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Fatherhood initiative gets start at ACF

Health & human service orgs benefit
Have you ever had your heart truly lifted? Maybe you were moved by an awesome image of nature, the memory of a loved one, or by witnessing a selfless act of kindness or heroism. How blessed we are by our extraordinary human condition and the ability we have to think, to feel, to show emotion and to inspire.

My heart was lifted in recent months when I attended the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner honoring Pete and Eileen Burg, as well as the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, which included Dr. Milton Cooper and his son Robert amongst its honorees.

It’s difficult to imagine our community without the love and legacy the Burgs and Coopers have demonstrated. Both families are fundholders at the community foundation, and both have had an incredible impact on greater Akron physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Their leadership and kindness reminded me of a scene many years ago from the television drama “ER.” As Dr. Mark Greene was dying of cancer, he offered a profound piece of parental advice to his daughter. He simply told her to “be generous – with your time, with your love, with your life.”

I couldn’t help but think of these words when we celebrated the generous spirit of the Burg and Cooper families. Their philanthropy has lifted the hearts and minds of countless friends and neighbors right here in our community.

As we approach this holiday season, I hope you’ll take a moment to reflect on the individuals who have positively impacted your life and consider a gift to Akron Community Foundation in their honor or memory. You can give online at www.akroncf.org/givenow or by returning the enclosed envelope now, or when the time is right for a gift in the future. I hope their actions will inspire you to give back, to volunteer, and to improve the quality of life where we live, work and raise our families.

Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO

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The holidays have always been a special time of year for Steve Comunale, but one Christmas eight years ago nearly stole his joy.

In 2005, the annual Comunale Christmas Eve celebration turned from festive to introspective for the dozens of loved ones who gathered to spend their last Christmas with Steve’s son, Stephen A. Comunale Jr., who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer mere months earlier. “Everyone was there, and everybody spent a lot of time with him,” Comunale said. “It was good, but it was kind of tearful, too.”

In April 2006, Comunale and his wife, Jane, started the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation to help families coping with a cancer diagnosis. This year, the foundation and their families have something extra to celebrate: new financial support through the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund at Akron Community Foundation.

ONE SMILE AT A TIME
Comunale said the partnership with Akron Community Foundation was a natural one, given its focus on helping local families and organizations and bringing them together. The Comunale foundation, he said, is much the same. “We’re not into cancer research or curing cancer – we’re just trying to help people survive daily,” he said. “It’s just a neat thing to put a smile on their face for one day and put them in a different world or something. That’s kind of cool.”

Hear more of the Comunales’ story at www.akroncf.org/Comunale.

To donate to the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/ComunaleProgramFund. Or, recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund via Donor Central, or by contacting Melina Boyce at 330-436-5616 or mboyce@akroncf.org.
TIME IS RIGHT FOR STOCK GIFTS

By: Steve Schloenbach, Vice President & CFO

Do you own publicly traded stock or mutual funds with unrealized long-term gains? With the year end approaching and the stock market hovering around an all-time high, now is a perfect time to support your favorite causes and charities by donating appreciated securities through Akron Community Foundation. Here are three ways a charitable gift of stock can benefit you this year:

**TAX EFFICIENCY**
Contributions of appreciated long-term investments – those shares you have owned for at least one year – represent one of the most tax-efficient methods of giving. The tax deduction you get for your gift is based on the current market value of the donated stock or mutual fund, which has likely increased over the past year. Since Akron Community Foundation is a public charity, giving through us makes you eligible to receive the maximum tax advantage allowed by law: a deduction of up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

**CAPITAL GAINS AVOIDANCE**
By contributing appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can avoid paying any capital gains tax that would apply if you sold the shares and donated the cash. The more appreciation a stock or mutual fund has, the greater your potential tax savings.

**FAST, EASY PROCESSING**
The process for donating appreciated stock or mutual funds to Akron Community Foundation is almost as easy as dropping a check in the mail. We have developed an efficient and timely transfer process with FirstMerit, our custodian bank. We can value and acknowledge your stock contributions according to IRS guidelines usually within 24 hours of receiving the shares.

Take advantage of this historic opportunity and initiate your transfer by Dec. 20. You can download our stock transfer instructions from our website at [www.akroncf.org/stocktransfers](http://www.akroncf.org/stocktransfers). Or, contact Steve Schloenbach, vice president and chief financial officer, at 330-436-5621 or sschloenbach@akroncf.org for personal assistance.
Bob and Judy Wilson have supported Good Neighbors Inc. for years as volunteers and donors. In fact, they established the Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Fund at Akron Community Foundation in part to fund Good Neighbors while still growing their charitable assets so they can support their favorite causes forever.

This year, Bob took advantage of a limited-time IRS provision to help the organization in a way that was also tax-wise for him. “When I learned that the building Good Neighbors used was shutting its doors because the church that owned the building could no longer support it, I wanted to help,” Bob said. “I was able to transfer a portion of my IRA assets to Good Neighbors’ designated fund at Akron Community Foundation to help them purchase the building.”

At 73 years old, Bob is required by law to take minimum distributions from his IRA – distributions that he presently does not need for income. Luckily for him, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 allows individuals age 70½ or older to transfer up to $100,000 from their IRA to public charities, like the community foundation, without first counting it as taxable income. This provision is set to expire at the end of the year. And since retirement distributions are some of the most highly taxed forms of income, this is a beneficial opportunity for people like Bob.

Since Akron Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, the Charitable IRA Rollover can be used to donate to current funds at the community foundation or to establish a new fund. While this provision does not allow tax-free transfers to donor-advised funds, it does allow for transfers to agency endowment, designated, scholarship, field-of-interest and unrestricted funds.

Don’t wait! The Charitable IRA Rollover is set to expire Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.akroncf.org/IRA. Or, to talk to someone about initiating a tax-free rollover from your IRA, contact Steve Schloenbach at sschloenbach@akroncf.org or 330-436-5621.
Memorial gifts to Akron Community Foundation for:

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Richard Averitte by Yvonne Averitte

Jamie Baach’s mother by Lucy & Dan Sondles

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- Art & Marcey Aronson
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- Ann Clark, Pat Graham, Trista Piccola, Tom Bizon, Debbie Bizon and Char Anderle
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- Carole & W.R. O’Riley

Emma Garofalo by
- Eileen Burg
- The Jansky Family
- Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

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- Beth Lawton

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- Kent State University Foundation
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- The Temple Family Charitable Giving Fund at Schwab Charitable Fund

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- Henry Jameson

Joan Andrews Schrank by
- Edwin Schrank

George B. Wilkinson by
- John E. Wilkinson

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David J. Bricker by
- Anonymous

Memorial gifts to Beacon Journal Charity Fund for:

Charles E. Booth by
- Dr. John Gerstenmaier

Memorial gifts to Beacon of Light Initiatives/Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund for:

Brandon Allen by
- Laurie Cox-Schreiber

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Robin Motta by
- Cheryl Goldstein

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Lauren Kunklier by
- Anonymous
- Catherine Dunnagan
- Patricia Householder
- Melanie Irwin
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- Rodney Springer
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Louis DiPaolo
John D. Kelly & El-Rhonda Williams Alston
Vincent Mottola
Sunshine Department and the Board of Trustees at the Valley Cottage Library

Memorial gifts to Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund for:
Eleanor & Andrew Toth by Joanne Gross

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William Pletzer by Gerald & Yolanda Reeves

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Mary Ann Boland by Laura Culp Jon Fiume Joel L. Hampton Roger & Judy Read Lucy Sondles

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Ruby Eberhart by Nancy W. Sprowls
Memorial gifts to Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund for:
Marissa A. Norwood by Dr. Climon Lee III

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Sylvia Herold by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
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Rosaline R. Mather by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Melissa McGinnes by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Kay McIntyre by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Judy Nicely by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Caroline Parry by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Ann Regula by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Tracie Rose by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Elizabeth Sheeler by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Valerie Torrens by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Marguerite Tremelin by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
John Vittum by Rose S. Miller

The Volunteers for the 2013 Zone X Meeting of The Garden Club of America by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
Inga Walker by Gregory Hackett Family Foundation
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Roger & Judy Read by Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised Fund of Akron Community Foundation

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Lisa Craine by Anonymous
Mark & Michele Allio Chuck & Anne Armao Michael A. Batu Maureen Burger Mary Beth Carroll Ciriello & Carr Funeral Homes Peggy Contrera Craig Family Adrienne R. Dawes Tim & Jenny DelMedico Fran Doll Marie Duellman & Charles Baumgardner Raymond H. Dunkle II

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The statistics are telling: Children with absent fathers are two to three times more likely to live in poverty, use drugs and become teen parents. For years, three local groups with similar missions were working to combat this prevalent issue of father absenteeism. Fame Fathers, Man2Man, and Fathers & Sons of Northeast Ohio all offered education, mentoring and other support services to help fathers in the greater Akron area become more involved in their children’s lives. However, much of their services overlapped.

So, when these groups approached Akron Community Foundation during the 2012 civic affairs grant cycle, John Garofalo, vice president of community investment, said this overlap of services put them in competition for funding.

“The community investment staff saw an opportunity to bring these groups together. Separately, they were doing a wonderful job, so we knew if we could get them in the same room to focus on collaborating, they would be able to accomplish even more,” he said.

Akron Community Foundation partnered with BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence to hire a consultant, Sue Lacy of Round River Consulting, who could help the organizations collaborate and share resources.

After months of preparation, the leaders of the three fatherhood organizations gathered at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center on Sept. 19 to officially announce the launch of the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative. The Summit County Fatherhood Initiative will provide fathers with:

- help navigating the social service and court systems
- mediation to address family issues such as visitation
- father-to-father mentoring
- parent education workshops and more

“I know this collaboration is just the beginning of wonderful things that will happen in Summit County,” said Olivia Demas, a member of Akron Community Foundation’s board of directors and the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative’s steering committee.

“This type of collaboration is essential for nonprofits and initiatives in our community,” Garofalo said. “When people work together toward a common goal, more can be done than when one group works in a silo. We continually look for these opportunities to bring great organizations and ideas together.”

For more information about the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, visit www.summitfathers.org. Or, read the announcement of the launch at www.akroncf.org/fatherhoodinitiativelaunch.
On Dec. 6, Akron Community Foundation’s board of directors ratified $1.8 million in grants, including 29 discretionary grants totaling $507,500. Of the discretionary funding, $492,500 will support local health and human services programs and $15,000 will help repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income, elderly, disabled and veteran homeowners.

With a proactive grant to the Institute for Conservation Leadership, the community foundation’s board took an initial step toward improving the way food is produced and distributed locally. In total, $20,000 will fund the community’s first formal assessment and report on its food economy. Included in the report will be recommendations for how local funders, grocers, community gardeners, farmers and other partners can work together to improve food systems.

Community Investment Committee Chair Steven Cox said the report’s recommendations will guide the community foundation’s future food funding and be shared with other funders in hopes of creating a consistent funding strategy.

Other health and human services grants will help nonprofits provide services to seniors who live independently, teach refugees and low-income residents to navigate the health care system, and shelter homeless women and children.

To see a full list of grants from the health and human services grant cycle, visit www.akroncf.org/healthhumanservicesgrants.

CORRECTION

In the scholarship section of our last newsletter, Samantha Sandone should have been listed as a recipient of the Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund in place of Annie Greer, who received scholarships from the Barlow Fund and Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition, the names of Mark Zubenko and Patrik Pollock were misspelled. We work diligently to ensure accuracy in our publications. Should you discover an error, please contact us at 330-376-8522.
Akron Community Foundation’s Millennium Fund for Children has surpassed $500,000 in grants to children’s programs. The fund’s committee recently approved 26 grants totaling $41,935 to children’s programs, bringing the cumulative grant-making total since its inception in 1999 to $538,844.

A partnership of the Akron Beacon Journal and the community foundation, the Millennium Fund for Children began when local residents donated their last hour’s pay of the millennium. Since then, people have donated gifts of all kinds and sizes, growing the fund to more than $700,000 and making more than 300 grants to provide holiday gifts for children in foster care, food and clothing for at-risk infants, and much more.

Akron Community Foundation President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. said the Millennium Fund’s mission is to support programs where a small grant can make a big difference. “Many of the fund’s grantees are grassroots organizations,” he said. “Not only are they closest to the needs of the community, they know how to stretch a dollar.”

By giving to the Millennium Fund for Children, residents can also stretch their charitable dollars, he said. “Your gift is combined with thousands of others and will grow over time, so even a small amount can make a big difference.”

To see a full list of grants, go to www.akroncf.org/millenniumgrants.

DONATE NOW
To donate to the Millennium Fund for Children, visit www.akroncf.org/give/millennium.

In December, the Gay Community Endowment Fund awarded $66,200 in grants to nine greater Akron nonprofit organizations for programs that promote the well-being and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.

The fund also announced a $100,000 commitment to the 2014 Gay Games, $45,000 of which was part of the most recent grants. This commitment makes the Gay Community Endowment Fund the host sponsor of events held in Akron and Summit County.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund will use a portion of its sponsorship money to award grants of up to $5,000 for local projects that support the Gay Games, including arts and culture events, LGBT programming, and diversity projects. Nonprofits may submit their grant applications online through Jan. 10 at www.akroncf.org/applyGG9.

Learn about the Gay Community Endowment Fund’s support of the 2014 Gay Games at www.akroncf.org/GayGames. Or, to see the full list of grants awarded this year, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFgrants.
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PHILANTHROPY, FOOTBALL GREATS HONORED

Nearly 480 attendees gathered at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn on Oct. 15 to celebrate the philanthropy of Eileen and the late H. Peter Burg as this year’s recipients of Akron Community Foundation’s Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

On Nov. 22, more than 200 guests gathered for a roast of Browns alumnu Greg Pruitt to support the Medina County Community Fund.

Captions (clockwise):
Eileen and representatives from presenting sponsor FirstEnergy with Pete’s portrait.
Browns and Steelers alumni sit alongside legendary running back Greg Pruitt.
Eileen unveils a portrait of the honorees, which is now at Akron Community Foundation.

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