

# Giving Your Way

FALL 2015



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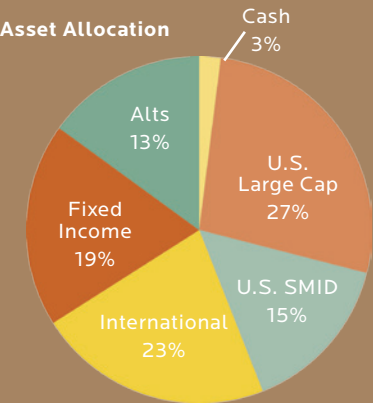
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BY THE  
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APRIL 1 — JUNE 30, 2015

Nearly  
\$191 Million in assets

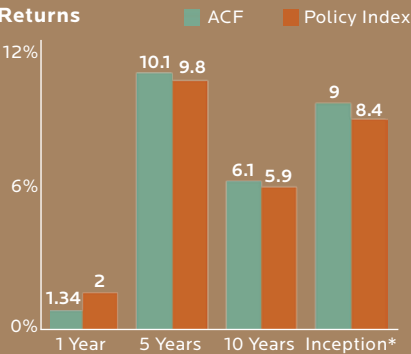


Akron Community Foundation

.24% Quarterly net return  
6.1% 10-year net return  
9% Avg. annual net return\*

Policy Index\*\*

-.11% Quarterly net return  
5.91% 10-year net return



\*Our investment policy was established in 1989. See our investment policy statement and management relationships at [www.akroncf.org/financials](http://www.akroncf.org/financials).

\*\*The Policy Index is our investment benchmark, the allocations of which mirror our targeted asset mix.

FROM OUR  
PRESIDENT & CEO

Where did summer go? I vaguely remember one or two 90-degree days, but that just might be my imagination.

A highlight of my summer came on July 25, when — thanks to All-American Soap Box Derby President and CEO Joe Mazur —

I participated in the Mayor’s Cup Race at Derby Downs. What a thrill! I can still recall watching Wide World of Sports as a young boy and marveling at the grandeur of the Soap Box Derby. And there I was, more than 50 years later, experiencing the thrill and competitiveness of the hill for the very first time. Thanks to my crew chief, Bill Lowery, I defeated competitors in my first three heats — like seasoned racers Roger Read and Mayor Jeff Fusco — and made it into the finals.

My wife, Cindy, and I also got to watch our great-nephew Eddie compete as the Western Pennsylvania champ. While neither he nor I won our final race, my second-place finish earned me a trophy as big as Eddie. When he saw the size of my award, he congratulated me and suggested that I might be the better racer. I assured him that he was the only champion between us, having beaten all others in his region. I will never forget the smile on his face when he realized that, despite the outcome, he would return to Ambridge, Pennsylvania, a true champion.

In many ways, this experience parallels what I hear from many of our Akron Community Foundation fundholders. While not all of us have the biggest trophy or largest bank account, each of us has the unique ability to become a champion for the causes and community we love — forever, through our own charitable fund. Just like the names that hang at Derby Downs, our legacy can live on forever through Akron Community Foundation and the fund that bears our name. Ain’t that better than a trophy?

As fall approaches, take in the sights, sounds and wonderment of this place where we live. There are so many reasons to celebrate.



John T. Petures Jr.  
President and CEO



WELCOME, BOARD MEMBERS



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President, Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Foundation



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Sylvia Trundle  
Captain, Akron Police Department

# FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



## DOCTOR'S PASSION LIVES ON THROUGH BEQUEST

When Pam Moran met Dr. Kenneth Swanson, her world was upside down. Despite surgery, 70 percent of a tumor remained on her six-month-old son Derek's brain, requiring two and a half years of chemotherapy and MRIs from Dr. Swanson every six months. "I was mad at the doctors, at the nurses and at God," she said.

The wait for results was unbearable. Pam remembers shaking in her waiting room chair. But, instead of enduring days of uncertainty, she was comforted by Dr. Swanson, who shared Derek's progress immediately after every MRI. "I'm sure it wasn't protocol, but it's the only way I could sleep during the most difficult time of my life," she said.

For 46 years, Dr. Swanson sensitively served families like Derek and Pam Moran's at Akron Children's Hospital. The first in his department to master the CT scan and MRI, he spent every holiday working and most lunch hours consuming as much knowledge as humanly possible, sharing interesting tidbits with friends and colleagues.

"We called them Kenvelopes," radiographer Jason Duncan recalled. Whether a colleague was a wine connoisseur or a cat lover, Dr. Swanson always remembered their passion and clipped, copied

and shared with them as much on the subject as he could fit in a #10 envelope — "often more," Jason said.

Having never married, and with no local relatives, Dr. Swanson's friends and co-workers were his family. Caring for them and his patients was his mission, but music was his passion.

For 18 years, Dr. Swanson volunteered as a physician at the Cleveland Orchestra, even traveling with the group to Europe and Southeast Asia, where he had once served at a Thailand-based M.A.S.H. unit. He was the house physician at Blossom Music Center, too. He administered vitamin B shots to the likes of Kenny Rogers and exchanged niceties with legends like Janis Joplin. ("She was fun," he would always tell colleagues.)

Dr. Swanson also was a self-taught keyboardist, and he relished playing the century-old pipe organ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Former church music director David Forrester credited him with attracting the world's foremost Bach organist for a concert at Trinity on the eve of the composer's 325th birthday. "Ken adored the whole thing," he said.

Dr. Swanson lived a full life. As he neared its end, he called on his executor, Roetzel & Andress attorney

Roger Stevenson, to review his will. "I looked at it and said, 'Ken, you're leaving things to organizations that don't exist anymore,'" Roger said.

So, he introduced Dr. Swanson to his law partner, estate attorney and ACF board chair Steven Cox, who shared the benefits of starting a fund at Akron Community Foundation through a bequest. "He didn't have any close family, and we knew he loved the arts, so a fund at ACF made good sense," Steven said. "He also liked the flexibility of being able to benefit many different organizations."

"He wanted to make a difference — let people know who he was and what he cared about," Roger said.

On Sept. 2, the Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts was established to support local music and arts programs, which will keep Dr. Swanson's passion alive forever.

Hearing the news, David Forrester recalled three most fitting words of Dr. Swanson's: "When something was really good, he'd say, 'Not too shabby.'" Not too shabby, indeed.

You, too, can leave a charitable legacy that will live on after you're gone. Find out more at [www.akroncf.org/BequestGuide](http://www.akroncf.org/BequestGuide).



# NEWS FOR GIVING



## LADDERING CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES



*By: Margaret Medzie, Vice President,  
Development & Donor Engagement*

Here at Akron Community Foundation, we are privileged to meet with individuals and couples who are charitable and want to do even more after they have passed. Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with such a donor. I'll call her Lynne.

Lynne came to me prepared with notes and questions. She had read and marked up two of our brochures — Charitable Options for Advisor/Client Relationships, available at [www.akroncf.org/AdvisorBrochure](http://www.akroncf.org/AdvisorBrochure), and our Guide to Donor-Advised Funds, available at [www.akroncf.org/DAFBrochure](http://www.akroncf.org/DAFBrochure) — showing me she had done her homework.

She currently has a charitable gift annuity with Akron Community Foundation. A CGA is a planned gift that pays Lynne interest income quarterly until she dies, with the remaining balance going to her charities of choice through a fund we'll establish in her name. The interest paid to Lynne is determined by her age at the time of the transaction. Many of our annuitants use CGAs like CDs, although the interest earned on an annuity is much higher than CD payments today.

Although Lynne already has a CGA with the community foundation, she wanted to discuss the possibility of laddering her

Year	Age	Gift Amount	Annuity Rate	Annual Income	Cumulative Income
2015	60	\$100,000	4.4%	\$4,400	\$4,400
2025	70	\$100,000	5.1%	\$5,100	\$9,500
2035	80	\$100,000	6.8%	\$6,800	\$16,300

*This is a laddered CGA example using the current suggested rate schedules from the American Council on Gift Annuities. Rates are subject to change.*

annuities, or establishing a series of them over time. The benefit of laddered annuities is they allow her to diversify her annuity rates, which are based on age and often increase as age increases, ultimately providing a higher payout than she would have received through just one annuity.

As a guaranteed income stream, CGAs are a great choice for many, but as with all planned gifts, each is unique to the individual or family. We welcome the opportunity to discuss CGAs and other planned giving tools with you. As with any planned gift, we also suggest you include your professional advisors in these conversations to make sure you maximize your benefit.

In the meantime, I'm happy to meet with you and your advisor if you wish. To schedule a time, contact me at 330-436-5610 or [mmedzie@akroncf.org](mailto:mmedzie@akroncf.org).

## EVENTS

There's always something going on at the community foundation. Visit [www.akroncf.org/ACFEvents](http://www.akroncf.org/ACFEvents) for a full list, but here's a peek at a few of our upcoming events:

**Oct. 15, 2015**

### **Bus Tour: Health & Human Services**

Visit Portage Path Behavioral Health and the new Battered Women's Shelter Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center. RSVP to Kim Nott at 330-436-5625 or [knott@akroncf.org](mailto:knott@akroncf.org).

**Oct. 28, 2015**

### **Community Issues Session: Health & Human Services**

Hear from local health and human services leaders on emerging topics in the industry. RSVP to Kim Nott at 330-436-5625 or [knott@akroncf.org](mailto:knott@akroncf.org).

**Nov. 18, 2015**

### **Medicare, Medicaid & Charitable Giving: Tips for Success**

Learn how charitable giving can remain a part of your or your loved one's life without impacting Medicaid and Medicare coverage. RSVP to Delinda Herman at 330-436-5613 or [dherman@akroncf.org](mailto:dherman@akroncf.org).

## MORE PLANNED GIVING TIPS

Learn more about CGAs and other planned giving tools available to you at [www.myakronlegacy.org](http://www.myakronlegacy.org). And, register to get the latest planned giving news and tips at [www.akroncf.org/GiftLegacyNews](http://www.akroncf.org/GiftLegacyNews).

# YOUR FUNDS



Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake

## WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FUNDS

### **Alice J. Caniglia Fund**

Donor-advised fund established by Hudson resident Alice Caniglia.

### **Italian American Professional and Businessmen's Club Scholarship Fund**

Established by the club to provide scholarships to senior high school men and women of Italian-American descent living in Summit County.

### **Tom and Ginny Knoll Family Fund**


Donor-advised fund established by local attorney and ACF board member Tom Knoll and his wife, Ginny.

### **Mature Services Senior Love Endowment Fund**

Established to provide programs to empower adults as they age.

### **Newkome Saunders Family Fund**

Donor-advised fund established by Dr. George R. Newkome and Mary Jane Saunders.

 **Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake Endowment Fund**  
Designated fund established by Eileen Burg to support this educational facility, which serves adults and children in the Summit Lake community.

### **Karl J. Roden Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established by East Central Ohio Mensa members to provide scholarships to college students based on essay submissions.



*Legacy Funds, or funds designed by their founders to grow in perpetuity*

### **Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts**

Field-of-interest fund established with the help of Roger Stevenson and Steven Cox, Roetzel & Andress attorneys.

## TWO NEW FUNDS HELP FIGHT ADDICTION



Bob Cooper with his daughter, Kathryn

Just months apart, two local families lost a daughter to drug addiction. Now, through charitable funds at Akron Community Foundation, they're turning these tragedies into a way to help others.

The Fighting for Alyssa — FFA Fund was established by Lea Heidman, the mother of Alyssa Apostolakis, to help provide community outreach and education for families with loved ones in the midst of addiction.

Akron Community Foundation board member Bob Cooper and his wife, Regina, established the Kathryn Cooper Memorial Fund to honor their daughter, Kathryn, and support addiction recovery services and causes Kathryn loved, like caring for animals. Their goal is to raise \$3 million.

"Addiction affects families of all backgrounds, and we can't be silent anymore," Bob said. "We want to use this opportunity to honor our daughter and help others to prevent such a tragic loss."

Join the fight against addiction. Support Alyssa's fund at [www.akroncf.org/give/FFAFund](http://www.akroncf.org/give/FFAFund). Or, help the Coopers reach their goal at [www.akroncf.org/give/CooperMemorialFund](http://www.akroncf.org/give/CooperMemorialFund).

# MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

May 1, 2015 — July 31, 2015

## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO:

### Akron Community Foundation for:

#### Richard Averitte by

Yvonne Averitte

#### Steve Baach by

Deirdre Bird & Sally Hay

Chris Dunning

Daniel & Jen Ison

John & Karen Kelleher

Daniel Pitts

Jim & Pat Proffitt

Sandy & Robert V. Sheehy Jr.

Wampanoag Road Runners

#### Fred & Peggy Betzhold by

John Wilkinson

#### H. Peter Burg by

Eileen Burg

#### Sondra Constant by

East Central Ohio Mensa

#### Joan Currington by

East Central Ohio Mensa

#### Mary Ann Deveny by

Bruce & Sandy Bailey

#### Darlene DeYoung by

Dr. Keith & Carol Kaufman

#### Dolly DeYoung by

Mrs. George T. Parry

#### Andrew T. Eliopoulos by

The Jansky Family

#### Roland E. Gamble by

Mark & Cheryl Gamble

#### Clifford J. Isroff by

Drs. Mark & Sandy Auburn

Bob & Vicki Merzweiler

#### John W. Jahant by

Bruce & Sandy Bailey

#### Marlene Jividen by

Willeane V. Schrock

#### Kierstadt by

William & Virginia Maki

#### Dan Marchetta by

Barbara Ann Hudak

#### Daniel Marchetta Sr. by

Bruce & Sandy Bailey

#### Sister Agatha Miller by

John Wilkinson

#### June Young Pak by

Samuel Sik & Young Wook Pak

#### Howard Palmer by

Bernadine Burchett

#### Angie Pritchard by

Christine Cotey

#### Joan Rog by

Michael & Jamie Baach

Stephen Detweiler

Tony Kington

Charles & Deborah Reichheld

Jeffrey & Diane Rog

Joseph Rog Jr.

#### Leonard Sainato by

Connie Korden

#### Barbara L. Steinkerchner by

Patrick & Nancy Roberts

#### Ted William by

Rebecca Newman

Kelly Smithers

Jennifer Williams

### Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:

#### Natalie Cook by

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Mrs. George T. Parry

#### Richard Herberich by

Mrs. George T. Parry

#### Stuart Kenan by

Ray & Sherrie Kimberly

### Akron Garden Club Frank Fund for:

#### M. Stuart Kenan by

Liz & Blair Scott

### Akron-Summit County Public Library Endowment Fund for:

#### Gary E. Reiter by

Priscilla Campana

#### Kenneth L. Tharp by

Priscilla Campana

### Bath Community Fund for:

#### Lester & Evelyn Swartz by

Jim & Carol Swartz

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

#### Brandon Allen by

Cindy & Mike Hensley

### Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:

#### Jeanne Marhofer by

Michael & Loraine Craig

Mary Ann Devine

Joseph & Dena Haag

Frank Janecek

John & Regina Lindeman

Anthony & Patricia Lionetti

Jennifer Moretti

Brent Pietrafese

Robert A. Prots

Linda E. Reinker

Jim Rodgers

John & Eva Schulz

### John N. Economou Scholarship Fund for:

#### Katie Fygetakis by

Elena Economou

#### Mary S. Pappas by

Elena Economou

#### Nathaniel Wright by

Elena Economou

### Fighting For Alyssa — FFA Fund for:

#### Alyssa Apostolakis by

Pamela Baker

Carrie & John Nouse

Anthony Place

Kelsey Sparks

Gianna Xagoraris

### Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund for:

#### Paul Eisenzimmer by

Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

#### Helen Kastein by

Barbara Beiling

#### Kitty by

Barbara Beiling

#### Carolyn Lajzer by

Amy B. Garrett

#### Manny by

Barbara Beiling

#### Jane Mesereau by

Philip & Joan Brower

#### Marie Weber by

Fran Waybright  
**Junior Achievement of North  
Central Ohio Endowment Fund for:**

**Sheri Best by**  
Junior Achievement of North  
Central Ohio Inc.

**MAPS Air Museum Endowment  
Fund for:**

**Leo Mock by**  
David J. Caplan

**Medina County Arts Council  
Endowment Fund for:**

**Marlene Jividen by**  
Nancy Sprowls

**Medina County Women's  
Endowment Fund for:**

**Madeline Arnold by**  
Alanna Arnold

**Helen Falk by**  
Janice Falk

**Germaine Mason by**  
Janice Falk

**Pauline Meneely by**  
Katie Horn Woodcock

**Clara Welling by**  
Alanna Arnold

**Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy  
of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund  
for:**

**Marissa A. Norwood by**  
Climon Lee III Ph.D.

**One-In-Six Foundation Endowment  
Fund for:**

**Mike Sammons by**  
Charles Johnson

**Benjamin E. Parke Memorial Fund  
for:**

**Ben Parke by**  
Diana Aey  
Laura Kritzell

**St. Mary Urban Education  
Endowment Fund for:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bellett by**  
Dolores Bellett

**Everett L. Shumate Fund for:**

**Everett Shumate by**  
Dr. Sarah E. Shumate

**Minerva Shumate by**  
Lee Everett & Diana Shumate

Dr. Sarah E. Shumate  
**TRIBUTE GIFTS TO:**  
**Akron Community Foundation for:**

**Bill & Donae by**  
Melina & Dan Boyce

**Charlie & Mary Booth by**  
Kathryn Booth

**Marilyn Meyers Buckey by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Eileen Burg by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund  
James J. & Amy B. Cole

**Richard Chenoweth by**  
Bill Chenoweth  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Getz  
Dick & Gindy Smith  
Jean & Tony Vernon  
Christine C. Yuhasz

**Steven Cox by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep by**  
Chris & Ami Cline

**Allan & Jan Etling by**  
Mr. & Mrs. John H Franklin Jr.

**Naomi Ganoë by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Beth Lawton by**  
Patricia Chaloupek

**Philip & Peggy Lloyd by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Robert Malone by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Janise Parry by**  
James M. Parry

**Don L. Plusquellic by**  
Judy & Roger Read

**Gerald Reeves by**  
Frederick & Margaret Lombardi

**David Venarge by**  
Jennifer DiSalvo

**David & Cheryl Venarge by**

Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Betty Wilkinson by**  
John Wilkinson

**David & Betty Wilkinson by**  
John Wilkinson

**Michael J. Zeleznik by**  
Akron Community Foundation's  
Discretionary Fund

**Akron Garden Club Endowment  
Fund for:**

**Kyra Bosnik by**  
Liz & Blair Scott

**Bath Community Fund for:**

**LeBron James by**  
Joanne V. Konstand  
Kathy Sidaway

**Larry Nance Jr. by**  
Joanne V. Konstand  
Kathy Sidaway

**Mary K. Booth Endowment Fund of  
the Women's Endowment Fund for:**

**Kathryn Booth by**  
Diane Bray  
CommonGood Consulting Inc.  
Ruthie George  
Cindy Johnson  
Jackie McDermott

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**WOMEN'S  
ENDOWMENT**  
An Akron Community Foundation Fund 

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to all of the donors who made memorial and tribute gifts to the Women's Endowment Fund during the last quarter. These gifts will be featured in the fund's next newsletter and can be viewed online at [www.akroncf.org/WEFGifts](http://www.akroncf.org/WEFGifts).



# SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS



Photo courtesy of Hudson Public Schools

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARD \$323,870

From Sept. 1, 2014, to Aug. 31, 2015, 183 students received a total of \$323,870 in scholarship awards. Akron Community Foundation scholarship funds awarded \$154,850, while \$169,020 was awarded from the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund Scholarships. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!

### HUDSON RECIPIENTS

**Marion Albee Scholarship Fund**  
Nathaniel Schumacher

#### Barlow Fund

Julia Barbur, Kennedy Bell, Alair Boshela, Jenna Bouquet, Alexis Boyages, Dylan Carlson, Thomas E. Collins, Loretta Cook, Emily Erdmann, Allison Evans, Deanna Fernando, Jennifer Frantz, Kendall Furbee, Mary Catherine Good, Ashley Gough, Olivia Green, Jessica Hill, Will Hogan, Daniel Huang, Linsey Hughes, Matt Hutcheson, Chris Ito, Benjamin Janesch, Jared Jesionek, Margaret Jia, Rachel Johnstone, Connor Kasarda, Yeji Kim, Brittany Kozar, Megan Lee, Maureen Madar, Alec James Maier, Jacqueline Mazurek, Sean McKeon, David McVan, Hannah Monsman, Tanner Nelson, Michael (Max) Orazen, Patricia Penlington, Anne Peterson, Sydney Pilarcik, Meredith Pinkerton, Alexis Proskovec, Lydia Ramlo, Ashley Reed, Tim Reiman, Colton Rowell, Kelsey Russo, Haley Sommer, Crystal Song, Jacob

Stuursma, Jielu Wang, Chloe Webster, Hannah E. Wright, Steven Xie

**Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund**  
Laura Klooststra

**Harry D. Bubbs Scholarship Fund**  
Joe Martin

**Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund**  
Dean Miller

**Scott Case Memorial Fund**  
Jensen Ferris, Dominic Polifrone

**Les Dingleline Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Ashley Gough, Tim Reiman

**Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund**  
Colton Rowell

**Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund**  
Cate Cronan

**Raymond Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Matthew Righthour, Sarah Wolanske

**Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Teghan Piper

**Dante B. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund**  
Michael (Max) Orazen

**Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund**  
Kendall Furbee, Olivia Green, Andrew Kern

**June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Jared Jesionek, Reid Robinson

**Stevenson Award Fund**  
Crystal Song

### ACF RECIPIENTS

**AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund**  
Karen T. Knerem, Arlena Nicole Lockard

**Acorn Scholarship Fund**  
Jordan E. Euell, Bichelle Jeffries, Dannysha Luna, Derek C. Lutz, Brittany Mosley, Zachary R. Spannbauer

**Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Courtney McNeil



**Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club  
Scholarship Fund**  
Nathan Enos, Elijah Forbes, Johnny  
Rogers

**Martin O. Chapman Humanitarian  
Scholarship Fund**  
Noland Palmer, Innocencia  
Sphapmixay

**Richard Chenoweth Qualified  
Designated Scholarship Fund**  
Stephanie M. Aceto, Anthony W.  
Brown, Carmen M. Connalley,  
Jordan E. Euell, Catherine V.  
Farrance, Daisya M. Hadden, Alexis  
N. Hanson, Alexandra L. Heminger,  
Megan M. Hirsch, JoAnna M.  
Hrepcak, Shariah P. Johnson,  
Brooke L. Keller, Maurice L. Mackey,  
Olivia M. Myers, Daniel V. Tassiello,  
Lindsey M. VonStein, Cara L. Walton

**Coming Together Diversity  
Scholarship Fund**  
Michael Twymon

**Michael Corbett Memorial Fund**  
Anna M. Biasella, Jillian R. Leiter

**Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**  
Shaun A. Gilmour, Kellie K. Holt,  
Mitchell C. Monnin, Leslie A. Rush,  
Brooke A. Tilley

**Dombo-Fielder Communication  
Scholarship for Women**  
Katherine M. Hickman, Bichelle  
Jeffries

**Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund**  
Tess E. Powers

**Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund**  
Sean M. Burnham, Rachel E.  
Johnstone

**Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund**  
Simone M. Green

**Erwin & Katherine Geis  
Scholarship Fund**  
Gabrielle M. Azar, Sierra (Aaron) M.  
Azar, Carmella L. Grieder, Joseph R.  
Henry, Alexa L. Menichini, Vincent  
S.L. Schillero

**Glick-Zedak Scholarship Fund**  
Ashley Hendricks, Delvonta Mallory

**Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H  
Scholarship Fund**  
Ryan Kisamore, Megan Macintyre

**Timothy L. Holston Scholarship Fund**  
Jacob Bauer, Kacia Robinson

**Abby Lippy Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**  
Laura Klooststra, Crystal Song

**Litchfield Community  
Scholarship Fund**  
Veronica R. Bagley, Ariel Bryant,  
Erica A. Fauver, Mikayla J. Lepole,  
Hannah R. Stacy, Alexander S. Wilk,  
Michaela A. Yurik

**Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund**  
Lori Cook, Nicholas Klein, Tim  
Reiman

**Scott T. Malson Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**  
Tanner L. Nelson, Matthew  
Rightnour

**Marbles Champions  
Scholarship Fund**  
Monica Feltman

**Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund**  
Hannah Isenhardt

**Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund**  
Daniel A. Chudzinski, Julie N. Matz,  
Kendra Willhoite

**Esther Simonetti Owen Future  
Educators Scholarship Fund**  
Hanna Kester

**Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund**  
Robert L. Harris

**Bettie Portwood Summit  
County Pest Control Association  
Scholarship Fund**  
Hunter T. Olds

**Ruocco-Hudson Small Group  
Instruction Scholarship Fund**  
Ross P. Thrams

**Faye L. Smith Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**  
Grace Berry, Joel Gerberich, Andrea  
Huther, Emily Nosek, Emily Seifert,  
Ryan Struckel

**John T. and Julia A. Spellman  
Scholarship Fund**  
Michaela C. Blom, Mary Bozsik,  
Shana R. DeBerte, Olivia M. Myers,  
Tyler C. Severns, Daniel V. Tassiello,  
Kelly N. Weitzel

**Michelle M. Vasenda Fund**  
Emma R. Bowden

**David R. Venarge Scholarship Fund**  
Collin R. Hefner, Paige K. Marty,  
Lindsey E. Ritenour, Bridget N. Star,  
Madison L. Summers

**Edith Wiskind English Literacy  
Scholarship Fund**  
Makenzie C. Conner

**Witan Presidents' Scholarship Fund**  
Kay Miller

**Woman's Club of Hudson  
Scholarship Fund**  
Allison Baylor, Haley Sommer,  
Kaylyn Sweitzer

**Vincent Yambrovich Engineering  
Scholarship Fund**  
Lucas A. Bryant, Jakeb N. Johnson,  
Sean M. Malloy, George M. Rusinko

# GRANTS & INITIATIVES

Art Sparks' Wiggle Jig program



## YOUR GRANTS

This quarter, your donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship funds made 343 grants totaling \$2,239,052. The following is a sampling of the programs you supported:

### Art Sparks

For expansion of the Wiggle Jig program in Summit County Head Start locations, \$6,500

### Bhutanese Community Association of Akron Inc.

To attract, retain and assimilate members of the Bhutanese community in Akron, \$10,000

### Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

To support the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center's All the Rivers Run resident program, \$25,000

### United Way of Summit County

To support the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens 2nd Century Campaign, \$5,000

## \$500,000 IN GRANTS AWARDED TO CIVIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS

On Friday, Sept. 11, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors approved \$459,000 in competitive civic affairs grants chosen by our Community Investment Committee.

In addition to those board-directed grants, three funds — the Howard Atwood Family Fund, the Robert A. and Jean C. Meyers Family Fund, and an anonymous fund — contributed \$41,000 to civic affairs programs through the community foundation's co-investment program.

In all, more than \$60,000 will fund economic development and employment initiatives in the Greater Akron area. A \$10,000 grant to Summit Workforce Solutions will fund the pilot of a skills-based hiring program called TalentNEO, addressing a need that emerged in Akron Community Foundation's most recent community report.

During the first year of the program, a group of early adopter companies will agree to supplement their hiring process, which often requires applicants to have a degree, with one that also recognizes applicants' workplace skills as a legitimate credential in place of a degree. According to Sue Lacy, president of Summit Workforce Solutions, the approach aims to uncover hidden talent in the community and expand the talent pool for participating companies.

"When this program was implemented by Innovate+Educate, a New Mexico nonprofit that developed the initiative to promote competency-based hiring, participating companies experienced savings in hiring and training costs, and a reduction in turnover," she said. "Together with our community partners who are prepared to host assessment sites for job seekers and a network of early adopter companies that continues to grow, Summit County is well-positioned to leverage the success of skills-based hiring efforts in other parts of the country."

To see a full list of the civic affairs grants, visit [www.akroncf.org/civicaffairsgrants](http://www.akroncf.org/civicaffairsgrants). To learn how we can connect you with grant opportunities through our grant co-investment program, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president of development and donor engagement, at 330-436-5610 or [mmedzie@akroncf.org](mailto:mmedzie@akroncf.org).

# MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS



## IN MEMORIAM

On June 30, the Akron community lost a dedicated leader and philanthropist.

Clifford Isroff was a former board member of Akron Community Foundation, as well as a past Polsky Award winner with his late wife, Judith.

Clifford was known throughout Akron for his leadership, serving as a longtime director of FirstMerit Corp. and as president of Sterling Jewelers Inc. after the company purchased his family's business, Westhall Co.

In 1995, the Isroffs established the Judith and Clifford Isroff Fund, a donor-advised fund at Akron Community Foundation that allowed them to give back to their favorite causes, a tradition now being carried on by their family. To give in Clifford's memory, visit [www.akroncf.org/give/IsroffFund](http://www.akroncf.org/give/IsroffFund).

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## SAVE THE DATE



### MCWEF Festival of Trees

**Nov. 5, 2015**

**6 PM**

**Weymouth Country Club**

Kick off the holiday season by joining the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund for a festive evening of dinner, wine, and live and silent auctions of uniquely decorated trees, holiday decorations, and personal service packages. Details and online registration are available at [www.akroncf.org/FestivalofTrees](http://www.akroncf.org/FestivalofTrees).

### #LoveHopeCure

**Nov. 6, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

**Sheraton Suites**

Enjoy dinner and auctions to benefit the Elise's Corner Fund of Akron Community Foundation. The fund supports research efforts to identify treatments, therapies, and ultimately a cure for Alexander disease and other leukodystrophies. For more information or to register, visit [www.akroncf.org/LoveHopeCure](http://www.akroncf.org/LoveHopeCure).

### GCEF Sugar Plum Tour

**Dec. 6, 2015**

**1 PM**

**Locations throughout Akron**

Get in the holiday spirit by touring five of the area's most, festively decorated historic and contemporary homes. In addition, patron-level ticketholders will enjoy an exclusive party at a sixth home from 5:30-8:30 p.m. More information is available at [www.sugarplumtour.com](http://www.sugarplumtour.com).