Arthritis Foundation: Northeastern Ohio Chapter Program support and educational materials $5,000
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Summit County After-school program at the Eller Unit $25,000
- Children’s Hospital Medical Center of Akron Trauma support services for Summit County Children Who Witness Violence program $10,000
- Community Drug Board Inc. Overhead and part-time childcare $15,000
- East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation Emergency home-repair program $15,000
- Gennesaret Furnace and central air for the Family Nutritional Center $10,000
- Good Neighbors Inc. Food Center emergency food-assistance program $25,000
- Greenleaf Family Center Anger management services for indigent individuals $16,000
- H.M. Life Opportunity Services Children’s Program $10,000
- Law Enforcement Foundation Inc. Updated drug, alcohol and violence-resistance and prevention training for officers $3,000
- Mobile Meals Inc. Foundation Meal-cost support for partial-pay and unfunded clients $15,000
- Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood-Ministry Diagnostic testing supplies for the Summit County Free Clinic $20,000
- PIECE of the Rock Instruction Corporation Children of Promise (COPE) program to educate, support and prevent delinquency among dysfunctional families $10,000
- Pregnancy Care of Summit County Inc. Challenge-grant match to extinguish the mortgage $10,000
- Return To Home Cartie’s Kids socks and underwear program $8,000
- Stewart’s Caring Place Inc. Operational expenses for cancer support $10,000
- Summa Physicians Inc. Clinic for pregnant teens $10,000
- Summit County Safe Kids Coalition Child Safety Seat Inspection Station $10,000
- Urban Ounce of Prevention Services Incorporated After-school life-skills program for children and mothers $10,000
- Victory Gallop Rider sponsorship program for indigent children $10,000
- Young Men’s Christian Association of Akron Activate America child obesity program $20,000

During the past 50 years, Akron Community Foundation made several milestone grants that led to the establishment of NEOUCOM. A $15,000 grant in 1961 and a $10,000 grant in 1970 funded studies that led to its establishment. In 1973, another $10,000 grant helped it purchase the land where it is now located.
Akron Community Foundation continued its support of Akron Public Schools with a $15,000 grant to Partnership for America’s Future. Through its Inventucation Academy program, high-school students learn the value of invention and develop ideas for their own educational and commercial products. They also receive business training that encourages them to become entrepreneurs. Should some of their inventions be chosen for production, students will be empowered to market their products, creating opportunities for small-business development and financial gain.
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For that reason, Akron Community
Foundation encourages programs that
cultivate ideas through education.
Preschool, high-school, adult- and
vocational-education, enrichment and
literacy programs - grants from the
Community Fund strengthen them all.
In the past fiscal year, 18 grants totaling
$229,250 were awarded in the area of
education, including:

Akron Council on
World Affairs Inc.
Global Scholars Program
$5,000

The Arc of Summit &
Portage Counties Inc.
People Together disability-
awareness program
$10,000

Battered Women’s Shelter
Community outreach program
$33,402

Child Guidance &
Family Solutions Inc.
Literacy initiative focusing on
the strengths and needs
of families and the community
$20,000

City of Akron, Akron
Health Department
Rock wall and ropes challenge
course experiences for
adjudicated adolescents
$9,160

Hudson Library &
Historical Society
Educational programming
$7,500

Ida B. Wells Community
Academy Inc.
After-school program
$10,000

Jacob and Clara Faber
Community Enrichment
and Education Foundation
Equipment for the Collision,
Repair, and Automotive
Refinishing Program
$10,000

Jewish Community
Board of Akron Inc.
Video conferencing equipment
$15,000

Junior Achievement
of Akron Area Inc.
Economics of Staying in School
program for Akron Public
School students grades 9-12
$15,000

Partnership for
America’s Future Inc.
One-week inventionation
Academy for Akron Public
School students grades 9-12
$15,000

Project All Reading Children Inc.
Coach Your Child to Read
Project for children in the
Twinsburg Heights area
$13,417

Project Grad Akron
MOVE IT Math for K-12 students
within the Buchtel Cluster
$15,000

Project Learn of Summit County
Family literacy program
$19,000

Saint Joseph
Parenting Center Inc.
Program expenses
$11,500

Say Yes To Tennis
Advanced tennis-training program
$11,271

Summit County Farm
Bureau Mobile Learning
Laboratory Project Inc.
Youth educational programming
$10,000

Twinsburg City Schools
Project STAR, a summer
remediation reading program
$10,000

In 1964, the foundation made a grant of $2,733 to the
Akron Board of Education for a pre-kindergarten program.
That program turned out to be the precursor to the Federal Head
Start program. It was the first such grant made in U.S. history.

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education
The Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund, a donor-advised fund of Akron Community Foundation, made a grant to support Project Shine this past fiscal year. The grant enabled youth and young adults in Akron’s Kenmore neighborhood to provide home-improvement services to the community’s low-income, disabled and elderly population.

Community members have many opportunities to become involved with these special-focus groups and grow as philanthropists. 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 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 a variety of named-fund options.

The foundation’s planned-giving options 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/funds.
In 1999, Akron Community Foundation and the Akron Beacon Journal marked the end of a millennium with a vision. That vision continues in the form of the Millennium Fund for Children, a permanent fund supporting programs that immediately touch and impact the lives of our area’s greatest asset: our children.

Each year, the Millennium Fund makes grants ranging from $500 to $2,000. An advisory committee comprised of Millennium Fund donors evaluates and determines which nonprofit organizations’ programs will receive funding. Traditionally, the committee favors grassroots programs where even a small grant can make a difference.

This fiscal year, 28 nonprofit organizations received grants totaling $40,514 for various arts, civic-affairs, education, and health and human-services programs that benefit children. These grants enabled a local grade school to purchase much-needed communications equipment and another to buy supplies to make quilts, which they delivered to local care centers. Other organizations provided food, books, bedding and clothing to children, mentored them and exposed them to the arts.

Millennium Fund grant applications are accepted at the foundation’s offices each year through September 1.

For more information or to contribute to the fund, call the foundation at 330-376-8522, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/millennium.
In the 1960s, Vernon L. Odom had a simple but profound idea: to improve life for Akron’s minorities. As the distinguished founder and long-time leader of the Akron Urban League, he promoted racial harmony in all areas of life, from employment and education to health care.

Today, grants made by Akron Community Foundation’s Vernon L. Odom Fund carry on his legacy. The Odom Fund’s advisory board awards 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 up to $1,000 each year to qualified nonprofit organizations that target the needs of local minorities.

This fiscal year, six grants totaling $5,295 funded programs that give young local athletes a safe, supportive place to practice, prepare students for proficiency testing, help them with their homework and build relationships between them, their parents and their schools.

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.
The Women’s Endowment Fund, one of the foundation’s permanent endowments, is committed to making the future better for women and girls in Summit County. Its grantmaking activities focus on creating opportunities that support educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth.

The fund marked its 10th anniversary with a biannual forum, which prompted valuable discussion about domestic violence, women in the media, self-image, children and the arts, women and girls in sports, women in the workplace and collaboration. The results of these discussions helped guide this year’s grantmaking process.

Women’s Endowment Fund awarded grants totaling $40,063 this past fiscal year. Receiving funding were seven area nonprofit organizations committed to eliminating domestic violence, increasing the education, health and self-esteem of young women, providing transitional housing to women and their children, and creating a better future for homeless and runaway girls.

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.
In 1998, several pioneering women in Medina County had an idea: to promote philanthropy and improve life for women and children in their area. Today, the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund creates opportunities for the educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women and children all over Medina County.

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, serve as a catalyst for needed projects and assist women in their growth as philanthropists.

This past year, the fund awarded a total of $6,070 in grants to three Medina County nonprofit organizations. Programs that benefited include a children’s theater initiative, an outdoor playground at the local YWCA and a mentoring program for parents of special-needs children requiring assistance with the education system.

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 Medina County Community Fund was established in 1994 as a permanent philanthropic endowment and an affiliate fund of Akron Community Foundation. Today, the fund continues to improve the quality of life of all Medina County residents.

Every year, the fund’s income supports a wide range of cultural, educational, health and human-services programs. It also encourages philanthropy among its residents, building lasting, collective support for the county’s many nonprofit organizations.

This past year, the Medina County Community Fund awarded grants totaling $27,363 to nine local nonprofits. As a result, low-income Medina County residents received housing, health care and prescription assistance, students improved their reading skills and senior citizens enjoyed performances and training from a local dance ensemble.

For more information about the Medina County Fund, call 1-800-476-4993, or visit the Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/medina.
Donald C. Barlow graduated from Hudson High School in 1933. In 1990, nearly 70 years after he received his diploma, he gave something back to the community by creating the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund. He did so in honor of his wife, Emily Pierce Barlow.

Since then, the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund has grown to include 15 named scholarship funds. The Barlow Scholarship, awarded to students demonstrating leadership, academic ability and high moral standards, is one of Hudson Public School’s named scholarship funds.

Other scholarships include:

- Marion Albee 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 Leadership Fund
- Charles B. Miner Scholarship
- Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship
- Dorothea Snyder Partners in Education Fund
- Daniel & Jason Stevenson Extracurricular Award
- June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship

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 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 Hudson High School at 330-653-1416, or visit our Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org/hudson.
In 1999, Akron Community Foundation joined the City of Akron’s Neighborhood Partnership program to assist in empowering neighborhood organizations to make a positive difference in Akron’s many diverse communities. Looking around those neighborhoods today, you can see fruits of this initiative all around in the form of beautification projects, education programs and local arts initiatives.

Akron Community Foundation is a proud partner of the Neighborhood Partnership program, providing an annual commitment of $100,000 to assist in grantmaking for small, high-impact grassroots programs. Grants range from $500 to $7,500 and are matched by the neighborhood organizations with in-kind volunteer services and dollar-for-dollar cash contributions.

Foundation staff and representatives from the Department of Planning and Urban Development review applications based on the quality of the proposed project, neighborhood participation, the ability to build upon existing strengths and assets, and the neighborhood’s matching contribution. During the past fiscal year, Neighborhood Partnership grants totaling $218,744 were awarded to 49 neighborhood programs.

Applications are available at the Department of Planning and Urban Development. For more information about this program, call the department at 330-375-2090.
35TH BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD

One idea can change a community. On October 20, more than 400 people paid tribute to a man who proved it: former President and Chief Executive Officer of Ohio Edison Company Justin T. Rogers, the 35th recipient of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

Justin's grandfather was a doctor, and for years Justin considered practicing medicine himself. He served as an after-school summer orderly at a small-town hospital during WWII. It was there that he saw the need for better care of terminally ill patients.

In the early 1990s, Justin impacted the lives of people locally. He chaired a campaign to raise funds to construct a freestanding hospice facility in the Akron area. Today, that facility bears his name: the Justin T. Rogers Care Center of Visiting Nurse Service.

Justin has devoted much of his time and energy to public service. In addition to acting as chair and trustee to both Akron Community Foundation and Akron Child Guidance Center, Justin served as a trustee of Leadership Akron, Akron Regional Development Board, Ohio Public Expenditure Council, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, and Western Reserve Economic Development Council. He is a past member of the Akron Priority Group, is a founding member of Akron Tomorrow, and has headed campaigns for both University of Akron Associates and United Way-Red Cross of Summit County. He currently serves on the boards of Akron General Health System and Akron General Medical Center, and is a past chair of Akron Associated Health Agencies.

"A humanitarian is one who promotes the general welfare of humanity, and that is Justin Rogers," said Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon. "The first time I met Justin he was speaking about leadership, and over the years, I have seen his leadership build a better and more compassionate life for us all, both in the corporate world and in this community." It is this kind of compassion that epitomizes the enduring spirit of humanitarianism.

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Justin T. Rogers became the 35th Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award recipient.

Akron Community Foundation President Jody Bacon
Polsky Award.
George Sarkis presents Justin with the 2004 attendance to honor Justin.

University of Akron President Luis Proenza was in attendance to honor Justin.

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Elaine Woloshyn & Richard Stahl
Dick & Dianne Wright
Mike Zeleznik, CBIZ/Mayer Huffman McCann
Laurie B. Zuckerman

Justin and wife, Jane, enjoyed the evening with family. (from left) Justin Rodgers III, Larkin Rogers, Angus Warren and Sarah Rogers.
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

At the close of fiscal year 2004, Akron Community Foundation and its affiliate funds hold nearly $117 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 2004, gifts totaling $7.3 million and an annual net return of 5 percent helped solidify the foundation’s long-term commitment to Greater Akron. The foundation’s average annualized net investment return has been 11.7 percent, each year, for the 10 years ending March 31, 2005.

The foundation’s Distribution Committee approved 835 grants to a number of diverse qualified nonprofit organizations and for post-secondary scholarships. Grants and other distributions totaling $6.3 million were reinvested in the community to produce immeasurable benefits for Greater Akron residents. During 2004, the foundation’s operating expenses were less than 1 percent of total assets.
## Comparative Summary Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2005 and 2004

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## Comparative Summary Statement of Activities For the Years Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004

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Notes: Foundation assets are managed by: Bank One, Akron; Brandes Investment Partners, Inc., San Diego; Clover Capital Management, Pittsford, N.Y.; FirstMerit-First National Bank, Akron; Frontier Capital Management, Boston; National City Bank, Akron; Oak Associates, Akron; Osprey Investment Partners, Philadelphia. The foundation is audited on an annual basis by Brockman, Coats, Gedelian and Co. Copies of the most recent audit report are available at the foundation offices.
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GROWTH IN ASSETS SINCE 1955  
In Millions of Dollars

Original gift from Edwin C. Shaw estate totaled $1,040,88

OPERATING COSTS AS PERCENT OF ASSETS

Salary, Wages and Benefits  Other Operating Costs
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TOTAL GRANTS  In Thousands of Dollars

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ASSET CLASSIFICATIONS  By Fund Type, In Millions of Dollars

- Unrestricted Funds: 45 funds, $35.5 million
- Donor Advised Funds: 106 funds, $29.0 million
- Endowment & Scholarship Funds: 112 funds, $52.1 million

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ESTABLISHING A FUND

Akron Community Foundation allows donors to achieve their charitable goals simply and powerfully by offering a variety of fund options to meet donors’ needs. The Community Fund maximizes the impact of donors’ charitable dollars by pooling them into a single endowment that grows in perpetuity and makes timely grants to the most needed areas of our community. Donor advised funds allow donors 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.

Resources at Your Fingertips
www.akroncommunityfdn.org

- Make a contribution online
  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.

For rural Ohioans in 1848, animal-powered farming was a part of everyday life. Today, thanks to a $10,000 grant from the Community Fund, visitors to Hale Farm and Village step back in time more than 150 years to learn the importance animals had in the agricultural development of this area.
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. This provides the full service of the foundation's staff and board as grants are approved from the income of this 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 vehicles include trusts, 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, which eliminates the expenses and administration necessary in managing a private foundation
- A permanent legacy supporting specific organizations and/or interests in the community
Designated funds include agency endowment funds, donor advised funds and scholarship funds.

Access, Inc. Endowment Fund
AHOPES Building Fund
AHOPES Endowment Fund
Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund
Akron Garden Club Frank Fund
Akron Garden Club Graves Fund
Akron Garden Club Sewell Fund
Francia and Fred I. Albrecht Fund
The Allan Family Fund
Allard Family Fund
Sue and Mal Ames Fund
The Arc of Summit and Portage Counties Endowment Fund
Sandy K. and Mark S. Auburn Fund
Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jody Bacon Family Fund
Marilyn and Tom H. Barrett Fund
Battered Women’s Shelter Endowment Fund
Beacon Journal Charity Fund
Best Family Fund
Best Friends Pet Welfare Fund*
Big Brothers and Sisters of Summit & Medina County Fund
Bluecoats Fund of Medina County
Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund
Ann Amer Brennan Fund
Brimfield Memorial House Association Endowment Fund
Buchtel High School Alumni Assoc. Scholarship Fund
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Fund
Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund
Building Fund of Akron Community Foundation
H. Peter Burg Fund*
Cadet-Ettes Fund
Caliber System Fund
Oty Capanna Memorial Scholarship Fund
Margaret T. Carroll Memorial Fund
Cascade Locks Park Association Endowment Fund*
The Center for Learning Fund
Center for Non-Profit Excellence Endowment Fund
Martin O. Chapman Humanitarian Scholarship Fund
Children’s Concert Society of Akron Designated Fund
Children’s Concert Society of Akron Endowment Fund
Deborah Ciraldo Memorial Fund
CIU Fund
Hugh Colopy Memorial Fund
Coming Together Project Fund
Community Hall Foundation Endowment Fund
Community Hall Foundation Maintenance Endowment Fund
Consortium of Akron Area Catholic High Schools Fund
Michael Corbett Memorial Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association Endowment Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet Fund
CVEC Endowment Fund
Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association John and Betty Seiberling Scholarship Fund
Demas Fund
Designated Gift Fund
Jill and Carl Dietrich Fund
Dombo-Fielder Communication Scholarship for Women Fund
Peggy and John Dotson Fund
East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation Designated Fund
Fund for Our Economic Future
Else Family Fund
Bonnie L. and Ernest R. Estep Fund
Lorraine G. and Donald R. Fair Fund
The Feth Family Fund
The Flood Company Scholarship Fund
Eugene Fouse Charitable Lead Trust
Ed and Dorothy Gaffney Family Fund
Ed Gaffney, Sr. Memorial/Air Enterprises Employee Education Fund
Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund
GAR Fund
Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund
Gay Community Endowment Fund
Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
Giller Family Fund
Donald L. and Clare G. Glaser Fund
Glick-Zabak Scholarship Fund
Good Neighbors Endowment Fund
Greater Akron Chamber Endowment Fund
Hanlon Family Scholarship Fund
Hanselman/Myers Fund
Dorothy Y. and Westi Hansen Fund
Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund
Hauman Fund
Health Education Center Endowment Fund
Frank D. Heckel Fund*
Gordon E. and Margaret L.V. Heffern Designated Gift Fund
David & Phyllis Hilkert Fund
Cathy and Mark Hilkert Fund
Howland Park Fund
Hudson School District
Marion Albee Scholarship Fund
Barlow Fund
Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund
Harry D. Bubb Scholarship Fund
Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund
Scott Case Memorial Fund
Endowment Fund-Development
Les Dingleidine Memorial Scholarship Fund
Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

DESIGNATED GRANTS SINCE 1990

In Thousands of Dollars

Civic Affairs  Arts & Culture  Education  Health  Human Services  Other


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From April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005, Akron Community Foundation awarded 749 grants totaling $4,698,284 to 337 organizations.

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- Arts & Culture
- Education
- Health
- Human Services
- Other

In Thousands of Dollars

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A grant from the Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund sponsored Greater Akron Musical Association’s Concert for Kids at St. Joseph’s Family Center. The theme was Symphony Soup, which taught children all the ingredients necessary to make orchestral music.

A popular new drink is attracting local residents to Asian Services in Action’s Bubble Tea Thursday Youth Club. There, young people prepare and serve bubble tea, a drink native to Taiwan. A $500 Millennium Fund for Children grant helps make the program possible.
A $1,000 grant from the Vernon Odom Fund of Akron Community Foundation funded Making Education Reform Imperative Today's Super S.T.A.R.S. program. Using language and scenarios familiar to them, it equips students with memory and test-taking strategies.

Say Yes to Tennis teaches underprivileged children how to play tennis and avoid drug and alcohol addiction. A $4,200 grant from the Knight Foundation Fund provided funding for tennis scholarships.
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Weathervane Playhouse took a trip back to Harlem’s heyday during the 2004 production of Ain’t Misbehavin. An $8,420 grant from the McAlonan Fund of Akron Community Foundation helped make the show possible.

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1981 Robert Mercer  
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2003-2005 George Sarkis