Polsky Award honors Burgs’ enduring charity

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We received some sad news recently when we learned of the passing of our good friend Charlie Booth. Charlie was a recipient of our Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award, as well as a fundholder and former staff member of the community foundation.

I’ll always remember hearing Charlie’s distinctive laugh and seeing him at nearly every Akron Roundtable presentation. As long as I knew him, Charlie’s sense of humor never failed him, especially when he would recall a poignant moment in history or an anecdote about a friend, neighbor or community leader that he simply had to share. And when you saw that little gleam in his eye, you knew he was about to share a special memory or humorous story that would be followed by that unmistakable giggle of his.

Charlie represents the third Polsky Award recipient we have lost in the past year. He, Kathryn Hunter and Howard Flood all left such lasting impressions on our community, and we’re proud that the positive impact they had on the lives of so many in greater Akron will forever be captured in the legacy established through the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

As summer draws to a close, I hope you’ve all had the chance to make some special memories with your family. Cindy and I crossed a few items off our bucket list this year, including visiting the Hoover Dam and going whale watching in New England.

But although summer is known for its slow, leisurely days, we at the community foundation have been busier than ever. Over the past 28 months, we have helped dozens of individuals, families and organizations fulfill their charitable goals through nearly 75 new funds and more than $31 million in contributions.

Fortunately, philanthropy comes in all seasons. Throughout the year, our fundholders support a wide range of critical needs in Summit County, including recovery and bereavement programs, leadership training, veteran rehabilitation, and early childhood education. At Akron Community Foundation, we stand ready to assist anyone who is ready to make a permanent commitment to the good of the community. Give me a call on my direct line at 330-436-5622 to get started.

Here’s to a healthy and happy fall,

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO
Eileen Burg’s photos are precious to her. They grace the walls of her Stow home, chronicling years of love, laughter and community with her high school sweetheart, former FirstEnergy CEO H. Peter Burg. It’s a story that could have ended all too soon.

**A CHAPTER ENDS**
In 2004, at the age of 57, Pete passed away from complications related to leukemia, far too young for a man so full of life. The days and weeks leading up to Pete’s passing marked a turning in their tale: not a conclusion, but a continuation personified by acts of homage to her husband.

“It was an incredible time of grace and soul-merging. He had the ability to share with me what he was really experiencing, and it just meant so much to me,” Eileen said of their last talks. “He said that he didn’t want to die, because there (were) things he wanted to do... and it spurred me on.”

Her role immediately changed: Eileen Burg, the CEO’s wife, became Eileen Burg, the charitable torchbearer. After 40 years of sharing Pete’s hopes and dreams, she was determined to make those dreams a reality for people who desperately needed hope.

**A NEW ONE BEGINS**
Fittingly, the first opportunity came in the form of a picture. A representative from the neonatal intensive care unit at Akron Children’s Hospital sent it as a thank-you after Eileen donated money for an incubator. The hospital had the incubator etched with Pete’s name.

The image they sent was of a 12-inch, sub-pound newborn named Hailey, her tiny torso clinging to life beneath Eileen’s husband’s engraved name. It was as if Pete were watching over Hailey, and Eileen needed to do the same.

Hailey’s parents, who were from Ashland, were struggling to make the two-hour roundtrips to see her. So, Eileen made sure their gas tank stayed full for the remainder of Hailey’s time at the hospital. It was the start of a beautiful relationship.

“They’ve been so good to me,” Eileen said. “They continue to send me pictures,” representing six years of Hailey’s life made possible in part by Pete and Eileen’s generosity.

“People tell me that it’s like Pete still lives in me, and that’s exactly how I feel,” she said.

In May 2004, Eileen started the H. Peter Burg Fund of Akron Community Foundation. On Oct. 15, Eileen’s name will join Pete’s in the annals of community foundation history as – together – they will receive the 46th Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

Reserve your tickets for the Polsky Award on Oct. 15 at www.regonline.com/polsky.
Akron Community Foundation lost one of its greatest ambassadors in August with the passing of fundholder, Polsky Award winner, co-worker and friend Charlie Booth. Charlie was an integral part of the community foundation who truly lived and breathed our mission of building permanent philanthropy.

A PERMANENT LEGACY
Charlie joined the community foundation’s staff in 1988 as special projects coordinator after retiring as a vice president of National City Bank. He convened some of the biggest names in town to talk about local needs and how they could be met through philanthropy.

As a member of the John A. McAlonan Trust committee, Charlie was instrumental in helping to establish the largest fund of that time. Rather than paying out the trust’s $4.7 million principal as a one-time gift to charity, Charlie urged his fellow committee members to perpetuate McAlonan’s charitable work by permanently endowing a fund at Akron Community Foundation. Today, the John A. McAlonan Fund has grown to more than $10 million and has granted $5.6 million in McAlonan’s name to causes he cared about passionately.

A PERSONAL LEGACY
Charlie believed in the power of endowment so strongly that he and his wife started their own fund in 1989. Over the years, the Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund has helped put books in the hands of disadvantaged youngsters, give uniforms and bus fare to elementary school students who need them, and even provide Thanksgiving dinner to children and their families.

Charlie and Mary are also members of the community foundation’s Shaw Society, which honors those who are planning for their charitable future with a bequest, or other future gift. This simple act will ensure their charitable legacy is carried on long after their lifetimes for the community they love.

Charlie was truly a shining example of someone who embraced permanent philanthropy and encouraged others to do the same. With a gift to the Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund, you can honor this legacy and help our community forever.

Give online at [www.akroncf.org/give/BoothFamilyFund](http://www.akroncf.org/give/BoothFamilyFund). Or read more about how you can create your own permanent legacy at [www.akroncf.org/GivingYourWay](http://www.akroncf.org/GivingYourWay).

WELCOME
Please join us in welcoming Renee Scherick to Akron Community Foundation. Renee joined the community foundation in September as the new development and donor engagement specialist.

Renee has more than 10 years of experience, most recently serving as the development coordinator for the American Cancer Society. In addition to tracking the community foundation’s donor relationships, Renee will help grow our initiative funds by providing development direction for their fundraisers and activities.

Renee can be reached at 330-436-5612 or rscherick@akroncf.org.
ADVISOR GROUP ANNOUNCED

Akron Community Foundation is turning to local accountants, wealth managers and attorneys to help shape the organization’s offerings to charitable residents.

On Sept. 10 at a gathering of advisors, President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. announced the formation of a professional advisor sub-committee, which will work with the board and staff to develop donor-friendly investment policies, targeted marketing and more. Dale Koblenzer, Akron Community Foundation board member and Merrill Lynch senior vice president of wealth management, will lead the group.

Speaking to the crowd, Petures said, “We want advisors to know that we are listening, and we will continue to remove barriers and obstacles to help them serve their clients’ charitable interests.”

Advisors like Bill Manby Jr., president and CEO of Paradigm Equity Strategies, shared their successes working with the community foundation to fulfill their clients’ charitable wishes. Speakers talked about the tax incentives associated with donor-advised funds, the benefit of agency endowments to nonprofit organizations, and how the community foundation can more easily connect individuals to charitable organizations and like-minded donors.

“Akron Community Foundation allows you to take your efforts and move them to the next level,” Manby said. “Connecting with them raises awareness of your clients’ initiatives outside of their world, as well as inside.”

If you’re a professional advisor who would like to be considered for a position on the advisory committee, please contact Laura Fink, director of development, at 330-436-5611 or lfink@akroncf.org.
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John Krochka by
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Gifts to the Women’s Endowment Fund are appreciated and will be listed in the fund’s fall newsletter.
On Friday, Sept. 13, Akron Community Foundation’s board ratified grants totaling $1.65 million, including $445,500 for civic affairs programs from discretionary, or board-directed, funds.

A $35,000 grant to the Gay Community Endowment Fund will support the 2014 Gay Games, a sports and culture festival that emphasizes inclusion, which is expected to draw more than 33,000 visitors to Northeast Ohio and generate approximately $57 million in economic impact.

For a complete list of the grants awarded, visit www.akroncf.org/CivicAffairsGrants.

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5. Plans for sustainability.
6. Clarity regarding your challenges and shortcomings.

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By: Emily Bean, Community Investment Officer

Although I now work for the community foundation, I once sat on the same side of the table as you – crafting grant proposals and wondering what funders were thinking. It was a grueling process at times, so I have great empathy for our applicants. No one should have to navigate the process alone.

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SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL $277,182

From Sept. 1, 2012, to Aug. 31, 2013, 125 students received a total of $277,182 in scholarship awards. Akron Community Foundation scholarship funds awarded $126,002, and the Hudson Public Schools Endowment funds awarded $151,180. Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients!

ACF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund
Laurie Beal, Carla Kaczmarski

Acorn Scholarship Fund
Raven Burdette, Camari Lewis, Dannysa Luna, Derek Lutz, Zachary Spannbauer, Andrew Wurtz

Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund
Tyler Hawes

Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund
Luke Ritzinger, Kelcee Webster

Martin O. Chapman Humanitarian Scholarship Fund
Adam Spisak, Arkeyia Walker

Coming Together Diversity Scholarship Fund
Roseanna Helmick

Michael Corbett Memorial Fund
Kalan Steiner, Colin Taylor

Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bryan Roth, Leslie Rush, Brooke Tilley, Mee Vue

Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund
Ruth Ackermann

Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund
Alexander Carlson

Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund
Mykkia Beasley, Deon Coleman

Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
Autumn Azar, Ian Lashua, Ashley Paul, Kamaran Price, Danielle Schillero, Samantha Schillero, Vincent Schillero

Glick-Zedak Scholarship Fund
K’Marr Cooper, Tatyanna Johnson, Christopher Pitre, O’Neal Pointer Jr., Ricki Rhea

Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund
Jessica Earnest, Mitchell Kisamore

Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund
Logan Bryant, Morgan Elswick, Caleb Kupetz, Austin Lepole, Caitlin West

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Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund
Patricia Reed, Ashley Williams

Scott T. Malson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mitchell Schoenman, Brandon White

Marbles Champions Scholarship Fund
James Coleman, Zane Lutz

Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund
Taylor Wisberger

Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund
Nicholas Bavaro, Adam Holoweycky, Ashley Lengel, Kouri Weber

North Coast Society Scholarship Fund
Nathan Fulmer, Justin Hamlin, Lauren Kingsley, Megan McKinley, Adrianna Tondi

Esther Simonetti Owen Future Educators Scholarship Fund
Susan Sedlacko

Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund
Ebony Richmond

Bettie Portwood Summit County Pest Control Association Scholarship Fund
Hunter Olds, Tyler Olds

Ruocco-Hudson Small Group Instruction Scholarship Fund
Patrik Pollock

Faye L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joseph Baker, Leah Blachaniec, Nathan Hill, Alanna Rufe, Victoria Yang

John T. and Julia A. Spellman Scholarship Fund
Mary Bozsik, Andrew Brinkerhoff, Aries Brown, Shana DeBerte, Kristen Giaquinto, Daniel Kennedy, John Krznanic, Tyler Severns

Michelle M. Vasenda Fund
Molly Kohler

David R. Venarge Scholarship Fund
Terry Carpenter II, Christina Collart, David Cunningham, Paige Marty, Kameron Murray, Lindsey Ritenour, Anna Roe, Marissa Summers

Witan Presidents’ Scholarship Fund
Toriene Johnson

Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship Fund
Colton Allgire, Levi Dobson, Kelvin Knipl Jr.

HUDSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Barlow Fund
Kelsey Crawford, Justin Gamble, Connie Gan, Kelly Gough, Annie Greer, Trevor Hahn, Darwin Huang, Michael Knoblauch, Grace Lu, Erin Maier, Ronit Majumdar, Brian Malerick, Chase Matecun, Brian May, Madeline Medkeff, Daniel Mummeey, Elizabeth Reichart, Sydney Schaefer, Kiersten Schierenbeck, Ben Tiemann, Kacey Turk, Mary Beth Turner, Mark Zebenko, Allison Zullo

Harry D. Bubb Scholarship Fund
Will Ennis

Scott Case Memorial Fund
Steven Boslett, Grace Lu

Les Dinglyedine Memorial Scholarship Fund
Kelly Gough, Brian Malerick

Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund
Courtney Centrello, Annie Greer

Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund
Grace Lu

Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brandon White, Alisa Zullo

Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Patrick Pollock

Dante B. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund
Brian May

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund
Annie Greer, Trey Thom

June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund
Sam Riddell

Stevenson Award Fund
Zachary Teed

CONGRATS

The 2013 Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund award recipient is Autumn Azar, pictured above (center) with her father, Fred Azar (left), and sister, Gabrielle Azar (right). Autumn is a graduate of St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and will attend Kent State University this fall.

With the help of the Geis scholarship, Autumn plans to study computer science at Kent State University so she can pursue a career in computer forensics.

The Geis fund is named for Erwin and Katherine Geis, who founded the commercial construction company Geis Companies. The fund awards scholarships to Geis Companies employees and their children who are enrolled in a four-year college, parochial high school or parochial elementary school.

To give to the Geis fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/GeisScholarship.
SAVE THE DATE

Forum on Women and Girls
Oct. 3, 2013
8 AM
Akron Children’s Hospital
Be a part of discussions that will help shape the priorities of the Women’s Endowment Fund. Also, hear from a panel of experts, including Elizabeth Ranade Janis, Ohio’s anti-trafficking coordinator. RSVP for free at www.akroncf.org/WEFforum.

Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner
Oct. 15, 2013
6 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Join us as we honor the extraordinary humanitarian efforts of H. Peter and Eileen Burg. The event includes a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the program. Tickets may be reserved at www.regonline.com/polsky.

A Night With the Browns & Steelers
Nov. 22, 2013
6:30 PM
Weymouth Country Club
Join the Medina County Community Fund for its annual Fall into Winter fundraiser, featuring Browns and Steelers alumni. The night includes a roast of former Browns running back Greg Pruitt. Get more details at www.mccfund.org.

BUS TOURS, ISSUES SESSIONS OFFER INSIDE PERSPECTIVE
This summer, dozens of community foundation fundholders, donors, professional advisors and board members got a behind-the-scenes look at some of our area’s most interesting programs. Bus tours to agencies like Crown Point Ecology Center and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad offered tourgoers hands-on education, while a recent Community Issues Session helped shed light on regional economic development.

Coming up: Don’t miss our next bus tour on Nov. 19, when we’ll visit the LeBron James Clubhouse, Summit Education Initiative and AMHA’s Building for Tomorrow program. We’re also offering another Community Issues Session on Oct. 23 — this time focused on prevention and wellness. Call 330-376-8522 to RSVP for these free events.
Vivian Neal, Robert Cooper appointed to Akron Community Foundation’s board of directors

Akron Community Foundation’s 58th annual meeting kicked off with an exciting announcement: Charitable assets had reached an all-time high of $150 million. Treasurer Dale Koblenzer reported this news to an energized crowd of more than 200 people at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn on July 9.

Photos (clockwise from top left):
- Treasurer Dale Koblenzer announces a record asset total.
- New board members Vivian Neal and Robert Cooper begin their first year of service.
- The crowd applauds after hearing the story of Lisa Craine, who started a fund at the community foundation to support bile duct cancer research.
- Incoming board chair Mark Allio presents a commemorative crystal bowl to outgoing chair Michael A. Sweeney.

See more photos at www.flickr.com/akroncommunityfdn.