Mother’s legacy spurs siblings’ charity

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Social media: The sort of thing they know better than to assign to me here at the community foundation. You’ll understand then how anxious I was when our marketing and communications staff approached me with a social media plan to celebrate Akron Community Foundation’s 60th anniversary several weeks ago.

Their plan included what I would call a road show for me and Tina Boyes, our vice president of marketing and communications, on the morning of Monday, June 8. Our day began at 7 a.m. with a delivery of a “party in a box” to Ray Horner at WAKR and ended with a visit to see 150 children and counselors on their first day at Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. I was excited to see more than 500 people throughout our community don party hats, 60th birthday glasses, noisemakers and other fun accessories from our party boxes, and then post pictures of themselves (a “selfie,” if you will) on social media to wish Akron Community Foundation a happy 60th anniversary.

From the Akron Art Museum to OPEN M, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank to Mobile Meals, and First Glance Teen/Young Moms to GAR Foundation, we are so thankful for all of the celebrations that recognized your community foundation’s impact on all corners of our community.

As we move into this new fiscal year, I’m also pleased to report that as of March 31, 2015, the community foundation had reached a high-water mark of nearly $192 million in philanthropic capital from nearly 500 named funds. Most remarkably, we saw grants and distributions exceed $9.17 million this past year – the highest total in our 60-year history. Without your generosity, these achievements would not be possible. We can’t wait to celebrate this extraordinary growth and success at our annual meeting on July 14 at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn.

We’re also proudly looking forward to another celebration this fall on Wednesday, Oct. 7, when Joe Kanfer, chairman and CEO of GOJO Industries Inc., will receive the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. Our board of directors applauds Mr. Kanfer’s selection by the members of the Polsky Selection Committee (all past Polsky honorees) for his tireless efforts and work in leading and supporting numerous nonprofit endeavors in the Greater Akron area. Congratulations, Joe, on this well-deserved recognition. Here’s to a safe and relaxing summer!

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO
“When I was a child, philanthropy looked like a dress-up party,” said Ann Durr, daughter of the late businesswoman and philanthropist Kathryn Hunter. “I remember going with my mom to Birnbaum’s. They had this room with a giant chandelier and a pedestal, and that’s where she would go to get an evening gown for a gala.”

Ann’s brother, David Hunter, remembers his mother as someone who “was either planning a party, enjoying a party, or both.”

It wasn’t until later that Ann, David and their brother, James, realized their mother wasn’t just planning parties, but giving back to the community she loved.

**A COMING OF AGE**

John and Kathryn Hunter stressed the importance of philanthropy with their children. Ann remembers the family’s afternoons on the lawn at Blossom Music Center reflecting on the area’s abundance of educational and cultural resources. Those resources required funding, but it wasn’t until Ann was in high school that she experienced her “Aha!” moment.

“It was the first time I went to a Women’s Network dinner,” she said. “The woman was speaking about how her grandmother made three little bowls for her allowance that were labeled ‘now,’ ‘later’ and ‘others,’” Ann said. “I got it. I realized I don’t have to give everything away, and I don’t have to save everything all the time, but there’s a way to look at all three.”

Ann and David also learned the importance of hard work. At age 16, both began their careers working in the family businesses, David at the family’s title company and Ann at Valley Savings Bank. They remained heavily involved in the bank through the majority of their adulthood.

Over the years, something became clear. “The next generation — Ann’s children, my children and our brother James’ children — had interests that were going in different directions,” David said.

In 2014 they sold the business to Westfield Bank, a larger, but still local institution. Their focus then turned to the lessons learned on summer lawns and dressing rooms. Both wanted to give back in a way that perpetuated their legacy and honored their mother’s.

Ann and her husband, Jim, and David and his wife, Margaret, used a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Valley Savings Bank to devote to the “other” category — starting charitable funds at Akron Community Foundation that bear their family names. It allows them to offset taxes, keep their giving local, and pay homage to the parents who inspired them.

“Mom would always talk about counting your blessings,” Ann said. “I look around now in the situation that we’re in, and that’s why we want to be able to provide a slice of our blessings to other people.”

David simply calls it “the pathway of our parents.”

To learn how you can start your own fund like the Hunters and Durrs, visit [www.akroncf.org/GivingYourWay](http://www.akroncf.org/GivingYourWay).
Every day has 24 hours — 1,440 minutes — 86,400 seconds. Or does it?

There will come a day for all of us when we will not reach the 86,400th second.

In many ways, you have made a difference for your family, friends and countless others during your lifetime. Yet there is one more aspect of your life where you can make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need — your estate.

Consider this story: John D. Rockefeller founded the Standard Oil Company in 1870 and became the richest man on the planet. When he passed away, his accountant was asked, “How much of an estate did he leave?” His accountant answered, “All of it.”

During his lifetime, John D. Rockefeller accumulated many assets, but he also gave generously while he was living and through his estate.

You also have accumulated and given during your lifetime. Yet, in your estate, the accumulation period is over. As was true with John D. Rockefeller, everything will be given to someone or for some purpose.

But estate gifts aren’t just for the likes of Rockefeller. Jerry Wolf, a retired teacher and administrator, understands this. That’s why he’s leaving a bequest in his will to start a fund at Akron Community Foundation that will provide scholarships to students in his three former school districts long after he’s gone.

Your shortest day may be coming soon or may be many years in the future, but your chance for the satisfaction of a legacy that touches many others can be here today.

Read how everyday people like Jerry are leaving a legacy through their estate. Download “Leave Your Mark,” our free guide to bequest giving, at www.akroncf.org/BequestGuide. Or, for a free planned giving consultation, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president of development and donor engagement, at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org.
WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FUNDS

Colby Wayne Enterprises Fund
Donor-advised fund established by an anonymous couple to benefit their favorite causes.

Community AIDS Network/Akron Pride Initiative Fund
Established to support CANAPI’s mission of empowering an inclusive community through education, awareness, and outreach while eliminating stigma and HIV transmission.

Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Endowment Fund
Established to educate students throughout North Central Ohio on financial literacy, workforce readiness and entrepreneurship.

Maxen Family Fund
Donor-advised fund established by Jim Maxen, director of finance of the Ohio Buckeye Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and his wife, Charlene.

James F. McKinnon Champion Fund
Designated fund established to help youth with disabilities attend wheelchair basketball camps in recognition of Jim McKinnon, retired vice president and chief information officer of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company.

Ruth Renner-Percy Memorial Endowment Fund
Established by the Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association to maintain the Renner-Percy coach car.

Joan Rog-Friend of Wildlife Fund
Donor-advised fund established by Joseph Rog in memory of his wife, Joan, who was a passionate zoo volunteer and an avid bear researcher.

Ted and Mary Ann Williams Fund
Donor-advised fund established by Mary Ann Williams in memory of her husband, Ted, the founder of Ted Williams Enterprises.

ELISE’S CORNER FUND
After learning their daughter Elise had a rare, incurable neurodegenerative condition called Alexander disease, Christopher and Jennifer Bonsky responded by offering hope to other families.

They established a field-of-interest fund at Akron Community Foundation to support research efforts that will identify treatments, therapies, and ultimately a cure for Alexander disease and other leukodystrophies.

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FOOD ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Now that it’s summer, residents all over our community are flocking to local farmers markets. And, throughout Akron, you’ll see community gardens maintained by residents and volunteers who are growing healthy, inexpensive food for families in the community.

The interest in locally farmed and accessible food offers many opportunities — both for those growing it and those consuming it. But, with so many organizations spread throughout the community, and with so many residents still unable to access or afford healthy, local food, there was a need for strategies to address these issues.

Last year, Akron Community Foundation convened 50 local food stakeholders around the subject of improving Summit County’s food economy. Out of those initial discussions grew the need for a focused study of our current food economy and how to make it more healthful and vibrant.

In April 2014, the Arthur Kelly Fund of Akron Community Foundation made a grant to the Institute for Conservation Leadership to conduct an assessment of local food systems. It was created with the help of Round River Consulting and a local food advisory committee composed of members of the Summit Food Policy Coalition. The coalition’s mission is to improve healthy food access for all Summit County residents and to spur economic opportunities for existing and beginning farmers.

The initial report offered successes, problems and opportunities for local stakeholders to consider going forward.

Chief among those issues is the need to bring more people to the table, according to Beth Knorr, chair of the Summit Food Policy Coalition and director of markets for Countryside Conservancy.

“One of the things the Summit Food Policy Coalition is focused on right now is thinking about who we can bring to the table,” Knorr said. “We’re all volunteers employed by other organizations, but we’re getting our ducks in a row. We just approved a memorandum of understanding for people who participate in the coalition so they have a little more structure for their responsibilities, and we also have outlined a process for bringing people to the table.”

Once the coalition has structured its volunteer base, it will be able to focus on other issues outlined in the food assessment.

“I’m so excited that Akron Community Foundation saw the need to do this assessment,” Knorr said. “If we don’t know what we need to change, it’s hard to set a goal. This assessment will help us do that.”

To see a full copy of the assessment, visit www.akroncf.org/FoodReport.
On June 12, Akron Community Foundation’s board of directors approved $3.6 million in grants, including $505,500 in competitive arts and culture grants.

With a $20,000 grant, the community foundation joins nearly $300,000 in initial funding for ArtsNow, an arts and culture engagement organization that was created in response to the recent Arts & Culture Assessment for Summit County. The goal of the group is to elevate the work of the local arts and culture sector among residents and businesses, and to provide a centralized online clearinghouse for local events.

“ Akron has always had an exciting, diverse arts community,” said Steve Strayer, chairman of the Community Investment Committee. “This new initiative will be focused on helping those organizations collaboratively and strategically market themselves to the public.”

An additional $51,500 in arts and culture grants was recommended by the Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund, Marilyn Meyers Buckey Family Fund, and an anonymous donor-advised fund through the community foundation’s grant co-investment program.

To see a full list of the arts and culture grants, visit www.akroncf.org/ArtsCultureGrants.

Neighborhood Partnership Program Grants Announced
The City of Akron and Akron Community Foundation announced $214,680 in grants to grassroots initiatives that revitalize local neighborhoods. The projects range from beautification initiatives and community gardens to festivals and summer programs for local children. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/NPPGrants.

Your Grants
This quarter, your donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship funds made 368 grants totaling $3,086,293. The following is a sampling of the programs you supported:

Ardmore Inc.
To support employment initiatives in Summit County for adults with developmental disabilities, $10,000

Boys Hope Girls Hope of Northeastern Ohio
For Hope Prep, an academic enrichment program for talented middle school students in under-resourced schools, $25,000

Crown Point Ecology Center
For the 2015 Farm Apprenticeship Program, $21,800

International Institute of Akron Inc.
To support a data study for the Akron Better Block project, which aims to transform the North Hill neighborhood into a walkable, vibrant district, $21,800
The Medina County Community Fund recently awarded 11 grants totaling $38,000 to nonprofit organizations that improve the lives of Medina County residents. The grants were announced on Friday, June 19, at the fund's annual Spring into Summer event.

This year, several grants will support transportation programs for low-income, homeless and disabled residents. A $9,000 grant was awarded to Medina Creative Housing to help purchase a handicapped-accessible van to transport participants in its life skills and vocational training programs.

Currently, the agency’s 10-year-old van can only transport one person in a wheelchair at a time. By purchasing a van with increased capacity, the agency will be able to transport four people in wheelchairs at once and accommodate a total of 592 additional riders per year.

Medina County Community Fund leaders noted the ripple effect of providing the area’s most vulnerable residents with transportation, including increased access to employment, food and health care.

“Reliable transportation is crucial, especially for people in poverty and those with disabilities,” said Diana Riley, Grants Committee chair. “Necessary services like transportation could mean the difference between homelessness and employment, or hunger and nutrition.”

Other grants this year will increase awareness about human trafficking in Medina County, provide snacks for after-school programs, and enrich the community through free performances and art programs.

For a complete list of this year’s grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MCCFGrants.

In June, the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund awarded grants totaling $13,570 to support programs that improve the lives of women and children in Medina County.

Nearly half of the amount awarded will support transportation programs for women in need, including a $3,000 grant to Faith in Action Medina County Caregivers.

The grant will provide free transportation to and from medical appointments for elderly and disabled women in Medina County, helping them maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life.

“We alleviate the stress and anxiety from our clients, who often wrongfully feel like a burden to the people they depend on to get the care they need and deserve,” said Deborah Poland, the agency’s executive director.

In addition, another $3,000 will help homeless women and children get to work, school and medical appointments through Operation H.O.M.E.S. The nonprofit agency collaborates with Medina County Public Transit, a local cab company, and volunteers to provide free transportation to its clients.

Other grants this year will provide support groups for victims of domestic violence, purchase diapers for babies in low-income families, and support suicide prevention programs in Medina County high schools, among other projects.

For a complete list of grants awarded this year, visit www.akroncf.org/MCWEFGrants.
ACF’s 60th Annual Meeting
July 14, 2015
5:30 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Join us in celebrating Akron Community Foundation’s 60th anniversary at this year’s annual meeting. To reserve your spot, contact De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522 by July 7.

Community Issues Session: Civic Affairs
Aug. 5, 2015
5:30 PM
Akron Community Foundation
Hear local leaders discuss our community’s civic landscape during our next Community Issues Session. To RSVP, contact Kim Nott at knott@akroncf.org or 330-436-5625.

Planned Giving Series: Tax-Saving Strategies
Sept. 10, 2015
5:30 PM
Akron Rotary Camp
Learn how well-structured charitable giving can help you leave less to the government and more to the people and causes you love. For more information, contact Delinda Herman at dherman@akroncf.org or 330-436-5613.

Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner
Oct. 7, 2015
6 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Akron Community Foundation’s board and staff will honor the extraordinary humanitarian efforts of GOJO Industries CEO Joe Kanfer. Tickets will go on sale in September. For more information, contact De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522.

Planned Giving Series: Life Income Gifts
Nov. 12, 2015
5:30 PM
TBD
This session will feature financial options for creating income during your lifetime while benefiting your favorite causes and charities for years to come. To learn more, contact Delinda Herman at dherman@akroncf.org or 330-436-5613.

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