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This abstract painting by Jennifer Vincik is currently on display at Akron Community Foundation and is part of our permanent collection. We feature a rotating display of work from local artists in our lobby and are looking for art in a range of media and styles. If you are an artist interested in renting your work to the community foundation, contact Chris Miller at cmiller@akroncf.org or 330-436-5627.

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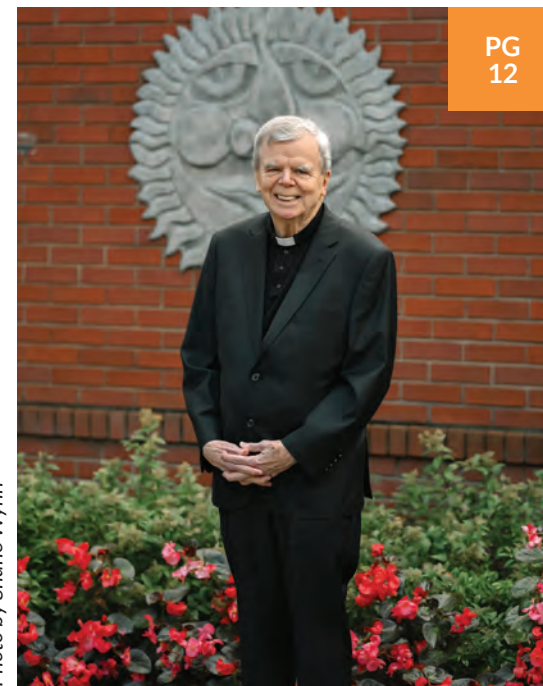


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ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

By John T. Petures Jr.

British illustrator Frederick Barnard once said, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” That might be true, but not today, as you’re reading what is likely my final Foundations message to the Greater Akron and Summit County community.

I’ve known for many months that my retirement announcement would bring bittersweet memories of this remarkable journey in my life and career. I realized long ago that the best job I’ve ever had in my 45-year professional career would also be my last job – as the president and CEO of Akron Community Foundation for the past 16+ years.

In the seven decades since the foundation was first created with a \$1 million bequest from the estate of Goodrich executive Edwin Shaw, your community foundation has grown to almost 900 funds and more than \$305 million in charitable assets. These achievements are a testament to the power of permanent philanthropy and our collective ability to uplift and strengthen all corners of our community.

I recently read a passage from the book “How Much Shall I Give?” that says it best. Written in 1921 by Lilian Brandt, this timeless book was given to me by a former colleague who has now passed.

Brandt writes: “There is something about this thing of giving that blesses us. No man has ever impoverished himself by giving. It cannot be done. Those who give most, have most left. I believe that everyone who gives a penny will get it back a hundredfold. I believe that everyone who dries a tear with his assistance will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears. Give, and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depths of human

hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears and gladden all your days upon the earth.”

Greater Akron is an extraordinary place to call home. It’s both big enough and small enough to get out of our own way and to collaborate and solve problems that stand in the way of success and progress.

As I reflect on these past 16 years, several significant moments come to mind: recovering from the Great Recession that coincided with the beginning of my career here in 2008; the passing of 15 exceptional leaders and past Polsky honorees, whose pictures adorn the walls of our board room; seeing the inspiring resilience of nonprofit organizations that rallied during the pandemic to keep their doors open amid a record demand for services; and the changing of the guard at nearly all of the major government, education and health institutions in our community.

As time continues to move forward, Akron Community Foundation will certainly do the same as I step away in the spring. During my time here, we’ve strived to be a more open and engaging champion and generator of enduring philanthropy in our community. Our incredibly talented staff and board have built upon the work of those that came before us, as others will do once we’ve all moved on to other life’s work. Someday, we’ll look back proudly to have done our part to make our community better, even as we wait for that divine melody to soothe our minds and hearts over what I’m convinced is a job well done.

Thank you, everyone. It’s been an honor and a blessing to be part of this organization’s wonderful history. 🌱

our vision

We are our community’s champion and generator of enduring philanthropy.

our mission

To identify, activate and support informed and passionate philanthropists who strive to improve the quality of life in our community.

our values

Passion | Excellence
Accountability | Inclusion
Quality of Life | Collaboration

SOCIAL shoutouts

Mark Greer

Many thanks to Akron Community Foundation for their generous support of the Akron Bicentennial as we continue to prepare for a yearlong series of events and initiatives that will bring all of Akron together to celebrate our 200th anniversary!

Carve Your Own Path

We were recently awarded a capital grant from Akron Community Foundation to improve our space for offering trauma-informed educational wellness opportunities. This contribution is invaluable to our mission of providing holistic opportunities for healing in our community.

Sarah Vojtek, Stewart’s Caring Place

We are honored to be highlighted by Akron Community Foundation! Their unwavering support for nonprofit organizations is vital to the Akron community. The dedication and care they show toward these organizations makes a significant impact. We appreciate their belief in our mission and their help in making a difference!

Asian Services in Action

Thank you, Akron Community Foundation, for hosting ASIA and other organizations at your Appreciative Inquiry Summit! We all came together to deeply discuss how we can wield our strengths and resources to better address mental health, housing and public safety in Summit County.

Leianne Neff Heppner, Summit County Historical Society

We are grateful to Akron Community Foundation for their continued support of the Summit County Historical Society during the agency’s 100th anniversary this year! Thank you for assisting us in preserving, interpreting and educating others about the rich local history in Akron and Summit County.

Amina Hall

I spent an incredible evening at the Akron Community Foundation Annual Meeting! It was truly inspiring to connect with so many amazing individuals dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. From heartfelt discussions to insightful presentations, the evening was a wonderful reminder of the power of collective effort and shared vision. Looking forward to seeing the great work that will continue to emerge from this community. Greater Akron is truly amazing!

ACF’s Appreciative Inquiry Summit



FROM THE COMMUNITY

We are so grateful for your ongoing and generous support of our programs and services. Thank you for partnering with us to provide pathways out of poverty by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, and strengthening our community!

Elizabeth Kargbo
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We are deeply grateful for your steadfast support and guidance as we navigate our way through the world of philanthropy. You help us be intentional with our giving, and that makes it so much sweeter. Thank you for being our partner in this life-giving endeavor. Thanks to ACF for its support and its wealth of knowledge about our community.

Laurie Zuckerman & Steve Johnson
Fundholders

The Polsky presentation for Father Norm... on the way home, Sally summed it all up: “It couldn’t have been better.” Truly a very special and memorable evening.

Roger Read
Fundholder & Past Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Recipient

Thank you for hosting the Appreciative Inquiry Summit on housing, mental health and public safety. The event was exceptionally engaging and inspiring, and it left me with a strong desire to collaborate more with others in the future to address these critical issues. Thank you for convening a group of thoughtful, brilliant and inspiring folks. I left feeling reinvigorated to make meaningful changes in the community.

Teresa Stafford
Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center

Share with us! Do you have a note of appreciation to share? Perhaps a photo of the good work our grantees or fundholders are doing? Send it to Michelle Nissel at mnissel@akroncf.org. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

FOUNDATION *news*

ACF Receives Crain's 2024 Best Employer Award

In August, Akron Community Foundation was named one of Crain's Cleveland's Best Employers in Ohio for 2024. Crain's selects employers for this honor following a two-step process that involves the employer submitting information about their workplace policies and benefits, as well as asking staff to participate in an employee survey. Akron Community Foundation is proud of the positive culture it has built and is grateful to its staff members who perpetuate that culture every day.



Welcome, New Board Members

At its annual meeting in July, the foundation welcomed Tim Able, Dennis Butts Jr. and Kendra Philon to its board of directors.

Tim Able is an executive vice president and partner at SeibertKeck Insurance Partners, where he has served in various risk-management and sales roles since 2012. In his current leadership role, Tim is proud to promote the company's strong culture of giving. He is actively involved in the community, also serving on the boards of ACCESS Inc. and Stewart's Caring Place.



Dennis Butts Jr. is the chief strategy and network development officer for Henry Ford Health, where he provides executive counsel and strategic leadership for the Michigan-based health system's enterprise-level strategy.



Kendra Philon is the vice president, assurance services, at Meaden & Moore, where she also leads the firm's not-for-profit practice. During her nearly 20-year tenure at Meaden & Moore, Kendra has worked directly with numerous privately held corporations and not-for-profit organizations, performing both attestation and tax services. Kendra is also actively involved in the community, currently serving on the boards of the Akron Art Museum, Greater Akron Chamber, United Way of Summit & Medina, and Akron Community Foundation's Black Giving Collective Fund.



ACF President and CEO Receives Honors

John T. Petures Jr. has received several awards and honors in recent months, including being named to Ohio Business Magazine's Ohio 500, a list of the most influential leaders in the state, for the third year in a row.



In July, Apollo's Fire celebrated John alongside Rick Kellar, president and CEO of Peg's Foundation, for their ongoing support. In September, John served as honorary chair of the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta, and in October, he was the recipient of the Friend of Children Award from Child Guidance & Family Solutions at its Growing Up Akron event. Past recipients of the Friend of Children Award include Phil Maynard, Bill Considine, Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio and Betty Dalton.

Both John and Akron Community Foundation were recognized with the Foundation Leadership Award, alongside Synthomer Foundation, at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northeast Ohio Chapter's 2024 National Philanthropy Day event on Nov. 7.

ACF Board Member News

Congratulations to **Shefali Mahesh, M.D., MBA**, on her promotion this past summer to pediatrician in chief at Akron Children's.



Kendra Philon was recognized as a Power of Change honoree by The Ohio Society of CPAs during its Women, Wealth & Wellness Conference in July.

J. Bret Treier, who helped design the original course for the Akron Marathon more than 20 years ago, was honored as its 2024 Ambassador Award Recipient this past September.



Congratulations to all of you on these well-deserved promotions and honors.

Thank You, Donors!

We're grateful for the many gifts and grants our donors have made in honor or memory of their friends, family members and colleagues. To see a complete list of memorial and tribute gifts and grants from April 1 through Sept. 30, 2024, visit akroncf.org/MemorialTribute.

Resolution for \$45 Million Fund Presented to County Council

At her Oct. 2 State of the County address, County Executive Ilene Shapiro announced that a resolution was presented to county council on Sept. 30 to establish the Summit Health and Safety Innovation Fund at Akron Community Foundation. The fund would be a separate, tax-exempt charitable organization of Akron Community Foundation, known as a supporting organization. The fund will benefit the long-term health and safety of Summit County residents and will receive an initial contribution of \$45 million of the county's opioid litigation settlement funds.

Summit County Council is currently working with County Executive Shapiro's team and Akron Community Foundation's senior staff to conduct due diligence surrounding this resolution. The council is reviewing all relevant information regarding how this new entity will be formed and operated in improving the health, safety and well-being of our Summit County community before making its decision, which is expected by year's end.

New Approach to Proactive Grantmaking

Since 2019, Akron Community Foundation has allocated grant dollars for proactive investment in specific critical issues in the community. Following a recent community needs assessment, the foundation added three new focus areas to its proactive funding priorities: housing, mental health and public safety. Additional priorities include addiction recovery; the aging adult population; and diversity, equity and inclusion.

In June, the foundation invited community members with experience in these areas to attend a daylong Appreciative Inquiry Summit, which helped to shape the proactive grant process announced in October.

Over the next two to three years, the foundation plans to distribute up to \$1 million in proactive grants, with the first round of grant recipients announced in March 2025. To learn more about the grantmaking process, visit akroncf.org/ProactiveGrants.

Infographic created live by Jill Oldham and Shelly Hinton during the Appreciative Inquiry Summit on June 4.

UPCOMING *events*

From annual meetings and nonprofit education sessions to award events and fundraisers, Akron Community Foundation and its affiliate funds host numerous events throughout the year. For more information, visit akroncf.org/Events.

Nonprofit Insights Conference Thursday, March 13, 2025

Save the date for our second annual conference geared toward nonprofit executives and senior staff. Hear from insightful keynote speaker and fundraising expert Peter Fissinger, and join breakout sessions on topics such as succession planning, fundraising, board relations, artificial intelligence and more. Invitations will be distributed in early 2025. To ensure you receive an invitation, visit akroncf.org/News and sign up for our Nonprofit News list.

For Women, Forever Thursday, March 20, 2025

Join the Women's Endowment Fund for its annual celebration of women and girls in our community. The keynote address will be delivered by Valerie Mayén, the founder and owner of Yellowcake Shop Clothing Company. The fund will also honor Katie Smucker with the 2025 Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. For more information, visit akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.



IN THE community

1. Dr. Rachel Talton provided her final Governance Committee update during Akron Community Foundation's annual meeting in July. She served a full nine years on the board of directors, including two years as the Governance Committee chair. *Photo by Shane Wynn.*

2. Dr. Steven Schmidt and Dr. Carla Chapman, co-chairs of Akron Community Foundation's Community Investment Committee, announced plans for the foundation's next round of proactive grantmaking. *Photo by Shane Wynn.*

3. Members of the Gay Community Endowment Fund Advisory Board gather for a photo at the fund's annual scholarship fundraiser. From left to right: Mar-quetta Boddie, Janis Worley, Dr. Jeremy Troxler, Cheryl Morse, Tae Miller, Adam Besenyodi, Gregory Hail, Kim Rivers, Lauren Shaniuk, Dr. Kate Raymond and Michelle Krock. *Photo by Shane Wynn.*

4. Michelle Krock (left) was one of the Gay Community Endowment Fund board members who nominated Tom and Dona Cardone (center) for the 2024 Paul Daum Award. GCEF Chair Dr. Kate Raymond (right) presented the couple with the award during the fund's annual scholarship fundraiser, "exhALE: Advancing Lived Equality." *Photo by Shane Wynn.*

5. From left to right: Shannon Siegfert, Cristina González Alcalá, Ph.D., Keri Deyling, Colleen Benson, Herman Hill and Jerome Moss gather for a photo at the Appreciative Inquiry Summit on June 4.



IN THE *community*

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6. ACF staff members Karen Hrdlicka and Jill Sellers enjoyed exploring the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio's new STEM Center of Excellence during a recent tour at Camp Ledgewood.



7. Bath Community Fund donors and grantees celebrated the fund's 10th anniversary at its annual meeting at Crown Point Ecology Center in August. From left to right: Crown Point Executive Director Kevin Gross, former BCF Chair Kathy Sidaway, and current BCF Chair Rev. Mark Frey.



8. Valaida Fullwood, who created the national touring artistic exhibit The Soul of Philanthropy, is pictured with members of The Soul of Philanthropy Akron Steering Committee. From left to right: Tracy Burt, Tracy Carter, Jon Fiume, Valaida Fullwood and Torey Tolson.



9. Akron Community Foundation board members and Black Giving Collective Fund founders Dr. Carla Chapman (left), Theresa Carter (center left) and Tracy Carter (right) are pictured with Valaida Fullwood (center right). The fund is bringing The Soul of Philanthropy exhibit to Akron in November 2025.



10. Akron Community Foundation welcomed the newest members of its Edwin C. Shaw Society at a luncheon in June. From left to right: Laura Lederer, Ranell Minear, John Garofalo, Kryn Henderhan, Naomi Ganoe, Claudia Hower, Mark Bachmann, Laurie Chevalley, Robert Chevalley, MaryAnn McClellan and John T. Petures Jr.



AFFILIATE FUND *news*

Through our seven affiliate funds – and the thousands of donors who support them and dozens of advisory board members who lead them – Akron Community Foundation provides creative philanthropic solutions to targeted geographic regions and areas of interest. Learn more about their ongoing work in our community.



Bath Community Fund Advisory Board members celebrated the fund's 10th anniversary on June 17, 2024.

BATH COMMUNITY FUND

More than 70 supporters gathered to celebrate Bath Community Fund's 10th anniversary at the fund's annual meeting on Aug. 15 at Crown Point Ecology Center. The evening featured a special performance by Western Reserve Playhouse students and a testimonial about the fund's impact on the lives of Revere High School softball players.

This year's event also served as the official kickoff of the fund's "For Bath, Forever" 10th Anniversary Campaign. As of Oct. 31, the fund

has achieved nearly 75% of its \$400,000 goal. To contribute to the campaign, visit akroncf.org/give/BCF.

Bath Community Fund will announce its latest grants in December, bringing the fund's total grantmaking to more than \$300,000 since it was created in 2014. For a complete list of recipients, visit akroncf.org/BCFgrants.

BLACK GIVING COLLECTIVE FUND

In August, the Black Giving Collective and Akron Community

Foundation sponsored the Akron Roundtable luncheon and welcomed speaker Valaida Fullwood, author and creator of The Soul of Philanthropy exhibit. Approximately 200 community members attended the luncheon to hear about this national touring exhibit, which showcases stories of philanthropy in the Black community. The exhibit will be on display at the Akron Art Museum beginning in November 2025. The Soul of Philanthropy Akron Steering Committee is currently planning events and programming related to this exhibit. More information will

be available in mid-2025.

The inaugural Black Giving Collective Advisory Board was selected in the spring and is in the process of developing the fund's grantmaking priorities, governance processes, fundraising efforts and more. The fund currently has received nearly \$200,000 in contributions.

Both the Black Giving Collective and The Soul of Philanthropy Akron are currently seeking sponsorships and donations. More information can be found at akroncf.org/BGCTSPsponsor.

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Gay Community Endowment Fund's Circle of Inclusion was created in 2021 to celebrate the fund's 20th anniversary. The inaugural members of this giving circle made a one-time gift of \$1,000 to grow the fund's endowment. Now, the fund is reintroducing the Circle of Inclusion as an annual giving circle with five tiers that make giving both accessible and sustainable. To learn more and become a contributor, visit akroncf.org/CircleofInclusion.

In December, the Gay Community Endowment Fund will host its 23rd Annual Sugar Plum Tour of Holiday Homes. Proceeds from the tour support the fund's grantmaking to programs that benefit the local LGBTQ+ community. Learn more at sugarplumtour.org.

Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Dec. 15. Apply online at akroncf.org/ApplyGCEF.

GREEN COMMUNITY FUND

As of Oct. 31, the Green Community Fund has received nearly \$375,000 in gifts and pledges. Donate at akroncf.org/give/GCF to help the fund meet its \$1 million endowment goal and be permanently acknowledged as a founding donor. To learn more about how you can get involved with the fund, contact Deb Hoffman, affiliate fund engagement manager, at 330-436-5614 or dhoffman@akroncf.org.

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

A partnership between Akron Community Foundation and the Akron Beacon Journal/Beaconjournal.com, the Millennium Fund for Children enriches the lives of children throughout the newspaper's audience coverage area. During the month of December, community members can visit beaconjournal.com to read stories about some of the fund's newest grant recipients. Since 1999, the fund has grown to more than \$1.4 million and invested more than \$1 million into local children's programs. Gifts from individuals and corporations help fuel the fund's growth, including the more than \$45,000 in gifts made last year. See the full list of donors at akroncf.org/MillenniumDonors.



her 80th birthday to the Millennium Fund this past spring. More than 20 of Momoe's friends and family members made gifts to the fund in her honor. Happy belated birthday, Momoe!

VERNON L. ODOM FUND

As president of the Akron Urban League for nearly 30 years, Vernon Odom spent much of his career improving communities of color through education, advocacy and



Donors to the Women's Endowment Fund's Circle of Empowerment gathered in August to celebrate their collective impact on local women and girls. Photo by Shane Wynn.

mentoring. Since 1993, the Vernon L. Odom Fund has continued his legacy by investing nearly \$235,000 into local programs that promote diversity and support ethnic and racial harmony.

Applications for the next round of grants are due Dec. 15. Apply online at akroncf.org/ApplyOdom.

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In August, the Women's Endowment Fund welcomed nearly 70 guests to its annual Circle of Empowerment Gratitude Gathering at the Himelright Lodge. To date, the circle has grown to 115 donors who collectively contribute \$156,000 to the Women's Endowment Fund annually. The fund's next goal is to reach 200 circle donors to coincide with Akron's bicentennial celebration. To learn more about the Circle of Empowerment, visit akroncf.org/WEFCOE.

The fund will host its 2025 "For Women, Forever" celebration on Thursday, March 20, at House Three Thirty. The keynote address will be delivered by Valerie Mayén, the founder and owner of Yellowcake Shop Clothing Company. That evening, the fund will also honor Katie Smucker, an Akron Community Foundation board member and past Women's Endowment Fund board member, with the 2025 Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. For more information, visit akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.

Congratulations to the Women's Endowment Fund on reaching a new milestone of \$5 million in charitable assets!



Photo by Shane Wynn

Akron Community Foundation Board Chair Marty Hauser (left) and President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. (right) present the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award to Father Norm Douglas (center).

SERVING WITH *joy*

By Tracy Burt
Vice President, Marketing & Communications

In 1933, a young woman named Elsie May Goodall boarded a bus to leave her hometown of Staten Island, New York. She set her sights on the glitter of Tinseltown, where she found work in the film studios of RKO and MGM. There, she also met a man named Landon Douglas, who became her husband before abandoning her when she became pregnant.

While this sounds in some ways like the opening scene of a Hollywood film, it's actually the prologue to Norman Keith Douglas' story.

Father Norm, as he's known to so many, was born in Los Angeles in 1947 to Elsie, who raised him as a single mother at a time when doing so was not common and was often looked down on. But Father Norm's mother

raised him with pride, sending a Christmas card and photo – one of his most cherished possessions – to family and friends of her holding her beaming baby boy.

That pride and joy Elsie instilled in young Norm is still evident in him today and is one of the numerous reasons he was selected as the 55th recipient of Akron Community Foundation's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

Father Norm arrived in the Rubber City at the age of 4, after his mother met and married a teacher from Akron while he was vacationing in California. Though his mother and stepfather separated three years later, Elsie made North Hill home for her and her son. Father Norm's time in North Hill laid

the foundation for his values – in particular, his belief that all of God's people are connected and deserving of love, respect and understanding.

As his once all-white neighborhood became more integrated, Father Norm remembers specifically one of his first encounters with overt racism. He was the only white member of his Boy Scout troop when a scoutmaster at his still predominantly white church suggested that Father Norm should encourage the Black members of his troop to transfer to the Ellet troop because white parents were concerned about having their children join a troop with so many Black members.

This did not sit well with Father Norm and, in fact, was a pivotal moment that shaped his life's work. Though Father Norm's attendance at church declined over his childhood, his compassion for others remained steadfast.

When he did eventually return to his faith in his senior year of high school, he attended – for the first time – a Catholic church. Father Norm was drawn to Catholicism immediately. He began attending regularly during his freshman year at the University of Akron and was received into the Catholic Church on Christmas Eve 1965.

During a church retreat a mere six weeks later, Father Norm says God called him into ministry.

"I remember saying to God, 'I'm just not serious enough. I was the class clown,'" said Father Norm. "And this came loud and clear: 'That's why I want you. I want your joy.'"

Father Norm was ordained a priest on June 8, 1974, by the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and he celebrated his 50th anniversary in the priesthood this past June.



After serving in local Catholic churches for many years, Father Norm met city councilman and attorney Larry Vuillemin. Larry had recently suffered a stroke at the young age of 35 and was struggling with his faith. He sought out Father Norm for counseling. Their initial meeting sparked a fast friendship that ultimately led to

them founding Heart to Heart Communications in 1990.

Heart to Heart was focused on helping people infuse spirituality into their work lives to make them more compassionate and purpose-driven leaders. Over the years, they worked with numerous local organizations and professionals – from health care workers to attorneys to police officers – as well as people across the country and even the globe. Heart to Heart took the pair to locations such as New York City, Romania and Nepal.

Father Norm's work over the years has also earned him many accolades and awards, though for those who know him, it's clear that's never been the reason for his work. He simply cares about other people.

After nearly three decades of growing Heart to Heart, Father Norm felt called back to ministry within the church. In 2016, he returned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, where he continues to serve today.

Father Norm has always asked himself, "Is the parish our world, or is the world our parish?" Seeing the entire world as his parish, Father Norm stays true to the commitment he made when he was ordained 50 years ago: to find joy in bringing joy to others. 🌱

ABOUT THE *award*

The Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award was created in 1969 to honor the late Bert Polsky, president of the former Polsky's Department Store and founding trustee of Akron Community Foundation. Each year, the community foundation presents the Polsky Humanitarian Award to the individual or couple who best exemplifies Bert Polsky's selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron. Honorees come from a variety of backgrounds, from business executives to lifelong volunteers. For more information about the award and past recipients, visit akroncf.org/Polsky.



1. Jeremy Lile, Roger & Sally Read and Bret Treier
2. Father Norm Douglas provided a blessing to John T. Petures Jr. before the program
3. Rev. Vincent Taylor delivered the invocation
4. Becky & Bill Considine, Eileen Burg, Bailey Cole and Father Norm Douglas
5. The crowd enjoyed photos and insights into the life of Father Norm Douglas
6. Henry Johnson Jr., Pastor Deante Lavender, Justin Hilton and Rick Kellar
7. Rick Krochka and Sylvia Trundle
8. Father Norm Douglas

Photos by Shane Wynn



AN ODE TO FATHER NORM DOUGLAS

By John T. Petures Jr.

I struggled a bit as I started this poem
Capturing sensitive and appropriate rhymes
Trying not to offend a priest or his order
My goodness, this'll take way too much time

In high school, I considered the priestly profession
Passed the test at the seminary, it's true
For you see, many have contemplated a life commitment to their faith
But the calling is reserved for so few

I'm honored to offer this tribute today
To this servant leader with a countless number of friends
So blessed we are to be in his circle of devotion
Never realizing we're the flock that he tends

The Polsky tribute is indeed a deserving honor
For this leader, and yes, I'm a fan
Not simply because of my own Catholic upbringing
But because he's an honorable man

Never putting himself before others
Bearing witness, bringing comfort, extending love
A godly embrace we all feel in his presence
Touched on earth, but inspired from above

Here's a man without many earthly possessions
Who joins legends in our community this day
His dream to inspire and shape purposeful leaders
Coming together in a Heart-to-Heart way

Giving back is his natural calling
A thoughtful, kindhearted, selfless soul
Unselfishly putting others before himself daily
You'd imagine such a burden takes a toll

He's of course also known for his inspiring invocations
Memorable reflections offered often at this very event
A humble life of service to others, of course
While blessing the sick, celebrating weddings, fasting at Lent

This outpouring of love is so deserving
For your kindness, your inspiration, your hearty laugh
We eagerly await your words of acceptance this evening
Getting a sense of your sermons without Mass

Father Norm, here's our expression of admiration
For your good works that lift us each day
God bless you for caring, for your joy and your spirit
For your example and showing us the way

As we present to you this year's Polsky Award
With obvious recognition for what you believe
How grateful we are for the great lesson you've taught us
We're more blessed when we give than receive



INHERITED AN IRA? SOME THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



By Kimberly Miller, WMCP®
Financial Advisor
Baird



The SECURE Act passed in 2020, and there has been much confusion over the effects it would have on taking distributions from an Inherited IRA. The IRS has finally provided some answers.

The SECURE Act effectively eliminated the Stretch IRA technique, which had allowed beneficiaries to stretch their required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an inherited retirement account over their life expectancy.

Instead, the new law said IRA beneficiaries of owners who died in 2020 or later would have to liquidate those accounts within 10 years of the death of the owner. Surviving spouses, minor children of the IRA owner, disabled beneficiaries and others (referred to as Eligible Designated Beneficiaries) are exempt from these new rules, but most other beneficiaries will now require some additional planning.

In July 2024, the IRS released final regulations regarding inherited retirement accounts. These regulations clarify the “10-year rule” introduced by the SECURE Act in 2020. Key points:

- Some beneficiaries must take distributions during the first nine years after the original owner’s death.
- The account must be fully depleted within 10 years.
- If the original owner died after their required minimum distributions began, and the beneficiary is not an Eligible Designated Beneficiary as defined above, annual distributions are required for years 1-9.
- The IRS chose to waive penalties for those who skipped these RMDs between 2021 and 2024. However, those waivers end in 2024.

It’s also worth noting that the required minimum distribution amounts are based on the beneficiary’s age and the Single Life Expectancy Table

published by the IRS. While this calculation is intended to spread the distributions over the beneficiary’s life expectancy, the account must still be depleted within 10 years.

As a result, a beneficiary may be able to take smaller distributions over the first nine years, but they will then be left with a significantly larger distribution in the 10th and final year. This increased income could potentially be taxed at a higher rate than necessary.

STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE THE TAX IMPACT OF YOUR RMD

If you do not need the inherited IRA funds and want to reduce the tax burden, consider these options:

1. Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

By sending the required minimum distribution from your IRA directly to a charity through a QCD, you reduce your taxable income and eliminate the need to claim a deduction for the gift. In 2024, an IRA owner can give up to \$105,000 per year directly to charity in this manner. To be considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution, the following conditions must be met:

- You must be age 70 ½ or older as of the date of the distribution.
- The IRA must be a Traditional IRA (including an Inherited IRA) or an inactive SEP or Simple IRA.
- Funds must be distributed directly to a 501(c)(3) charity.
- Only public charities qualify as eligible recipients of a QCD. Gifts to private foundations, donor-advised funds and supporting organizations do not qualify for QCD treatment; however, gifts to designated and field-of-interest funds at a community foundation are eligible.

2. Donor-Advised Funds

Similar to a family foundation but with fewer administrative responsibilities, a donor-advised fund can also accept appreciated stock, but that’s not its only tax advantage.

When you make a donation to a donor-advised fund held at a public charity like Akron Community Foundation, you can take the tax deduction now, even if you haven’t yet identified the charity that you want to contribute to. You can also bunch your donations during a high-income year to maximize the deduction and then parcel out the gifts to charities over time as the assets inside the fund grow tax-free.

As mentioned, you cannot donate your required minimum distribution directly to a donor-advised fund. However, you can choose to take your RMD as income and then use the funds to establish a donor-advised fund. This has the potential to give you a tax deduction depending on the size of the gift.

This is a great option for beneficiaries under the age of 70 ½.

3. Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities offer a strategic solution to income taxes. They are considered split-interest gifts, meaning they split the benefits between the donor and the charity either for a lifetime or for a period of years. They can offer a significant charitable deduction depending on the size of the gift.

You can currently donate up to \$53,000 of your required minimum distribution to a charitable remainder trust or charitable gift annuity as a one-time Qualified Charitable Distribution.

This option is a good one for beneficiaries over the age of 70 ½.

Important Considerations

- As these rules are complex, be sure to consult with your financial advisor and tax professional for personalized advice.
- Evaluate your specific financial situation and charitable goals before implementing these or any other strategies.
- Stay informed about potential future changes in tax laws and regulations affecting inherited IRAs. 🌱

For more information about making a gift with an IRA, contact **Laura Lederer, vice president and chief development officer, at llederer@akroncf.org or 330-436-5611.**

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2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following is the audited financial statement for Akron Community Foundation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. ACF is audited on an annual basis by Maloney + Novotny LLC. More information is available at akroncf.org/Financials.

Comparative Summary Statement of Financial Position (In Thousands)

	FY2024	FY2023
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$207	\$139
Prepaid expenses	\$136	\$104
Contributions receivable, net	\$59	\$157
Note receivable, net	\$87	\$216
Property and equipment, net	\$3,071	\$3,132
Accrued investment income	\$379	\$306
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$125	\$39
Investments	\$244,105	\$211,360
Funds held as agency endowment obligations	\$35,839	\$32,525
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	\$12,583	\$11,092
Real property held for investment	\$552	\$552
Total Assets	\$297,143	\$259,622
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Grants approved for future payment	\$285	\$466
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$1,184	\$780
Funds held as agency endowment obligations	\$35,839	\$32,525
Total Liabilities	\$37,308	\$33,771
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	\$143,966	\$117,326
With donor restrictions	\$115,869	\$108,525
Total Net Assets	\$259,835	\$225,851
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$297,143	\$259,622
Revenues and Other Support		
Contributions and grants	\$24,426	\$9,046
Investment income, net	\$8,045	\$5,995
Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$26,210	(\$15,504)
Change in beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	\$1,576	(\$2,097)
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Contributions	(\$589)	(\$1,537)
Investment income	(\$611)	(\$324)
Net (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(\$3,569)	\$1,922
Interest income	\$85	-
Total Revenues and Other Support	\$55,573	(\$2,499)
Expenses		
Grants and other distributions	\$17,431	\$14,147
Administrative expenses	\$3,564	\$3,511
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Grants and other distributions	(\$1,101)	(\$522)
Total Expenses	\$19,894	\$17,136
Change in net assets before non-operating activity	\$35,679	(\$19,635)
Non-operating activity (transfer to Medina County Comm. Fdn.)	(\$1,695)	-
Change in net assets	\$33,984	(\$19,635)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$225,851	\$245,486
Net Assets, End of Year	\$259,835	\$225,851

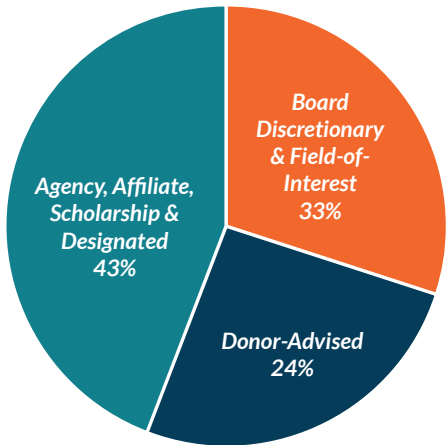


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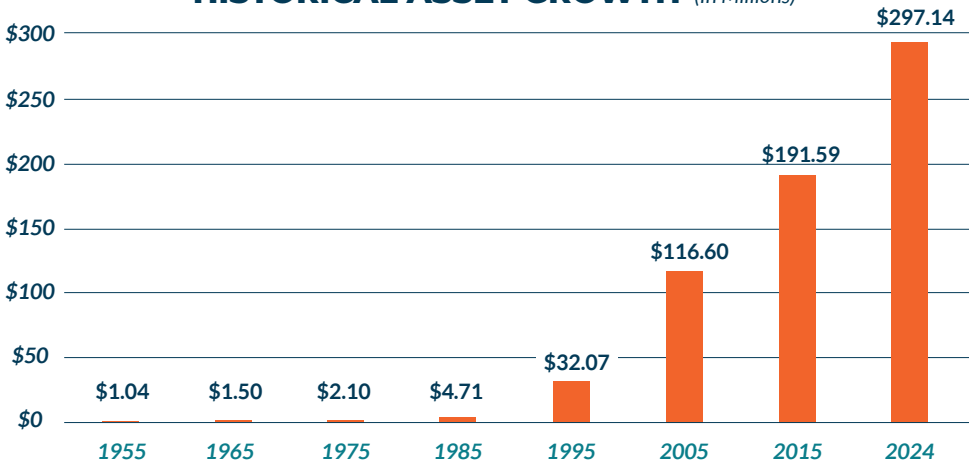
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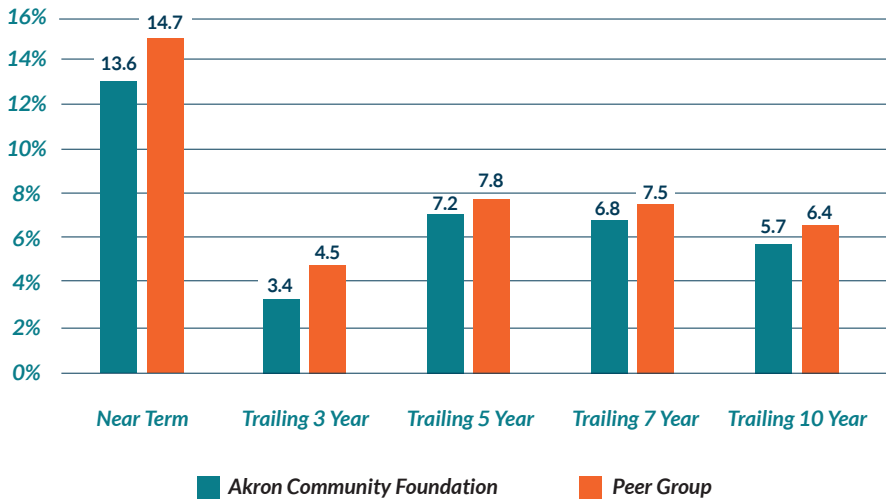
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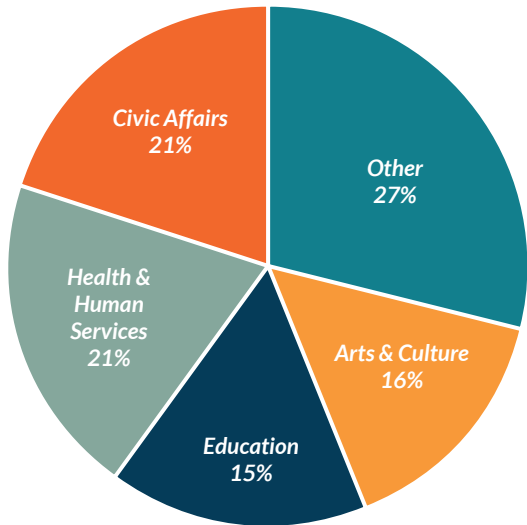
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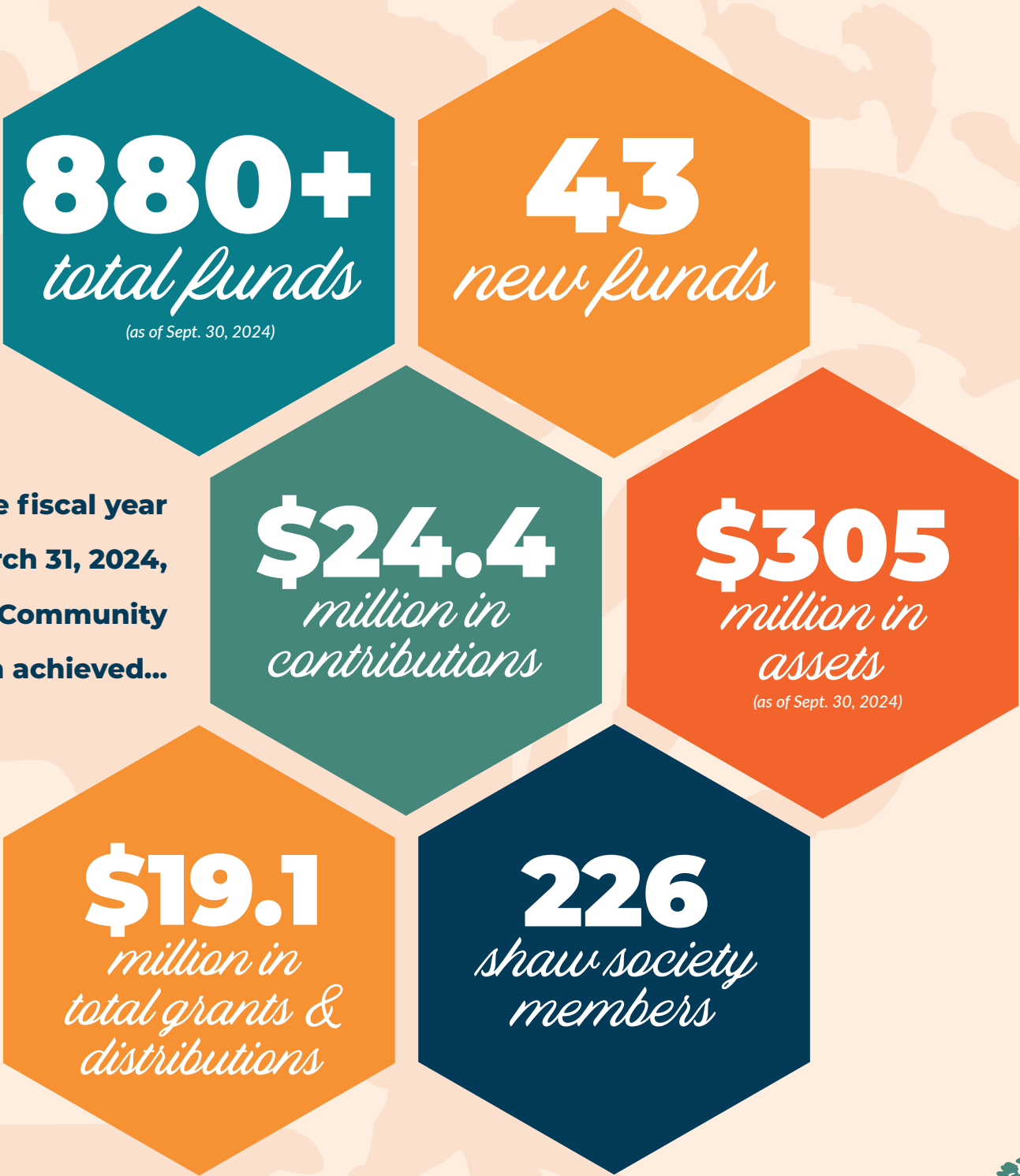
AVERAGE ANNUALIZED NET RETURNS



GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS BY CATEGORY



BY THE *numbers*



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NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT

*north hill community
development
corporation*



Mission: North Hill Community Development Corporation's mission is to unite people, places and programs in stimulating a robust and creative economy in North Hill, while anchoring a flourishing intercultural community that celebrates its vibrant diversity.

The North Hill Community Development Corporation (NHDC) is dedicated to bringing cultural initiatives and economic development to the North Hill neighborhood, known for its multiculturalism and deep history of residents who resettle there from around the world.

"What drives us at NHDC is the remarkable diversity and potential within the North Hill community," said Justin Chenault, executive director of NHDC. "Every day, we see the creativity, resilience and determination of our residents through the impact of our creative placemaking initiatives. The success stories of connecting residents, artists and businesses that have thrived with our support inspire us to continue our efforts."

At NHDC's recent International Day of Peace event, the neighborhood's multiculturalism was on full display. Several community leaders were honored with the True North Award for their positive impact on social justice, community building and economic development in North Hill.

Another hallmark of the organization is the scenic People's Park, which joins the Exchange House and the Maker House as gathering places for North Hill residents, all centrally located off North Main Street.

Grant funding from Akron Community Foundation has helped the nonprofit reach more residents through expanded programming, including mentorship and educational opportunities. Recent funding has also supported the use of public art as a catalyst for revitalization, like the newly completed public mural "The African Lifestyle," painted by internationally renowned African artist Nana Kwesi Agyare.

Community members can support NHDC through a variety of avenues, including volunteering, donations, advocacy and partnership opportunities.

To learn more about North Hill CDC, visit northhillcdc.org.

NEW FUNDS

During the first half of fiscal year 2025 (April 1 – Sept. 30, 2024), we were pleased to welcome 13 new funds established by charitable individuals, families and organizations throughout our community.

Donor-Advised Funds

Christine Cox Fund
Father Norm Douglas Outreach Fund
Shawn Gaffney Foundation Fund
Shultz Family Fund
Young Philanthropy Group Fund

Designated Funds

1870 Portage-Fairlawn Schoolhouse Improvement Fund
Established to support major capital improvements and landscaping projects at the historic Preservation House building in Akron

Dr. Kenneth Boatright Ellet Scholarship Fund
Established to support Ellet Community Learning Center’s scholarship program for graduating seniors

Pastor Dennis K. Butts, Sr. & Jewrusha V. Butts Spirit of Excellence Scholarship Fund
Established to support scholarships for students in Northeast Ohio who have demonstrated academic excellence and a commitment to making a positive community impact

Gun Violence Response Fund
Established to support the work of Victim Assistance Program in meeting the needs of those impacted by gun violence in our community

The Soul of Philanthropy Akron Fund
Established to support The Soul of Philanthropy, a national touring artistic exhibit showcasing stories of Black philanthropy, which will be on display at the Akron Art Museum from November 2025 to February 2026

Agency Endowment Funds

Akron Rotary Camp Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds

Renee Blackstock Memorial Scholarship Fund
Established to honor and memorialize Renee Blackstock, who excelled in her academic studies and was valedictorian of both Garfield High School (1976) and The University of Akron (1980). Renee also led an active and well-rounded lifestyle. She was dedicated to her family and benevolent toward health, education and animal welfare. Additionally, Renee was a faith-based woman who used that to guide her life. The fund will provide scholarships for graduating Garfield CLC high school seniors pursuing a postsecondary degree.

Field-of-Interest Funds

Joyce M. Bates Trust Fund
Established to support educational and scientific causes

For a complete list of our more than 880 charitable funds, visit akroncf.org/OurFunds.

NEW FUND SPOTLIGHT

the soul of philanthropy akron fund

On Nov. 15, 2025, Akron will welcome The Soul of Philanthropy, an artistic exhibit that will be on display at the Akron Art Museum through Feb. 14, 2026. This national touring exhibit is an inspiring showcase that delves into the rich history and impactful stories of Black philanthropy.

Through a combination of photography, interactive displays, and personal narratives, The Soul of Philanthropy aims to broaden the understanding of philanthropy and challenge traditional notions that often exclude the contributions of the Black community.

The exhibit was inspired by the book “Giving Back: A Tribute to Generations of African American Philanthropists” by Valaida Fullwood, and it seeks to inspire visitors to recognize the power of giving in all its forms.

A new fund has been established at Akron Community Foundation to support the exhibit. Gifts to The Soul of Philanthropy Akron Fund can be made online at **TSOPakron.com**.

The project’s steering committee, led by Torey Tolson, is also seeking corporate and individual sponsorships for the exhibit. Sponsorships start at \$5,000 and include public recognition for your commitment to raising the profile of Black philanthropy, along with many other benefits. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Laura Lederer at 330-436-5611 or llederer@akroncf.org or visit akroncf.org/BGCTSPONSOR.

OUR FUNDS

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Acorn Fund
Addicott-Albanese Family Fund
Akron’s Next Generation Fund
Allard Family Fund
Suzanne and Mitch Allen Family Fund
Mark and Michele Allio Family Fund
Ham and Beth Amer Fund
Sue and Mal Ames Fund
Andreoli Family Fund
Antalvari Family Fund
Apple Growth Partners Community Outreach Charitable Giving Fund
Arriba y Adelante Fund
*Howard Atwood Family Fund (Est. 2009)
Sandy and Mark Auburn Fund
Ava Rae Fund
Steven Baach Charities Fund
Tom, Mary and Becky Babcox Family Foundation Fund
Bachmann Family Fund
Bruce S. and Sandra S. Bailey Family Fund
Bailey-Culp Family Fund
Michael V. Bakonyi Memorial Fund
Marilyn and Tom H. Barrett Fund
Barsella Family Fund
Edward and C. Georgene Bayer Fund
The Bean Fund
Belair Family Fund
Black Sheep Family Fund
Boldt Family Fund
Suzanne C. and Charles L. Bond Family Fund
Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund
Melina and Dan Boyce Fund
James D. and Mary Jo Boyes Fund
Madeline Bozzelli Fund
Brauning Family Endowment Fund
Rick E. Briggs Spirit in the Sky Fund
Rob and Alyssa Briggs Fund
Brockman Family Fund
Russell Brode Charitable Fund
Brouse Family Fund
Brown Family Foundation Fund
Nick and Cindy Browning Family Fund
Elizabeth Brumbaugh and Gregory Hackett Charitable Fund
Thomas, Ani & Lucca Bruno Family Fund
Marilyn Meyers Buckey Family Fund
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Fund
H. Peter Burg Fund
Whitt and Ann Butler Family Fund
Alice J. Caniglia Fund
Cantine-Nora Family Fund
Caritas Tzedakah Fund
Carlisle and Troiano Family Fund
Carlson Family Fund
Michael James Carmack Family Fund
Linda and Jared Chaney Family Fund
Dick Chenoweth Fund for Experiential Education
Cherotti Family Fund
Michael and Susan Ciccolini Family Charitable Fund
Deborah Ciraldo Memorial Fund
CJS Fund
Colantone Family Fund
Colby Wayne Enterprises Fund
Hugh Colopy Memorial Fund
Compass Fund
Rebecca D. and William H. Considine Family Fund
Dr. Milton N. Cooper and Family Fund

Robert and Regina Cooper Family Fund
Delcinia Chrisella Costa Memorial Fund
Christine Cox Fund
Steven and Melissa Cox Family Fund
DAF23 Fund
Dawley Family Fund
Demas Fund
Demboski Robinson Family Fund
Dana Pulk Dickinson Fund
Anthony and Jane DiDonato Fund
Jill and Carl Dietrich Fund
DiLullo Family Fund
Kathryn Warther and Thomas William Dindo Family Fund
Donae’s Second Act Fund
Donovan Family Fund
Dot Org Solutions Fund
Dougherty Family Fund
Father Norm Douglas Outreach Fund
Bud and Barbara Dunaway Family Fund
Jim and Ann Durr Family Fund
Eaton Family Fund
Else Family Fund
Emma and David Family Fund
Bonnie L. and Ernest R. Estep Fund
Chaker J. Fadel Fund
Lorraine G. and Donald R. Fair Fund
Fairlawn Rotary Club Advised Fund
Falletta Family Fund
Farver Family Fund
Feth Family Fund
Peter, Suzanne and Jackson Fielder Charitable Fund
Fir Hill Fund
Tim Flossie Memorial Fund
Susan Flowers Family Fund
Charlie Fortney Memorial Fund
Friebert Family Fund
Ed and Dorothy Gaffney Family Fund
Shawn Gaffney Foundation Fund
GAR-Donor Advised Fund
GAR-Islands Fund
John F. and Jayne E. Garofalo Charitable Fund
Thomas and Anita Gedelian Family Fund
Andrew Geig Memorial Fund
Rita and David George Family Fund
Gerstenmaier Family Fund
Mark and Patty Gibbs Family Fund
Donald L. and Clare G. Glaser Fund
Don and Lynne Gordon, Jr. Fund
*Thomas L. Gower II Fund (Est. 2013)
Thomas L. and Margaret M. Gower Fund
Graham Family Fund
Priscilla Graham Fund
Grateful Heart Fund
Greene Family Fund
Guerrero and Duby Family Fund
Halkovich Family Charitable Fund
Patricia Hansel Donor Advised Fund
Hanselman/Myers Fund
*Franklin C. and Patricia R. Harrah Fund (Est. 2013)
Hart Family Fund
Richard W. Hauman Family Fund
Hauser Family Fund
Haws Falasco Family Fund
Frank D. Heckel Fund
Hendryx Family Fund
Jennifer Hendryx Legacy Fund for Breast Cancer Research
Cathy Hilbert Fund

David & Phyllis Hilbert Fund
Mark Hilbert Fund
N.L. Hillery Fund
Hoffmann Joseph Fund
Juanita M. Hollis & Margaret L. Seitz Fund for the Support of Individuals with Intellectual & Physical Disabilities
Home For All Community Fund
Hood Family Fund
Paige and Bill Hoover Charitable Fund
Hrdlicka-Jones Family Fund
Hudak Family Fund
The David and Margaret Hunter Fund
Huntington-Akron Foundation Sustainability Fund
IMAJIN Family Fund
Immel Family Fund
Judith and Clifford Isroff Fund
Dr. Tom and Mary Ann Jackson Fund
Frances M. James Fund
Steve Johnson and Laurie Zuckerman Family Fund
Jones Family Foundation Fund
Jones Family Fund
Jones Group Interiors Charitable Fund
Herbert A. and Jean S. Jones Charitable Trust Fund
JSGB Fund
John and Jill Judge Family Fund
Juve Family Fund
Kanfer Family Fund
Katz and Kittens Fund
*Margaret D. Kaufman Fund (Est. 1995)
Kihn and Verse Family Fund
Bryan and Susan Kinnamon Family Fund
Kleckner Family Fund
Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund
Knoll Family Fund Promoting Civility and Acts of Kindness
Tom and Ginny Knoll Family Fund
Koblenzer Family Fund
Konsen Family Fund
Kroskey Family Fund
Paul J. and Susan B. Kruder Family Fund
Kuczynski Family Fund
L4 Project Fund
Labuda Family Fund
Lake Pointe Fund
Matt and Morgan Lasher Family Fund
Glenn and Karen Leppo Family Fund
Lawrence and Christine Levey Family Fund
Heather and Ross Licata Family Fund
Liesem Family Fund
Linberger Family Fund
John and Regina Lindeman Family Fund
Eleanor and Roger Lindway Family Fund
Andrew and Emily Little Family Fund
Jim and Sally Little Fund
Michael and Lisa Little Family Fund
Locastro Family Fund
David and Janice Logsdon Charitable Fund
Loveless Family Fund
Bill and Anne Lowery Family Fund
William and Angela Lowery Family Fund
MAH Fund
Mahesh Family Fund
Robert W. and Paula S. Malone Family Fund
Manby Family Giving Fund
Pamela and Neal Marks Family Fund
C. Frank Marshall and Virginia Jordan Marshall Fund
Michael J. Marz Charitable Fund
Mascio-Medzie Family Fund

6 TYPES OF FUNDS

Do It Yourself

Donor-Advised Funds & Starter Funds
A great private foundation alternative – you choose the grants

Do It With Help

Scholarship Funds
Fund students’ education in your or a loved one’s name

Designated Funds
Support one or more of your favorite organizations

Agency Endowment Funds
A predictable stream of income for your nonprofit

Field-of-Interest Funds
Permanently advance a cause or causes you’re passionate about

Board Discretionary Funds
Meet the community’s ever-changing needs

OUR FUNDS (CONT.)

Mastrojohn Davids Fund
Masuoka Family Fund
Barbara D. Mathews Ladybug Fund
Maxen Family Fund
Beatrice K. McDowell Family Fund
Medina County Stephen H. and Nancy D. Eibling Fund
Medina County Holland Group Fund
Medina Sunrise Rotary Community Fund
Marc and Sharon Merklin Family Fund
Merryweather Family Fund
Robert A. and Jean C. Meyers Family Fund
Danielle and Chris Miller Family Fund
Sally A. Miller and Joseph G. Miller Family Foundation Fund
Millican Family Fund
Barbara Marie and Marilyn S. Minney Fund
The Mitten Fund
Robert A. Moore Excellence in Education Family Fund
Brian and Diana Moore Family Fund
George Nahmi Charitable Fund
Naomi & Cassie CIRCLE Fund
Thomas and Laura Navin Fund
Harvey and Kimberly Nelson Family Fund
Charles and Sherrylyn Neubert Family Fund
Newkome and Saunders Family Fund
Northeast Ohio Spay and Neuter Foundation Fund
Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised Fund
Our Ebenezer Fund
Jan and George Parry Fund
Vicki Merzweiler Perfect Fund
Charles and Patricia Perrin Family Fund
Cindy and John T. Petures, Jr. Family Fund
Pickard Family Fund
Peter Piglia Family Charitable Fund
Post-Coleman Fund
William and Ginny Post Family Charitable Fund
Poured Love Foundation Fund
Ernest E. and Mary Kay Pouttu Fund
Preziuso Family Fund
Mark and Claire Purdy Fund
Emma E. & Clarence A. Randall Fund
The Read Family Fund
Sally D. Read Fund
Scott T. Read Family Fund
Redmond Family Foundation Fund
Remington Family Fund
The Charles and Salome Reymann Foundation Fund
Rice Family Fund
Josh Richardson Fund for Mental Health
Joan Rog – Friend of Wildlife Fund
Richard and Alita Rogers Fund
Ryan and C.J. Greater Good Fund
Kathy Moses Salem Philanthropic Fund
George and Diane Sarkis Family Fund
Steven Schmidt and Richard J. Krochka Family Fund
Seagren Family Fund
Brian J. Sebastian and Mary A. Sebastian Memorial Fund
Sandra F. Selby Fund
Shaffer-Totaro Fund
The Gina and Alex Shannon Family Fund
John and Lorraine Shannon Family Fund
Matthew and Susan Shannon Family Fund
Shapiro Family Fund
Cherie and Steve Shechter Charitable Giving Fund
Steven and Dr. Kathy Shoemaker Fund
Shultz Family Fund
Siddall Family Fund
Richard Siess Family Fund

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Siff Family Fund 2
Silas and Butler Family Fund
Silver Bullet Fund
Cynthia L. Slezak Fund
Bruce & Harriet Smith Foundation
The J.M. Smucker Company Advised Fund
The J.M. Smucker Company Mental Health Initiative Fund
Mark and Katie Smucker Family Fund
Snell Family Fund
Carl E. Snyder Innovation Fund
Tracy Soulsby Donor Advised Fund
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Bill and Trish Steere Fund
Steere Family Fund
*Barbara Steinkerchner’s Giving Legacy Fund (Est. 2011)
The Stella Fund
Jay and Marilyn Stitz Fund
Stormer-Kelly Family Fund
Strauss Family Fund
Strayer Family Fund
Summit Sustainable Future Fund
Cindie and Jeff Suszynski Family Fund
Amy Jo and Roger Sutterluety Fund
Betty A. Sweeney Fund
Synergy Talton Endowment Fund
Tails of HOPE Fund
Team Awesome Sauce Family Fund
Tegel Family Foundation Fund
Georjette and Brian Thomas Fund
Mark and Kristine Thomas Family Fund
Tifft Family Fund
Topliff Family Fund
Toth Family Fund
Treier Family Fund
Troyer Fund
Sylvia Trundle - This Town is My Town Fund
Peter and Marilyn Tsvitise Fund
Tucker Family Fund
Urda Fund
*Chris and Kathleen M. VanDevere Fund (Est. 1993)
*Mary Varalli-Perry and John Perry Fund (Est. 2007)
David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund
M. Catherine and David C. Vernon Fund
Von Zastrow Family Fund
Jean P. Wade Fund
Waite Family Fund
Grace Wakulchik Family Fund
Anonymous Giving by Laura L. Wallerstein Fund
Leo G. Walter III and Mary Ann Walter Family Fund
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Joseph R. and Candi S. Weber Family Fund
Scott and Margaret Weiner Family Fund
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Jeff and Missy Wert Family Fund
Weschler Family Fund
Harold A. White Family Fund
Ted and Mary Ann Williams Fund
John M. Wilson and Patricia Pacenta Family Fund
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Wilt Family Fund
Alan and Janice Woll Family Fund
Merle and Nancy Worman Fund
Tawnia Wright Legacy Fund
Young Philanthropy Group Fund
Zeleznik Family Fund

Steven and Wendy Zimmerman Fund
John D. Zoilo Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS
1870 Portage-Fairlawn Schoolhouse Improvement Fund
Preservation House
*Cynthia Hurd Abell Memorial Fund (Est. 2014)
Bath Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*AHOPES Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)
Arlington Women of the Church of God outreach program
Akron Digital Media Center Designated Fund
Andrew Jackson House Student Art Exhibit Fund
*Sandy and Mark Auburn Designated Fund (Est. 2020)
United Way of Summit & Medina
BACM Food Pantry Maintenance Fund
Barberton Area Community Ministries
*Jody Bacon Fund (Est. 1999)
Women’s Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Dr. Ram and Padma Bandi Family Designated Fund (Est. 2021)
Bath Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Battered Women’s Shelter Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
*Battered Women’s Shelter Operating Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Beacon of Light Akron Public Schools Fund (Est. 2016)
*Beacon of Light Initiatives/Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund (Est. 2012)
Woodridge Local Schools
Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Fund
Cuyahoga Falls High School football program
Dr. Kenneth Boatright Ellet Scholarship Fund
Ellet Community Learning Center
*Mary K. Booth Endowment Fund of the Women’s Endowment Fund (Est. 2011)
*Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Boys and Girls Clubs Operating Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio
*Ann Amer Brennan Fund (Est. 1991)
Vernon L. Odom Fund of Akron Community Foundation
Pastor Dennis K. Butts, Sr. & Jewrusha V. Butts Spirit of Excellence Scholarship Fund
*BVU: Center for Nonprofit Excellence Endowment Fund (Est. 2000)
Caliber System Fund (AKA Roadway Services Fund)
United Way of Summit & Medina
Oty Capanna Memorial Fund
University of Akron’s College of Engineering
*Carr Family Fund (Est. 2021)
Northampton United Methodist Church, Stow Schools Foundation, and Woodridge Foundation
*Margaret T. Carroll Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Women’s Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Tracy L. Carter (TLC) Jeremiah 29:11 Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Urban League scholarship program
Dick and Chris Chenoweth Boys and Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve Fund
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio
Richard Chenoweth Akron Community Service Center & Urban League Fund
Akron Urban League
*Children’s Ballet Theatre/Paul Daum Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
Ballet Theatre of Ohio

*Children’s Concert Society of Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
*Christ Child Society of Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 2008)
*Community Hall Foundation Maintenance Endowment Fund (Est. 2001)
Akron Civic Theatre
Consortium of Akron Area Catholic High Schools Fund
Archbishop Hoban High School, Our Lady of the Elms High School, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, and Walsh Jesuit High School
Michael Corbett Memorial Fund for Akron Children’s Hospital
Pediatric hematology/oncology professional development
*Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association Fund (Est. 1996)
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
*Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet Fund (Est. 1989)
Ballet Excel Ohio
*Mary DiDonato Fund (Est. 2013)
Catholic Charities of Summit County; Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation; Our Lady of the Elms School; St. Paul Catholic Parish; and the University of Akron’s Mary DiDonato Scholarship
*Donovan Legacy Fund (Est. 2020)
OPEN M
*Embracing Futures Inc. Charity Fund (Est. 1999)
Emmanuel Christian Academy Legacy Fund
*Joyce Fowler Memorial Fund (Est. 2023)
Nursing programs at Kent State University and the University of Akron
*Mark and Margee Frey Fund (Est. 2016)
Bath Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Akron Art Museum (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Akron Children’s Hospital (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Blossom Music Center (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Old Trail School (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Summit County United Way (Est. 2005)
United Way of Summit & Medina
Joseph Gains Memorial Scholarship Fund
Wadsworth High School’s speech and debate program
*GAR Foundation Endowment Fund for Akron Urban League (Est. 2020)
*Good Neighbors Endowment Fund (Est. 1995)
*Gladys G. Gough Fund (Est. 2023)
First United Methodist Church of Akron
Grace House Legacy Fund
Grace House Akron
Denise M. Graham DCNEO Fund
Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio
*Gray-Kurczynski Family Fund (Est. 2022)
Akron Children’s Foundation, Regents of the University of Michigan (Rackham Graduate School), and Case Western Reserve University’s School of Medicine and College of Arts and Sciences
*Greater Akron Chamber Endowment Fund (Est. 2001)
Gun Violence Response Fund
Victim Assistance Program

Sandra L. and Dennis B. Haslinger Family Foundation Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad’s Saint Lucie Sound passenger coach
*Frank Heckel and Jerilynn Ferguson Fund (Est. 2022)
Akron Symphony Orchestra and Summit Metro Parks Foundation
*Kryn M. Henderhan Fund (Est. 2023)
Akron Rotary Camp, Pegasus Farm, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, the Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation, and the Women’s Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Harriet and Herb Herskowitz Education Fund (Est. 2013)
University of Akron’s early childhood development program
Mabel L. Hinkle Fund
NEOMED Foundation
*Michael Hohman Fund for Homeless LGBTQ Teens (Est. 2019)
Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Claudia Mendat Hower Revere Teacher Initiatives Fund (Est. 2016)
Revere Local School District
Howland Park Fund
Glendale Cemetery and parks on West Market Street
HPSEF Development Fund
Hudson City School District
HPSEF Memorial & Tribute Fund
Hudson City School District
Hudson School Dorothea Snyder Partners in Education Fund
Hudson City School District’s Innovation in Teaching Program
*Rodney J. Humphrey Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Salvation Army Akron Citadel
*Margaret Watts Hunter Tuesday Musical Guitar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2015)
Tuesday Musical Association
Jacob James Ivancic Huth Memorial Fund
Green Intermediate School library
*Geraldine Hyser Memorial Fund (Est. 2006)
Reading programs at McDowell Early Learning School and Ellsworth Hill Elementary
IBH Foundation Capital Renovation Fund
IBH Addiction Recovery
*Interval Brotherhood Home Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)
IBH Addiction Recovery
Akron Men’s Chapter No. 36, Izaak Walton League of America Fund
Summit Metro Parks youth fishing programs
*Jefferson Fund (Est. 2014)
Canine Companions for Independence, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland Pops Orchestra, Grand Valley Public Library, Henderson Memorial Public Library, Kingsville Public Library, Orwell North Presbyterian Church, Rock Creek Public Library, and University Hospitals Health System
*Barbara Krans Jenkins Memorial Fund (Est. 2022)
Akron Public Schools art programs
*Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Fund (GAR) (Est. 1997)
*Juvenile Court Fund (Est. 1989)
Summit County Juvenile Court
*Jessie and Abram Kipple Scholarship Fund (Est. 1996)
University of Akron Foundation
*Pearl Leeper Korman and Sandy Korman Auburn Fund (Est. 2016)
Women’s Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation

*John Kutuchief Fund (Est. 2016)
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron
*Barbara McIntosh Latchic Fund (Est. 2020)
Community Action Akron Summit’s Head Start program, the Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation, and Sigma Chi Foundation
*Leadership Akron Endowment Fund (GAR) (Est. 2000)
*Karen C. Lefton Endowment Fund for Survivors of Domestic Violence of the Women’s Endowment Fund (Est. 2011)
*Howard E. Leisinger Tuesday Musical Viola Scholarship Fund (Est. 2019)
Tuesday Musical Association
*Blaize Lishewski Memorial Fund (Est. 2018)
IBH Addiction Recovery
*Litchfield Fund (Est. 1971)
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio
*Loyola Retreat House, Inc. Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
Lynch Fund
St. Vincent de Paul Parish School
*Maki Family Scholarship Fund (Est. 2023)
Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation & Alumni Association
*McIntosh-Jackson Fund (Est. 1969)
Clinton Presbyterian Church
*James F. McKinnon Champion Fund (Est. 2015)
The Paul Schulte Foundation
*Metro Catholic Parish School Fund (Est. 1993)
*Metro Parks Youth Fishing Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
Summit Metro Parks youth fishing programs
Charles D. Miller Leadership Fund
Hudson City School District leadership programs
*Ranell Minear Fund (Est. 2023)
*Modibo Mutton Hill Endowment Fund for the Summit County Historical Society (Est. 2019)
*Ollie Mueller Fund (Est. 2014)
Hattie Larlham
*Music from The Western Reserve Fund (Est. 1993)
Dr. Nasrallah Fund
NEOMED urology residency program
*National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. Fund (Est. 1994)
Herbert and Dianne Newman Fund
Akron Art Museum
Northeast Ohio Healing Arts Alliance Fund
*O Family Designated Fund One (Est. 2020)
Allegro Foundation, Battered Women’s Shelter, Hattie Larlham, Ohio State University Foundation, and St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
*O Family Designated Fund Two (Est. 2022)
Humane Society of Summit County, All Hands and Hearts, Patriot PAWS Service Dogs, and VANTAGE Aging
*Ohio Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial Park Endowment Fund (Est. 2009)
*Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
OPEN M
*Paige Palmer-Ashbaugh Fund for Akron Children’s Hospital (Est. 2007)
Akron Children’s maxillofacial department
Benjamin E. Parke Memorial Fund
Wadsworth City School District
*Mary Beechy Pfeiffer MHS Student Foreign Travel Fund (Est. 2014)
Medina City School District
*Project: LEARN of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
*Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake Endowment Fund (Est. 2015)

OUR FUNDS (CONT.)

Robertson-Hoyt Orthopaedic Research and Education Fund
Summa Health's Hoyt Musculoskeletal Research Laboratory

*Lillian and William Rosenblatt Fund (Est. 2012)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation

St. Mary Urban Education Arts, Drama and Music Fund
St. Mary Parish School

*William C. and Elizabeth Brainard Sandwick Fund (Est. 2007)
Akron Art Museum

T.K. Seiberling Tennis Fund
Akron Public Schools tennis program

*Shaw Memorial Fund (Est. 1955)
Akron Art Museum

Cherie and Steve Shechter Designated Fund
Akron Rotary Camp, Cleveland Museum of Art, and Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio

Everett L. Shumate Fund
Hudson City School District diversity programs

Bruce and Peggy Silver Fund
Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation and Old Trail School

*Ethel and William A. Singer Fund (Est. 2012)
Cleveland Eye Bank and Haven of Rest Ministries

Sojourner Truth Project – Akron Fund
Installation and maintenance of the Sojourner Truth statue in downtown Akron

The Soul of Philanthropy Akron Fund
Exhibition of a national touring artistic display showcasing stories of Black philanthropy

*James E. Sovacool, Jr. Fund (Est. 2020)
Akron Snow Angels, Friends of Camp Christopher, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

*Mignon Steere Fund for Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park Environmental Education (Est. 2010)

Stewart's Caring Place Legacy Fund

Summit County Police & Fire Community Engagement Fund
Safety Forces Support Center

*Summit Education Initiative Fund (Est. 1995)

*Summit Education Initiative Program Fund (Est. 1997)

Summit Metro Parks Foundation
Designated Scholarship Fund

University of Akron Foundation Designated Fund

*Victory Gallop Inc. Endowment Fund (Est. 2004)

*Volunteer Center of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1996)
United Way of Summit & Medina

Wadsworth Drug Free Community Coalition Fund
Wadsworth City School District

*Leo and Mary Kay Walter, Jr. Fund (Est. 2019)
Leo and Margaret Walter Scholarship at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

*Ted and Barb Walter Catholic Education Fund (Est. 2009)
St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

*Weatherwane Community Playhouse Fund (Est. 1993)

*Phyllis Behrle West Fund (Est. 2021)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation

*Wilkinson-Gudikunst Designated Family Fund (Est. 2007)
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kent State University Museum, Ohio Light Opera, St. Cloud Citizens Foundation, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, and the Summit County Historical Society Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation

*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Designated Fund (Est. 2011)
Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation and the Mobile Meals program of Family & Community Services

*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Last Dollar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2016)
Kent State University's Last Dollar Scholarship Fund

Windham Brick by Brick Designated Fund
Windham High School

Henry C. Young Fund
University of Akron's Henry C. Young Jr. Intellectual Property Law Scholarship Fund

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

3R Fund
3R Foundation (Reentry, Reconnect and Restoration)

ACCESS Endowment Fund

Akron Art Museum Endowment Fund

Akron Civic Theatre Legacy Fund

Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund

Akron Garden Club Frank Fund

Akron Garden Club Graves Fund

Akron Garden Club Sewell Fund

Akron Marathon Sustainability Fund

Akron Rotary Foundation Fund
for the benefit of the Akron Rotary Camp

Akron Rotary Camp Endowment Fund

Akron Roundtable Endowment Fund

Akron Snow Angels Endowment Fund

Akron Soul Train Endowment Fund

Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. Endowment Fund

Akron-Summit County Public Library Endowment Fund

Akron Zoological Park Endowment Fund

Aladdin Foundation of Akron Endowment Fund

Arc of Summit and Portage Counties Endowment Fund

Arlington Church of God Endowment Fund

Arrowhead Primary School Nature Zone Endowment Fund

ArtSparks Endowment Fund

Autism Society of Greater Akron Endowment Fund

*Barbara Becker Endowed Chair Fund
(Cleveland Jazz Orchestra) (Est. 2021)

Big Brothers & Sisters of Summit & Medina County Fund

Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund
Community Support Services

Blick Clinic Endowment Fund

Brimfield Historical Society Fund

*Wiley A. Bucey Sr. and Mary C. Bucey Endowment Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

CASA Endowment Fund

Cascade Locks Park Association Endowment Fund

Celebrate Children Endowment Fund
of the Children's Concert Society of Akron

Children's Concert Society of Akron Designated Fund

Cleveland Jazz Orchestra Endowment Fund

*Coleman Professional Services Endowment Fund
for Mental Health and Addictions Recovery (Est. 2017)

Community AIDS Network/Akron Pride Initiative Fund

*Community Hall Foundation Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
Akron Civic Theatre

Community Partnership of Summit County Endowment Fund
Summit County Community Partnership

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
John and Betty Seiberling Scholarship Fund

Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Trails Forever Legacy Fund

Judge Patricia A. Cosgrove Legal Aid Fund
Community Legal Aid

Countryside Conservancy Fund – In Memory of Darwin Kelsey
Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Education Development Fund

Dennis & Holly Endowment Fund
for Creativity at Magical Theatre Company

East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation Designated Fund

Family & Community Services Endowment Fund

Family Promise of Summit County Inc. Endowment Fund

Barbara A. Feld Educational Experience Fund
Tuesday Musical Association

*Mary Jane Finley-Camp Endowment Fund
of Battered Women's Shelter (Est. 2018)

*Mary Jane Finley-Camp Endowment Fund
of Humility of Mary Housing (Est. 2018)

First Tee of Akron Endowment Fund

*Free Clinic of Medina County Endowment Fund (Est. 2020)

*Free Clinic of Medina County Fund (Est. 2023)

Friends of Akron Public Schools Endowment Fund

Friends of Camp Christopher Endowment Fund

Friends of Richfield Heritage Preserve Endowment Fund

Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund

The Friends of The Summit Endowment Fund

Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund

Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio Endowment Fund

Good Samaritan Hunger Center Endowment Fund

GriefCare Place Inc. Endowment Fund

Habitat for Humanity of Summit County Endowment Fund

Hale Farm and Village Endowment Fund

Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Endowment Fund

*Mary and Roy Hartz Opportunity and Advancement Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Hattie Larlham Endowment Fund

Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Living Endowment Fund
Crown Point Ecology Center

Health Education Center Endowment Fund

Heart to Heart Leadership Endowment Fund
Center for Immersive Leadership

*Jim K. and Jim H. Heilmeier Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

*Robert and George Heyburn Youth Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Kay Hoover Memorial Fund
Highland Elementary School

Humane Society Endowment Fund
Humane Society of Summit County

IBH Foundation Fund
IBH Addiction Recovery

International Soap Box Derby Endowment Fund

Interval Brotherhood Home Operating Fund
IBH Addiction Recovery

Judith Bear Isroff Park Fund
Keep Akron Beautiful

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates Endowment Fund

Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Endowment Fund

Junior League of Akron Endowment Fund

Keep Akron Beautiful Endowment Fund

Keep Akron Beautiful Forever Endowment Fund

Kohl Family YMCA Endowment Fund

*Kathy and Doug Kohl YMCA Mission Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Gretchen Laatsch Outstanding Service Award Endowment Fund
Association of College Unions International

Leadership Akron Alumni Association Endowment Fund

*Leadership Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)

Leadership Akron Operating Endowment Fund

LeRoy United Methodist Church Designated Capital Fund

LeRoy United Methodist Church Endowment Fund

LeRoy United Methodist Church Undesignated Capital Fund

Limitless Ambition Endowment Fund

*Longwood YMCA of Nordonia Hills Fund (Est. 2021)

Love Akron Network Endowment Fund

*Magical Theatre Company Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)

*MAPS Air Museum Endowment Fund (Est. 2012)

MAPS Air Museum General Fund

Barbara Mathews Memorial Endowment Fund
of Leadership Akron

Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund

Medina Creative Housing Endowment Fund

Medina Youth Lacrosse Association Endowment Fund

*Mobile Meals Endowment Fund (Est. 2017)
Mobile Meals program of Family & Community Services

Montrose Zion United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund

Myers Foundation New Music Fund
Tuesday Musical Association

NAMI Summit County Endowment Fund

*Noah Society Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Northern Ohio Railway Museum Endowment Fund

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition Endowment Fund

One-In-Six Foundation Endowment Fund
Prostate cancer research, awareness and education at Cleveland Clinic Akron General, Summa Health, and Stewart's Caring Place

Operation Homes Medina County Endowment Fund

ORMACO Endowment Fund

*Our Lady of the Elms School Teachers Fund (Est. 2006)

PBS Western Reserve Endowment Fund

Peninsula Foundation Endowment Fund

The Porchlight Project Endowment Fund

Portage Animal Protective League Endowment Fund

Portage Path Behavioral Health Endowment Fund

*Bob Powell Endowment Fund for Coleman Professional Services (Est. 2018)
Coleman Health Services

Progress Through Preservation Endowment Fund

RAHAB Endowment Fund
RAHAB Ministries

*Bert Rayl Family Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Rec2Connect Foundation Endowment Fund

Carole and Stuart Reese Endowment Fund
(Cleveland Jazz Orchestra)

Ruth Renner-Percy Memorial Endowment Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

*Galen J. Roush Memorial Endowment Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

*Marilyn Sue Sahli Riverfront YMCA Fund (Est. 2021)

*Marilyn Sue Sahli YMCA Scholarship Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

St. Hilary Parents' Teachers Salary Fund
St. Hilary School

*St. Hilary Parish Foundation Mary & Charles Booth Community Outreach Fund (Est. 2005)

St. Hilary Parish Foundation School Endowment Fund

St. Hilary Parish Foundation School Technology Designated Fund

St. Hilary School Mary Jean Carroll Endowment Fund
of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation

St. Mary Urban Education Endowment Fund
St. Mary Parish School

St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Hilary Church Endowment Fund

*Thomas E. Seibold Memorial Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

Society for Handicapped Citizens of Medina County Fund

South Akron Youth Mentorship Endowment Fund

Stewart's Caring Place Endowment Fund

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund

Marilyn Stroud Music Alive Program Endowment Fund
Friends of The Summit

Summit Artspace Endowment Fund

Summit Choral Society Maynard Family Foundation Scholarship Fund

Summit Choral Society Grace Wakulchik Sing With Me Fund

Summit County Historical Society Endowment Fund

Summit County Sports Hall of Fame Endowment Fund

Summit Metro Parks Foundation Endowment Fund

Margaret Thorp Crown Point Development Endowment Fund
Crown Point Ecology Center

Torchbearers Endowment Fund

Towpath Trail Endowment Fund
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

Tri-County Independent Living Center Endowment Fund

Truly Reaching You Endowment Fund

Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron Foundation Endowment Fund

United Way of Summit County Endowment Fund
United Way of Summit & Medina

United Way of Summit County Facility Fund
United Way of Summit & Medina

Valor Home of Summit County Endowment Fund

VANTAGE Aging Endowment Fund

Victim Assistance Program Endowment Fund

Village of St. Edward Future Fund

Warriors' Journey Home Ministry Endowment Fund

West Akron Baseball League Endowment Fund

*Jack Wilson Memorial Fund (Est. 2021)
Akron Area YMCA

WITAN Endowment Fund

WITAN Remembrance Fund
Summit Metro Parks – F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm

*YEPAW Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)

YMCA General Endowment Fund
Akron Area YMCA

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund
Akron-area seniors who participate in music programs

Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund
Cuyahoga Falls High School senior football players, cheerleaders and band members

Renee Blackstock Memorial Scholarship Fund
Garfield CLC seniors pursuing a postsecondary degree

Ciearra Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

Firestone CLC seniors who have participated in an athletic program and demonstrate financial need

Buchtel High School Alumni Assoc. Scholarship Fund
Buchtel CLC students, student-athletes, and postsecondary/technology program participants

Martin O. Chapman and Roberta M. Chapman Humanitarian Scholarship Fund
Garfield High School seniors who demonstrate academic or vocational excellence and community service

Jim Chenot Attitude for Gratitude Scholarship Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors, with a focus on raising awareness for those who have overcome obstacles that may have prevented them from fully realizing their healthy potential

Richard Chenoweth Qualified Designated Scholarship Fund
Summit County students with financial need

Tara Lynn Clossman Memorial Fund
Akron Public Schools students pursuing a degree in education or dance

Coming Together Diversity Scholarship Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors

Michael Corbett Memorial Fund
Cuyahoga Falls High School seniors, with priority given to students who have encountered adversity

Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund
Children of Technicote employees, with priority given to those studying chemistry or science

John N. Economou Scholarship Fund
University of Akron students who are committed to the principles of democracy

Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund
Graduating seniors in Summit County majoring in fine art or art education, with a strong preference toward a focus in fiber arts

Fred Frese Memorial Scholarship Fund
Graduate students pursuing a degree in the field of mental health treatment

Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund
Hudson High School seniors in band, orchestra or choir

Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund
Project GRAD participants majoring in education

GCEF Scholarship Fund
LGBTQ+ and allied students who live or attend school in Summit, Medina, Portage, Stark or Wayne counties

Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
Employees and their children of Geis Companies, Wild Eagle, and Metropolitan at The 9, as well as the company's subcontractors and vendors

Glick-Zedak Scholarship Fund
Former Village Network residents

Hanlon Family Scholarship Fund
St. Sebastian Parish School graduates who will attend St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund
4-H members in Summit and Portage counties

Timothy L. Holston Scholarship Fund
Minority seniors at Medina High School with financial need

Italian American Professional and Business Club Scholarship Fund
High school seniors of Italian American descent in Summit County

Leppo Group Employee Scholarship Fund
Leppo Group employees and their children who are pursuing a STEM, business, IT or technical degree

Ethan Liming Memorial Scholarship Fund
Firestone CLC seniors who have lettered in a varsity sport

OUR FUNDS (CONT.)

Abby Lipply Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hudson High School seniors who have demonstrated passionate support for a cause or person

Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund
Litchfield Township residents who are graduating from Buckeye High School

Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund
Hudson High School seniors with financial need

Kate Lieberth Lytton Education in Dance Fund
Aspiring young dancers from Summit County

Scott T. Malson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Hudson High School seniors who participated in the Hudson Hawks Youth Football program

Marbles Champions Scholarship Fund
Akron District Marbles Tournament winners

Daniel C. McClelland Commitment to Community Scholarship Fund
Chardon High School seniors who demonstrate service to others and to the community

Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund
Ellet High School seniors with a history of community service

Medina County Women's Scholarship Fund
Female nontraditional students in Medina County

Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund
Medina County seniors with excellent character, academics and community service

*David and Sandra Nedoh Scholarship Fund (Est. 2017)
Wadsworth High School seniors who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need

*Northeast Ohio RIMS Chapter Scholarship Fund (Est. 2009)
Northeast Ohio residents studying risk management

Esther Simonetti Owen Future Educators Scholarship Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing an education degree

*Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund (Est. 1997)
Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a special education degree

Bettie Portwood Summit County Pest Control Association Scholarship Fund
Children of Summit County Pest Control Association members, with preference given to those studying entomology or a closely related field, and students of the community studying entomology

Project Ed Bear Inc. Scholarship Fund
Childhood cancer survivors who live in Northeast Ohio

Sr. Loretta Rafter Scholarship Fund
H.M. Life Opportunity Services program participants

Judith A. Resnik Memorial Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a degree in mathematics, science or an allied field

Judith A. Resnik Scholarship Fund
of the Women's Network Inc. Female Akron Public Schools students pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics or an allied field

Karl J. Roden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Winners of the East Central Ohio Mensa essay contest

Coach Terry Ross Achievement Scholarship Fund
Football recipients of the Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund

Joseph L. Ruby Student Scholarship Fund
Students pursuing a career in gerontology, social work, nursing or a related field who live or attend school in Portage, Stark, Summit or Wayne counties

Mark D. Sandridge Scholarship Fund
Sandridge Food Corporation employees and their children

Joseph P. Siegerferth Sr. and Family Fund
Akron Public Schools, Archbishop Hoban High School, or Woodridge High School seniors who will be attending Bowling Green State University to study elementary education, K-12 physical education, or sports management

Faye L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Winners of the Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Barberton Elks Lodge Most Valuable Student Competition

John T. and Julia A. Spellman Scholarship Fund
Summit County seniors who demonstrate ambition

Robert W. Stanton Scholarship Fund
Theodore Roosevelt High School seniors who previously graduated from Stanton Middle School

Jim Stewart Scholarship Fund
African American Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a degree in math, science or mortuary science

Strongsville Women's League Edna Brun Scholarship Fund
Strongsville High School students

Norma B. Summerville Scholarship Foundation Fund
Female graduates of Akron Public Schools who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need

Summit County Master Gardeners Scholarship Fund
Summit County residents pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture or a related field

Summit County Sports Hall of Fame Bruce Buchholzer Scholarship Fund
High school senior student-athletes in Summit County

Summit, Portage, Stark, Carroll Nursing Scholarship (SPSCNS) Fund
Registered nurses pursuing an advanced nursing degree who live or work in Summit, Portage, Stark or Carroll counties

Eugene and Arlene True Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cleveland Punch and Die Company employees and their spouses, children and grandchildren

Michelle M. Vasenda Fund
Nursing students who have a significant history of volunteering with a cancer-related organization

David R. Venarge Scholarship Fund
Akron Paint & Varnish employees and their family members

Richard S. Wagner Memorial Swimming Scholarship Fund
Firestone CLC seniors who have participated in the swimming and diving program

Edith Wiskind English Literacy Scholarship Fund
Summit County seniors pursuing a degree in English

Witan Presidents' Scholarship Fund
Nontraditional female seniors at the University of Akron

Woman's Club of Hudson Scholarship Fund
Hudson High School seniors who demonstrate financial need

Anthony Wunderle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cancer survivors and family members of cancer patients

Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship Fund
Buckeye High School seniors pursuing an engineering degree

Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund Scholarships

Marion Albee Scholarship Fund
Seniors pursuing an education degree

Barlow Fund
Seniors who demonstrate academic ability, leadership and high moral standards

Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund
Seniors who plan to study drawing, painting or graphic arts

Kenneth Blower Memorial Scholarship Fund
Seniors pursuing a degree in scientific areas of study, including engineering, environmental studies, medicine and biology

Harry D. Bubb Scholarship Fund
Seniors with the greatest academic improvement between their sophomore and senior years

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund
Seniors with an entrepreneurial spirit and leadership skills

Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund
Vocational students who plan to attend Kent State University

Scott Case Memorial Fund
Senior tennis players

Les Dingleline Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior baseball and softball players

Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund
Seniors who improve human relations and diversity awareness

Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund
Students with exemplary community service and academic excellence

Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund
Seniors who have a parent serving on the Hudson Fire Department and are pursuing a degree in public safety

Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior athletes who display team pride and sportsmanship, as well as academic and athletic excellence

Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior special education students

Dante B. and Joy W. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund
Senior football players who have demonstrated leadership skills

June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior lacrosse players

Stevenson Award Fund
Seniors who have accomplished a significant extracurricular achievement

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

Akron Community Cemetery Preservation Fund
Historic gravesite restoration and public cemetery beautification in Coventry Township

*Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Partnership Program Fund (Est. 1991)
Substance abuse education and prevention programs

*Allio Memorial Fund (Est. 2011)
Children's programs

Rev. Dr. Byron Arledge Fund
Mental health services for children, adults and families

V.E. (Tom) Atkins Fund
Children's programs

Joyce M. Bates Trust Fund
Educational and scientific causes

Bath Community Fund
Programs that preserve Bath Township's historical and environmental legacy and meet community needs

*Beacon of Light Initiatives/Wings of Eagles Fund (Est. 2012)
Organizations that assist members of the Marine Corps through scholarships and educational programs

Black Giving Collective Fund
Programs that benefit the Black community in Greater Akron

*Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund (Est. 1988)
Causes supported by Lisle M. Buckingham during his lifetime

*Center for Learning Fund (Est. 1993)
Education programs

Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund
Human services and education programs

*Child Care Leadership Fund (Est. 2009)
Leadership training for child care professionals

Children's Literacy Fund
Children's literacy programs

Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund
Programs that empower cancer patients and their families while improving their quality of life

Kathryn Cooper Memorial Fund
Programs that increase awareness of addiction and recovery, and programs that provide services for animals

Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund
Research programs for cholangiocarcinoma, a rare cancer of the bile duct

Donovan Veterans Fund
Education and rehabilitation programs for veterans

Elise's Corner Field of Interest Fund
Research to identify treatments, therapies, and ultimately a cure for Alexander disease and other leukodystrophies

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Lisette Ertel Fund
Health and civic causes

Evant Fund
Programs for people with developmental disabilities

Fighting For Alyssa – FFA Fund
Substance abuse outreach and education programs

H.A. Flannery Family and James R. Flannery Family Fund
Human services and education programs

Food Pantry Capacity Fund of Akron Community Foundation
Food pantries in Summit County

*GAR Foundation Fund for Dance in Summit County (Est. 1998)
Dance programs in Summit County

Gay Community Endowment Fund
Programs that advance the Greater Akron LGBTQ+ community's right to live safely, openly and authentically

*C. Colmery Gibson Polsky Fund (Est. 1990)
Civic and educational causes, health care, and the arts

Green Community Fund
Civic and community initiatives that strengthen the City of Green

Lillian D. and Lincoln H. Gries Fund
Music, health and children's programs

Hermine Z. Hansen Fund
Public health institutions

Kathleen Joyce Fund
Children's programs

*John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Fund for Dance in Summit County (Est. 1999)
Dance programs in Summit County

Merna and Edward Kormanik Fund
Programs that provide food, shelter and clothing to people in need

Maggie & Jerry Lippman Tikkun Olam "Repair the World" Fund
Health and human services programs, and programs addressing homelessness

Bruce Mansfield Fund
Substance abuse prevention and treatment programs

Virginia Crawford Frazier Moore Wheeler & Martin Fund
Cemetery maintenance

*Millennium Fund for Children (Est. 1999)
Programs that improve the lives of children throughout the Akron Beacon Journal/Beaconjournal.com's audience coverage area

*Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund (Est. 2010)
Programs for children and families with chronic illness, people who have experienced domestic violence, and animals

*Vernon L. Odom Fund (Est. 1993)
Programs that promote diversity and enrich the quality of life within communities of color

Ohio Charitable Fund
Barberton nonprofit organizations

Parent Coalition Heritage Fund for Adults with Special Needs
Organizations that improve life for adults with developmental disabilities, including those that train residential providers

*Daniel L. and Sherida L. Pohl Fund (Est. 2014)
Children's programs

*Preservation of the Abolitionist Movement Fund (Est. 2007)
Programs that honor John Brown's impact on abolitionism

The Safety Fund
Safety education programs in Summit County

Sanatorium Contingent Fund
Health causes

Schrank Family Fund
Programs for children and young adults

Scrap Metal Program Fund
Metal recycling programs in Greater Akron

Rosalie and Cecil Smith Fund
Spaying and neutering of feral animals

*Jane Snow Fund for Hunger (Est. 2008)
Hunger and nutrition programs for Summit County women

Jean P. Stevens Fund
Music, art, dance, theater and civic causes

Strongsville Women's League Charitable Fund
Programs that benefit the Strongsville community

Summit County Opioid Healing Fund
Organizations that serve Summit County residents impacted by the opioid epidemic

Summit Portage Area Health Education Fund
Educational programs that promote collaboration among health professionals in Summit and Portage counties

Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts
Music and fine art programs

Andrea Rose Teodosio Memorial Fund
Programs that assist older adults, address environmental issues, and promote community service and education

Eric Michael Ward Fund for Wadsworth Against Substance Abuse
Substance abuse education and services in the Wadsworth community

Jack Andrew Wilson Fund for Mental Health
Mental health programs

Women's Endowment Fund
Programs that improve the health and wellness, safety, and economic empowerment of women and girls in Summit County

William C. and Betty J. Zekan Fund
Health and civic causes

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John and Betty Dalton Fund

*Decker Endowment Fund for Families (Est. 1995)

Marcia Deist Fund

Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Fund

John L. Feudner Jr. Fund

Frances H. and Paul A. Frank Fund

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*Harriet and Herb Herskowitz Family Fund (Est. 2012)

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Vivienne S. and Russell R. Johnstone Family Fund

Arthur Kelly Fund

John S. Knight Fund

*William C. Krisher Fund (Est. 1977)

John A. McAlonan Fund

*W. Bishop & Elizabeth C. McIntosh Fund (Est. 1966)

*Pat and Alan Ockene Fund (Est. 1996)

On the Table Impact Fund

Howard and Margaret Palmer Fund

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Polsky Fund

Proactive Grantmaking Fund

Professional Advisor Council Fund

*Helen S. Robertson Fund (Est. 1984)

James G. Robertson Fund

Bud and Susie Rogers Fund

Roush Memorial Fund

Schrank Harkey Fund

*Shaw Foundation Fund (Est. 1955)

Richard W. & Charlotte E. Staiger Fund

George Stevens Fund

*Ronald L. Stiles Fund (Est. 2004)

Georgia Urda Fund

Emma Vioran Fund

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