

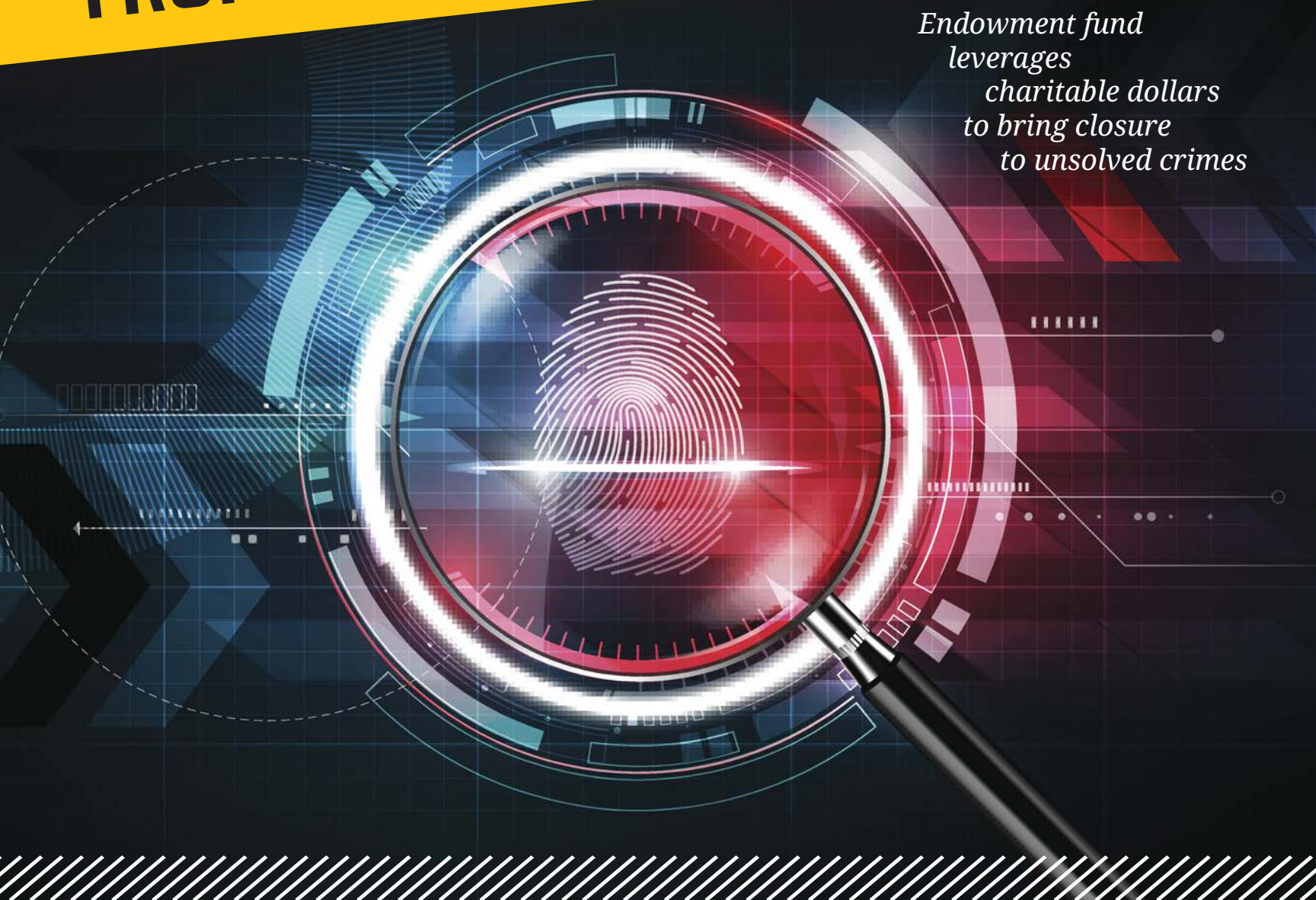
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FROM COLD CASE TO CASE CLOSED

*Endowment fund
leverages
charitable dollars
to bring closure
to unsolved crimes*





Seen on Cedar Street

On display throughout Akron Community Foundation's building are works by talented local artists, including this photograph by Dan Rowland. For information about the artists we feature, contact Chris Miller at cmiller@akroncf.org or 330-436-5627.

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ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955



By John T. Petures Jr.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

This past year has taught me some very important lessons that I'd like to share. Here are two: How very much we actually have and how very little we actually need in our daily lives.

Relying on family members. Staying in touch with dear friends. Meeting virtually with professional colleagues and associates. These connections were a lifeline as we faced the loss of friends and loved ones, as well as thousands of others we'll never meet, whose lives would forever be changed by the scourge that was this pandemic. But we managed to rally and overcome, offering kind words of encouragement, thoughtful expressions of sympathy and sorrow, and sentiments that reflected the hope we have to stay safe and healthy for a brighter tomorrow and better days ahead.

And yes, how generously and unselfishly our community rallied to provide leadership and financial support to uplift those in our community who needed it most. As your community foundation concluded our fiscal year on March 31, 2021, we recorded \$22.1 million in contributions, 52 newly established funds, and over \$20.8 million in grants and distributions back to nonprofits in our community – all record highs since Akron Community Foundation was established in 1955. Thank you, Greater Akron, for your incredible generosity toward your friends and neighbors during this time of such unprecedented need.

Our fiscal year began with a drastic downturn in the market, but thanks to the prudent investment strategies and stewardship of

our board and staff, the foundation's philanthropic capital has since grown to more than \$272 million – another high-water mark for our organization.

How inspiring it was to witness the tireless efforts of thousands of staff leaders, board members, and volunteers who stayed the course and came together to fulfill the missions of charitable organizations throughout Summit and Medina counties. It struck me as ironic that although COVID-19 weakened us physically and mentally, it also strengthened our resolve and taught us remarkable resourcefulness in both our personal and professional lives. Well done, everyone!

That's a reason to celebrate and look confidently ahead as we work to rebuild our community. Recovery may be slow, but we need to be deliberate in recognizing that our pre-pandemic challenges – including hunger and homelessness, systemic racism, disparities in education and employment, and many others – are now even more critical to address as we see some light at the end of this dark and lengthy tunnel.

Your leadership, active involvement, and philanthropic support will always make a difference, and Akron Community Foundation's team stands ready to assist you, your family, or your business in giving back and improving the quality of life around us, today and forever.

Here's to a healthy and prosperous rest of 2021. 🌱

BACK & FORTH

SOCIAL SHOUTOUTS

Limitless Ambition

@limitlessambitioninc

Feeling incredibly thankful! Limitless Ambition would like to thank Akron Community Foundation's Millennium Fund for Children for continuing to support our mission through a grant award for our Dream Kits. Thank you for all that you do!

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

@CVSRailroad

Thank you, Akron Community Foundation! We are excited to announce we have received \$25,000 in grants... thanks to the William C. Krisher Fund and the John A. McAlonan Fund of Akron Community Foundation.

Akron Opera House

@AkronOperaHouse

We are excited to receive a grant from Akron Community Foundation to upgrade stage lighting and spotlights at the opera house. Thank you!!!

Community Support Services

@cssbh

CSS is grateful to the county & @AkronCF for awarding us a \$50,000 grant via the Summit County COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Program & a contribution from @SummitDD. The grant has enabled us to safely serve our clients via telehealth capabilities, increased PPE supplies & more!

The Alpaugh Family Economics Center

@EconomicsCenter

A big thanks to @AkronCF for giving the Center a generous grant to train Summit County educators on our award-winning financial education program, \$martPath!



John (Garofalo), it was a privilege to work alongside your team and you to maximize the impact of these funds (HSC/Summit County Community Health Fund). ACF is a class-act organization doing amazing work, and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you. Sending you all our very best for continued safety, good health, and prosperity, along with our sincere thanks for ALL that you do for the Akron community.

David Kochman
Henry Schein Inc.

John (Petures), thank you and your team for all you do for our community and Akron Children's. The Signal Fall 2020 magazine from ACF crossed my desk today. I read with great interest your column and thoughts about 2020. It was an impressive and heartening message. Your leadership means so much to our community. You and your team made such a difference in 2020. I know 2021 will be challenging and that the foundation's presence and actions will help us meet the unexpected, as in 2020.

Shelly Brown
Akron Children's Hospital

As you know, Bath Community Fund reached our million-dollar mark in December, and we could not be more excited! We could never have reached this goal, or even envisioned this goal, without each of you. We may not take the opportunity to see or speak with each of you, but we definitely are aware of all the behind-the-scenes work that is performed on our behalf by your team. Your time, knowledge and efforts are much appreciated.

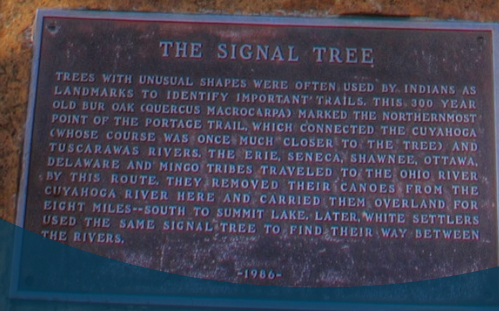
Kathy Sidaway
Bath Community Fund

Brian (Reitz), thank you for hosting this webinar (ACF nonprofit training webinar: "The Language of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Fundraising and as an Organizational Value"). It was eye opening and extremely helpful. I will be passing all this information along to my staff so we can all stay ahead on best practices in making our community the best it can be.

Shara Cocchiola
Summit Choral Society

New To Our Family

NEW FUNDS




During the second half of fiscal year 2021 (Oct. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021), we were pleased to welcome 36 new funds established by charitable individuals, families and organizations throughout Greater Akron.








Donor-Advised Funds








Whitt and Ann Butler Family Fund
Susan Flowers Family Fund
Graham Family Fund
Jones Family Foundation Fund
Loveless Family Fund
Sally A. Miller and Joseph G. Miller Family Foundation Fund
Charles and Sherrylyn Neubert Family Fund
Synergy Talton Endowment Fund
Wilt Family Fund

Designated Funds

-  **Donovan Legacy Fund**
Established to support OPEN M
- Grace House Legacy Fund**
Established to support Grace House Akron
- Richard S. and Alita A. Rogers Designated Fund**
Established to support Art Resources Transformations

Agency Endowment Funds

- 3R Fund**
Established to support the 3R Foundation (Reentry, Reconnect and Restoration)
- Akron Soul Train Endowment Fund**
-  **Free Clinic of Medina County Endowment Fund**
- Established by the YMCA Endowment Foundation of Akron**
-  **Wiley A. Bucey Sr. and Mary C. Bucey Endowment Fund**
Established to support the Bucey Chapel at Camp Y-Noah
-  **Mary and Roy Hartz Opportunity and Advancement Fund**
Established to support educational opportunities for YMCA staff and volunteers
-  **Jim K. and Jim H. Heilmeier Fund**
Established to support the Waterfront Program at Camp Y-Noah
-  **Robert and George Heyburn Youth Fund**
Established to support the financial assistance membership program at Camp Y-Noah
-  **Kathy and Doug Kohl YMCA Mission Fund**
Established to support the general mission of the YMCA
-  **Longwood YMCA of Nordonia Hills Fund**
Established to support the Longwood Branch YMCA

-  **Noah Society Fund**
Established to support Camp Y-Noah
-  **Bert Rayl Family Fund**
Established to support the Green Family YMCA
-  **Galen J. Roush Memorial Endowment Fund**
Established to support the general mission of the YMCA
-  **Marilyn Sue Sahli Riverfront YMCA Fund**
Established to support the Riverfront YMCA
-  **Marilyn Sue Sahli YMCA Scholarship Fund**
Established to support the financial assistance membership program at the Riverfront YMCA
-  **Thomas E. Seibold Memorial Fund**
Established to support the Green Family YMCA
-  **Jack Wilson Memorial Fund**
Established to support Camp Y-Noah
- YMCA General Endowment Fund**
Established to support the general mission of the YMCA

Scholarship Funds

- Ciearra Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Established to provide scholarships for Firestone High School seniors who have participated in an athletic program and demonstrate financial need
- Richard S. Wagner Memorial Swimming Scholarship Fund**
Established to provide scholarships for Firestone High School seniors who have participated in the swimming and diving program

Field-of-Interest Funds

- The Safety Fund**
Established to support safety education programs in Summit County
- Summit County COVID-19 Arts and Culture Emergency Relief Grant Program Fund**
- Summit County COVID-19 Nonprofit Emergency Relief Grant Program Fund**
- Summit County COVID-19 Summit DD Emergency Relief Grant Program Fund**
- Andrea Rose Teodosio Memorial Fund**
Established to support causes Andrea valued during her lifetime, including assisting the underprivileged and elderly, actively addressing environmental issues, and promoting community service and education

 *Permanently endowed funds*

6 TYPES OF FUNDS

Professional Advisor Partners

Thank you to the following accountants, attorneys and financial advisors for helping their clients achieve their charitable goals with a fund at Akron Community Foundation from Oct. 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021:

Jim Redmond Wealth Impact Advisors LLC
Steve Wilt CAPTRUST

Are you an advisor? Learn how we can assist you at www.akroncf.org/Advisors.

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

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 or causes you're passionate about

Board Discretionary Funds

Meet the community's ever-changing needs

Thank you to the more than 730 fundholders who have trusted Akron Community Foundation to steward and grow your philanthropic dollars. Greater Akron is stronger and more vibrant thanks to the \$20.8 million you invested back into the community this year.

OUR FUNDS

ADVISED FUNDS

Acorn Fund
 Addicott-Albanese Family 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
 Rennick and Dee Andreoli Family Fund
 Antalvari Family Fund
 Apple Growth Partners Community Outreach Charitable Giving Fund
 Rev. Dr. Byron Arledge Fund
 *Howard Atwood Family Fund (Est. 2009)
 Sandy and Mark Auburn 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
 Marilyn and Tom H. Barrett Fund
 Edward and C. Georgene Bayer Fund
 *Beacon of Light Initiatives/Wings of Eagles Fund (Est. 2012)
 Belair Family Fund
 Suzanne C. and Charles L. Bond Family Fund
 Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund
 James D. and Mary Jo Boyes Fund
 Brauning Family Endowment Fund
 Rob and Alyssa Briggs Fund
 Brockman Family Fund
 Russell Brode Charitable Fund
 Cearra Brown Memorial Fund
 Brown Family Foundation Fund
 Thomas, Ani & Lucca Bruno Family Fund
 Marilyn Meyers Buckey Family Fund
 Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Fund
 *Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund (Est. 1988)
 H. Peter Burg 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
 *Child Care Leadership Fund (Est. 2009)
 Michael and Susan Ciccolini Family Charitable Fund
 Deborah Ciraldo Memorial Fund
 CIU Fund
 Colantone Family Fund
 Colby Wayne Enterprises Fund
 Hugh Colopy Memorial Fund
 Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund
 Rebecca D. and William H. Considine Family Fund
 Kathryn Cooper Memorial Fund
 Dr. Milton N. Cooper and Family Fund
 Robert and Regina Cooper Family Fund
 Costa Family Fund
 Steven and Melissa Cox Family Fund
 Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund
 DAF23 Fund
 Demas Fund
 Demboski Robinson Family Fund
 Dana Pulk Dickinson Fund
 Anthony and Jane DiDonato Fund
 Jill and Carl Dietrich Fund
 Kathryn Warther and Thomas William Dindo Family Fund
 Donae's Second Act Fund
 Donovan Family Fund
 Donovan Veterans Fund
 Dot Org Solutions Fund
 Dougherty Family Fund
 Bud and Barbara Dunaway Family Fund
 Jim and Ann Durr Family Fund
 Eaton Family Fund
 Elise's Corner Fund
 Else Family Fund
 Emma and David Family Fund
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 Lorraine G. and Donald R. Fair Fund
 Fairlawn Rotary Club Advised Fund
 Farver Family Fund
 Feth Family Fund
 Suzanne and Peter Fielder Charitable Fund
 Fighting For Alyssa - FFA Fund
 Fir Hill Fund
 Charlie Fortney Memorial Fund
 Friebert Family Fund
 Ed and Dorothy Gaffney Family Fund

Bennett L. and Linda D. Gaines Fund
 GAR-Donor Advised Fund
 GAR-Islands Fund
 John F. and Jayne E. Garofalo Charitable Fund
 Thomas and Anita Gedelian Family 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
 Priscilla Graham Fund
 Greene Family Fund
 Guerrero and Duby Family Fund
 Halkovich Family Charitable Fund
 Patricia Hansel 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 Hilkert Fund
 David & Phyllis Hilkert Fund
 Mark Hilkert Fund
 N.L. Hillery Fund
 Juanita M. Hollis & Margaret L. Seitz Fund for the Support of Individuals with Intellectual & Physical Disabilities
 Homestead Insurance Agency Inc. Fund
 Hood 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 Fund
 Jones Group Interiors Charitable Fund
 Herbert A. and Jean S. Jones Charitable Trust 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
 Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund
 Knoll Family Fund Promoting Civility
 and Acts of Kindness
 Tom and Ginny Knoll Family Fund
 Koblenzer Family Fund
 Paul J. and Susan B. Kruder Family Fund
 Kuczynski Family Fund
 L4 Project Fund
 Labuda Family Fund
 Lake Pointe Fund
 Tom and Jeanne LaRose Fund
 Glenn and Karen Leppo Family Fund
 Lawrence and Christine Levey 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
 Michael and Lisa Little Family Fund
 David and Janice Logsdon Charitable Fund
 Bill and Anne Lowery Family Fund
 William and Angela Lowery Family Fund
 MAH Fund
 Robert W. and Paula S. Malone Family Fund
 Manby Family Giving Fund
 Michael J. Marz Charitable Fund
 Mascio-Medzie Family Fund
 Mastrojohn Davids Fund
 Masuoka Family Fund
 Barbara D. Mathews Ladybug Fund
 Maxen Family Fund
 Beatrice K. McDowell Family Fund
 Medical Mutual Community Investment 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
 Millican Family Fund
 Barbara Marie and Marilyn S. Minney Fund
 The Mitten Fund
 Robert A. Moore Excellence in Education
 Family Fund
 George Nahmi Family Fund
 Naomi & Cassie CIRCLE Fund
 Harvey and Kimberly Nelson Family Fund
 Newkome and Saunders Family Fund
 Northeast Ohio Spay and Neuter Foundation Fund
 *Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of
 Kindness Charitable Giving Fund (Est. 2010)
 Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised Fund
 Jan and George Parry Fund
 Paul Davis Akron Fund
 Charles and Patricia Perrin Family Fund
 Cindy and John T. Petures, Jr. 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
 *Preservation of the Abolitionist Movement
 Fund (Est. 2007)
 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
 Real Estate Community Cares Fund
 Redmond Family Foundation Fund
 Remington Family Fund
 Rice Family Fund
 Joan Rog-Friend of Wildlife Fund
 Richard and Alita Rogers Fund
 Kathy Moses Salem Philanthropic Fund
 Schloenbach Family Fund
 Steven Schmidt and Richard J. Krochka
 Family Fund
 Schrank Harkey Fund
 Seagren Family Fund
 Brian J. Sebastian and Mary A. Sebastian
 Memorial Fund
 Sandra F. Selby Fund
 Shaffer-Totaro Fund
 John and Lorraine Shannon Family Fund
 Shapiro Family Fund
 Cherie and Steve Shechter Charitable
 Giving Fund
 Steven and Dr. Kathy Shoemaker Fund
 Siddall Family Fund
 Richard Siess Family Fund
 Siff Family Fund 1
 Siff Family Fund 2
 Silver Bullet Fund
 Cynthia L. Slezak Fund
 Bruce & Harriet Smith Foundation
 Mark and Katie Smucker Family Fund
 Snell Family Fund
 Carl E. Snyder Innovation Fund
 *SRS Fund (Est. 1996)
 Steere Family Fund
 *Barbara Steinkerchner's Giving
 Legacy Fund (Est. 2011)
 Strayer Family Fund
 Strongsville Women's League Charitable Fund
 Summit Portage Area Health Education Fund
 Summit Sustainable Future Fund
 Amy Jo and Roger Sutterluety Fund
 Betty A. Sweeney Fund
 Tails of HOPE Fund
 Team Awesome Sauce Family Fund
 Tiff Family Fund
 Sylvia Trundle - This Town is My Town 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

Waite Family Fund
 Anonymous Giving by Laura L. Wallerstein Fund
 Leo G. Walter III and Mary Ann Walter
 Family Fund
 Eric Michael Ward Fund for Wadsworth
 Against Substance Abuse
 Waternish Fund
 Joseph R. and Candi S. Weber Family Fund
 Scott and Margaret Weiner Family Fund
 Jerry H. Welty Family Fund
 Jeff and Missy Wert Family Fund
 *Wilkinson-Gudikunst Designated
 Family Fund (Est. 2007)
 Ted and Mary Ann Williams Fund
 Jack Andrew Wilson Fund for Mental Health
 John M. Wilson and Patricia Pacenta
 Family Fund
 *Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson
 Fund (Est. 2010)
 Edith and Milt Wiskind Fund
 Alan and Janice Woll Family Fund
 Merle and Nancy Worman Fund
 David L. and Margaret Scott Yeager Fund
 Zeleznik Family Fund
 Steven and Wendy Zimmerman Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

*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 and Medina
 *Jody Bacon Fund (Est. 1999)
 Women's Endowment 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 School District
 Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Fund
 Cuyahoga Falls High School football program
 *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)
 *Ann Amer Brennan Fund (Est. 1991)
 Vernon L. Odom Fund of Akron
 Community Foundation
 *BVU: Center for Nonprofit Excellence
 Endowment Fund (Est. 2000)

Our Funds (Cont.)

Caliber System Fund (AKA Roadway Services Fund)
United Way of Summit and Medina

Oty Capanna Memorial Fund
University of Akron's College of Engineering

*Margaret T. Carroll Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation

Dick and Chris Chenoweth Boys and Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve Fund

Richard Chenoweth Akron Community Service Center & Urban League Fund

*Children's Ballet Theatre/Paul Daum Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)

*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

Cornwell Dealers Katrina Disaster Fund

*Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association Fund (Est. 1996)

*Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet Fund (Est. 1989)

*Tom DeLeone Fund of the Medina County Community Fund (Est. 2012)

*Mary DiDonato Fund (Est. 2013)
Catholic Charities Community Services Corporation; Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation; Our Lady of the Elms, Dominican Sisters of Peace; St. Paul Catholic Parish; and the University of Akron Foundation

*Embracing Futures Inc. Charity Fund (Est. 1999)

Emmanuel Christian Academy Legacy Fund

*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 Akron Christ Child Society (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)

*GAR Foundation Endowment Fund for Akron Urban League (Est. 2020)

*Good Neighbors Endowment Fund (Est. 1995)

Denise M. Graham DCNEO Fund
Dancing Classrooms Northeast Ohio

*Greater Akron Chamber Endowment Fund (Est. 2001)

Sandra L. and Dennis B. Haslinger Family Foundation Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's Saint Lucie Sound passenger coach

*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

*Rodney J. Humphrey Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Salvation Army Akron Citadel

*Margaret Watts Hunter Tuesday Musical Guitar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2015)

Jacob James Ivancic Huth Memorial Fund
Green Intermediate School library

*Geraldine Hyser Memorial Fund (Est. 2006)
Evamere Elementary School reading programs

*Interval Brotherhood Home Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)

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

*Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Fund (Est. 1997)

*Juvenile Court Fund (Est. 1989)
Summit County Juvenile Court

*Jessie and Abram Kipple Scholarship Fund (Est. 1996)
University of Akron Foundation

Knight Foundation Non-Profit Initiative Fund
BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence

*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)
Akron Summit Community Action Head Start program, Sigma Chi Foundation, Visiting Nurse Service, and the Community Fund of Akron Community 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)

*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

*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 Foundation

Charles D. Miller Leadership Fund
Hudson City School District

*Modibo Mutton Hill Endowment Fund for the Summit County Historical Society (Est. 2019)

*Ollie Mueller Fund (Est. 2014)
Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities

*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 Center for Children with Disabilities, The Ohio State University Foundation, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

*Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park Endowment Fund (Est. 2009)

*Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)

*Paige Palmer-Ashbaugh Fund for Akron Children's Hospital (Est. 2007)
Maxillofacial department of Akron Children's Hospital

Benjamin E. Parke Memorial Fund
Wadsworth City School District

*Mary Beechy Pfeiffer MHS Student Foreign Travel Fund (Est. 2014)
Medina City School District

Peter Piglia Designated Fund
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

*Project: LEARN of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)

*Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake Endowment Fund (Est. 2015)
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. Matthew Lutheran Church LGL Samaritan Fund of the Medina County Community Fund (Est. 2006)
*William C. and Elizabeth Brainard Sandwick Fund (Est. 2007)
Akron Art Museum
*Shaw Memorial Fund (Est. 1955)
Akron Art Museum
Cherie and Steve Shechter Designated Fund
Akron Rotary Foundation, 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
Creation, installation and maintenance of a Sojourner Truth statue in Akron
*James E. Sovacool, Jr. Fund (Est. 2020)
Akron Snow Angels, Friends of Camp Christopher, St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, and the Touchdown Club Foundation of Greater Akron
*Mignon Steere Fund for Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park Environmental Education (Est. 2010)
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
*Victory Gallop Inc. Endowment Fund (Est. 2004)
*Volunteer Center of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1996)
United Way of Summit and Medina
*Leo and Mary Kay Walter, Jr. Fund (Est. 2019)
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Foundation
*Ted and Barb Walter Catholic Education Fund (Est. 2009)
St. Vincent de Paul Parish School
*Weathervane Community Playhouse Fund (Est. 1993)
*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Designated Fund (Est. 2011)
Mobile Meals program of Family & Community Services and the Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation
*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Last Dollar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2016)
Kent State University Foundation

Windham Brick by Brick Designated Fund
Windham Exempted Village School District
Henry C. Young Fund
University of Akron Foundation

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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 Roundtable 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
Autism Society of Greater Akron Endowment Fund
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
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
*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
Friends of Akron Public Schools Endowment Fund
Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund
The Friends of The Summit Endowment Fund
The Friends of The Summit Operating Reserve Fund
Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund
Good Samaritan Hunger Center Endowment Fund
GriefCare Place Inc. Endowment Fund
Hale Farm and Village Endowment Fund
Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary Endowment Fund
Hattie Larlham Endowment Fund
Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Living Endowment Fund
Crown Point Ecology Center
Health Education Center Endowment Fund
Health Education Center of Akron
Heart to Heart Communications Endowment Fund
Kay Hoover Memorial Fund
Highland Elementary School
Humane Society Endowment Fund
Humane Society of Summit County
IBH Foundation Fund
Interval Brotherhood Home Operating Fund
Judith Bear Isroff Park Fund
Keep Akron Beautiful
Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Endowment Fund
Junior League of Akron Endowment Fund
Keep Akron Beautiful Endowment Fund
*Kidney Foundation of Ohio Community Fund (Est. 2007)
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
Love Akron Network Endowment Fund
*Magical Theatre Company Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
*MAPS Air Museum Endowment Fund (Est. 2012)

Our Funds (Cont.)

Barbara Mathews Memorial Endowment
Fund of Leadership Akron
Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund
Medina County Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals Endowment Fund
Medina Creative Housing Endowment Fund
Medina Youth Lacrosse Association
Endowment Fund
*Mobile Meals Endowment Fund (Est. 2017)
Montrose Zion United Methodist Church
Permanent Endowment Fund
Myers Foundation New Music Fund
Tuesday Musical Association
NAMI Summit County Endowment Fund
Northern Ohio Railway Museum
Endowment Fund
Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition Endowment Fund
One-In-Six Foundation Endowment Fund
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
Portage Animal Protective League
Endowment Fund
*Bob Powell Endowment Fund for Coleman
Professional Services (Est. 2018)
Progress Through Preservation Endowment Fund
RAHAB Endowment Fund
Rec2Connect Foundation Endowment Fund
Ruth Renner-Percy Memorial Endowment Fund
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
St. Hilary Parents' Teachers Salary Fund
St. Hilary Parish Foundation
*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. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Hilary Church
Endowment Fund
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
The Friends of The Summit
Summit Artspace Endowment 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 County Facility Fund
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
Witan Endowment Fund
Witan Remembrance Fund
Summit Metro Parks - FA. Seiberling Nature Realm
*YEPAW Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund
Female nontraditional students in Medina County
Acorn Scholarship Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors with financial need, particularly visual and performing arts participants
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
Buchtel High School Alumni Assoc.
Scholarship Fund
Buchtel CLC students, student-athletes, and post-secondary/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 Rock and Recovery Scholarship Fund
Akron Public Schools seniors, with a focus on raising awareness for substance abuse and recovery challenges
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
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 Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit or Wayne counties
Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
Geis Companies employees and their children
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 Businessmen's
Club Scholarship Fund
High school seniors of Italian-American descent in Summit County
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
Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund
Ellet High School seniors with a history of community service
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 graduating 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 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

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

Vincent R. Sandridge Employee Caring Fund
Sandridge Food Corporation employees and their children

T.K. Seiberling Tennis Scholarship Fund
Tennis camp participants

Joseph P. Sieferth 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

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 who are 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

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

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
Students 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. Bubbs Scholarship Fund
Seniors with the greatest academic improvement between their sophomore and senior years

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 at least a 3.0 GPA

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

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund
Seniors with an entrepreneurial spirit and 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)
Drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs for school-age children and their parents

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

V.E. (Tom) Atkins Fund
Programs for underprivileged children

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

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

Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund
Human services and education programs

Children's Literacy Fund
Children's literacy programs

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

Lisette Ertel Fund
Health and civic causes

Evant Fund
Programs for people with developmental disabilities

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

Food Pantry Capacity Fund of Akron Community Foundation
Infrastructure support for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's distribution partners 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 a lived equality for all LGBTQ+ people in Greater Akron

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

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

Hermine Z. Hansen Fund
Public health institutions

HSC/Summit County Community Health Fund
Research to identify and advance solution models to the opioid addiction crisis in Summit County

Our Funds (Cont.)

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, clothing
and services to the underprivileged*

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

Medina County Community Fund

*Programs that improve the quality of life for all
Medina County residents*

Medina County Women's Endowment Fund

*Programs that create opportunities for the
educational, physical, emotional, social,
artistic and personal growth of women and
children in Medina County*

*Millennium Fund for Children (Est. 1999)

*Programs that improve the lives of children
throughout the Akron Beacon Journal/
Beaconjournal.com's audience coverage area*

*Vernon L. Odom Fund (Est. 1993)

*Programs that promote diversity and enrich the
quality of life within local minority communities*

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

Sanatorium Contingent Fund

Health causes

Schrank Family Fund

Programs for children and young adults

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

Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts

Music and fine art 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

BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Adam Fund

Lou Albertson Endowment Fund

Jean S. and Thomas J. Amer Fund

Betty R. Axline Fund

Board of Directors Annual Giving Fund

Community Fund

Community Response Fund for Nonprofits

*Decker Endowment Fund for Families (Est. 1995)

Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Fund

John L. Feudner Jr. Fund

Frances H. and Paul A. Frank Fund

Gala Fund

Dorothy Y. and Westi Hansen Fund

Lucille Scott Harris Fund

*Harriet and Herb Herskowitz

Family Fund (Est. 2012)

Institute for Emerging Philanthropists Alumni
Endowment Fund

Institute for Emerging Philanthropists Fund

Dorothy and Henry Jameson Endowment Fund

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)

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Fund

*Pat and Alan Ockene Fund (Est. 1996)

On the Table Impact Fund

Howard and Margaret Palmer Fund

Rose Mary Picciotti Fund

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

*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

William Wallace Fund

Orpha and Howard Wellock,

Parents of Cheryl

Wellock Fund

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BY TRACY BURT
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Hanging at the mall was a typical pastime for kids in the '80s and '90s, and while a young James Renner spent many a day at Westgate Center in Rocky River, it's safe to say his reasoning was anything but typical. He wanted to solve a crime.

"I remember 1989, being 11 years old and seeing Amy Mihaljevic's missing poster on all the telephone poles," said Renner, who spent weekends with his mother in Rocky River, Ohio, a neighboring town to Bay Village, where Mihaljevic went missing. "So for one reason or another, I thought that I should try to solve that case."

After hopping on his two-speed Huffy bike, Renner, now an Akron resident, would ride to the mall and sit outside Waldenbooks, scanning the crowd for a man who resembled the composite sketch of the person seen with Amy the day she disappeared.

"I would then follow him out to his car, write down his license plate number, and come in and call in the tip at the pay phone outside of Aladdin's arcade," Renner said. "Of course, the only number I knew by heart back then was 876-5353, so the tips were really going into some answering service with 'Unsolved Mysteries.'"

While the Mihaljevic crime remains unsolved to this day, little did Renner know that he would become instrumental in helping other victims of crime receive justice – and that he would need philanthropy to do so.

TRUE CRIME ADDICT

A decade later, Renner was finishing his English degree at Kent State University and honing those early investigative skills to build a career in journalism. Soon after college, he secured a position as a reporter for the Cleveland Scene, and his first pitch for a story was – likely no surprise – a fresh look at the Mihaljevic case. At that time, her case had been cold for more than a dozen years and hadn't received much recent media attention.

"I quickly discovered that the reason the Mihaljevic case had never been solved was there were too many men with the means, motive and opportunity to commit the crime," Renner said. "The best the FBI had been able to do was narrow it down to a top 25 list of suspects."

Armed with more information than one article could contain, Renner contacted a local book publisher to produce his first nonfiction book titled "Amy: My Search for Her Killer." From there, Renner's career in true crime, as the genre is often referred to, took off, leading to other works of fiction and nonfiction, including his most popular book, "True Crime Addict," a nonfiction tale in which he delves into the mysterious case of missing University of Massachusetts student Maura Murray, as well as his own obsession with true crime and the impact it has had on his life.

Renner has become so well known in the world of true crime that he has been invited to appear on numerous documentaries and crime series for the likes of CNN, Oxygen and the Discovery Channel. He also produces his own podcast, "The Philosophy of Crime," which explores the ethics and philosophy of the genre, rather than showcasing the sensational and often exploitative details of true crime stories.

With an agency endowment fund, organizations like the Porchlight Project can go from being a unique idea to one that is preserved for the long-term benefit of the community.

BRIAN REITZ, AGENCY ENDOWMENT AND ENGAGEMENT OFFICER, AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

THE BIG BREAKTHROUGH

Around 2016, through his work in the true crime space, Renner began hearing about an exciting new technology that had the potential to solve cold cases: genetic genealogy. Using sites like GEDmatch and 23andMe, genetic genealogists can help narrow down a list of suspects – or even find one – by using DNA from a crime scene to locate relatives of the suspect.

The technology that helps people build their family tree was still in its infancy when it came to crime solving, but one case was about to take it from fringe to front-page news.



"Everybody (in the true crime space) was waiting to see when the world would catch up," said Renner, explaining that genetic genealogy was still a bit of a foreign concept. "What it needed was a big case to happen, and luckily they went after the biggest one of all."

In April 2018, a West Coast genetic genealogist helped law enforcement track down the Golden State Killer.

"Suddenly everyone realized it was a new tool for law enforcement, and there really hasn't been a new tool since the discovery of DNA in 1987," Renner said.

He realized it was a new tool he could use, too.

"I became frustrated as a journalist, writing about all of these cold cases and not being able to solve them," Renner said. "I've probably written about 50 different mysteries, and you're lucky if you solve one in the batch, but this new tool came along and... as long as there is DNA, the case is now solvable."

THE PORCHLIGHT PROJECT

With the adoption of genetic genealogy, Renner knew that many cold cases and cases of John and Jane Does in Northeast Ohio now had the potential to be solved. But with that potential also came a price tag of around \$6,000 per case. For police departments that are largely under-resourced and have multiple cold cases, it can be extremely cost prohibitive.

Renner started floating an idea for a nonprofit to some of the contacts he'd made during his years as a journalist – people like former Akron Beacon Journal reporter and WKYC producer Phil Trexler; former Garfield Heights Police Chief Robert Sackett; criminal defense and civil rights attorney Terry Gilbert; and one of the most prominent true crime podcasters in the country, Nic Edwards of True Crime Garage.

"I thought I would go to them and it would be a struggle or that they'd politely decline, but everybody I asked said, 'Yes, let's do this,'" Renner stated.

So, in the spring of 2018, the Porchlight Project, one of Akron Community Foundation's newest agency endowment fundholders, officially began. The first case the Porchlight Project wanted to take on was that of Barbara Blatnik, a Cleveland-area teenager who was murdered in 1987, so the group met with the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department to pitch their idea.

"I think they were frustrated. They had done everything they could, you know? And they were willing to try anything," Renner said.

The willingness paid off. Within months, the DNA had led them to a suspect. After more than three decades, Barbara's family finally had the answers they deserved, and the Porchlight Project had a closed case.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

As the Porchlight Project received media attention following its initial success, it also caught the attention of Ashley Flowers, founder and CEO of audiochuck productions. If Flowers sounds familiar, it's likely because she is the main voice behind Crime Junkie, one of the top three podcasts in the country. When she heard what Renner and his group were doing, she donated an initial \$10,000, unsolicited, which the Porchlight Project is using to fund its next two cases.

"The work we do at audiochuck goes beyond storytelling. Our main focus is to make a substantial impact and actually move the needle in the true crime space we operate in," said Flowers. "When we see someone in this industry dedicated to the same mission and on the same path as ours, we make it a priority to support their shared vision in any way we can, so together we can leverage our platforms and nonprofit organizations for the greater good and bring justice to the victims and families of unsolved crimes."

After seeing the Porchlight Project's early success, Flowers came through with an even larger gift of \$25,000. While the Porchlight Project could have used her donation immediately to solve four or five cases, Renner understood that it also presented an opportunity.

"We wanted to do something smart with it and secure our future so we're not having to scramble for money for each case," he

explained. "So I spoke with my accountant, Lewis Seikel (of Seikel & Company Inc.), and he mentioned Akron Community Foundation and how endowments worked."

The sustainability of an endowment fund was appealing to Renner and his board, so in April 2021, they created the audiochuck Endowment Fund at Akron Community Foundation, named in honor of its establishing donor. Through this agency endowment fund, the Porchlight Project will be able to continue assisting the families of victims now, while knowing the fund is growing for the future, too.

"Families, friends and communities suffer long past the horrific deaths that make headlines, often for a very short moment in time. The Porchlight Project brings a commitment for justice and a renewed faith that no one is forgotten, especially when the victim's death goes unsolved," said Sylvia Trundle, retired Akron police captain and incoming board chair of Akron Community Foundation. "The audiochuck Endowment Fund at Akron Community Foundation will provide much-needed resources for renewed investigations and help provide healing where the hurt of not knowing impacts so many lives."

The Porchlight Project is already investigating new cases and, thanks to the endowment fund, Renner and his group will be able to help more families close the chapter on these mysteries. 🕵️

WHY ENDOWMENT?

Agency Endowment Funds guarantee nonprofit organizations a steady stream of income. Grants can be requested on a recurring schedule or as needed, while the rest of the fund grows, ensuring the organization will thrive year after year and its good work can continue forever.

A fund at Akron Community Foundation can be established with as little as \$5,000 and offers nonprofits:

- *Long-term growth and financial stability*
- *No administrative burdens*
- *Economies-of-scale investment benefits*
- *Support services, like planned giving and endowment campaign assistance*
- *Ability to accept complex gifts*

Interested in learning more? Contact Brian Reitz, agency endowment and engagement officer, at 330-436-5628 or breitz@akroncf.org.



FUNDS & INITIATIVES

BATH COMMUNITY FUND

Last December, Bath Community Fund reached its goal of raising \$1 million since it was created in 2014. The fund also surpassed \$100,000 in cumulative grants to programs that strengthen the Bath community. To celebrate these achievements, fund leaders are hosting a donor appreciation event in August at the Regal Beagle pavilion in the Bath Nature Preserve. To receive an invitation, register for the fund's enews at www.akroncf.org/BCFnews.

In total, Bath Community Fund awarded \$29,020 to 13 local nonprofits in 2020. Several of these grants will provide hands-on learning opportunities for students and families, including a grant to build an outdoor classroom space and nature exploration station at the University of Akron Field Station at Bath Nature Preserve. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/BCFgrants. Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Oct. 1. Apply online starting Sept. 1 at www.akroncf.org/applyBCF.

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Gay Community Endowment Fund has established the Circle of Inclusion. Donors to this new giving campaign receive special recognition for their role in growing GCEF's endowment. The circle welcomes gifts and pledges of \$1,000 or more, and all donations support the fund's mission of advancing a lived equality for LGBTQ+ people in Greater Akron. To learn more and see a current list of donors, visit www.akroncf.org/CircleofInclusion.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund also recently announced its third round of impact grants to programs that create safer environments for LGBTQ+ youth, combat phobias of the LGBTQ+ community, and support mental health and suicide prevention

programs for LGBTQ+ people. Impact grants totaling \$30,000 were awarded to three nonprofit organizations, including Kent State University Foundation, which received a \$10,000 grant to support Greater Akron's first LGBTQ+ community needs assessment. Altogether, the fund awarded 13 grants totaling \$54,000 in 2021. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFgrants.

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

The Medina County Community Fund recently achieved a significant milestone, becoming an endowment of more than \$1 million in assets. This accomplishment will allow the fund to increase its annual grantmaking to nonprofits in Medina County.

This spring, the fund also launched the Pillars of Giving Circle to maintain continued sustainability of the fund and increase its grantmaking impact on programs that improve the lives of Medina County residents, particularly in the fund's four focus areas or "pillars" of funding: arts and culture, community service, education, and health. Donors who join the Pillars of Giving Circle receive special recognition at the fund's annual event, advance communications about the endowment, and an exclusive invitation to an annual gathering. For more information, visit www.akroncf.org/PillarsofGivingCircle.

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

Tickets are now on sale for the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund's virtual Seasons of Giving event on June 10.

The fund will welcome Kristin Gambaccini, founder of a popular self-titled lifestyle blog and contributor to TODAY's Parenting Team and Food Club, as its keynote speaker. The 2021 Philanthropist Tribute Award will be presented to Ellen Hunter, vice president of

Hunter Insurance Agency and former fund chair. During the event, the fund will also announce its 2021 grant recipients and celebrate women and children in Medina County.

Proceeds from Seasons of Giving will help grow the endowment and increase its annual grantmaking to nonprofits that create opportunities for the educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women and children in Medina County.

Event tickets and sponsorships are available at www.akroncf.org/SeasonsofGiving.

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

The Millennium Fund for Children recently wrapped up its 20th anniversary year with a record \$55,050 in grants to children's programs throughout Greater Akron. This latest round of grants purchased warm winter pajamas for kids in foster care, supported enrichment programs for children with cancer, and provided school supplies for immigrant youth, among other initiatives. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MillenniumGrants.

Created in 1999 as a partnership between the Akron Beacon Journal and Akron Community Foundation, the Millennium Fund for Children has invested more than \$850,000 into local children's causes. Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Sept. 1. Apply online starting Aug. 1 at www.akroncf.org/applyMillennium.

VERNON L. ODOM FUND

The Vernon L. Odom Fund awarded grants totaling \$14,500 this year to programs that promote diversity and enrich the quality of life within local minority communities.

Several grants supported art programs designed to amplify the voices of people of color, including a dance project that will illuminate the complexities of being a

Black police officer in Akron. Other grants awarded this year will help distribute vaccine safety information to Black residents in Summit County, provide furniture for youth who have aged out of the foster care system, and support a hip-hop music camp for teens in Southeast Akron. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/OdomGrants.

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In March, the Women's Endowment Fund welcomed nearly 400 guests to its annual "For Women, Forever" event, which was hosted virtually for the second year in a row. During the event, keynote speaker Ramona Hood, president and CEO of FedEx Custom Critical, gave a compelling address about the importance of mentors, authenticity and relationships for success. The sixth annual Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women was presented to Jacqueline A. Silas-Butler, Esq., executive director of Project GRAD Akron.

The fund also announced \$197,000 in grants to programs that improve the health and wellness, safety, and economic empowerment of women and girls in Summit County. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/WEFgrants. Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Nov. 1. Apply online starting Oct. 1 at www.akroncf.org/applyWEF.

Throughout the month of April, the Women's Endowment Fund raised more than \$50,000 through its annual "Who Is Your SHero?" campaign to support the fund's overall grantmaking. On social media, the fund also celebrated Unsung SHeroes Dara Harper, founding member of the Black Artist Guild; Katie Carver Reed, director of network partners and programs at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank; and Susan Summerville, co-founder of Project Ed Bear, for their tireless work in the community. Learn more through the **#AkronSHero** hashtag on Facebook and Twitter.



**LGBTQ+ ASSESSMENT PROJECT MANAGER
ANDREW SNYDER**



MEDINA PILLARS OF GIVING CIRCLE LOGO



UNSUNG SHERO KATIE CARVER REED

Scholarships

In fiscal year 2021, Akron Community Foundation funds awarded 218 scholarships totaling \$431,697 to students who are pursuing their educational dreams at home and across the country.

STUDENTS ▶ On The Move



AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund
Aneta Mullins, Cuyahoga Community College

Acorn Scholarship Fund
Mary Grace Corrigan, Baldwin Wallace University
Macara Hitchcock, Kent State University
Allan Thomas, The Ohio State University

Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund
Grace Kosco, The College of William & Mary
Drew Oliver, The Ohio State University
Jun Sun, University of Pennsylvania

Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund
Donovan Mills, Lake Erie College
Marjorie Spinner, The University of Akron
Tyler Vassalotti, Ohio University

Richard Chenoweth Qualified Designated Scholarship Fund
May Cheline, Kent State University
LaShanti Davis, The University of Akron
Ravyn Edge, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Jillian Foster, Stark State College
Joshua Geer, The University of Akron
Leah Hall, Bowling Green State University
Blute Lah, Kent State University
Olivia Litvin, The Ohio State University
Fatima Mahmood, The Ohio State University
Cassandra Maldonado, Kent State University
Tabitha Meers, The University of Akron
Valerie Samarigan, Stark State College
Bella Wagner, Cleveland State University
Wan Yu, The University of Akron

Tara Lynn Clossman Memorial Fund
Ana Hair, Kent State University

Coming Together Diversity Scholarship Fund
Ravyn Edge, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Michael Corbett Memorial Fund
Laura Kupper, The University of Akron

Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mai Lor, The University of Akron
Andrew Monnin, Sinclair Community College

Dombo-Fielder Communication Scholarship for Women
Ariana Barrett, Walsh University
Isabel Greci, University of Dayton

Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund
Mary Harris, Columbus College of Art and Design
Maysun Perez, Kent State University

Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund
Emma Tomins, Kent State University

GCEF Scholarship Fund
Anna Brown, Kent State University (Stark Campus)
May Cheline, Kent State University
Shawn Schreckengost Jr., Kent State University
Renuka Subba, The University of Akron

Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
Nicole Anderson, University of Southern California
Molly Boyle, Gilmour Academy
Jillian Chapman, The University of Akron School of Law
Jared Fishburn, John Carroll University
Antoine Frazier, Southern New Hampshire University
Laurn Greene, Corpus Christi Academy
Regan Krist, Hathaway Brown School
Sophia Martin, Holy Family School
Claire Stock, Kent State University

Hanlon Family Scholarship Fund
Charles Caputo, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund
Soren Hottensmith, Thiel College
Maddie Zinz, Kent State University

Abby Lipply Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dominic Guistino, The Ohio State University
Andrew Mouse, Undecided

Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund
Samantha Hellwig, Bowling Green State University
Mackenzie Shelton, Baldwin Wallace University
Joshua Smith, Bob Jones University

Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund
Gabriella Hruby, University of Dayton
Fatima Mahmood, The Ohio State University
Sadie Mrakuzic, Michigan State University
Alexis Osburn, Kent State University

Scott T. Malson Memorial Scholarship Fund
Jack Burdett, The Ohio State University
Sadie Mrakuzic, Michigan State University

Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund
Joshua Geer, The University of Akron

Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund
Reagan Coersmeyer, The Ohio State University
Reagan Faunce, Bowling Green State University
Mylah Morris, Ohio Wesleyan University
Elijah Walker, Kent State University

Esther Simonetti Owen Future Educators Scholarship Fund
Tania Pittman, The University of Akron

Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund
Quaiann Miller, The University of Akron

Sr. Loretta Rafter Scholarship Fund
Constance Bozeman, Kent State University (Stark Campus)

Judith A. Resnik Memorial Fund
Jason Do, The University of Akron
Joseph Gorsuch, The Ohio State University
Jacob Koehler, Ashland University
Chase Mizell, SUNY Cobleskill
Chika Nkwocha, The Ohio State University
Adwoa Odoom, Cleveland State University
Milan Radonjich, The Ohio State University
Camryn Woodley, Muskingum University

Judith A. Resnik Scholarship Fund of the Women's Network Inc.
Anne Harris, Ohio Northern University
Molly McGinnis, University of Mount Union
Sydney Moshier, West Virginia University
Anisha Rai, The University of Akron

Joseph L. Ruby Student Scholarship Fund
Indira Nepal, Fortis College

Vincent R. Sandridge Employee Caring Fund
Avaya Bell, The Ohio State University
Jordan Brichford, Kent State University
Taylor Howman, Ashland University
Helaina Novak, Kent State University
Jeffrey Ogden, Taylor University
Micah Page, Kent State University
Jacob Persic, University of Cincinnati
Weronika Rapacz, Lorain County Community College
Patrick Shepherd, Monmouth College
Xavier Smiechowski, Temple University
McKenzie Taylor, Bowling Green State University



Scholarships

Joseph P. Siegfert Sr. and Family Fund

Abigail Kamenar, Kent State University

Faye L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

Grace Kosco, The College of William & Mary
Deepti Naruka, Case Western Reserve University

John T. and Julia A. Spellman Scholarship Fund

Helen Gao, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Leah Hall, Bowling Green State University
Olivia Litvin, The Ohio State University
Madeleine Peck, University of Cincinnati
Ryan Persinger, Bowling Green State University
Anisha Rai, The University of Akron

Strongsville Women's League Edna Brun Scholarship Fund

Madison Frank, University of Cincinnati
Jessiah Taylor, Kent State University

Norma B. Summerville Scholarship Foundation Fund

Aunique Blackwell, Kentucky State University
Ashanti Brooks-Donnie, Kent State University
Destiny Druso, The Ohio State University
Helen Gao, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Audrey Hartman, University of Mount Union
Grace Kosco, The College of William & Mary
Jan Leuanglitthidet, The University of Akron
Mar Lin, The Ohio State University
Amber Long, The University of Akron
Ti'Yarine Maera, The University of Akron
Julia Mitchell, The George Washington University
Mary Nicodemus, The University of Akron
Chika Nkwocha, The Ohio State University
Destiny Starks, Kent State University (Stark Campus)
Wendy Vargas, The University of Akron

Eugene and Arlene True Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rhett Brodie, The University of Akron

Michelle M. Vasenda Fund

Suzanna Vang, The University of Akron

Edith Wiskind English Literacy Scholarship Fund

Emily Testa, The Ohio State University

Woman's Club of Hudson Scholarship Fund

Fergus Gomersal, University of Alabama

Anthony Wunderle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Luke Bazan, The Ohio State University
Heather Iona, Herzing University
Lauren Kilpatrick, The University of Akron
Jamila Mohammad, Baldwin Wallace University

Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship Fund

Nicholas Huttering, The University of Akron
Caleb Smith, Bob Jones University

HUDSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FUND RECIPIENTS

Marion Albee Scholarship Fund

Hallie Talbot, Hiram College

Barlow Fund

Johnathan Abdoo, Miami University
Anna Baldwin, Davidson College
Samantha Betts, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Lila Bishop, Kent State University
Erik Block, University of South Carolina
Leah Brady, Dickinson College
Abigail Brockway, University of Dayton
Jack Burdett, The Ohio State University
Katie Caniglia, The Ohio State University
Giovanna Cappabianca, The University of Akron
Jacob Carson, Hillsdale College
Francesca Cerutti, Ohio University
Bradley Doerr, University of Cincinnati
Ariana Ellis, Case Western Reserve University
Helena Fenn, Kent State University
Emma Fisher, Ohio Wesleyan University
Frank Fulco, The Ohio State University
Amy Fulton, Duke University
Ty Fulton, Indiana University
Natalie Gilles, Kent State University
Fergus Gomersal, University of Alabama
Jason Goodman, Northeastern University
Divya Gopal, The Ohio State University
Dominic Guistino, Ohio University
Ben Hackenberg, The Ohio State University
Connor Halford, The Ohio State University
Nicole Hatchett, Loyola University
Kierstin Havens, Lee University
Lilly Hess, The Ohio State University
Amelia Hoffmeier, Cleveland State University
Gabriella Hruby, University of Dayton
David Jordan, The Ohio State University
Nicole Jurado, Miami University
Patrick Just, Kansas State University
Allison Katitus, The Ohio State University
Abigail Kern, University of Cincinnati
Robert Ketler, Purdue University
Peyton Koscho, Carnegie Mellon University
Anastasia Lawler, Hiram College
Terry Li, University of Michigan
Gregory Madar, Denison University
Fatima Mahmood, The Ohio State University
Margaret Manders, Rochester Institute of Technology
Bradley McCormick, University of Kentucky
Paige McCormick, University of Louisville
Robert McLaughlin, University of Dayton
Jake Mitstifer, University of Illinois
Sadie Mrakuzic, Michigan State University
Aiyanah Peebles, Johns Hopkins University
Andres Perez, The Ohio State University
Claire Reber, Michigan State University
Makenna Rickey, Michigan State University
Kaylen Rolsen, University of Cincinnati
Sean Scarnecchia, University of Michigan
Tyler Scherer, Washington University
Leah Schwartz, Undecided
Jack Seifert, The Ohio State University
Abby Silcox, Bowling Green State University
Subi Simmons, Wellesley College
Mooskan Singhal, The Ohio State University
Ethan Smith, St. Bonaventure University



STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Reilly Timko, Michigan State University
 Emma Tomins, Kent State University
 Christina VanBuskirk, Indiana University
 Michael Von Ville, The Ohio State University
 Julia Wass, Gettysburg College
 Sylvan Wiley, John Carroll University
 Michael Yuhos, Capital University
 Kenna Zeigler, Loyola University
 Rudy Zelich, Michigan State University

Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund
 Abby Silcox, Bowling Green State University

Kenneth Blower Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Jason Goodman, Northeastern University

Harry D. Bubbs Scholarship Fund
 Cynthia Snyder, The Ohio State University

Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund
 Katie Caniglia, The Ohio State University

Scott Case Memorial Fund
 Jennifer Grainger, The Ohio State University
 Spencer Rodgers, Arizona State University

Les Dingledine Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Sadie Mrakuzic, Michigan State University
 Sylvan Wiley, John Carroll University

Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Peyton Koscho, Carnegie Mellon University

Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund
 Mooskan Singhal, The Ohio State University

Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund
 David Harkness, Miami University

Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Sarah Hinkle, University of Tampa
 Michael Von Ville, The Ohio State University

Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Anastasia Lawler, Hiram College

Dante B. and Joy W. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund
 Tyler Scherer, Washington University

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund
 Ty Fulton, Indiana University

June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Adeline Judson, Taylor University

Stevenson Award Fund
 Sean Scarnecchia, University of Michigan

As a first-generation college student, affording college has always been a major concern for my family and me. However, through scholarships, students like me are given the opportunity to pursue our dreams. I am very grateful to be a recipient of the Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund of Akron Community Foundation.

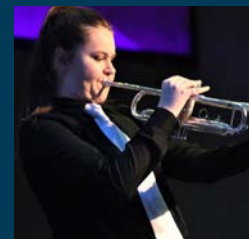
Mai Lor
Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund

Your award means so much as a musician and an upcoming college freshman. I am attending Kent State University next year, focusing on government, public policy, and justice. I am also working hard to prepare an audition for both the Kent Jazz Ensemble and the Kent Symphony Band. When I am continuing my music education in college, I will remember this award every day. I am so grateful for the generosity.

Emma Tomins
Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund

Thank you so much for believing in me and my educational journey. I am currently paying for my education on my own. This scholarship is not only taking a large weight off my shoulders, but it is also expanding my network and opening new doors for so many more opportunities. I am going to be able to continue to have a positive impact on my community, while still prioritizing my studies at Kent State University.

Shawn Schreckengost Jr.
GCEF Scholarship Fund



Start A Scholarship! Build a brighter future for local students by starting a scholarship fund in your family's or organization's name. To learn more, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president and chief development officer, at mmedzie@akroncf.org or 330-436-5610.

THE AKRON AREA YMCA
ESTABLISHED 14 NEW
ENDOWMENT FUNDS
TO PRESERVE ITS MISSION
IN PERPETUITY.



NOTEWORTHY

YMCA ESTABLISHES 14 NEW FUNDS

In March, the YMCA Endowment Foundation of Akron established 14 new endowment funds totaling \$1.3 million at Akron Community Foundation. These funds collectively support the advancement and overall mission of the YMCA, its facilities throughout Greater Akron, and programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. We thank these funds for their dedication to ensuring that everyone – regardless of age, income or background – has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive for years to come.

SECOND ROUND OF ADDICTION-FOCUSED GRANTS ANNOUNCED

This spring, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors approved grants totaling \$355,000 in its second round of grants from the HSC/Summit County Community Health Fund. The fund was established in 2020 to distribute a total of \$1 million to local nonprofit organizations and research and medical institutions for addiction-related programs.

This latest round of funding included grants to the American Heart Association, CHC Addiction Services, IBH Addiction Recovery, and Portage Path Behavioral Health. An advisory council composed of individuals with extensive expertise in pain management and addiction treatment evaluated the proposals to determine the best opportunities for long-term, systemic improvements.

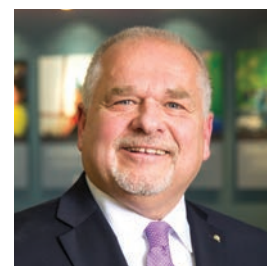
The HSC/Summit County Community Health Fund's remaining \$64,000 of funding will be distributed to addiction-related

programs through the community foundation's upcoming Health & Human Services grant cycle. Nonprofits can apply online starting Sept. 1 at www.akroncf.org/GrantApplication.

ACF CEO RECOGNIZED AS TOP INFLUENTIAL LEADER

John T. Petures Jr., president and CEO of Akron Community Foundation, was recognized in Cleveland Magazine's 2021 special edition of The Cleveland 500 – a list of "leaders, doers, visionaries and idea generators who help shape the city."

The magazine distinguishes these influencers as being more than just successful. The list celebrates individuals with a forward-thinking mindset, unified vision, boundless creativity and the ability to lead. We know John embodies all these characteristics and more. Congratulations on such a well-deserved recognition!



BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES BERNARD I. ROSEN AWARD

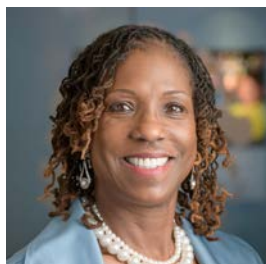
Akron Community Foundation board member Sylvia Trundle received Victim Assistance Program's Bernard I. Rosen Community Service Award during the



organization's Mardi Gras Gala in March. The award honors the life and work of Bernie Rosen, a well-loved attorney, community activist, and leader of numerous nonprofits in the Akron area. Congratulations, Sylvia!

ACF BOARD MEMBER TO SPEARHEAD SCHOOL EQUITY INITIATIVES

Akron Community Foundation board member Carla Chapman was promoted to trailblaze a new role at Akron Public Schools as its first chief diversity officer. In this role, Carla will be responsible for overseeing the execution of the school board's racial equity policy and analyzing current systems and practices through an equity lens.



"Addressing equity is all about how we address the systemic changes that need to happen. So when we talk about systemic in equity, we're talking about the way a system functions," Carla said in a recent interview with the Akron Beacon Journal, speaking of her biggest challenge to achieving equity within Akron Public Schools. "Those types of changes don't happen overnight, and systemic issues require systemic solutions."

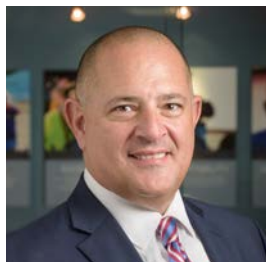
We are proud to have Carla on our board, and we commend her for leading such a critical initiative in our schools. Congratulations, Carla!

STAFF LEADERS APPOINTED TO COMMUNITY BOARDS

ACF staff members are taking an active role on local leadership boards that enrich the arts and culture sector throughout Akron and Summit County.

This year, Tracy Burt, vice president of marketing and communications, joined the board of the Akron Art Museum, while John Garofalo, vice president of community investment, was welcomed to the board of ArtsNow.

Please join us in congratulating Tracy and John for their commitment to advancing these important causes in our community.



EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING & BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD EVENT UPDATES

Akron Community Foundation will not be hosting its Annual Meeting or Polsky Award dinner in person this year due to the continued concerns surrounding COVID-19 and the need to maintain social distancing. Both events will be done virtually, first with an Annual Meeting Update coming to our donors, fundholders and followers via email in mid-July.

Though we will not be selecting an honoree this year, we hope you will save the date for Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. for a virtual Polsky Award retrospective and tribute to past recipients. More details will be forthcoming in late summer/early fall.

To be one of the first to receive our news and event information, please sign up for our emails at www.akroncf.org/enews.

IBH CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Join IBH Addiction Recovery on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at the John S. Knight Center to celebrate 50 years of the organization saving lives throughout Northeast Ohio. Proceeds from the event will support the organization, as well as the IBH Foundation Fund at Akron Community Foundation.

Tickets for this event begin at \$100 and can be purchased at www.ibh.org/news/50th-anniversary-gala-celebration. For more information, contact IBH Addiction Recovery's Development Department at 330-644-4095.



WHAT IS YOUR WORST ASSET?

What's the absolute worst asset to deal with in your estate plan? No contest: It's your IRA (and other retirement plans, like 401(k)s and 403(b)s). When you leave your IRA to someone, you are bequeathing that person a giant bag full of taxable income.

Suppose you leave your \$1 million IRA to your daughter and your \$1 million home to your son. Shortly after your demise, your son sells the house and your daughter cashes out the IRA. How much money will each beneficiary then have?

Your son will have the \$1 million sales proceeds from the house, minus any brokerage commission or other selling expenses he incurred. But your daughter will have to pay income tax on the full value of the IRA, leaving her with something in the neighborhood of \$630,000 after paying federal income tax (less if she is also subject to state income tax).

Back in the "old days" before 2020, your daughter had a way to mitigate those income taxes. She could leave the money inside the IRA she inherited from you, so it would continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis, and withdraw the money gradually over her life expectancy. Since the life expectancy of a 50-year-old (for example) is 34+ years (according to the IRS's tables), the "life expectancy payout" option gave most heirs a great way to preserve and build on their inherited retirement benefits by deferring the taxes. Unfortunately, Congress decided that was too good a deal.

In the SECURE Act, which was passed in late 2019, Congress took away the life expectancy payout for most beneficiaries and replaced it with a 10-year payout requirement. This new 10-year rule applies to beneficiaries of IRA owners who die after 2019 (in other words, it's not retroactive).

“It’s worth investigating this tried-and-true estate planning tool that allows your IRA to bypass the income tax system while providing a life income to your chosen human beneficiary and fulfilling your charitable intent.”

If you were not fortunate enough to die before 2020, it’s still possible that some of your beneficiaries will be able to use the life expectancy payout. Retirement benefits left to your spouse, to a disabled individual, or to any individual who is close to you in age (or older than you) will still qualify for the life expectancy payout. Thus, if your estate plan calls for benefiting someone in these groups, you can probably still arrange your IRA to qualify for the life expectancy payout after your death.

If your chosen beneficiaries are not in those categories, however, the stark reality is that your IRA contains a big debt of deferred income taxes. Those taxes must be paid either by you during your life or by your beneficiary within 10 years after your death. You need to think about who is going to pay those taxes, when, and with what.

Before you get too depressed about this, there is a way to avoid that income tax: Leave your IRA to charity. If you name a charity as beneficiary of your IRA, the IRS comes to your funeral hoping to start collecting taxes on your IRA and instead sees the entire account go right past them into the tax-exempt charity. Charities are exempt from income tax, so the \$1 million IRA that is only worth \$600,000 to your human beneficiary is worth a full \$1 million to your favorite charity.

Now, saving the best for last: What if you like the idea of an income-tax-free treatment of your IRA, and you have a charity in mind for some of your estate, but you also want to provide for a human beneficiary – let’s say your 50-year-old daughter? Consider a charitable remainder trust (CRT): You leave your IRA to the CRT. The CRT receives and cashes out (income-tax-free) the entire IRA. The CRT then pays a life income to your chosen human beneficiary.



The income typically is a fixed percentage of the trust’s value each year, such as 5%, though there are other options. So the first year’s distribution from a \$1 million IRA-funded CRT would be about \$50,000. Your daughter will receive the 5% payout every year for the rest of her life. Those distributions will be taxable to her, though the trust itself is not subject to tax. Upon her death, the trust terminates and all remaining funds are distributed to the charity you designated.

For example, if the CRT were funded with a \$1 million IRA, had a 5% payout rate, and earned income every year of exactly 5%, your daughter would receive \$50,000 a year for life, and on her death, the charity would receive \$1 million.

An important drawback of the CRT is that your chosen human beneficiary cannot receive anything more than the designated

lifetime payout amount, regardless of what needs he or she may have. So if you wish to ensure more discretionary funds are available to your beneficiary, you need to choose a different type of trust instead of or in addition to a CRT.

Needless to say, CRTs have various technical requirements (one of which makes it suitable only for older beneficiaries – not young grandchildren, for example), which you would need to review with your estate planning advisor. But it’s worth investigating this tried-and-true estate planning tool that allows your IRA to bypass the income tax system while providing a life income to your chosen human beneficiary and fulfilling your charitable intent.

To learn more about charitable remainder trusts and other planned giving options, visit www.akroncf.org/PlannedGiving. We offer sample gift plans, calculators, and the option for Akron Community Foundation to work with your professional advisor – all at no cost. 🌱

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