“I was miserable just calling an 800 service.” That’s what corporate real estate advisor Bob Cooper said of his former charitable fund administrator. The administrator was the same national financial services firm that managed his donor-advised fund. It was hundreds of miles away from Akron, far away from the community and nonprofits Bob loved.

Bob was eager to bring both his financial and charitable investing back to Akron, so in November he took advantage of a new community foundation policy that offers individuals and companies the opportunity to use their existing investment advisor to manage the assets of large donor-directed funds.

Dale Koblenzer, wealth management advisor in Merrill Lynch’s Akron office, is one of Bob’s advisors. He also oversees the investments of the Robert and Regina Cooper Fund. According to Dale, the new policy speaks to the core of the client-advisor relationship and offers an attractive option for many of his clients.

“Many times I’ll have a 20- or 30-year relationship with a client, and we will have a strong trust built between us,” he said. “Working with the community foundation keeps that relationship alive. It’s a nice triangle of services: the client’s money, my investment advisement, and the foundation’s charitable expertise.”

Steve Schloenbach, Akron Community Foundation’s vice president and chief financial officer, said it was that same sentiment that initiated the policy. “We’ve heard many people say they wouldn’t be able to be as charitable if it weren’t for their longtime family financial advisor, who helped them manage their wealth. This policy enables them to continue working with that trusted advisor. It’s another example of how Akron Community Foundation is listening to the needs of the charitable people we serve,” he said.

It also gives fundholders like Bob and Regina the opportunity to experience the fruits of their generosity firsthand.

“We live in a results-driven society,” Dale said. So if my client can see the effects of his investment – see it, visit it and touch it – that creates a much stronger connection.”

Bob couldn’t agree more.

“I’m thrilled to have our money working in the community where it belongs,” he said. “Local management appreciates my business and looks out for me. All things being equal, it’s hard to believe anyone would want to do it differently.”

To learn more about how this new policy can benefit you, call 330-436-5621.

Doc to rock Polsky Awards

Dr. Terry Gordon will become the 45th recipient of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award on Oct. 16. A retired cardiologist, his advocacy for automated external defibrillators has gotten these lifesaving devices placed in every police cruiser, middle school and high school in Summit County.

For more information or to attend, call 330-376-8522.
A message from our president and CEO

Thank you, greater Akron: Our fiscal year came to a close at the end of March, and with your help, we celebrated several significant milestones.

We are extremely grateful for the 3,262 individuals, families and businesses that supported their favorite causes through Akron Community Foundation this year. Collectively, you contributed more than $10 million in the last 12 months, nearly quadrupling the previous year’s total donations and representing an all-time high in the community foundation’s 57-year history. You also established a record 40 new funds this year, bringing our family of funds to more than 400.

In addition, we’re excited to report that, thanks to your generosity and our prudent investment strategy, our assets have rebounded to near pre-recession levels, growing to almost $141 million. We applaud your charitable vision and your permanent commitment to improving life in our community.

This has been an exciting year for our organization. We’ve engaged our fundholders and donors in new and creative ways, helping them fulfill their philanthropic dreams. We modified our standard donor-advised fund language to emphasize family legacy, giving people the opportunity to name future generations of advisors for their fund. This has been a great tool for families to teach their children and grandchildren about the importance of philanthropy.

We also introduced a new outside investment manager policy that enables donors to continue their long-term relationship with a trusted financial advisor. With a significant gift, Akron Community Foundation now has the ability to work with a donor’s wealth advisor in managing the donated assets in a separate investment account.

In addition, our communications department has been working tirelessly to build a brand new website that will include a portal where fundholders can view their statements and recommend grants from the comfort of their home or office. We’re also in the process of developing an online grant application that will allow nonprofits to more easily tell us about their programs and needs. We will continue to share the valuable information we gather with our fundholders so they, too, can support the community’s most pressing needs with their funds.

As we begin another fiscal year, I encourage you to call me or any member of our donor services staff to share your own vision for making a permanent difference in our community. So many are counting on your support, and trust me, you’ll feel great doing it!

My regards and have a wonderful summer,

John T. Petures Jr.
President & CEO

New funds established this quarter shatter previous record

Local families and organizations established a record 18 funds during the last quarter of fiscal year 2012. Their generosity helped break two more records in foundation history: 40 new funds were created, and more than $10 million was raised in a single year. We celebrate the philanthropic founders of these new funds:

Donor-Advised Funds
Suzanne and Mitch Allen Family Fund
Thomas J. and Megan E. Bruno Family Fund
Cantine-Nora Family Fund
Steven and Melissa Cox Family Fund
Jayne E. Garofalo Charitable Fund
Bryan and Susan Kinnaman Family Fund
Glenn and Karen Leppo Family Fund
John and Lorraine Shannon Family Fund

Corporate-Advised Funds
Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund

Designated Funds
Beacon of Light Initiatives/
Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund
This fund was established in memory of Sgt. Brandon Allen, a 2006 Woodridge High School graduate and celebrated Marine. It will support scholarships and educational programs in his name throughout the Woodridge school district.

Lillian and William Rosenblatt Fund
Ruthie George established this fund to provide annual funding to the Women’s Endowment Fund in her parents’ names.

Agency Endowment Funds
Ladies Cemetery Association of Cuyahoga Falls Cemetery Chapel Endowment Fund
This fund will support the beautification and upkeep of the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel.

See “New Funds” on page 6
Foundation invests $429,000 in local arts groups

Akron Community Foundation’s board ratified grants totaling $2,112,558 during its quarterly meeting Friday, June 8. It approved 34 discretionary, or board-determined, grants totaling $429,000 for local arts and culture programs. An additional discretionary grant for a community pharmacy was also approved.

The board also ratified 238 donor- and committee-directed grants from 95 funds totaling $1,648,558.

The following organizations received discretionary grants this quarter:

- **Act II Productions Illusion Factory**, for theater productions in Akron-area schools, $10,000
- **Actors’ Summit**, to support a professional production of Hamlet, $2,500
- **Akron Area Arts Alliance**, for Summit Artspace exhibitions, artist receptions and outreach, $17,500
- **Akron Art Museum**, for operating support, $50,000
- **Akron Community Health Resources**, for an on-site community pharmacy, $35,000
- **Akron Woman’s City Club**, for the Elder Theatre series, $2,500
- **Alchemy Inc.**, for programming and outreach for “Finding Joe,” a film that explores the studies of famed mythologist Joseph Campbell, $10,000
- **Apollo’s Fire The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra**, for artistic expenses during the 2012-13 concert season, $12,000
- **Ballet Theatre of Ohio**, for grade schoolers to attend an in-theater performance of “The Nutcracker,” $8,000
- **Center for Applied Theatre and Active Culture**, to support performances, workshops and educational activities during the 2012-13 season, $2,500
- **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, $20,000
- **Cleveland Modern Dance Association**, to support the Trey McIntyre Project’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, $20,000
- **Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet**, to support the 2012-13 ballet season, $8,000
- **Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio**, for a ballet residency program in Summit County schools, $3,000
- **Greater Akron Musical Association Inc.**, to support the agency’s music education initiatives and Concerts for Kids performances, $35,000
- **GroundWorks DanceTheater**, to support 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 2013 concert season and high school choral composition contest, $8,000
- **Musical Arts Association dba The Cleveland Orchestra**, for the 2012 Blossom Festival, $25,000
- **Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio Inc.**, for arts and culture programming, $10,000
- **Ohio Shakespeare Festival**, for a permanent stage, $8,000
- **Project RISE, Akron Public Schools**, for the Performing Arts Can Teach program, $9,000
- **Red Company Real Edge Dance**, for dance performances and outreach in the Akron area, $2,000
- **Renaissance Performing Arts Association**, for the production of a new Akron-themed “Nutcracker,” $10,000
- **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens Inc.**, to support the manor’s educational and historical programming, $40,000
- **Summit County Historical Society of Akron, Ohio**, for operating support, $10,000
- **Tuesday Musical Association**, for the opening night concert featuring pianist Emanuel Ax, $10,000
- **Verb Ballets**, to support the 2012-13 ballet season, $3,000
- **Weathervane Community Playhouse Inc.**, to support the 2012-13 production season, $10,000
- **Western Reserve Historical Society of Akron, Ohio**, for operating support, $10,000
- **Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop**, for the 2012 Summer Performing Arts Workshop, $15,000

Foundation finishes fiscal year with strong 4th quarter

For the quarter ending March 31, 2012, the foundation’s portfolio had an average net gain of 9.3 percent. This brings its average annualized net return for the 10 years ending March 31 to 5.8 percent.

In comparison, the Policy Index, the foundation’s benchmark, had average returns of 7.8 percent and 5.7 percent, respectively, for the same periods.

This positioned the community foundation to finish the fiscal year strong with nearly $141 million in philanthropic capital: 3.92 percent more than fiscal year-end 2011. In addition, your generous gifts of $10 million supported more than $6.37 million in grants and distributions.

To learn more about the community foundation or your fund’s performance, please call Steve Schloenbach, vice president & CFO, at 330-436-5621.
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ACF partners with city to revitalize neighborhoods

In 1999, Akron Community Foundation joined forces with the city of Akron to help revitalize neighborhoods that had been neglected and reinvent them for residents to enjoy once again. Through the Neighborhood Partnership Program, neighborhood groups can request matching grants for innovative programs to improve the communities they call home. The goal is not just to improve neighborhoods but to stimulate cooperation between the city, its residents and local businesses. After more than a decade, the program continues to be a source of inspiration and improvement from North Hill to Firestone Park.

Many of this year’s grants will fund community gardens, including a project to bring a high tunnel urban gardening system to the Summit Lake neighborhood. High tunnel urban gardening uses unheated greenhouses to extend the growing season in urban “food deserts,” where there is a lack of fresh produce. These greenhouses are built on vacant city lots, creating a thriving vegetable garden in the middle of an old parking lot or other unused area.

“This project will benefit the neighborhood by breathing new life into an oft-neglected community,” said Westside Neighborhood Development Corporation Executive Director Kim Brown. “In addition, it will increase the availability of fresh foods at price points that are more affordable to neighborhood residents.”

Other grants this year will support community festivals, including the Light-UP Lantern Festival in University Park. This annual festival features homemade lanterns, a parade, and a showcase of local visual and performing artists.

“The Light-UP Lantern Festival has been an important part of the revitalization of the University Park neighborhood,” said interim chairperson Leandra Drumm. “The event (encourages) local schools, university students and residents to play an active role in the celebration of arts in our neighborhood.”

In total, 44 organizations were awarded $209,000 through the Neighborhood Partnership Program. Grants totaling $30,000 supported beautification and gardening projects, while $108,000 went to community-building programs and events, and $71,000 provided funding for youth programs.

New Funds (cont. from page 2)

Ladies Cemetery Association of Cuyahoga Falls Cemetery Endowment Fund
This fund will support the beautification and upkeep of Oakwood Cemetery.

MAPS Air Museum Endowment Fund
This fund will provide a permanent stream of income for the Military Aviation Preservation Society museum in North Canton, allowing people to learn about the history of military aviation for generations to come.

St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Hilary Church Endowment Fund
This fund will support St. Vincent DePaul Society’s mission of helping less fortunate people in Summit County.

Scholarship Funds

Abby Lippy Memorial Scholarship Fund
This fund was established in memory of Abby Lippy, a Hudson High School student who passed away in 2008. It honors Abby’s attitude of self-sacrifice by awarding scholarships to Hudson seniors who demonstrate passionate support for a cause or person.

Marc and Sylvia Trundle Criminal Justice Scholarship Fund
This fund will award scholarships to Summit County students studying criminal justice at the University of Akron.

Field of Interest Funds

Beacon of Light Initiatives/Wings of Eagles Fund
This fund was established in memory of Sgt. Brandon Allen, a 2006 Woodridge High School graduate and celebrated Marine. It will support organizations that assist members of the Marine Corps through scholarships and educational programs.
Grants improve life for residents throughout Medina County

The Medina County Community Fund and the Medina County Women’s Endowment Fund announced their latest round of grants in June, awarding a combined $41,900 to the following nonprofits in Medina County:

**Medina County Community Fund**

**$30,500 to 13 organizations**

- Cassidy’s Hope Foundation, to provide financial assistance to families struggling with childhood cancer, $2,000
- The Children’s Center of Medina County, for a sexual abuse prevention training program for teachers and parents throughout the county, $2,250
- Easter Seals Northern Ohio, for a vegetable gardening project that builds self-esteem and independent living skills in adults with disabilities, $500
- Ella M. Everhard Wadsworth Public Library, for the summer reading program, $2,000
- Feeding Medina County, for a community gardening project that teaches residents living in poverty to grow and harvest their own fresh food, $1,500
- The Kidney Foundation of Medina County, to provide medication to renal patients in need, $2,500
- Medina County Arts Council Inc., to support free Arts Week concerts featuring Medina County performers, $1,000
- Medina Creative Housing Inc., to support a dog training vocational program for people with disabilities, $6,000
- Medina Health Ministry, to establish a women’s wellness program that will offer free gynecological exams, mammograms and other medical services to uninsured, working women, $6,500
- Mobile Meals Inc., to deliver meals to residents in need, $2,250
- Oaks Family Care Center Inc., for in-school and after-school prevention programs that focus on sexual abuse, drug and alcohol use, bullying, and peer pressure, $1,000
- Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach, for the “Jazz Under the Stars” free concert series in Medina’s Public Square, $2,000
- Saint Ambrose Catholic Parish, to purchase shelving, carts, refrigeration equipment and food for the expanded food pantry, $1,000

A $1,500 grant from the Medina County Community Fund will support a new community gardening project for people in poverty. Families in the program learn to grow, harvest and store their own fresh vegetables.

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**Medina County Women's Endowment Fund**

$11,400 to eight organizations

- **Catholic Charities Community Services**, for the Child Assault Prevention Program, which uses role playing to teach elementary school children about bullying, stranger abduction, inappropriate touching and other dangerous situations, $4,000
- **The Children's Center of Medina County**, to purchase a fire-resistant filing cabinet to store medical examination and interview records, $1,000
- **Medina County Health Department**, to purchase car seats for families in need, $500
- **Medina Creative Housing Inc.**, for a life skills training camp for youth and adults with disabilities, $1,000
- **Medina Health Ministry**, to establish a women's wellness program that will offer free gynecological exams, mammograms and other medical services to uninsured, working women, $3,500
- **Oak's Family Care Center Inc.**, to purchase gas cards for women in the mental health peer-to-peer therapy program, $400

- **Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach**, for “Kids Love Musicals!”, an artist-in-residency music workshop for underprivileged children in Medina County, $500
- **Rape Crisis Center**, to increase awareness about sexual assault through community presentations and educational materials, $500