This is Alfred McMoore. Your black key is taking too long.”

It was one of many messages McMoore left on the home answering machine of Beacon Journal reporter Jim Carney, who at the time was working on an article about the local artist. Neighbor Chuck Auerbach, an art dealer who introduced McMoore to Carney, received dozens of similar messages each day.

In 2001, the men’s sons, drummer Pat Carney and guitarist Dan Auerbach, formed a band. They called themselves The Black Keys, a term now known worldwide for bluesy rock music.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Community Support Services, an Akron mental health agency, has ensured this history will live on forever through one of Akron Community Foundation’s newest funds: the Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund. The fund was established with the proceeds from a Black Keys benefit concert held shortly after McMoore’s death in September 2009. Vendors also raised money for the fund by selling concert T-shirts bearing McMoore’s signature phrase.

Jim Carney said he believes the term “black key” meant something was “off-center” or “not quite right.”

In most people’s eyes, Alfred McMoore was exactly that.

McMoore, an artist who battled schizophrenia most of his life, was a Community Support Services client. Caseworkers – and often just friends at the agency – would stop by McMoore’s Thornton Street apartment to make sure he was taking care of himself. They also helped cultivate his extraordinary talent.

“There were two things that were most important in his life: his pipe tobacco and his 5-foot-wide paper, which he did all his artwork on,” said Darrell Hill, a CSS security guard and residential supervisor who became one of McMoore’s closest friends. Whenever McMoore needed new paper or crayons, that same support system replenished his supply.

Hill called art the anchor of McMoore’s life. “No matter what he was going through, he would go back to his drawings,” he said. “It took him away from everything, kept him out of the hospital.”

Classified as an “outsider artist,” McMoore’s work was not defined by a particular style or era. Instead, he was recognized for his own distinctive style, which included tracing images with a pencil and then coloring them in with crayon. His drawings were complex and often puzzling: images of his nurses with huge muscles, and police officers wearing high heels. If he really liked someone, he would draw the person in an elaborate funeral casket.

This fascination with death reflected real life. McMoore frequently went to the calling hours and funerals of complete strangers. There, he would grieve like a close family member, sobbing for people he had never met. Many who knew him

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This has been a busy summer for Akron Community Foundation. In addition to welcoming Virginia Albanese, Tommy Bruno and Bill Feth to our board, we completed an exhaustive review of ACF’s investment policy that led us to expand the diversity of our portfolio.

We also welcomed two new staff members to the foundation: Chris Miller and Emily Watanabe.

Chris is the director of the Akron Digital Media Center, which trains residents to share news and information about their neighborhoods using cutting-edge technology.

Chris’ passion for bolstering digital storytelling in the community has been contagious. More than 100 citizens and nonprofit representatives have completed the training, and that number is expected to double by the end of this year.

A brand new, interactive website will also launch in the next few months, packed with newsworthy content created by this growing pool of citizen journalists.

Also joining us at Akron Community Foundation this summer was Emily Watanabe, our community investment officer. Emily’s experience with the early learning programs at Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority makes her a great point person for our grantees.

She dove right into her role of building relationships with local nonprofits, visiting more than 20 agencies this summer and meeting with representatives from several others. We’re excited to have Emily on board and hope you will introduce yourself to her or call her with questions about our grant-making process.

Finally, in August, we convened our board members for a retreat, during which they examined the foundation’s efforts to better engage our donors and friends in the community.

As autumn begins, I invite you to give us your input about how Akron Community Foundation can best serve you. With your help, we will continue to act as a resource for philanthropists who share our passion for enriching greater Akron, one gift at a time.

My regards,

John T. Petures Jr.
President & CEO

The foundation’s portfolio had an average net loss of 8 percent for the quarter ending June 30, 2010, which brings its calendar year-to-date average net loss to 4.4 percent for the six months ending June 30. By comparison, Balanced Detailed Index losses averaged 7.2 percent and 4.6 percent, respectively, during the same periods.

The foundation’s Finance and Investment Committee continues to closely monitor the foundation’s portfolio in light of current market conditions. Akron Community Foundation’s prudent, long-term investment strategies help ensure donors’ gifts are managed wisely and grow over time to benefit the community.

Donors with funds at Akron Community Foundation can request personal visits with the local nonprofits they are interested in funding. To learn more about these behind-the-scenes opportunities, contact Donae Eckert, vice president of community investment, at 330-376-8522.
Akron Community Foundation’s board ratified grants totaling $1,282,473 during its quarterly meeting Sept. 17. In all, 30 Summit County civic affairs programs were awarded Community Fund grants totaling $400,000. The board also approved 197 grants totaling $882,473 from 97 designated and donor-advised funds.

Grants from the Community Fund will support several neighborhood-stabilization efforts, as well as initiatives that promote city gardening and green spaces. More than $30,000 was awarded to programs that connect former offenders with social services and employment opportunities in Summit County.

Community Fund grants, made possible by the unrestricted gifts of our generous donors, supported the following programs this quarter:

- **Akron Community Service Center & Urban League**, for the Transitions Program, which helps non-violent former offenders find employment, $20,000
- **Akron Inner City Soccer Club**, for free youth soccer camps, $10,000
- **Akron Rotary Camp for Special Children Inc.**, for operating support, $10,000
- **CASA Board Volunteer Association Inc.**, to recruit and train volunteer child advocates, $10,000
- **Cascade Locks Park Association**, for construction of the Schumacher Cascade Mills historic site, $10,000
- **City of Akron**, for the 2011 Neighborhood Partnership Program, $65,000
- **Cleveland Restoration Society Inc.**, for the Heritage Home Program, which provides low- and moderate-income homeowners with technical assistance and low-interest loans to maintain their older homes, $10,000
- **Crown Point Ecology Center**, for signs to improve visitor navigation, $10,000
- **Cuyahoga Valley Countryide Conservancy**, for an apprenticeship program that trains farmers market managers, $8,000
- **Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association**, for strategic planning, $3,500
- **Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio Inc.**, for diversity training in Akron high schools, $2,500
- **Downtown Akron Partnership Inc.**, for the 15th annual First Night Akron celebration, $10,000
- **East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation**, for the Emergency Home Repair Program, $20,000
- **E CITY**, to expand the entrepreneurship program for urban youth, $15,000
- **Foundation Center Cleveland**, for operating support, $2,500
- **Friends of Metro Parks**, for the Outside Is In camping program for Akron sixth-graders, $10,000
- **Girl Scouts of North East Ohio**, for the Financial Literacy & Urban Entrepreneurship Program, $15,000
- **Good Shepherd Athletic Club**, for training equipment and operating support, $10,000
- **Habitat for Humanity of Summit County Inc.**, to consolidate operations, $10,000
- **Home Repair Network of Summit County**, for Phase II of developing a database that streamlines the repair efforts of local nonprofit organizations, $5,000
- **Humane Society of Greater Akron**, for an on-site surgical suite, $18,500
- **Keep Akron Beautiful**, for Flowerscapes, $10,000
- **Leadership Akron**, for Torchbearers College and the annual Orientation Retreat, $12,500
- **Let’s Grow Akron Inc.**, for operating support, $10,000
- **Oriana House Inc.**, for a countywide re-entry coordinator for former offenders, $13,500
- **Partnership for the Minority Business Accelerator**, to mentor minority business owners, $20,000
- **Rebuilding Together Summit County Inc.**, to provide emergency home repairs to low-income seniors and people with disabilities, $20,000
- **Summit County Prosecutor’s Office**, for evidence-based training for domestic violence responders, $4,000
- **Trust for Public Land**, for the Blossom Music Center conservation project, $10,000
- **Western Reserve Land Conservancy**, to develop an urban greenway system in southeast Akron, $15,000

A $10,000 grant to Let’s Grow Akron will help seniors like Alfred, 81, pictured above, grow their own fresh fruits and vegetables in the city.

Several donor-advised funds generously made grants in tandem with the Community Fund this quarter. Their grants helped stretch the Community Fund’s dollars during a difficult economic cycle by responding to the requests of several of our applicants. To learn how you, too, can use your donor-advised fund to meet the community’s most immediate needs, please contact Donae Eckert at 330-376-8522 or deckert@akroncommunityfdn.org. Donae can match your philanthropic goals with one or more of the foundation’s funding requests, allowing you to help solve greater Akron’s most pressing issues in the area of your choice.
ACF funds award $137,780 in scholarships to area students

For the 2010-11 academic year, 36 funds at Akron Community Foundation awarded 86 scholarships totaling $137,780. This year’s recipients include:
AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund
Denise Douglas
Carol Rommel
Acorn Scholarship Fund
Beau Anderson
Andrew Genemans
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Matthew Roberts
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Kathryn Delsanter
Lauren May
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Anthony Calabrese
Callie Drohan
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Anqi Peng
Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Addison Carbone
Kate Kromer
Pauline M. Kulpinski Memorial Scholarship
Anthony Calabrese
The Dante B. Lavelle Football Academic Scholarship Fund
Addison Carbone
Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship
Kaitlyn Roman
Natalie Alexandre Stadelman
June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship
Nicole Gartland
Daniel and Jason Stevenson Extracurricular Achievement Award
Linda Saju
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Meghan Carse
Andrew Zimmerman
Scott T. Maisel Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Michael Wilson
The Michelle M. Vasenda Fund
Vivian Taylor
Witan Presidents’ Scholarship Fund
Tracey Allen

“With college tuition increasing each year, I was beginning to become discouraged. I was afraid that my dream of continuing my education would not come true. However, thanks to Akron Community Foundation and organizations like it, I am able to attend college in the fall.”

– Katharine Powell, biology/pre-med student at the University of Akron

“The Michelle M. Vasenda Fund

“Working full time and attending school has been a challenge, especially as an older student. This scholarship will help pay for some of my remaining tuition, allowing me to graduate in May of 2011.”

– Vivian Taylor, nursing student at Kent State University, Geauga Campus
Funds

Medina County women’s fund awards $9,800 in grants

The Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund recently awarded grants totaling $9,800 to six local nonprofit organizations.

An affiliate of Akron Community Foundation, the fund aims to improve the quality of life for women and children in Medina County. It also serves as a catalyst for needed projects.

Since the fund's establishment in 1998, it has distributed more than $70,000 in grants. This year, grants were awarded to:

- **Battered Women’s Shelter**, for domestic violence support groups, $3,000
- **Catholic Charities Community Services of Medina**, for the Child Assault Prevention Program in elementary school classrooms, $2,000
- **Cornerstone Wellness Center Inc.**, for a community awareness campaign about the effects of violence on children and a parent training program, $2,000
- **HANDS Across Medina County Foundation**, for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, $550
- **Let’s Make a Difference**, for life-skills training and a mother-daughter luncheon for low-income adolescents, $250
- **Rape Crisis Center**, for the Medina County Court Advocacy Program, $2,000

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called him Akron’s professional mourner.

In one of Hill’s most treasured memories, he was on his way to a funeral when he saw McMoore in the CSS lobby. When he mentioned his plans, McMoore immediately began crying inconsolably and gave Hill a tight hug.

“I said, ‘Al, it’s not my funeral. I’m just going to a funeral.’ And he ended up going with me to Stewart & Calhoun (Funeral Home). It showed that his love was unconditional,” Hill said.

In an upcoming documentary about McMoore, Stewart & Calhoun funeral director Preston Stewart said funerals seemed to be an outlet where McMoore could express his emotions. McMoore would often call to inquire about an upcoming service, asking, “Is it going to be a big one?”

On Sept. 28, 2009, nearly 300 people paid their final respects to McMoore, a funeral most would refer to as “a big one.” He is buried at Mt. Peace Cemetery in Akron, but his art can be seen at the Akron Art Museum and a museum in France.

“Without CSS and the support they gave him – the monitoring, supervision, encouragement, getting involved with his drawing – there’s no question he would have been hospitalized somewhere,” Hill said. “We always asked, ‘What can we do to improve his quality of life?’ We did that by rediscovering his strengths and abilities and working on that.”

This philosophy drives Community Support Services’ relationship with all its clients. CSS President Terry Dalton said the agency makes it a priority to identify and embrace clients’ talents.

With the income from its endowment at Akron Community Foundation, CSS will be able to encourage all forms of talent – particularly McMoore’s beloved art.

“Hidden beneath the mental illness, many of our clients have terrific talents, including artistic abilities,” Dalton said. “Community Support Services intends to continue to sponsor an art contest and exhibition that will showcase the artistic capabilities of those we serve. Through the Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund, we hope to expand this effort to include all forms of artistic interest.”

To donate to the Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund, visit www.akroncommunityfdn.org/contribute. Or, to learn more about establishing an endowment fund at Akron Community Foundation, call Dr. Suzanne Allen, vice president of development, at 330-376-8522.

New funds established at ACF this quarter

- **Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund**
- **Thomas L. and Margaret M. Gower Fund**
- **Sandra L. and Dennis B. Haslinger Family Foundation Fund**
- **The Dante B. Lavelli Football Academic Scholarship Fund**
- **Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship**
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“2010 has been a great year for Akron Community Foundation.”

This was the sentiment treasurer Mark Allio shared with the more than 200 people who gathered July 15 for Akron Community Foundation’s 55th annual meeting.

Guests enjoyed hors d’oeuvres and drinks at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn before attending a special program honoring the donors and nonprofit leaders who partner with the foundation to improve lives in greater Akron.

Board Chair Pat Pacenta announced the foundation gave away $7.1 million in charitable distributions during a year when many residents struggled to stay afloat. “The local economic challenges created even greater need on the part of those served by our grantees,” Pacenta said, adding the foundation’s “prudent investment policy” is what enabled it to respond to such needs.

Later in the program, guests were moved to tears by speaker Rosalyn Lee-Norwood, who established the Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund at Akron Community Foundation. The fund honors her 12-year-old daughter, Marissa, who died in 2009 from a rare form of brain cancer. Its grants go to causes Marissa supported during her lifetime, including animal welfare and helping children with life-threatening illnesses.

“Marissa didn’t get to fulfill her dreams of going to college or becoming the first female president, but she wanted her legacy to be one of kindness,” Rosalyn told the audience. “Her fund will make sure Marissa’s acts of kindness live on forever.”

Another one of Akron’s great philanthropists was recognized when Pacenta announced that Kathryn Hunter would be the 2010 Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award recipient. Hunter will be honored Oct. 19 at the annual dinner celebration at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn.

Pacenta also recognized the outstanding service of two of the foundation’s outgoing board members, Rennick Andreoli and Greg McDermott, who completed their nine-year terms on July 15.

Following this announcement, three distinguished members of the community were welcomed to the foundation’s board. FedEx Custom Critical CEO Virginia Albanese, The Summit General Manager Tommy Bruno, and AESCO Electronics CEO Bill Feth all accepted three-year appointments.

Akron Community Foundation’s president and CEO, John T. Petures Jr., concluded by thanking all the donors who gave their time and treasures to support the foundation’s work in greater Akron. “Your generosity, every single day, is making an impact on our friends, our families, and thousands of people we will never meet,” he said.
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