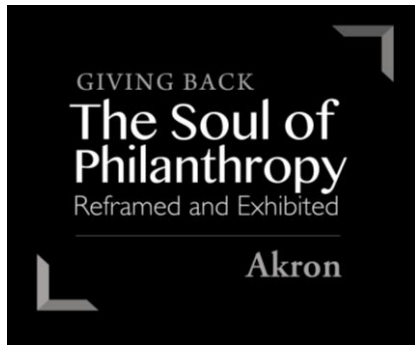




AWARD CATEGORIES

Impact Philanthropist

This category recognizes an outstanding individual whose acts in the community have transformed their space of influence.

Outstanding Youth Philanthropist

This category recognizes service by an outstanding individual (25 or younger), youth group or youth-generated project that has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and/or leadership.

Outstanding Young Adult Philanthropist

This category recognizes service by an outstanding individual (26-40 years old), young adult group or young adult-generated project that has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and/or leadership. Not a requirement of their paid career.

Emerging Philanthropist (Individual or Family)

This category recognizes an outstanding individual or family with a proven record of exceptional generosity (time, talent and/or treasure) and volunteer leadership to one or more Akron area organizations, issues or communities. The emerging philanthropist has: 1) demonstrated extraordinary civic and charitable responsibility, and 2) whose generosity inspires others to philanthropic action for a period of five years or less. This category honors the achievements of a living person; if a family is proposed, there should be at least one living member.

Outstanding Philanthropic Institution

This category recognizes an outstanding Company, Business or Institution that has shown their long-term commitment to uplifting the Black community for an extended period of time (15+ yrs).

Hidden Philanthropist

This category recognizes the unsung hero in our community. Their individual contribution of time, talent and treasure is the engine behind grassroots organizations, churches or communities.

Memorial Philanthropist

This category posthumously recognizes an outstanding individual who was known to throw their time, talent and treasure around anything that supported the culture and advancement of the Black community. Their legacy lives on to inspire future generations.

Philanthropist of the Year

This category recognizes an individual, couple or family who has created, or was instrumental in, a transformative project or activity specifically within the 2024 calendar year.