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On display in the Akron Community Foundation lobby are works by talented local artists like Katina Pastis Radwanski, whose painting titled "Controlling the Mass" can be seen across from our reception desk. Many of the works are for sale, and details are available by contacting De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522.

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SHAPING CHANGE

By John T. Petures Jr.

In his farewell address from the Oval Office nearly 30 years ago, President Ronald Reagan said, "All great change in America begins at the dinner table." This message resonates as a wonderful reminder of the value of Akron Community Foundation's On the Table discussions, which were hosted in homes, offices, churches, community centers and nonprofit organizations throughout Greater Akron on Oct. 3.

Feedback from these conversations will help your community foundation shape its proactive grant-making strategies and funding priorities in the years ahead. I truly believe these discussions could not have come at a better time, as our community and country struggle to move in a unified direction and address the complex challenges that strike at the very heart of our democracy. We're grateful to the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, our many sponsors, and the nearly 6,000 friends and neighbors who came to the table to break bread and, with civility, discuss and brainstorm ways to strengthen our

community. We look forward to sharing those insights with you as we work together to transform Greater Akron into a more vibrant and dynamic region.

We're also honored to have celebrated the incredible legacy of Judge Carla Moore on Oct. 17 as she joined the ranks of other extraordinary community leaders to become the 50th recipient of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. Congratulations to Carla on this much-deserved recognition, and thank you to our esteemed committee of past honorees, who continue to set such a high bar of excellence for future nominees.

As year-end approaches, I hope you'll join me in considering ways we might give back to those who need it most in our community. And, of course, please remember your community foundation is here to embrace your plans and assist you in any way possible in fulfilling your personal philanthropic dreams. I wish you and yours a peaceful and joyful holiday season. 🌿

BACK & FORTH

Teresa (LeGrair), I am still elevated from our meeting the other day. You were so uncommonly generous with your valuable time and sharing of information extending beyond the narrow focus of the grant application process. I would rave about your personal talents to anyone because it is obvious ACF is fortunate to have you.

Scott Reisberg
Akron Blind Center

Many thanks for inviting us to be the hosts last night for the new fundholders reception. We were so proud to represent ACF in this capacity, and we loved having the opportunity to meet the attendees. ACF is so important to us and we are sure that these people will feel the same way. Thank you for all that you do to make Akron a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Susan & Bryan Kinnamon
Donor-Advised Fundholders

On Monday evening, Skip and I attended the Akron Community Foundation annual meeting. We were so happy to see Skip's mom's scholarship foundation listed under the Project Ed Bear Scholarship. Norma started the scholarship fund many years ago. What a great legacy she has left in our community. Skip and I aspire to leave such a legacy as well. We are proud to be part of Akron Community Foundation. It truly is an amazing organization.

Susan Summerville
Project Ed Bear Inc. Scholarship Fund

Last week, we were able to take a group to the Weathervane Playhouse for our first PACT program of the upcoming school year. The grant from ACF allows us to transport the families from the (homeless) shelters and provide books and study guides for the attendees. After the show, the attendees were able to take a backstage tour of the playhouse - a truly special experience!

Project R.I.S.E., Akron Public Schools
Grant Recipient



Project R.I.S.E. students interact with the cast of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

Special thank you to Akron Community Foundation for hosting our (growing) board meeting last Monday in the midst of their annual meeting prep. Special shoutout to De Shawn Pickett, who is celebrating 17 years with the organization. Thank you for your commitment to #Akron!

Women's Network
Akron, OH

I would personally like to thank you for taking the time to review and select my application for your scholarship. Without the help of clubs and foundations like the Gay Community Endowment Fund, students like me would be unable to afford an education. Again, thank you for your help. I truly appreciate it.

Dusstyn Reynolds
GCEF Scholarship Fund Recipient

Talk To Us! Do you have a note of appreciation you'd like to share? Perhaps a photo of the good work our grantees and fundholders are doing in the community? Send it to Kinsey Ury, Marketing Assistant, Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron, OH 44307 or kury@akroncf.org. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

FROM FACEBOOK

Summit Artspace

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Thank you, Akron Community Foundation, for your continued support of local art and artists through #SummitArtspace's many programs celebrating the creativity of our region. This gift means more color and imagination has a place to be shared!

The Nightlight

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Shoutout to Akron Community Foundation for being a supporter of great cinema in Akron! Their recent grant is a boon to the vibrancy and vitality of this Akron art house. Thanks, ACF!





**COMPARATIVE
SUMMARY
STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL
POSITION**
In Thousands

The following is the audited financial statement for Akron Community Foundation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. ACF is audited on an annual basis by Sikich LLP. More information is available at www.akroncf.org/Financials.

ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$9,556	\$6,381
Accrued investment income	\$168	\$166
Contributions receivable, net	\$167	\$268
Prepaid expenses	\$87	\$68
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$61	\$57
Note receivable	\$944	\$1,057
Property and equipment, net	\$1,381	\$1,453
Investments	\$177,931	\$161,869
Trust accounts	\$10,888	\$10,135
Real property held for investment	\$552	\$552
Total Assets	\$201,735	\$182,006
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Grants approved for future payment	\$648	\$389
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$484	\$483
Funds held as agency endowment obligations	\$23,330	\$22,344
Total Liabilities	\$24,462	\$23,216
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	\$91,278	\$82,108
Temporarily restricted	\$45,130	\$36,108
Permanently restricted	\$40,865	\$40,574
Total Net Assets	\$177,273	\$158,790
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$201,735	\$182,006
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$15,122	\$10,470
Investment income	\$3,463	\$3,593
Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments and trust accounts	\$15,450	(\$10,678)
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Contributions	(\$253)	(\$1,325)
Investment income	(\$355)	(\$388)
Net (appreciation) depreciation in investments	(\$1,933)	\$1,333
Total Revenues and Other Support	\$31,494	\$3,005
EXPENSES		
Grants and other distributions	\$11,430	\$9,695
Administrative expenses	\$2,382	\$2,385
Investment expenses	\$753	\$704
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Grants and other distributions	(\$1,246)	(\$962)
Administrative expenses	(\$230)	(\$225)
Investment expenses	(\$78)	(\$76)
Total Expenses	\$13,011	\$11,521
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$18,483	(\$8,516)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$158,790	\$167,306
Net Assets, End of Year	\$177,273	\$158,790

Thank you for an incredible year of giving!

ACF: *By The* NUMBERS

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017, we achieved:

42
NEW FUNDS

\$201
million
in assets
(An all-time high)

\$9.1

million in funding for
Summit County
nonprofits

NEARLY 570
Total Funds

6,295
gifts totaling greater than
\$15.1 MILLION

For a full list of donors, visit www.akroncf.org/Donors.

MORE THAN
\$11.4 MILLION
in grants and distributions from 314 funds
(An all-time high)



NEW FUNDS

Donor-Advised Funds

Linda and Jared Chaney Family Fund
 Emma and David Family Fund
 Patricia Hansel Fund
 Jennifer Hendryx Fund
 Huntington-Akron Foundation Sustainability Fund
 Kisling, Nestico & Redick Fund
 Medina Sunrise Rotary Community Fund
 Scott T. Read Family Fund
 Schrank Harkey Fund
 Brian J. Sebastian Fund
 This Town is My Town Fund
 Merle and Nancy Worman Fund

For the first half of fiscal year 2018, April 1 to Sept. 30, 2017, we were pleased to welcome 20 new funds established by organizations and people from all walks of life.

Scholarship Funds

- David and Sandra Nedoh Scholarship Fund**
Established to provide scholarships to Wadsworth High School graduates who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need
- Joseph L. Ruby Student Scholarship Fund**
Established in honor of Direction Home Akron Canton's former president and CEO, Joseph Ruby, to award scholarships to students pursuing a career in gerontology, social work, nursing or a related health care program

Agency Endowment Funds

- Coleman Professional Services Endowment Fund for Mental Health and Addictions Recovery**
- Countryside Conservancy Fund - In Memory of Darwin Kelsey**
- Mobile Meals Endowment Fund**
- Tri-County Independent Living Center Endowment Fund**

Field-of-Interest Funds

- The J.M. Smucker Company Fund**
To support programs for women and girls and local education initiatives

Unrestricted Funds

Howard and Margaret Palmer Fund

Legacy Funds: Funds that were designed by their founders to grow in perpetuity.

6 TYPES OF FUNDS

Learn more about your fund options at www.akroncf.org/FundTypes.

DO IT YOURSELF

Donor-Advised Funds

A great private foundation alternative – you choose the grants

Designated Funds

Support one or more of your favorite organizations

Agency Endowment Funds

A predictable stream of income for your nonprofit

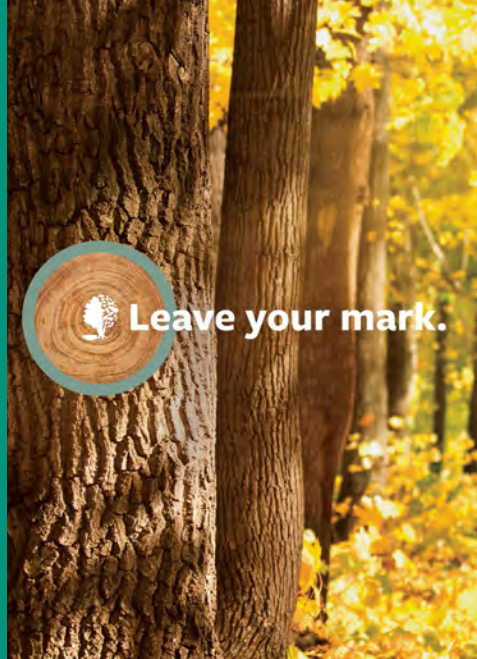
ANONYMOUS DONOR LEAVES \$2.4 MILLION ESTATE GIFT

When a retired schoolteacher and administrator passed away earlier this year, she left behind a lasting legacy in not only education, but also in charitable giving. Through a bequest in her will, the lifelong Summit County resident gave nearly \$2.4 million to Akron Community Foundation and more than \$1 million to Barberton Community Foundation.

The woman's attorneys, Philip Kaufmann and Loma Swett, both partners at Stark & Knoll, met with her to discuss her estate plans and said they weren't surprised that this private woman desired anonymity in her charitable giving, even after her death. But, she also wanted to make sure her gift would have an enduring impact on the community she called home. Knowing her wishes, the attorneys recommended she give through her local community foundations.

The woman's bequest was not designated to a particular cause; instead, she chose to let the community foundation decide where her dollars would have the greatest impact. The unrestricted fund that was established in her name at Akron Community Foundation will support emerging needs in the community through the foundation's quarterly grantmaking.

"More than \$100,000 will be going back into the community every year, forever, thanks to the generosity of this one woman," said John T. Petures Jr., president and CEO of Akron Community Foundation. "And while her gift was unrestricted, we want to honor her decades of service to the youth in this community by using her gift to fund educational programming. We think she would have liked that."



Leave your mark.

Like this retired educator, you can also leave your mark on the community through a bequest in your will to establish a charitable fund in your or your family's name at Akron Community Foundation. Your gift will join the more than \$200 million in pooled assets that we manage. We receive top-tier investment management at reduced rates, leaving more of your fund to grow and give back to your favorite causes and charities – forever.

In our free guide to charitable bequests, you can read about local people who plan to leave their mark on the community: from former police officers who plan to establish a scholarship fund with their bequest to a retired nurse who will use her gift of retirement assets to ensure the long-term health of her favorite charities.

To learn more, read "Leave Your Mark," our guide to charitable bequests, by visiting www.akroncf.org/BequestGuide or by requesting a mailed printed copy from kury@akroncf.org.

DO IT WITH HELP

Scholarship Funds

Fund students' education in your or a loved one's name

Field-of-Interest Funds

Permanently advance a cause you're passionate about

Unrestricted Funds

Meet the community's ever-changing needs



YOUR VOICE

Matters

By Chris Miller

How 6,000 people came together to make a difference



What can we do together to create a stronger community?

That was the seemingly simple, yet decidedly complex question posed to nearly 6,000 Summit and Medina county residents who participated in On the Table Greater Akron on Oct. 3.

The concept: Register to host a group of friends, family members, colleagues or even strangers over a meal to tackle the important question of how we can improve our community – together.

While the idea was new to Greater Akron, On the Table first started in Chicago in 2014 and has since been replicated in cities across the country. Akron Community Foundation was one of 10 community foundations selected to lead the initiative this year, thanks to a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

During the event, residents from every corner of the community gathered in small groups to discuss pressing civic issues. More than 540 of these meaningful conversations took place in schools, parks, churches, restaurants, office lunchrooms and family dining rooms throughout the region.

And the discussions were as diverse as the people gathered around the tables. No topic was off limits, with conversations

ranging from public safety, jobs, crime and racial divides to the opiate epidemic, arts, education and transportation.

GAINING MOMENTUM

By the time On the Table kicked off, more than 30 organizations had already committed to participating as super hosts by agreeing to host 15 or more conversations. Churches, school systems and nonprofits alike signed up to host discussions in Akron and throughout surrounding communities such as Hudson, Tallmadge and Portage Lakes. Involvement in the initiative started at the top, with Summit County and the City of Akron registering as super hosts early on.

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, who also serves as vice chair of the community foundation's board, led a countywide effort to engage leaders of other Summit County communities to ensure a broad range of voices would be heard outside of the traditional Akron footprint.

Keeping an ear to the ground in each community is an important part of her job, and Shapiro said she is interested to see how the themes that emerge from conversations throughout the county compare to the issues discussed within her own administration.



“Transportation. Education. Opiates. How do you take these big issues and boil them down to something that is practical?” Shapiro asked. “We have a lot of folks that work, for example, on the opiate issue. But is it really coordinated in getting us where we need to go? I look forward to hearing what other people think so that those of us that might be in a position of being able to structure something have feedback from across the population.”

Akron Mayor Dan Horrigan, who personally hosted a group of city staffers from various departments, said he is eager to review the results from the community at large.

“I think you make better decisions with better data,” Horrigan said. “And (hearing from people directly) is the best data that you can get, period.”

DIGGING DEEPER

For South Street Ministries, Oct. 3 could have been just another Tuesday. The grassroots organization has been bringing unlikely people together for conversation, mentorship and guidance for much of its 20-year existence.

“We do value conversation and bringing people from different backgrounds together,” said Executive Director Joe Tucker, who added that discussions at the nonprofit’s Front Porch Cafe in South Akron run the gamut from race and local food to re-entry for formerly incarcerated residents.

“This is the work we do in our day-to-day, so it came very naturally for us to step into this (On the Table initiative),” said Amber Cullen, communications director at South Street Ministries.

“As for myself, I believe in the power of conversation and the power of listening to transform and change individuals and systems,” said Cullen, who recalled an inspiring conversation she had with an intergenerational group of women. “Hearing the women that were older than me process their own questions about vocation, identity and life gave me comfort that I’m not alone. I didn’t expect that deep spiritual connection with strangers, simply (through) conversation.”

Like Cullen’s experience, some of the most candid discussions at On the Table took place among strangers. Several host organizations opened their conversations to the general public to attract a broader cross section of people and ideas. At the Ellet library, a diverse group of attendees discussed the changing dynamics of community connectedness. They noted that while older generations tend to be more neighborhood-focused, younger generations are more concerned with national and global issues, often missing what goes on in their own backyards.

Meanwhile, officials in Hudson – another super host – dedicated the entire city’s conversations to the opiate epidemic, echoing the growing chorus of stories shared at tables throughout Summit and Medina counties about this public health crisis.

“You can’t arrest everybody, and you can’t put everybody in jail,” said one local resident, whose group met at the Summit County Courthouse. “It’s blowing up our communities. Children are left being raised by their grandparents and aunts and uncles. We’ve got to invest real dollars and long-term (recovery support) back into people.”



UNCOVERING SOLUTIONS

“While we know people participated to have their voice heard, that was just the first step,” said John T. Petures Jr., president and CEO of Akron Community Foundation. “Ultimately, they want to see action.”

Thousands of surveys from the event are being tabulated by the University of Illinois at Chicago’s Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement. The resulting report will analyze the overarching themes and ideas discussed throughout the day.

“Going forward, the data we gather will help us determine how we can champion these ideas through our proactive grantmaking,” Petures said.

But it’s not just the community foundation creating change. Individual participants are already taking action steps to improve their communities based on the solutions they discussed and the connections they made at On the Table.

In North Hill, teens from the Akron PeaceMakers program met their counterparts from Warren, Ohio. The groups were surprised to learn both cities have a large population of immigrants and refugees.

For South Street Ministries, one of the most rewarding outcomes was the opportunity to connect with an organization right down the street. The Akron Masjid, a neighborhood Islamic center, hosted its own On the Table conversation.

“This mosque sits on the corner of Summit Lake and South Akron and had not been very involved in any community work or conversations until this year,” Tucker explained.

In North Akron, residents discussed practical ways they could positively impact their neighborhood on a personal level, such as teaching resettled neighbors how to use a lawn mower – a task that may be daunting to someone who has never used outdoor lawn equipment before immigrating to the United States.

Even a hot cup of coffee can lead to a creative solution. In Firestone Park, a coffee shop plans to start offering a free cup of joe to police officers to encourage their presence in the neighborhood.

“Change doesn’t always have to be a massive undertaking,” said Petures. “We believe the simple act of talking to one another, understanding one another, and helping one another can create powerful change for our community. And we’re already seeing the results of that.” 🌱

Make sure you have a seat at the table when survey results are announced in early 2018. To receive On the Table Greater Akron updates, sign up for our “ACF News” list at www.akroncf.org/Enews.







Local experts gathered at the Women's Endowment Fund's recent community forum to discuss the complex factors that contribute to infant mortality in Summit County.

FUNDS & INITIATIVES

BATH COMMUNITY FUND

Leaders of Bath Community Fund are in the midst of a strategic effort to secure major gifts for the fund's "For Bath, Forever" endowment campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$2.018 million by Bath's bicentennial in 2018, which would allow the fund to grant at least \$100,000 back into the township each year. Such grants could support arts and youth programs, conserve wetlands, expand the Bath Veterans' Memorial and more.

"Bath is a place of abundant resources, but it also has unique needs and challenges," said campaign co-chair Amy Bowers. "This is an opportunity for people who care about the future of Bath to leave a lasting legacy in our community." Learn more about the campaign and see a list of donors at www.akroncf.org/BCF.

Bath Community Fund will announce its second round of grants in November. For a complete list of recipients, visit www.akroncf.org/BCFgrants.

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

A recent gift to the Gay Community Endowment Fund will preserve the legacy of a local gay rights pioneer and former University of Akron professor. Dr. Walter Sheppe, who helped



found the university's LGBT Union, died in March at age 89, leaving more than \$13,000 to the fund through a charitable gift annuity. His gift was one of the largest in the fund's history and will support grants to programs that positively impact the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. "We're grateful for the incredible strides Dr. Sheppe made in advancing the rights of LGBT people throughout Greater Akron, and we're proud to carry on his legacy," said GCEF Advisory Board Chair Cindy Christman.

Tickets are still available for the fund's 16th annual Sugar Plum Tour on Sunday, Dec. 3. The event is the signature fundraiser of the Gay Community Endowment Fund and features five exquisitely decorated homes in Bath, Copley, Firestone Park and Highland Square. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.sugarplumtour.org.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund will announce its latest grants in November. For a complete list of recipients, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFgrants.

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

The Medina County Community Fund announced the largest grant in its 24-year history at its annual Spring into Summer event in June. Fund officials presented the \$15,000 grant to Faith in Action Medina County Caregivers for the purchase of a new van to transport area residents to medical appointments. "Without this service, many individuals in our community would be denied access to necessary medical care due to lack of transportation," said Deborah Poland, executive director of Faith in Action.



Altogether, the fund awarded \$27,700 to six local nonprofit organizations this year. More than 85 percent of the grants supported transportation initiatives, which fund leaders

identified as a growing need in Medina County. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MCCFgrants.

Applications for next year's grants are due March 1. Apply online starting Feb. 1 at www.akroncf.org/ApplyMCCF.

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2017, the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund awarded nine grants totaling \$13,000 to programs that improve the lives of local women and children. Among this year's recipients was the Children's Center of Medina County, which received an \$800 grant to replace aging medical equipment for children who have experienced sexual abuse. Other grants provided emergency assistance to women and children in rural communities, supported addiction prevention programs in schools, and educated students about teen dating violence. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MCWEFgrants.

Applications for next year's grants are due March 1. Apply online starting Feb. 1 at www.akroncf.org/ApplyMCWEF.

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

The Millennium Fund for Children celebrated an exciting milestone this fall as it officially surpassed \$1 million in assets. Gifts from individual residents and corporations alike helped the fund reach its goal, including nearly \$40,000 in gifts made during last year's campaign season. See the full list of donors at www.akroncf.org/MillenniumDonors.

Businesses that wish to publicly show their commitment to helping local children can also become a corporate sponsor of the Millennium Fund.



To learn more, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president and chief development officer, at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org.

The Millennium Fund will announce its latest grants in November. For a complete list of recipients, visit www.akroncf.org/MillenniumGrants.



A recent grant from the Vernon L. Odom Fund is equipping minority students at Buchtel CLC to pursue STEM-related careers, including biostatistics and health science.

VERNON L. ODOM FUND

Named for the esteemed former leader of the Akron Urban League, the Vernon L. Odom Fund awards grants to programs that promote diversity and enrich local minority communities. Applications for 2018 grants are due Dec. 15, 2017. Apply online at www.akroncf.org/ApplyOdom.

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In September, the Women's Endowment Fund convened a group of nearly 100 health and social service professionals to discuss issues related to infant mortality in Summit County. The 2017 Forum on Women and Girls brought together experts, service providers and community leaders to talk about the causes surrounding infant deaths and to brainstorm potential solutions. Speakers emphasized the growing racial disparity between infant mortality rates in the African-American community and their white counterparts. "Our black babies are dying at two times the rate of our white babies," said Shaleeta Smith of Summit County Public Health, who cited statistics showing more than 12 out of every 1,000 black babies die before their first birthday.

Information gathered at the forum will ultimately shape the Women's Endowment Fund's grant decisions. The fund plans to award an impact grant of up to \$50,000 next spring to help reduce our county's infant mortality rate. Learn more at www.akroncf.org/WEImpact.

Judge Carla Moore,
2017 Recipient of the
Bert A. Polsky
Humanitarian Award

Giving with
CONVICTION

By Dave Lieberth
Photos by Bruce Ford

When Judge Carla Moore accepted the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award from Akron Community Foundation in October, she was already planning her next humanitarian venture – into the mountains of Jamaica, where the men work in sugar cane fields and the population is becoming increasingly impoverished as automation takes old jobs.

The retired jurist and her husband, Dr. Dan Wilson, will join fellow missionaries in November in Frome, Jamaica, at the western tip of the island nation. It is their third trip in the past two years, and they will join a team providing medical, dental and optical care to the descendants of indentured servants brought to the island centuries ago from India and Africa.

“While Dan works in a dental office with somewhat primitive equipment from sunup to sundown,” says Carla, “I mostly work with children in the schools.”

Her dedication to improving the lives of others and inspiring young people is entirely in character with the hands-on style that Carla developed in her 15 years in the Akron Municipal Court and 12 years on the Ninth District Court of Appeals. It is also representative of an unbroken line over three generations of her family of helping those in need.

Her father, Robert Moore, was a respected teacher in Akron Public Schools. As the assistant principal of Buchtel High School in the 1960s, he meted out discipline to misbehaving students whom he challenged to always be better. (Carla acknowledges more than one boy she liked avoided asking her out to prevent interacting with her dad!)

Her mother, Doris, was the daughter of a Baptist minister in Akron and the youngest of 12 children. As a young woman, she withdrew from Kent State University to care for her own mother, who suffered a stroke. Later, Doris worked in Akron’s public health department and retired as an X-ray technician at Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Hospital.

From these roots, Carla learned discipline and responsibility, but most of all, she learned the importance of education as a “game changer” in the lives of Akron’s African-American community. She knows she was fortunate to have two wonderful parents and a loving extended family in Akron. (In one fond memory, she recalls her Aunt Ruby writing to Jimmy Carter, telling the president he needed to have someone like Carla in his administration.)

After graduating in 1970 from Buchtel High School, where she was active in student council and cheerleading, Carla attended the University of Akron and majored in German language studies, which she had begun as a third-grader at Schumacher Elementary School. She took a stab at being a teacher but quickly realized it was not the right fit, so she headed to law school at The Ohio State University, graduating in 1977.

For three years, Carla worked for the Ohio Attorney General enforcing anti-discrimination laws. There, she came to the attention of family friend James Williams, who was appointed U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Ohio by President Carter. She became chief of his civil division and later chief of appellate litigation for the U.S. attorney’s office.

Akron federal Judge Sam Bell saw something special in Carla, prompting a referral to the long-established firm of Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs. When she accepted an invitation to join the firm in 1988, she thought she could happily spend the rest of her career as a trial attorney.

Somewhat suddenly, however, another family friend, Judge Harold Stubbs of the Akron Municipal Court, became ill and died. It was up to Democratic Gov. Richard Celeste to fill the seat, and many people in Akron felt Carla would be the perfect choice. She took the oath of office in May 1989 and served the court for the next 15 years. She became the first African-American woman to be elected to a judicial seat in Summit County.



"I loved the parade of humanity that came before the court," Carla said.

The municipal court is truly the front line of so many of society's ills. From petty offenses to serious crimes – including drug addiction, domestic abuse, and property disputes between landlords and tenants – Carla has seen it all. In one particularly memorable case, a "church mother" appeared with her misbehaving grandson and offered to "hit him upside the head" if the judge would permit it. (She didn't.)

On another occasion, Carla felt great compassion for a homeless young woman and invited her to spend Christmas with the judge's own family – likely the first nuclear family this woman had ever been part of.

Carla married Dr. Daniel Wilson in 1982. A dentist with an active practice on Copley Road in Akron, he also maintains an office serving a mostly rural and agricultural community in Tuscarawas County. The couple owns a farm in Warsaw, Ohio, where the doctor gets his hands dirty every week maintaining a herd of black angus cattle, and the judge occasionally takes over the role of farm wife.



Akron Community Foundation board chair Steve Strayer helps Carla Moore unveil a portrait that will be displayed in the community foundation's lobby.

They have two children, both of whom have been highly successful. Dan Wilson Jr. graduated from Hiram College and is an internationally acclaimed jazz guitarist who can often be seen onstage at BLU Jazz+ and Jilly's Music Room in Akron.

Their daughter, Michelle Wilson Latting, M.D., is an ophthalmologist and fellow at Duke University's world-renowned Oculofacial and Orbital Surgery Division.

Dave Lieberth: Thank you for the memories



For 27 years, Dave Lieberth has been the master of ceremonies for the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award dinner. And for 27 years, he has mastered the art of making attendees laugh, reflect – and often cry – as he eloquently details the life and legacy of each honoree.

When Akron Community Foundation inherited the Polsky Award from the Greater Akron Chamber in 1990, Dave, a former community

foundation board member, was tapped as the master of ceremonies. Since then, he has helped honor dozens of the most prolific philanthropists in the Greater Akron area.

This year's dinner on Oct. 17 not only marked the Honorable Carla Moore receiving the 50th Polsky Award, but it also marked the culmination of Dave's master of ceremonies role. Thank you, Dave, for a remarkable journey.

In 2004, Carla sought and won a vacant seat on the Ninth District Court of Appeals, where she served for two terms before retiring in February of 2017. Earlier in her career, Chief Justice Thomas Moyer of the Ohio Supreme Court persuaded Carla to join the board of the Ohio Judicial College, where she served from 2005 to 2012, including two years as chair. She also accepted an appointment in 2006 for a national fellowship in the Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource program, which was designed to prepare judges for cases involving complex scientific issues.

Meanwhile, Carla was active in her children's schools, serving on boards at Old Trail and the Lawrence School. She also volunteered on the board of Walsh Jesuit High School and on advisory councils for Malone University and Hiram College. Recently, Carla accepted an appointment from Kent State University President Beverly Warren to become the president's ambassador, serving the needs of minorities and assisting with diversity initiatives.

Her entry into civic affairs came at the urging of one of her mentors, Women's Network co-founder Kathryn Vegso, who put her on the board of the YWCA when she was just 19 years old. In the years since, Carla has volunteered with the Akron Area Association of Churches, Greenleaf Family Center, Akron General Medical Center and the Summa Women's Resource Center. She also served on the board of Akron Community Foundation for nine years, including three years as the board secretary.

Carla is a lifetime member of the NAACP and has served on its local board of trustees. For 10 years, she co-chaired the board of Character Counts.

Her life story is truly a mosaic made up of individual acts of kindness she has given to dozens of children and adults who have benefited from her intelligence, humor and support.

The prayer that she begins every day with is, "Lord, guide my steps today." Not only does she minister to large classes of children on her missionary trips, but each Sunday she assists her husband in his role as a pastor for the House of Jacob in Akron. Her strong faith can be credited to her extended family, including her maternal grandfather, who was the pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in East Akron.

"I have been blessed beyond any expectations I might have dreamed," says the judge, who started her life in a public housing project in Akron and, over six decades, has risen to great heights of accomplishment in the law, in civic life and in her faith. 🌱



— BERT A. —
POLSKY
HUMANITARIAN AWARD
OF AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Each year, Akron Community Foundation presents the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award to the individual or couple who best exemplifies Bert Polsky's selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron.

A committee of past Polsky Humanitarian Award honorees reviews nominations from the community annually, using the following criteria to choose the honoree(s):

- Exceptional volunteer service and commitment to the Greater Akron community
- Tireless efforts to improve the community's quality of life
- Outstanding personal commitment that inspires others
- Leadership and local community service that goes well beyond professional or employment responsibilities

For more information about the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award, or to see a full list of honorees, visit www.akroncf.org/Polsky.

50th POLSKY AWARD PHOTOS

Dave Lieberth, Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Fowler and Mayor Dan Horrigan



John T. Petures Jr.



Carla Moore and Steve Strayer



Dan Wilson Jr.



Eileen Burg and Colleen Reaman





An Ode to Carla Moore

By John T. Petures Jr.

Let's reflect for a moment on the life of a judge
 "Your Honor" seems fitting tonight
 A distinguished career on the bench in this town
 Touching lives, lifting spirits, doing right

A woman of class is how she's often described
 Her mercy and compassion shine through
 A thoughtful glance, a warm embrace
 A selflessness seen from so few

"Servant leader" captures the essence of this woman
 "Servant heart," a true reflection of her life
 Always finding the good in others
 This mother, this jurist, this wife

Carla, we honor and applaud you this evening
 And celebrate your life lived with such grace
 We're better, you see, for you've touched all our lives
 And you've left an enduring mark on this place

Hospitals, colleges, nonprofits and schools
 Have grown stronger through your wisdom and time
 It especially matters as I'm crafting these words
 And scramble to find words that will rhyme

At the center of your life is your family
 Who have seen what you've given and shared
 A loving spirit, an understanding heart
 Always showing us you cared

They say tonight you join other legends
 And we celebrate all that you've done
 A wonderful look back on a remarkable life
 But excitedly so much more to come

Thank you, Carla, for making us better
 As you've tugged at our hearts and our minds
 Decisions from your bench with authority and strength
 Through a spirit that's humble and kind

We celebrate this evening, at this time, at this place
 We value your incredible gifts
 We present our Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award
 This honor, Your Honor, it fits



Michelle Latting, Doris Moore and Carla Moore



Carla Moore, Madeline & Libert Bozzelli
 and Dr. Terry Gordon



Akron Community Foundation continues its growth through recent promotions and new hires. L to R: Gayle Glanville, Dennis Jansky, Tracy Burt, Renee Scherick, Brian Reitz and Kinsey Ury.

NOTEWORTHY

THREE STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATE PROMOTIONS

Congratulations are in order for our former director of marketing, Tracy Burt, who was recently promoted to senior director of marketing and communications. As the leader of our four-person marketing and communications department, Tracy will be responsible for the overall strategic direction of the community foundation's marketing initiatives and management of the organization's brand. Tracy has been an integral part of the community foundation since joining the team in March 2013.

In our finance department, Dennis Jansky was recently promoted to director of accounting and administration. During his nine years with the community foundation, Dennis has become an invaluable member of the team, handling everything from our daily accounting and expense activities to many of our human resources responsibilities.

Finally, also receiving a promotion is Renee Scherick, whose work with our affiliate funds over the past four years will shift from project management and event planning to a focus on major gift fundraising in her role as development officer.

Congratulations to Tracy, Dennis and Renee on their well-deserved promotions!

ACF WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

In addition to the recent promotions, Akron Community Foundation has also added three new staff members in 2017.

Kinsey Ury, our marketing assistant, joined the community foundation in February after earning a bachelor's degree in communications. In addition to managing the daily administrative tasks of the marketing department, Kinsey also assists with the community foundation's publications and other special projects.

Brian Reitz joined Akron Community Foundation in September in a new role as our agency endowment and engagement officer. Brian will work closely with our agency endowment fundholders to help them grow their endowments, as well as cultivate relationships with other nonprofits in the community. Brian has a strong background in nonprofit leadership, having previously served as development director at Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy and director of Hale Farm & Village.

In October, we welcomed our newest staff member, Gayle Glanville, as our affiliate fund liaison. Gayle has extensive experience in both development and volunteer management and will assist our seven affiliate funds with their event planning and operations.

We're proud to welcome all three new staff members to our team!

ACF CEO AND TEAM WIN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to John T. Petures Jr., our president and CEO, for taking home the trophy at this year's Towpath Classic. John and his teammates – ACF board members Bob Cooper and Doug Kuczynski, along with retired Crystal Clinic surgeon Dr. Rob Bell – competed at Roses Run Country Club in August. The annual golf tournament raises funds for the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition.

ON THE TRACK AT MID-OHIO

A special thanks to Joe Gibbs Racing and the Tifft family for featuring Akron Community Foundation on the “No. 19 Akron Community Foundation – Acquire Investments Toyota Camry.” Matt Tifft, the son of ACF fundholders Quinten and Victoria Tifft, raced in the NASCAR Xfinity Mid-Ohio Challenge in August. Tifft earned an impressive third-place finish in the series. Congratulations, Matt!

VP, VICE CHAIR JOIN LEADERSHIP AKRON BOARD

Leadership Akron recently appointed four new members to its board of trustees. Among the four were John Garofalo, ACF's vice president of community investment, and Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, ACF board vice chair. John and Ilene are both graduates of Leadership Akron, which works with local leaders to foster collaboration, address challenges and develop community solutions.

TRUNDLE, LEGRAIR HONORED BY ATHENA

Two of Akron Community Foundation's own were recognized at the 2017 ATHENA Leadership Awards in November. Board member Sylvia Trundle was named a 2017 recipient and Teresa LeGrair, director of community investment, was chosen as a finalist. The ATHENA Leadership Award recognizes women leaders in the community who demonstrate excellence and initiative in their profession and actively assist women in achieving their full leadership potential.

ACF BOARD MEMBER RETIRES FROM APD

In other news about Sylvia Trundle, she retired in June as captain of the Akron Police Department after nearly 30 years on the force. Sylvia is a respected member of our Community Investment Committee, where her passion for Greater Akron strengthens our grant evaluation process. We wish Sylvia a relaxing retirement and thank her for her selfless service to our community.

We Love Good News! Have some good news about one of our staff or board members, past committee members, fundholders or grantees? Send your noteworthy news to kury@akroncf.org.



Bob Cooper, John Petures,
Dr. Rob Bell and Doug Kuczynski



John Garofalo



Ilene Shapiro



Teresa LeGrair



Sylvia Trundle

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Akron Community Foundation's staff worked from sunup to sundown on Oct. 3 for On the Table Greater Akron by hosting conversations, participating in conversations and inputting data. Read more about On the Table on page 8.

