IBH Foundation preserves future with $12 million fund

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Momentum. That’s the word our treasurer used to describe the generosity and growth Akron Community Foundation has experienced over the past fiscal year. During that time, we grew our assets to an all-time high of more than $150 million and engaged nearly 4,000 donors in philanthropy, more people than we have reached in nearly a decade. It’s that same momentum that has helped you and your funds award more than $106 million in grants just in time for our 58th anniversary on June 8.

It’s already evident that positive movement forward is continuing into our new fiscal year, with the announcement of the $12 million IBH Foundation Fund – our largest gift ever – and nearly a dozen new funds created by you, the generous residents and organizations of greater Akron. For all of this, we remain grateful for the support and confidence you have for our organization.

Talk of this growth would not be complete without recognizing the Women’s Endowment Fund’s “For Women, Forever” campaign. We applaud the leadership of the fund’s President Tracy Carter, campaign co-chairs Karen Lefton and Dianne Newman, and all the energetic committee members and donors who raised more than $2.1 million in gifts and pledges for the fund’s important work for our community’s women and girls.

We recently welcomed two new staff members: Vice President of Development and Donor Engagement Margaret Medzie and Director of Marketing Tracy Burt, both of whom bring great experience and energy to assist our fundholders. And we extend our heartfelt thanks to Susan Kinnamon and Bill Feth, who have completed their board terms. We are excited to welcome the leadership and insight of Robert Cooper and Vivian Neal, who will join the board at our annual meeting on July 9.

Momentum: it wouldn’t be possible without the help of you, the generous residents and organizations of Summit County, and it’s something we’re glad to share with you. If you have a charitable dream, no matter how big or small, call us. We’re here to help you.

My regards for a wonderful summer.

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO
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The organization now has a permanent source of funding thanks to the IBH Foundation Fund of Akron Community Foundation, which began June 7 with a record-breaking gift of $12 million.

A DIFFERENT ROUTE
For Larry, the road to recovery began with a startling revelation. In and out of treatment centers, he depended on others to cure him. But IBH was different: “They said, ‘This isn’t about us, it’s about you. We’ll lay out the plan… but we’re not going to carry you there, and if you don’t want to be here, you can go,’” he said. “I thank God I stayed.”

THE NEW FACE OF ADDICTION
Larry is now almost 8 years sober and works as a residential manager at IBH to help others find the same freedom he did. But today, Larry said, the clients who, like him, struggle primarily with opiate addiction are much younger. “Some (are) using intravenous heroin as young as age 14,” he said. “The days of the white middle-aged male alcoholic are long gone.”

While the clients change, the central problem of addiction doesn’t, and Larry relies on his own experience to prove to them there is hope. “I tell them, don’t leave until the miracle happens,” he said. “This is a house of miracles. Hopeless are restored to hope, sick are made well, and if you stick with this, get the miracle – and it will happen – your life will change in ways you could never imagine.”

To see more about Larry’s road to recovery, visit: www.akroncf.org/videos. Or, to donate to the fund, visit: www.IBHFoundationFund.
On June 10, 1955, B.F. Goodrich executive Edwin C. Shaw gave birth to Akron Community Foundation: not by writing a check or donating stock, but at his desk – a dozen years earlier – through a bequest in his will.

While giving during your lifetime can be rewarding, sometimes assets are tied up in our homes, IRAs and insurance policies. Perhaps you’re worried you will outlive your savings. With a planned gift, you can preserve your assets now while making a sizable charitable impact that will last forever, in your name, for the causes and charities you care about most.

Planned gifts are gifts anyone can afford, and they may be right for you if you’re willing to consider a charitable plan that:

• is fulfilled upon your death
• ensures your family and friends are first cared for
• guarantees you a lifetime stream of income.

Shaw passed away in 1941, but what started as a $1 million bequest is now $150 million. On top of that, Shaw’s legacy has generated $106 million in grants to help generations of children learn to read; countless needy neighbors find food and shelter; and acres of green spaces remain preserved for generations to come.

On this, the community foundation’s 58th anniversary, we invite you to follow Shaw’s lead and become part of the Edwin C. Shaw Society, a group of individuals who have made arrangements within their will or other planned giving vehicle to make a future gift to Akron Community Foundation. In doing so, you – like Shaw – will significantly impact the causes you love long after you are gone.

Read more about the Shaw Society and your planned giving options, or take advantage of our will planning wizard, personal financial calculators and suggested bequest language at akroncf.plannedgiving.org. Or, call Margaret Medzie or Laura Fink at 330-376-8522. We would love to meet with you and help you make a gift that will give forever!

Is Akron Community Foundation already in your will? Tell us so we can acknowledge your generosity through the Shaw Society. Call Margaret Medzie or Laura Fink at 330-376-8522.
In Medina County, the Allard name has become synonymous with green space, and residents have the family of Stan and Esther Allard to thank.

Stan and Esther were the last of three generations to occupy Allardale in Granger Township. The couple maintained the property as a farm, although Stan had always known certain areas of the property were too steep for farming. In the 1930s, rather than leave those areas bare, Stan began planting trees. Over his lifetime, more than 100,000 trees were planted on that property, making Allardale one of the finest reforestation areas in the state of Ohio.

The couple had no children, so in 1992 they donated their land to the Medina County Parks District. In 1993, Stan and Esther’s nieces and nephews started the Allard Family Fund at Akron Community Foundation with a $5,000 donation. The donor-advised fund carries on the family’s legacy of preserving Allardale Park for years to come, and since then, dozens of family members have contributed to the cause, bringing the fund’s assets to more than $478,000 today.

Marianne Allard Woodside, a donor-advisor to the Allard Family Fund, was one of many relatives on hand for the June 9 dedication of the Lodge at Allardale, which was created with nearly $1 million in grants from the fund.

Marianne said the project is one that would satisfy both Stan and Esther.

“ Aunt Esther was a teacher and had dreams of bringing educational programs to Allardale,” she said. “With this new building, we now have the place for her dreams to be realized.”

To learn more about Allardale Park or the Lodge at Allardale, visit www.medinacountyparks.com/pages/Allardale.html. Or, to give to the Allard Family Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/AllardFamilyFund.

ALLARD FAMILY LEGACY

INTERESTED IN STARTING A FUND?
See your options at www.akroncf.org/fundtypes. Or, begin the process of opening a fund at www.akroncf.org/startyourfund.
Memorial & Tribute Gifts

Feb 1, 2013 - Apr. 30, 2013

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Parker Wilkinson Sr. by John E. Wilkinson
George E. Wilkinson by John E. Wilkinson
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Memorial gifts to Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:
Jane Bradbury by Candace Grisi
Memorial gifts to Beacon of Light Initiatives/Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund for:
Brandon Allen by Kyle & Lynn Allen
Memorial gifts to Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund for:
Sue Archer by William & Barbara Beiling
Sally & James Casenhiser
Judy Cohen-Baer
Edward & Laura D’Amato
Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
David & Donna Garrison
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Fran Waybright
Marna Cohen by
Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
Carole Jegley
Ronald & Hermine Meyer
Elizabeth Cowles by Stow Women’s Club
Mildred Hoffstetter by Fran Waybright
Michael F. Kovach by Margaret E. Gabriel
Memorial gifts to Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund for:
William E. Bacon by Judge Harold F. White
Memorial gifts to Leadership Akron Endowment Fund for:
George Swiatkowski by Hickory Harvest Foods
Memorial gifts to Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdelyn E. Hausfeld Living Endowment Fund for:
Sandra K. Hausfeld by Steve Feldstein
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Adele K. Recklies
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Women's Endowment Fund for:
Irene Becker by
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Jim, Nancy and Jimmy Housley by
Marjorie E. Housley
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Alexandra Norwood Legacy of
Kindness Charitable Giving Fund for:
Marissa Norwood by
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Phillip Nasrallah by
Charles & Candace Grisi
Dr. Basir U. Tareen
Tribute gifts to Marissa Alexandra
Norwood Legacy of Kindness
Charitable Giving Fund for:
Drs. Patricia & Climon Lee III by
Leona Lee
Grover C. Miller
Joseph & Helen Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Parnell
Sr.
Aaron & Joanne Ray
Ed and Vanessa Rosa
Judge James Williams & Jewell
Cardwell
Ethel M. Woodall
Tribute gifts to Torchbearers
Endowment Fund for:
Scott Read by
The Read Family Fund
Jeff Satterfield by
The Read Family Fund
Torchbearers 10th Anniversary by
The Read Family Fund

In honor of Mother’s Day, donors paid tribute to
278 women by donating
$8,737.50 to the Women’s
Endowment Fund. Thanks go
out to them and to the donors
who honored 58 women by
raising $1,775 for Medina
County Women’s Endowment
Fund. These gifts are
appreciated and
will be featured in
their respective
newsletters.
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

MEDIA CENTER EXPANDS, ENGAGES

As community needs and technology have evolved, so have the goals of Akron Digital Media Center. Three years ago, Akron Community Foundation and a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation started the center. Today, we’ve trained more than 700 community members in multimedia journalism and continue to share impactful stories that positively reflect our neighborhoods. The center is the first of its kind in Ohio and allows all community members regardless of age, demographic, skill level, income barrier or socioeconomic status, to cultivate local news.

A SUCCESSFUL START

Traffic to Akronist.com, the center’s online news outlet, has steadily increased thanks to high-quality articles, like a recent profile of Akron Children’s Hospital’s Emily Cooper Welty Expressive Therapy Center. This, along with community-focused and citizen journalist-driven public service messages, as well as other stories about local nonprofit organizations and schools, resonate in the Akron community and beyond.

A PROMISING FUTURE

This year promises to be chock-full of exciting new programs. A recent $10,000 grant from the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation will help us promote rehabilitation from mental illness and to train those facing mental illness challenges to share their stories with others and, hopefully, break down stereotypes in the process.

Since relocating to the main branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library in February 2012, the library has begun work to construct a broadcasting studio for us so community members can create newscasts and reports that help to further fill the media void that exists in the Akron media. We will also expand our broadcasting capabilities for local sporting events, meetings and other happenings to bring stories to people more effectively.

To create a sustainable future for this vital organization, we need donors and sponsors like you. Your gift is 100 percent tax-deductible and can be made online at www.akroncf.org/give/ADMC. Or, if you wish to shed light on an issue like food insecurity or early education, an ADMC sponsorship package can bring visibility both to your name and your topic. Call Chris Miller, ADMC director, at 330-436-5627 for more information.

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Find out more about the good work your funds are doing in our community: www.akroncf.org/nonprofits/helpingyoudogood. Or, contact a Community Investment staff member.

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View the Expressive Therapy Center video created by ADMC: www.akronist.com/ACH.
On Friday, June 7, Akron Community Foundation’s board of directors approved more than $1.46 million in grants, including 238 grants from designated, donor-advised, agency endowment and scholarship funds, and 30 arts and culture grants totaling $443,500 from discretionary, or board-directed, funds.

A $50,000 discretionary grant went to the Heinz Poll Summer Dance Series, making Akron Community Foundation a top funder of the festival.

For the first time in its 39 years, the series will feature an international ensemble, the Vanaver Caravan, which incorporates live music into its shows. The Vanaver Caravan is one of four troupes in the series.

Each troupe will give free performances throughout the city’s parks and master classes to young dance students through the Lock 3 Summer Arts Experience.

Another $50,000 grant will fund operations at the Akron Art Museum, which recently hired a new executive director, Mark Masuoka.

Masuoka is the former executive director and CEO of the Bemis Center in Omaha, Neb. He will lead efforts to heighten community engagement, increase accessibility and develop a new model for the 91-year-old museum.

“We are very confident in the direction the Akron Art Museum is headed,” said Steve Cox, the community foundation’s Community Investment Committee chairman.

For a complete list of the grants awarded, visit: www.akroncf.org/ArtsCultureGrants.
MEDINA COUNTY INITIATIVES RECEIVE GRANTS

The Medina County Community Fund and the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund each announced grants for 2013 totaling $36,100.

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND
The Medina County Community Fund issued 14 grants totaling $27,000. A total of 163 grants have been issued since the fund’s inception in 1993, for a total of $405,558 being awarded to organizations with programs benefitting Medina County residents.

One of the grants issued this year is for Cornerstone of Hope to provide grief care services to residents. Cornerstone of Hope is an organization dedicated to providing support, education and hope for grieving individuals and families, particularly those who have lost a loved one suddenly.

Other grants this year will bring free music programs to the county, provide life skills training to people with disabilities, and provide employment and volunteer services to mentally ill adults.

For a full list of the fund’s grants, go to www.akroncf.org/MCCFGrants.

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN’S ENDOWMENT FUND
The Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund issued 6 grants for a total of $9,100. Since its inception in 1998, the fund has awarded 62 grants for a total of $99,452 to nonprofits with programs that benefit women and children in Medina County.

One of the programs receiving a grant from Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund is the Suicide Prevention Education Alliance for an education program it is creating for Medina High School that focuses on recognizing teen depression and preventing suicide.

Other grants this year will provide food for residents in need, adapted toys for children with disabilities and training for those who care for them.

For a full list of the women’s fund’s grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MCWEFGrants.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS

The City of Akron and Akron Community Foundation announced matching grants totaling $219,461 to 56 community-based programs through the Neighborhood Partnership Program.

Now in its 17th year, the Neighborhood Partnership Program is a collaboration between the City of Akron and Akron Community Foundation that provides grants to small, neighborhood-based organizations throughout Akron working to beautify, unify and revitalize their community through innovative, citizen-led projects.

Organizations must match the grants they receive through in-kind services, as well as cash donations.

“The City of Akron and the Akron Community Foundation continue their commitment to improving neighborhoods through the Neighborhood Partnership Program,” said Mayor Don Plusquellic. “These grants help residents and neighborhood-based organizations improve our City by providing funds to small but effective programs for vacant lot clean ups, tutoring and after school programs for children, and neighborhood events for residents of all ages.”

Every year, the community foundation commits $100,000, as well as grant-making assistance to the program, which is an initiative of the city’s Department of Planning and Urban Development.

Akron City Council chooses the recipients from dozens of applications, which include beautification, community garden, festival and event, and youth projects. Recipients represent neighborhoods like Ellet, Kenmore, Summit Lake and more.

To see all of the initiatives that will benefit from the Neighborhood Partnership program, visit: www.akroncf.org/nppgrants.
SAVE THE DATE

Civic Affairs Grant Deadline
July 1, 2013
4:30 PM
Applications for our next grant cycle, Civic Affairs, are due Monday, July 1. For more information on our grant cycles and our online application system, visit: www.akroncf.org/Nonprofits/CompetitiveGrants.

Annual Meeting
July 9, 2013
5:30 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Join us for the 58th Annual Meeting of Akron Community Foundation. Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres begin at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:15 p.m. Please RSVP to De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522 by Tuesday, July 2.

Environmental Bus Tour
July 23, 2013
11:15 AM
Akron Community Foundation
Get an inside look at Summit County’s most intriguing nonprofits, visit: Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and Crown Point Ecology Center. RSVP to De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522.

Community Issues Sessions
Aug. 7, 2013
5:30 PM
Akron Community Foundation
Join us as Chris Thompson, director of regional engagement for the Fund for Our Economic Future, and Dan Colantone, president and CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber, discuss economic initiatives both locally and regionally.

Cultural Bus Tour
Sept. 12, 2013
TBD
Akron Community Foundation
Visit some of Summit County’s nonprofits and get a behind-the-scenes look at how they serve our community. More information to come via our Around Akron Calendar at www.akroncf.org/AroundAkronCalendar.

Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner
Oct. 15, 2013
6 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
Join us as we honor Eileen and the late H. Peter Burg at this year's Bert A. Polsky Award dinner. Tickets start at $150 per person and will be available via our Around Akron Calendar after Labor Day. Stay tuned for our feature on the Burgs in our next newsletter.

See a full list of community events or submit your own nonprofit event at: www.akroncf.org/AroundAkronCalendar.
Kudos to our Women’s Endowment Fund for achieving their “For Women, Forever” goal of raising $2.013 million for their 20th anniversary in 2013. More than 200 donors gave $2.10 million, making it the largest endowment-building campaign in the community foundation’s history.

Photos (clockwise):
WEF President Tracy Carter (left) and campaign co-chair Karen Lefton (center) celebrate with fellow committee members at the 20th anniversary event March 13.
Campaign co-chair Dianne Newman holds her 2013 ATHENA Award, which she received after meeting the goal.
Keynote speaker, Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Fawn Germer (center), pictured with event co-chair Eve Belfance and WEF supporter Jody Miller Konstand.

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