New fund carries on family’s charitable legacy

Chuck Bond’s philosophy in life is simple: “Love God, serve people.” These four words have been a constant refrain throughout his life, winding their way through his career at Goodrich, his family and his marriage.

Now, they’ve become the driving force behind his new fund at Akron Community Foundation.

Through the Suzanne C. & Charles L. Bond Family Fund, Chuck is supporting organizations that embody his core values and those of his late wife, Suzy.

According to Chuck, Suzy was a devoted church member and volunteer who was passionate about showing love and support to people in the University Park neighborhood.

“As an elementary school teacher, her focus was on young kids that need God’s love (shown to them) through caring people,” Chuck said. “It was important to her to help children in that way, (particularly children who live) in disadvantaged neighborhoods.”

After Suzy passed away from leukemia in January 2010, Chuck decided the best way to continue her legacy of giving back to the community was through a donor-advised fund.

“We had talked about it, and I knew

2011 Annual Report

Within every-one lies a story: where you come from, where you’ve been, the people you love, and the passions that move you. This year’s annual report follows the stories of four donors, each of whom is fulfilling his or her personal philanthropy through funds at Akron Community Foundation.

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The Suzanne C. & Charles L. Bond Family Fund will allow Chuck Bond to teach his children and grandchildren, pictured above, about the importance of giving back to their community.

Other new funds focus on students

The following funds were established by philanthropic members of the greater Akron community between Feb. 1 and April 30, 2011:

Donor-Advised Funds

Jerry H. Welty Family Fund

Designated Funds

Kay Hoover Memorial Fund

Income from the fund, which honors former Highland Elementary School teacher Kay Hoover, will support materials and activities for students at the school she loved.

Scholarship Funds

Jim Stewart Scholarship Fund

This fund will provide scholarships to African-American students from Akron Public Schools who plan to study math, science or mortuary science. Mr. Stewart was the co-founder of Stewart & Calhoun Funeral Home in Akron, and this fund will help young students who share his passion graduate from college.

David R. Venarge Scholarship Fund

Former Akron Community Foundation board member Cheryl Venarge and her husband, David, established this fund to provide academic scholarships for employees of Akron Paint and Varnish, where David serves as chairman. The scholarship will help employees and their family members pursue their educational dreams.
As I write this message, the rain has finally stopped and I’m optimistic that we just might have a summer after all.

June 1 represents my three-year anniversary with Akron Community Foundation. Since 2008, we’ve seen more than 65 new funds established by charitable individuals, we’ve set our first-ever funding priorities for the board’s discretionary grant-making, and we’ve modified fund agreement language to encourage multi-generational donor engagement.

All this is to say: We’re working hard to make sure you, our donors and fund advisors, are at the forefront of our work in greater Akron. It is your philanthropic goals and passions that drive the foundation, and I invite you to share with us your vision for our community’s future.

The start of summer also signifies the time of year when past recipients of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award convene to select the person who best exemplifies Mr. Polsky’s dedication to humanitarian causes in greater Akron. It has become a tradition to “surprise” the recipient, as Karl Hay, Phil Maynard and I did when we notified this year’s recipient a few weeks ago.

I’m pleased to announce that Bill Considine will receive the 2011 Polsky Award. Bill is a native of Akron and has been a tireless leader in this community for many years. As president of Akron Children’s Hospital, he has helped protect the health of our young people for more than 30 years. Bill’s countless initiatives have strengthened our entire community, and I hope you will join us in celebrating his gifts of time, talent and treasure at the Polsky dinner on Oct. 18.

I’m also excited to report that thanks to the generosity of our donors and our prudent investment policies, Akron Community Foundation’s endowment grew to $135 million by our fiscal year end on March 31, 2011. We welcome your continued commitment to permanent philanthropy in greater Akron.

Have a wonderful summer,

John T. Petures Jr.
President & CEO

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that was what she would have wanted to do, so I did it – we did it,” he said.

**A foundation for everyone**

“We always thought of foundations as being for really wealthy people,” Chuck said. But then, acquaintances of theirs set up a family fund at the foundation, and their perspective changed. “That showed us that people of modest means can set up a fund to carry on their values, too,” he said.

Every year, Chuck plans to continue building his fund with gifts from his trust account. After he passes away, his children and grandchildren will then use it to give back to the causes he and his wife cared about, sharing their love of philanthropy and community with a new generation.

“The fund gives my grandchildren a chance to see something wider, beyond them,” Chuck said. And because he chose a donor-advised fund, future advisors will be able to make grants to any nonprofit at any time, allowing them to meet emerging needs that may not have existed during Chuck and Suzy’s lifetime.

“It’s broad enough to help meet new needs, so they’re not locked in to where we are right now,” he said.

**Creating a lasting legacy**

The Bonds’ greatest philanthropic passion is to create strong families and communities. Through their fund, Chuck said he hopes to help people, particularly residents of University Park, become “happier, more productive families.”

Grants to the YMCA, their church, and their alma maters – Capital University and Trinity Seminary – will help make the Bonds’ goal a reality, even beyond their lifetimes.

“(A donor-advised fund) is a neat way to support organizations that reflect your values,” Chuck said. “There is such a wide range of needs, and if you care about the community that you live and worked in, you can find a way to support it.”

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**The Bond Fund will support family-focused organizations like the University Park YMCA.**
Akron Community Foundation’s board ratified grants totaling $1,444,333 during its quarterly meeting Friday, June 10. It approved 25 discretionary, or board-determined, grants totaling $397,500 for local arts and culture programs. The board also ratified 237 donor- and committee-directed grants from 78 designated, donor-advised and scholarship funds totaling $1,046,833. The following organizations received discretionary grants this quarter:

- **Act II Productions Illusion Factory**, for theater productions in Akron-area schools, $10,000
- **Akron Area Arts Alliance**, for Summit Artspace exhibitions, artist receptions and outreach, $17,500
- **Akron Art Museum**, for operating support, $50,000
- **Apollo’s Fire The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra**, for artistic expenses during the 2011-12 concert season in Akron, $12,000
- **Ballet Theatre of Ohio**, for local grade schoolers to attend in-theater performances of “The Nutcracker,” $10,000
- **Central Summit County Choral Society**, for the Summit Children’s Choir, $8,000
- **Children’s Concert Society of Akron**, for the In-School Concert Series, $10,000
- **City of Akron**, for the annual Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival of free performances in city parks, $20,000
- **Cleveland Modern Dance Association**, to support MOMIX’s E.J. Thomas Hall performance, dance residency and outreach, $10,000
- **Community Hall Foundation Inc. – Akron Civic Theatre**, to support family and cabaret performances, including “Schoolhouse Rock” and an improvisational comedy, $22,000
- **Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet**, for performances of “The Little Mermaid” during the 2011-12 ballet season, $8,000
- **Greater Akron Musical Association Inc.**, to support the agency’s music education initiatives and Concerts for Kids performances, $35,000
- **GroundWorks Dancetheater**, to support Akron Icehouse performances, dance residency and outreach, $10,000
- **Keepers of the Art Inc.**, for the Akron Hip-Hop Showcase at Lock 3, $10,000
- **Magical Theatre Company**, for resident performances and educational programming, $10,000
- **Master Singers Inc.**, for the 2012 concert season and high school choral composition contest, $10,000
- **Musical Arts Association dba The Cleveland Orchestra**, to support the launch of an audience development initiative at Blossom Music Center that offers free lawn tickets to concertgoers under 18, $30,000
- **Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc.**, for arts and culture programming, $12,000
- **Ohio Shakespeare Festival**, for performances of “Love’s Labours Lost” and “The History of Richard III” at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, $8,000
- **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Inc.**, to support the manor’s educational and historical programming, $40,000
- **Summit County Historical Society of Akron, Ohio**, for exhibitions that profile individuals and businesses that have contributed to the quality of life in Summit County, $10,000
- **Tuesday Musical Association**, for the Margaret Baxtresser Piano Concert featuring Yuja Wang, $10,000
- **Weathervane Community Playhouse Inc.**, to support the 2011-12 production season, $10,000
- **Western Reserve Historical Society**, for Hale Farm and Village educational programming, $10,000
- **Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop**, for the 2011 Summer Performing Arts Workshop for urban youth, $15,000

At the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011, Akron Community Foundation held more than $135 million in philanthropic capital, a growth of 7.45 percent over fiscal year 2010. The foundation’s investments also continued to outperform the market average, earning 12.5 percent.

Your gifts totaling $2.66 million supported more than 900 grants and distributions totaling $6.23 million from foundation funds. These grants enriched all corners of our community, from early childhood development programs and live theater performances to food pantries and emergency shelters.

While discretionary funding remained steady, you increased your designated and donor-advised grants by 13 percent.

Your increased support was possible thanks to Akron Community Foundation’s spending policy, which is based on the previous 12 quarters’ assets.

This policy allowed you to fund important programs during a time of great economic turmoil, while the foundation protected your philanthropic dollars during the market’s volatility.

**Endowment grows 7.45 percent in fiscal year 2011**
Memorial gifts to Akron Community Foundation and its affiliate funds for:
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Partnership grants revitalize, enrich local neighborhoods

Since 1999, the City of Akron and Akron Community Foundation have jointly funded the Neighborhood Partnership Program, which supports grassroots initiatives in local neighborhoods.

This year, grants totaling $213,458 were awarded to 49 organizations:
- **Akron African American Cultural Association**, for the annual festival, $7,500
- **Akron Community Service Center and Urban League**, for the Elegant Evenings dinner for senior citizens, $4,518
- **Akron Garden Project**, for a memorial garden and urban farm under the Y-Bridge, $6,000
- **Blessed Trinity Parish**, for activities and meals for senior citizens, $3,000
- **Case Elementary School PTA**, for after-school programs for children, including students with special needs, $2,000
- **CFBL Community Basketball Program**, for school programs for children, including students with special needs, $2,000
- **Charisma Community Connections**, for the Youth Arts Enrichment Program and Enterprise Camp, $4,000
- **College for Kids**, to introduce inner-city youth to career opportunities, $7,000
- **Community Builders Inc.**, for the Cascade Village Green Kids Initiative, $3,870
- **Community Outreach Parade and Festival**, for a parade and festival at Hawkins Ballpark in West Akron, $4,000
- **CVO & Community Services**, for the Camp Christopher summer program, $3,000
- **DeBord’s 16th Annual Community Halloween Party**, for the Community Halloween Party in Kenmore, $1,500
- **Diagonal Road Volunteers**, for neighborhood beautification, $500
- **Downtown Akron Partnership**, for Green & Clean Day in downtown Akron, $5,000
- **Downtown Akron Partnership**, for flower planters and baskets, $5,000
- **Ellet Women’s Club**, for the Community Fall Festival, $5,000
- **Ellet Women’s Club**, for a community sign and flower baskets, $5,000
- **Fathers Walk 2011**, for the fourth annual Fathers Walk, $2,500
- **Firestone Park Citizens Council**, for a community newsletter and events, $5,000
- **Firestone Park Home & Garden Club**, for the Peace Garden and a newsletter, $850
- **First Presbyterian Church of Akron**, for a sports camp for children, $3,000
- **Forest Hill Community Learning Center PTA**, to mentor third, fourth and fifth-graders, $1,775
- **Greater Akron Laos Association**, for Laotian community events, $2,500
- **Habitat for Humanity of Summit County**, for a community open house and carnival, $3,000
- **He Brought Us Out Ministry**, for an after-school and summer enrichment program, $5,000
- **Hereford/Highland Area Block Watch**, for youth and community events, a block watch, and a newsletter, $4,000
- **Highland Square Neighborhood Association**, for Art in the Square, $3,000
- **Hmong Ohio Mutual Association**, for a project to showcase the Hmong culture, $2,000
- **Kiwanis Club of Kenmore**, for various holiday and seasonal events in Kenmore, $7,500
- **Leggett Community Learning Center**, to purchase bikes for students with perfect attendance, $2,500
- **Let’s Grow Akron Inc.**, for the Ira Avenue Beautification Project, $7,500
- **Morgan/Lovers Lane Cluster Block Club**, to clean up vacant homes and land, $850
- **Mountain of the Lord Fellowship**, for the Violence Free Zone Rally/National Night Out Against Crime event in West Akron, $3,000
- **NEOhaus Institute**, for a rain garden and other ecology projects at Mason Park Elementary, $5,000
- **North Berwin Street Block Watch**, for a block watch and neighborhood events, $1,175
- **North Hill Community House**, for the National Youth Night Out Against Crime event, $1,500
- **North Howard Block Watch**, for beautification and neighborhood events, $2,000
- **Project GRAD Akron**, for the Annual Walk for Success and Fun with Santa, $6,000
- **Quality of Life at the Neighborhood Level**, to clean up vacant lots, $4,000
- **Residents Improving Goodyear Heights Together**, for community events and a newsletter, $7,500
- **South Street Ministries Inc.**, for a community garden and bike riding in the park, $5,000
- **Summit 2010 Buchtel Neighborhood Group**, for the Buchtel Neighborhood Group Community Day, $3,000
- **Summit County City Fresh**, to provide locally grown produce to neighborhoods, $4,000
- **Tennis AllStars Inc.**, for the Summer Enrichment Program in North Hill, $5,000
- **Tennis AllStars Inc.**, for the Summer Theater Program in North Hill, $5,000
- **United Way of Summit County**, for the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, $7,500
- **University Park Business Association**, for a lantern festival that showcases art and entertainment, $5,000
- **University Park Development Corporation**, for the Art Fair at Grace Park, $7,500
- **West Akron Community Organization**, for the West Akron Day Festival, $3,920
- **West Hill Neighborhood Organization Inc.**, for outreach and beautification, $5,500
- **Williams Challenge**, for the Fatherhood Initiative in West Akron, $2,500
- **YMCA of Akron**, for a water-safety program at the University Park facility, $6,500
Joint grant process boosts impact of Medina County funds

For the first time, Akron Community Foundation’s affiliate funds in Medina County are working together to streamline the grant process for nonprofits. This year, the Medina County Community Fund and the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund combined their grant applications into a joint form to simplify the process for grantees. Proposals for both funds were due March 1, and grantees were asked to submit separate applications for each request.

After careful consideration, the funds announced their latest round of grants in June, awarding a combined $41,800 to the following nonprofits in Medina County. Several organizations received coinciding grants, allowing the funds to increase their ability to meet local needs.

**Medina County Community Fund**

$35,000 to 13 organizations

The Children’s Center of Medina County, for a life-skills mentoring program for young adults transitioning out of foster care, $2,500

Cornerstone Wellness Center Inc., to provide healthy food to students in need on weekends and school breaks, $5,810

Easter Seals Northern Ohio, to purchase learning materials for children with speech and language disabilities, $2,000

Kidney Foundation of Medina County Inc., to provide residents with reliable transportation to hemodialysis treatments, $3,000

Literacy Council of Medina County Inc.

dba Project: LEARN of Medina County, to purchase books for the GED program in Lodi, $2,000

Marian’s Closet, to purchase diapers, wipes, formula, children’s socks and children’s underwear, $2,500

Medina Cares Inc., to assist residents in a medical crisis, $3,500

Medina County Arts Council Inc., to support free Arts Week concerts featuring

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**Medina County performers, $1,000**

**Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District**, for an ecological learning center at Crestview Elementary School in Brunswick, $1,330

**Mobile Meals Inc.**, to provide medically prescribed supplements to residents in need, $1,500

**Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach**, for the “Jazz Under the Stars” free concert series, $2,500

**Right Lead**, for a therapeutic riding program for at-risk children, $3,360

**St. Paul’s Episcopal Church**, to provide food and household items to residents in need, $4,000

**Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund**

$6,800 to five organizations

The Children’s Center of Medina County, to raise awareness about child sexual abuse and neglect, $1,000

**Hands Across Medina County Foundation dba HANDS Foundation**, to purchase long-lasting, nonrefrigerated food for older women in poverty, $1,300

**Marian’s Closet**, to purchase diapers, wipes, formula, children’s socks and children’s underwear, $2,500

**Mobile Meals Inc.**, to provide medically prescribed supplements to women and children in need, $1,000

**Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach**, for a music workshop with the Cavani String Quartet for underprivileged children in Medina County, $1,000

A $4,000 grant to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will provide essential items to families in need.