

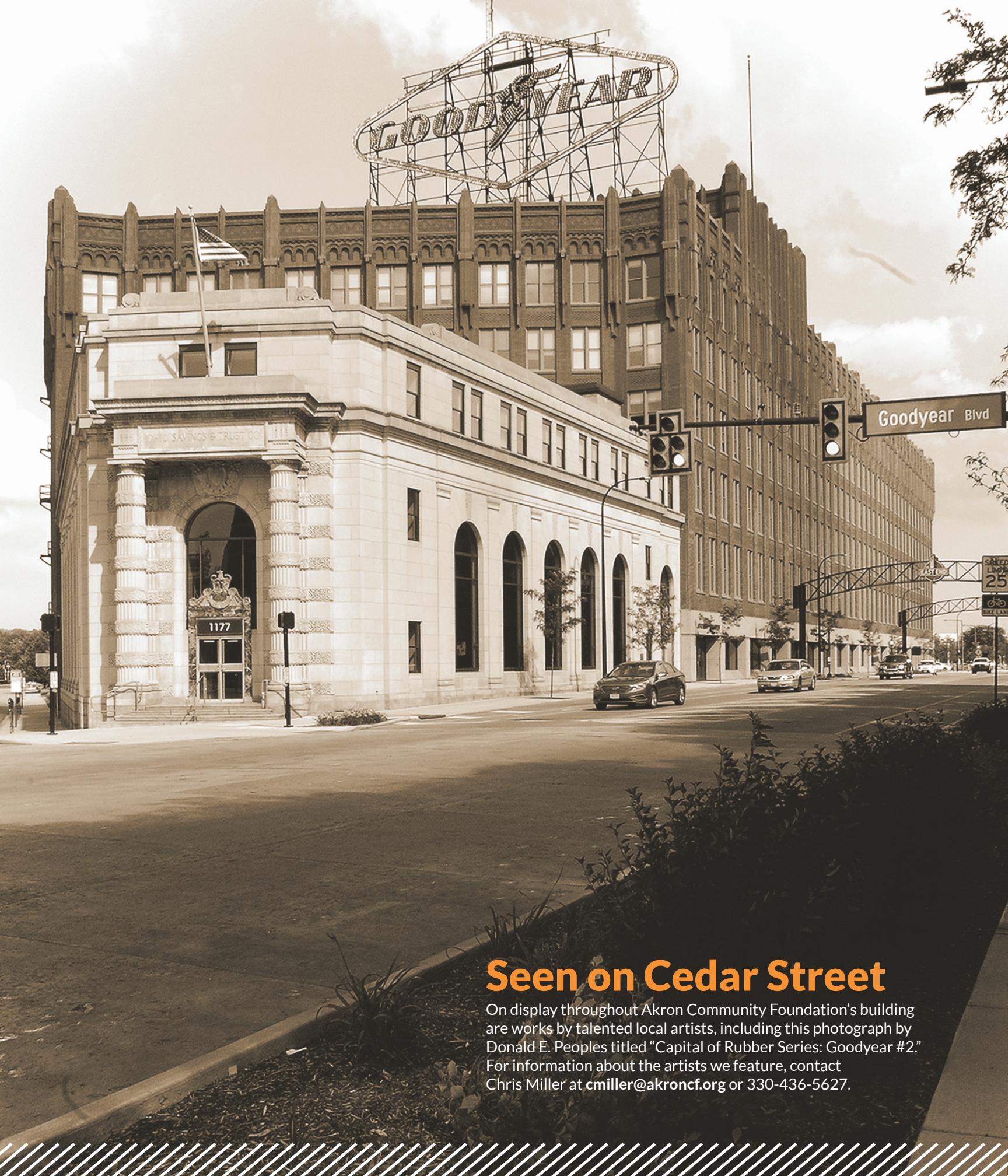
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Local Nonprofits Help Resettled Residents Through Partnerships & Philanthropy





Seen on Cedar Street

On display throughout Akron Community Foundation's building are works by talented local artists, including this photograph by Donald E. Peoples titled "Capital of Rubber Series: Goodyear #2." For information about the artists we feature, contact Chris Miller at cmiller@akroncf.org or 330-436-5627.

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AKRON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955



By John T. Petures Jr.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

In late September, former Akron Community Foundation board member and fundholder Virginia Addicott graciously hosted a reception at her beautiful home for current and past board members of the community foundation. How excited we were at the prospect of coming together in person as a leadership group for the first time in nearly two years. I know you'll join me in anticipating the hope and promise of a safer and healthier post-pandemic environment, but it still seems too early to speculate on what the "new normal" will look like in our personal and professional lives. I can report, however, that our gathering on a beautiful fall evening was filled with laughter, stories of growing families, reflections on past achievements, and honest-to-goodness happiness at seeing friends and colleagues who have been part of the fabric of our lives. Thank you, Virginia, for opening your home to us.

Moving forward, our community continues to rebound and rally in addressing ongoing challenges surrounding addiction, homelessness and evictions, racism and more. Collectively, we're also determining how to best embrace and support the refugees from Afghanistan who will resettle here in Akron and Summit County. This community has a proud history of welcoming immigrants, especially in the North Hill neighborhood, and as new needs emerge, Akron Community Foundation is prepared to help our nonprofit community address these challenges through the

generous philanthropy of our donors and fundholders, whose gifts continue to touch and uplift the lives of those who need help the most.

As 2021 draws to a close, our board and staff are actively engaged in developing the community foundation's next strategic plan, which will include exciting next steps and resources surrounding The Center for Family Philanthropy. One of the significant possibilities that attracted me to this role of CEO back in 2008 was the opportunity to teach philanthropy to current and prospective donors and their families – something I had not been able to do in my previous senior development roles.

Today, we continue to work with multiple generations of families who are excited to create their own philanthropic legacies while also engaging their children and grandchildren, regardless of whether they plan to remain here in our community or pursue lives and careers in other places. The spirit of giving back transcends a single community, and we're confident that our work in promoting philanthropy through the generations will lift the tide of all ships from sea to shining sea. That was pretty poetic, wasn't it?

Here's to a safe and healthy conclusion of 2021 for you and your family, as well as prayers for joy, laughter and reconnection with those you care about in 2022 and beyond. 🌱

BACK & FORTH

SOCIAL SHOUTOUTS

Crafty Mart

@CraftyMart

Thank you to @AkronCF for their continued support of Crafty Mart. Because of their generosity, we are able to provide a permanent and sustainable event space where makers can sell, learn and attend workshops. #grateful

Victim Assistance Program of Summit County

@victimassistanceprogram

Special thank you to Akron Community Foundation for helping us fulfill our mission to empower our community to restore lives impacted by crisis, violence and tragedy. We see the impact of your generosity each day as we provide best practice services to those in need!

The Packard Institute Inc.

@ThePackardInstituteInc

Deep thanks to Akron Community Foundation for supporting The Packard Institute's Indigenous Healing and Recovery Center. Our next sweatlodge at The Emma Recovery Residence of The Packard Institute Inc. is tomorrow, as we are able to continue outreach to underserved, indigenous and other minority communities.

Leadership Influencing Teen Empowerment

@liteusa

LITE is incredibly grateful to Akron Community Foundation for their support. This grant will help us continue to provide leadership development and emotional intelligence training to area high school and middle school students. Thank you!!!

GROUNDWORKS DANCETHEATER

PHOTO BY DALE DONG



John (Petures), I just had the pleasure of viewing the 2021 Akron Community Foundation Annual Meeting Report. What a fantastic presentation and what a great year! Congratulations to you and all those involved in making 2021 a record year in all respects for ACF. We're all proud of what you have accomplished for the foundation and owe you a debt of gratitude!

John Shannon

ACF Fundholder

Thank you for Akron Community Foundation's additional support of the Greater Akron LGBTQ+ Community Needs Assessment. You and your team are making a positive impact and helping improve the day-to-day lives of our local LGBTQ+ community.

Sonia A. Alemagno, Ph.D.

Kent State University

This (Polsky) retrospective was a brilliant idea. Bravo to the planners. This great community was bought by the relentless efforts of so many great people that came before us.

Dan Flowers

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

John (Petures), what a beautiful (Polsky) program. Thank you especially for the precious words about Dad (Charlie Booth). Still miss him. Also, glad the symphony could be a part of the program. This was a brilliant idea, superbly implemented.

Kathy Booth

ACF Fundholder

Grateful for ACF and the community's appreciation of our amazing local history. And especially Dave (Lieberth) and his collection and presentation of local history and the people who made it happen.

Leianne Neff Heppner

Summit County Historical Society

As we all re-emerge from the "long tunnel," we are very grateful to Akron Community Foundation for your continuing support of GroundWorks. The company is truly looking forward to finally being back on stage at the Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival this August. Thank you for helping us get there!

David Shimotakahara

GroundWorks DanceTheater

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

The following is the audited financial statement for Akron Community Foundation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. ACF is audited on an annual basis by Sikich LLP. More information is available at www.akroncf.org/Financials.

ASSETS	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$441	\$244
Contributions receivable, net	\$130	\$193
Prepaid expenses	\$98	\$100
Note receivable	\$468	\$590
Property and equipment, net	\$3,108	\$2,944
Accrued investment income	\$247	\$263
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$39	\$40
Investments	\$223,825	\$162,076
Funds held as agency endowment obligations	\$32,214	\$22,666
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	\$12,968	\$9,740
Real property held for investment	\$552	\$552
Total Assets	\$274,090	\$199,409
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Grants approved for future payment	\$1,037	\$708
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$675	\$596
Funds held as agency endowment obligations	\$32,214	\$22,666
Total Liabilities	\$33,926	\$23,970
Net assets:		
Without donor restriction	\$125,628	\$90,845
With donor restriction	\$114,537	\$84,594
Total Net Assets	\$240,164	\$175,439
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$274,090	\$199,409
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$22,402	\$11,760
Investment income, net	\$7,131	\$4,525
Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments	\$65,697	(\$20,841)
Change in beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	\$3,228	(\$1,446)
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Contributions	(\$1,664)	(\$1,007)
Investment income	(\$803)	(\$390)
Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(\$8,008)	\$2,465
Total Revenues and Other Support	\$87,983	(\$4,934)
EXPENSES		
Grants and other distributions	\$20,755	\$11,621
Administrative expenses	\$3,130	\$3,101
Less amounts for agency endowments:		
Grants and other distributions	(\$628)	(\$1,132)
Total Expenses	\$23,257	\$13,590
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$64,725	(\$18,524)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$175,439	\$193,963
Net Assets, End of Year	\$240,164	\$175,439

Thank you for an incredible year of giving!

ACF: *By The* NUMBERS

During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021, we achieved:

52
NEW FUNDS

750+ **TOTAL FUNDS**

\$283.5
MILLION
IN ASSETS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

6,747

gifts totaling nearly

\$22.1 million

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

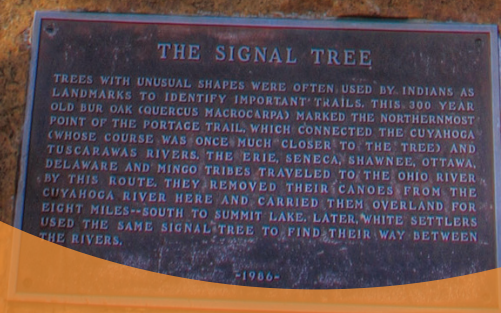
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MILLION IN
COVID-19 FUNDING

\$22.4 MILLION
in total grants and distributions

New To Our Family

NEW FUNDS



During the first half of fiscal year 2022 (April 1 - Sept. 30, 2021), we were pleased to welcome 19 new funds established by charitable individuals, families and organizations throughout Greater Akron.

Donor-Advised Funds

Barsella Family Fund
Dawley Family Fund
Pamela and Neal Marks Family Fund
Danielle and Chris Miller Family Fund
The J.M. Smucker Company Advised Fund
The J.M. Smucker Company Mental Health Initiative Fund
Christopher and Tracy Soulsby Donor Advised Fund
Jean P. Wade Fund
M.A. Watkins Fund
Weschler Family Fund
Tawnia Wright Legacy Fund

Designated Funds

Stewart's Caring Place Legacy Fund
TLC Jeremiah 29:11 Fund
Established to support the scholarship program at the Akron Urban League

Agency Endowment Funds

Akron Snow Angels Endowment Fund
audiochuck Endowment Fund
Established to support the Porchlight Project, which provides media attention, investigative services, and funding for DNA testing for Ohio cold cases
Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio Endowment Fund
International Soap Box Derby Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds

Coach Terry Ross Achievement Scholarship Fund
Established to provide scholarships for previous years' football recipients of the Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund

Field-of-Interest Funds

Summit County Opioid Healing Fund
Established to support nonprofit organizations that serve Summit County residents impacted by the opioid epidemic

 Permanently endowed funds



THE JEAN P. WADE FUND

Established in June 2021 by Dedee O'Neil, the Jean P. Wade Fund honors the legacy of Dedee's husband, Rory, and her mother-in-law, Jeannie. This donor-advised fund was created through the conversion of a private foundation the family had been administering since the early 1990s.

After navigating the many legal hassles associated with transferring control of the foundation following Rory's death in 2020, Dedee wanted to ensure it would one day pass seamlessly to their two adult daughters, Shannon and Megan.

"I was convinced this was a wonderful solution," Dedee said. "This small fund will now have ACF's team of investment advisors, I won't have to worry about timely filings with the various government entities, and it will transfer smoothly to the next generation to continue making grants."

Just like the original private foundation, this donor-advised fund will carry on Jeannie's and Rory's legacy of giving back to the community and continue to support many of their favorite causes, including the arts and education.

Learn more about the services available to private family foundations through The Center for Family Philanthropy at www.akroncf.org/PFFpartnerships.

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 April 1 to Sept. 30, 2021:

Jennifer Lile Krugliak, Wilkins,
Griffiths & Dougherty Co. LPA

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

Creating A Welcoming New HOME



Local Nonprofits Help Resettled Residents Through Partnerships, Philanthropy

By Chris Miller
Communications &
Community Investment Officer

When the United States pulled out of a 20-year occupation of Afghanistan this summer, it triggered a humanitarian crisis that displaced more than 550,000 Afghans, nearly 1,000 of whom will resettle in Ohio. Around 200 Afghan refugees are expected to arrive in Akron.

While there is often a misperception that resettled immigrants and refugees are showered with government assistance, the truth is that debt – along with strict pending deadlines – accrues as soon as the plane lands.

“When someone gets off the airplane, they have 90 days to get settled in a completely new country and under completely new circumstances, from housing to finding a job,” said Elaine Tso, chief executive officer of Asian Services In Action (ASIA) Inc. “They have such a tiny amount of time.”

“The federal resettlement program does provide direct assistance to refugees, but when they arrive, they already have a debt to the U.S. government to pay back their cost of the flight,” said Madhu Sharma, executive director and director of

immigration legal services for the International Institute of Akron (IIA), a resettlement agency in Akron's North Hill neighborhood that has been in operation for more than 100 years.

"The direct assistance they receive is nominal, and it's supposed to last 90 days" to cover basic necessities, Sharma said, adding that the need for these types of services for refugees and immigrants can easily extend to five years or more. "Usually, IIA helps them secure employment, but we have to teach them basic life skills and language skills. It's a difficult beginning in the United States, but we're here to soften that."

Sharma adds that the International Institute offers a robust immigration and legal services department, perhaps the most robust of any resettlement agency in Ohio.

"This is a population that is the most courageous because they are stepping out of everything that is known to them," said Koula Glaros-King, staff attorney at Community Legal Aid and the nonprofit's only full-time immigration attorney. "The courage to leave for them is extraordinary. Every immigrant brings their own survivor skill set."

While ASIA Inc. does not directly provide help with resettlement, its range of services is crucial to immigrants and refugees. But little for refugees comes free. "It's not like they get a blank check," said Tso.

ASIA Inc. does provide refugee health screenings to brand new arrivals, Tso said, but she points out that these services benefit the health of the community, too. "We are one of the community health centers that provides (refugees) with vaccines, a general exam for a clean bill

"This is a population that is the most courageous because they are stepping out of everything that is known to them."

**KOULA GLAROS-KING
STAFF ATTORNEY,
COMMUNITY LEGAL AID**

of health, and making sure they have a medical home. We also help them find a longer-term solution for employment needs," Tso added, along with emergency food services and citizenship classes.

And the agency's language classes go beyond just teaching words and phrases: Hygiene, etiquette, cultural knowledge, and civic assistance are also focal points of the programming.

OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES

Once basic needs are met for people resettling in Northeast Ohio, the challenges continue in other areas, such as navigating the health care and legal systems and gaining sustained employment.

In Tso's estimation, the top challenges are "learning a language, being able to get from place to place, and navigating public transportation." And equally important is the cultural adjustment.

"When people resettle, sometimes they're coming from war-torn countries or communities where police and military are not comfortable faces to see," she said. "Sometimes community members are less comfortable around police and even have an unwillingness to call the police in the event of a crime."

But, she says, developments like the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls police departments hiring their first Bhutanese police officers will hopefully sway this perspective in a more positive direction.

"Not speaking the language itself creates an economic barrier," said Sharma, who adds that IIA addresses this obstacle and others through its case management services, in addition to teaching job and life skills. "The barriers are the same that many Americans face, but then you add to that the lack of cultural knowledge, lack of cultural access, lack of cultural empowerment, and systemic and community racial barriers that exist. But refugees have already been through so much; they're resilient and they will overcome."

Sharma said the goal is for those who resettle to embrace American culture, while also retaining their personal and cultural identity. "But that takes so much time – much longer than the 90 days the government provides for case management," she said.

Health disparities in the refugee and immigrant communities continue to be a pervasive issue, especially in the areas of addiction and mental health.

"A lot of (refugees) have complicated, traumatic histories," said Tso. "The kind of behavioral health we provide is not only culturally sensitive, but it's trauma informed."

Although there is a stigma around mental health in the U.S., it's significantly greater in resettled communities, Tso said, adding that mental health is so stigmatized in some of the communities they serve that there isn't even a word for behavioral health.

One specific challenge for people arriving from Afghanistan is that they are resettling under a system the federal government is still piecing together. Deep cuts to the resettlement program in recent years have placed pressure on an already strained system.

"The federal government has not set up a pathway to U.S. citizenship for people coming here from Afghanistan," said Sharma. "They're still stuck in a legal limbo in this country, and that's dangerous."

According to an NPR report, around 53,000 Afghans are living in U.S. military bases – with 14,000 more soon to arrive – as they await basic services like housing, as well as collaboration from agencies like IIA.

And unlike previous resettlement programs, in which Northeast Ohio was the second wave after people lived in refugee camps for years, this area will now be the first stop for people resettling from Afghanistan.

"I think it's going to take more time, and we're going to learn about the barriers," said Sharma.

ROLE OF PARTNERSHIPS

Summit County's many nonprofits that serve the international community must often rely on one another to make sure clients' needs are fully met. These partnerships emerge from necessity or, in other instances, when one agency steps in



to help because funding may be restricted for another.

"Sometimes the projects are specific and have specific funding," said Glaros-King. "In the past, we have been part of naturalization funding that is available. We have partnered on domestic violence cases, as well. We've done presentations to the communities that those organizations serve – everything from identity theft to housing protections to IRS frauds. These are issues that have popped up in the communities."

While partners like Akron Public Schools and local government agencies are crucial to the International Institute's success, Sharma says that community organizations formed by fellow refugees and immigrants are especially valuable. These groups provide a friendly face for those who have recently arrived in the area. "It's someone from home in Akron who's greeting them," Sharma said. "More than any community

partners, it is the ethnic community organizations that start to develop from waves of refugees that we partner with closely."

This includes organizations like the Bhutanese Community Association of Akron, Congolese Community Association, Karen Community of Akron and Proyecto RAICES, among a number of other associations. The Islamic Society of Akron and Kent is another community-led organization that will be pivotal for resettling Afghan refugees, Sharma said.

ROLE OF PHILANTHROPY

While the federal government provides some services for the initial resettlement of refugees and immigrants, many agencies must rely on donations, grants and other forms of assistance for long-term supportive services.

"(Philanthropy) makes us able to be inclusive," Sharma said. "We would not have sustained for 106 years if we were

restricted in serving the way the state and U.S. government asked us to serve.”

“Philanthropy can certainly be a place where there’s an investment in the newly arrived community,” said Tso. “Immigrants and refugees bring economic vibrancy to a community if philanthropy has the opportunity to invest. For example, we have a microloan program to help immigrants and refugees with startup businesses. That’s a huge boon to the community. They typically don’t have the long-term credit history to get loans from the bank. Through microenterprises, we’re able to give them a small loan and make sure they can repay the loan while establishing their business.”

Many new residents also lack the financial resources needed for immigration filing fees, said Glaros-King. She adds that while some of the filing fees are waivable based on income of the applicant and their financial status, a lot of them are not, especially counselor fees.

If someone wants to apply for the immigration of an immediate family member, it can cost them thousands of dollars per person. And sometimes these fees are the only thing standing in the way of people trying to attain legal status. “I’ve had a lot of people put off replacing documents because of financial limitations,” Glaros-King said.

Another pressing issue for this population is translation services. Translating paperwork often requires resources local nonprofits don’t have.

“A lot of clients who are eligible to take the (naturalization) test in their own language don’t have materials in their own language to study,” Glaros-King said.

Immigrants and refugees also encounter costly medical expenses and barriers to transportation. Glaros-King said she’s heard of people paying someone as much as \$100 to drive them to Cleveland for a simple appointment.

“They pay that money to get to a medical appointment. They also pay them to help fill out forms, but that person is often not authorized to do that,” she said. “They

might have a notary seal, but they don’t have a legal education in the U.S.”

She added that people only have one immigration file, “and if there’s a mistake, they have to live with them forever. The consequences can be devastating.”

As the agencies who participated in this article attest, there is an immense need for

resources to help resettled residents in Greater Akron. If you would like to volunteer or make a direct donation, Akron Community Foundation can help connect you to the causes you care about most.

Contact John Garofalo, vice president of community investment, at 330-436-5624 or jgarofalo@akroncf.org for more information. 🌱



MADHU SHARMA,
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
OF AKRON PHOTO BY DALE DONG

LIFE-SAVING PARTNERSHIPS

Sometimes, partnerships that help refugees and immigrants arise from tragedy.

Recently, in Akron’s North Hill neighborhood, a house fire took the lives of two adults and three children, all from the Bhutanese community.

“They did not have complete knowledge about the fire safety services available to Akron residents at no cost,” said Elaine Tso, chief executive officer of Asian Services In Action (ASIA) Inc., referring to a program where the Akron Fire Department will install smoke detectors for free in residents’ homes. “Unfortunately, this family didn’t understand these protocols.”

This terrible event inspired a partnership among the fire department, ASIA Inc., and a home improvement store, which donated \$10,000 worth of fire extinguishers, rope ladders and carbon monoxide detectors.

Now, this life-saving equipment will be installed in the homes of resettled residents, and ASIA Inc. can provide the direct referrals.

“It’s an example of a partnership that can turn a tragedy into something positive,” Tso said.



**HOME FEATURED ON THE GAY
COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND'S
2020 SUGAR PLUM TOUR**
PHOTO BY STARR FILMS LLC

FUNDS & INITIATIVES

BATH COMMUNITY FUND

Supporters of Bath Community Fund gathered at the Regal Beagle in the Bath Nature Preserve in August to celebrate the fund reaching \$1 million. As the endowment grows, Bath Community Fund is able to increase its annual grantmaking to nonprofits serving the Bath and Revere communities. Included among the guests was Victory Gallop's therapeutic pony, Willie Nelson, who was on hand to greet attendees and pose for photos. Congratulations to all for this momentous accomplishment!

Bath Community Fund will announce its latest grants in December, bringing the fund's total grantmaking to more than \$150,000 since it was created in 2014. For a complete list of recipients, visit www.akroncf.org/BCFgrants.

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

In September, the Gay Community Endowment Fund surpassed \$2 million in charitable assets, a fitting achievement for the fund's 20th anniversary in 2021. This milestone year will culminate in December with the fund's 20th annual Sugar Plum Tour of Holiday Homes, which showcases the area's finest historic and contemporary homes, all decked out for the holidays. This year's festivities include both live and virtual tours, with the live tour taking place on Sunday, Dec. 5, and the virtual tour taking place the weekend of Dec. 11-12. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.sugarplumtour.org.

Proceeds from the tour support the fund's mission of advancing a lived equality for all LGBTQ+ people in Greater Akron.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund will award its next round of impact grants this winter. Strong preference will be given 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. Applications for both impact grants and micro grants are due Dec. 15. For more information, visit www.akroncf.org/ApplyGCEF.

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

In June, the Medina County Community Fund awarded \$33,000 in grants to nonprofits that support local causes that enrich the quality of life for all Medina County residents. These grants and other annual updates were announced this summer in a digital report to the community. To view the report, visit www.akroncf.org/MCCF2021AnnualUpdate.

On Sept. 23, the Medina County Arts Council hosted its annual Harvest for the Arts and Service to the Arts Awards at the Buffalo Creek Retreat in Seville. During this event, Medina County Community Fund advisory board member Jill Morton was recognized with the Service to the Arts – Volunteer & Philanthropist Award for her more than eight years of service to the organization. Congratulations, Jill!

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

This summer, the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund awarded \$25,800 in grants to nine nonprofit organizations that improve the lives of Medina County's women and children. This year's round of grants represents the largest amount awarded in a single year in the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund's 23-year history. Since its inception, the fund has awarded more than \$244,000 in grants to support local women and children. Fund officials announced this year's grant awards during their signature event, Seasons of Giving, which was hosted virtually on June 10. For a complete list of grant recipients, visit www.akroncf.org/MCWEFGrants.

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

A partnership between Akron Community Foundation and the Akron Beacon Journal/Beaconjournal.com, the Millennium Fund for Children enriches the lives of children throughout the newspaper's audience coverage area. Since 1999, the fund has grown to more than \$1.3 million and invested more than \$850,000 into local children's causes. Gifts from individual residents and corporations alike help fuel this growth, including the more than \$50,000 in gifts made last year. See the full list of donors at www.akroncf.org/MillenniumDonors.

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

VERNON L. ODOM FUND

As president of the Akron Urban League for nearly 30 years, Vernon Odom spent much of his career improving the lives of Akron's minority communities through education, advocacy and mentoring. Since 1993, the Vernon L. Odom Fund has continued his legacy by investing more than \$200,000 into local programs that promote diversity and support ethnic and racial harmony. Applications for the next round of grants are due Dec. 15. Apply online at www.akroncf.org/ApplyOdom.

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

On Sept. 23, the Women's Endowment Fund virtually convened a group of nearly 100 community leaders and industry experts to discuss mental health and the pandemic during its biennial forum on women and girls. Results from these discussions will help to strategically guide the fund's grantmaking decisions.

The Women's Endowment Fund will also host its 2022 "For Women, Forever" annual dinner on March 9 at Goodyear Hall at The East End. This year's keynote address will be delivered by Ernst & Young Vice Chair and U.S.-Central Region Managing Partner Julie Boland. During the event, the fund will also honor Dr. Sandy Auburn, retired philanthropic development professional and active community volunteer, with the 2022 Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. For more information, visit www.akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.



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A HISTORY OF *Polsky*

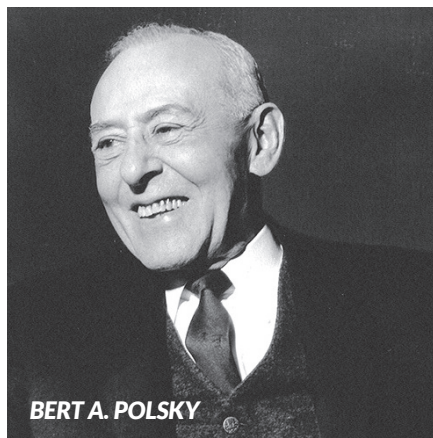
Since 1969, 58 Akronites have received the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award, eponymously named for the man who was as known for giving back to the community as he was for his department store.

Mr. Polsky played a significant role in many of the initiatives and organizations that have helped our community thrive, including Akron Community Foundation, of which he was a founding trustee.

So it seems fitting that those who have been bestowed with this award are themselves a veritable who's who of Akron and Summit County's more recent history. Recipients include titans of the rubber industry like Jerry O'Neil and Bob Mercer; public servants such as William Kannel, Dorothy O. Jackson and Carla Moore; physicians and health care executives like William Considine and Dr. Terry Gordon; and newspaper editors responsible for documenting our community's stories such as John S. Knight and Ben Maidenburg.

Through grants provided by Akron Community Foundation over the years, local historian Dave Lieberth has captured the stories of more than half of these Polsky honorees, providing our community with vital historical accounts from the post-World War II era.

The full-length videos of these interviews – as well as many other historical documents, videos and photos – are stored at www.summitmemory.org, an online repository for history collections in Summit County that is administered by the Akron-Summit County Public Library.



In lieu of hosting a traditional in-person gathering this year due to health and safety concerns, Akron Community Foundation worked with Lieberth to create a virtual retrospective on the history of philanthropy in our community, told through the generosity and good works of these past honorees. This retrospective presentation was shown during a live-streamed event on Tuesday, Oct. 12, where guests heard about the lives of these humanitarians from Akron Community Foundation President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. and Board Chair Sylvia Trundle, as well as from the lips of the recipients themselves.

For those unable to attend the virtual event, we've made the recording of the full Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Retrospective available for viewing at www.akroncf.org/Polsky2021.

BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENTS

2019 – Dave Lieberth
 2018 – Thomas G. Knoll
 2017 – The Honorable Carla Moore
 2016 – Jim & Vanita Oelschlager
 2015 – Joe Kanfer
 2014 – Rennick Andreoli
 2013 – H. Peter & Eileen Burg
 2012 – Dr. Terry A. Gordon
 2011 – William H. Considine
 2010 – Kathryn Motz Hunter
 2009 – Madeline Bozzelli
 2008 – Bud & Susie Rogers
 2007 – Philip H. Maynard
 2006 – Dr. Ronald J. Fowler
 2005 – Betty Dalton
 2004 – Justin T. Rogers
 2003 – Charles E. Booth
 2002 – Roger T. Read

2001 – Clifford & Judith Isroff
 2000 – Ann Amer Brennan
 1999 – John F. Seiberling
 1998 – Dorothy O. Jackson
 1997 – Dr. Norman P. Auburn
 1996 – Howard L. Flood
 1995 – John D. Ong
 1994 – Bruce F. Rothmann, M.D.
 1993 – William S. Parry (Posthumous)
 1993 – The Honorable William P. Kannel
 1992 – Karl S. Hay
 1991 – Robert E. Mercer
 1990 – C. Colmery Gibson
 1988 – Dr. Clinton D. Barrett
 1987 – Fred & Francia Albrecht
 1986 – William G. Hulbert
 1985 – Charles J. Pilliod
 1984 – Leo E. Dugan

1983 – William C. Zekan
 1982 – Vernon L. Odom Sr.
 1981 – Frank W. Steere Jr.
 1980 – John L. Feudner Jr.
 1979 – M.G. O'Neil
 1978 – Lisle M. Buckingham
 1977 – D. Bruce Mansfield
 1976 – Edwin J. Thomas
 1976 – Ben Maidenburg
 1975 – John S. Knight
 1974 – John D. Morley, M.D., M.P.H.
 1973 – Joseph Thomas
 1972 – Belle K. Miller
 1971 – W.B. "Bish" McIntosh
 1970 – Grace O'Neil
 1969 – Sherman O. & Mary Schumacher

An Ode to Humanitarians

By John T. Petures Jr.

Imagine capturing the history of an award
That has celebrated our community's best
Let's reflect for a moment on the giants we've honored
Who stand out and above all of the rest

For decades we've gathered and marveled
At how wonderfully they've all given back
Their leadership, character and generosity chronicled
Their impact impossible to track

Life's choices and journeys brought them here to this place
They've made such a difference, it's true
Unselfishly leaving lasting marks on our town
Never imagining we'd be remembering them, too

They made it look easy, without giving it much thought
Giving back, or at least that's how we all feel
With admiration and gratitude we honor them tonight
And to our community, it's meant a great deal

Looking back to 1969, there have been 58 Polsky awards
With names that obviously ring a bell
Odom, Buckingham, Seiberling and Knight
Whose life stories we've been eager to tell

More recently we've honored and lost some of our finest
Fond memories that bring them to mind
Hunter, Dalton, Burg, Booth and Maynard
In the Polsky tradition all humble and kind

"Servant leader" best describes how thoughtfully they lived
Humanely giving back, helping others
Never really knowing or meeting those they touched
Young children, homeless vets, struggling mothers

A Polsky retrospective, after a year like no other
Should help to uplift and inspire
How will we embody these lives so well lived
And be filled with such hope and desire

Desire to contribute of our time and our treasure
Their examples we model and borrow
Let's promise today to follow their lead
And bring hope and promise for tomorrow





NOTEWORTHY

ACF AWARDS NEARLY \$350K IN FIRST ROUND OF OPIOID HEALING FUNDS

In September, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors approved 16 grants totaling \$341,485 to nonprofit organizations supporting Summit County residents directly impacted by the opioid epidemic. This was the first round of grants from the Summit County Opioid Healing Fund, which was established earlier this summer by the Opiate Abatement Advisory Council using settlement funds from Summit County's federal opioid trial.

Grants from this fund are targeted to organizations not currently being funded by the Summit County ADM Board, and for programs that offer peer support services, recovery-oriented services, and community-based recovery events. A second grant application process will be open from Nov. 15 to Dec. 10, with grants announced in March 2022.

For more information about the application process, visit www.akroncf.org/applySCOH or contact John Garofalo, Akron Community Foundation's vice president of community investment, at 330-436-5624 or jgarofalo@akroncf.org. To see a list of recipients from the first round of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/SCOHgrants.



PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR COUNCIL ORGANIZES SERVICE PROJECT

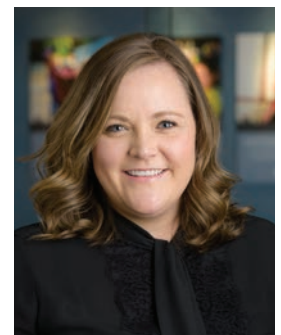
Hats off to the members of Akron Community Foundation's Professional Advisor Council, who recently spent a Saturday morning staining benches, pulling weeds and spreading mulch at Firestone Park. The service project, which was planned in conjunction with Keep Akron Beautiful, was an opportunity for members of the council to connect with one another while improving our community.

Following the project, the council also recommended a \$500 grant to Keep Akron Beautiful to cover the cost of supplies. Thank you to everyone who lent their time and gardening skills to this initiative!

VP OF MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS TAPPED FOR LEADERSHIP AKRON SIGNATURE CLASS 38

In June, Leadership Akron announced the 42 members selected for its 2021-2022 Signature Class, including Akron Community Foundation's own vice president of marketing and communications, Tracy Burt.

The 10-month program is offered to Greater Akron's top leaders from various sectors. Through day-long learning seminars, site visits, networking and more, Leadership Akron exposes its leaders to



experiences that will prepare them to maximize their community impact. Congratulations, Tracy, on this well-deserved accomplishment!

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT OFFICER RECEIVES 30 FOR THE FUTURE, TEEJ HONORS

This fall, Akron Community Foundation's community investment officer, Cristina González Alcalá, Ph.D., was recognized with two prestigious community and leadership honors.

In September, Cristina was celebrated as an outstanding woman in the community by the Greater Akron Hindu Sewa Samittee during its Teej festival. Teej is an ancient three-day Hindu celebration honoring women. During this festival, participants pray, fast, dance and feast.



In October, Cristina was recognized as a Greater Akron Chamber 30 for the Future recipient. This award honors young professionals who have made an impact on the Greater Akron region through dynamic leadership and community service. Please join us in congratulating Cristina on her accomplishments!

ACF CFO JOINS SOUTH STREET MINISTRIES BOARD

This summer, Akron Community Foundation's vice president and chief financial officer, Steve Schloenbach, joined the board of directors of South Street Ministries. Through neighborhood partnerships and leadership, this nonprofit organization provides holistic community development services within the South Akron, Summit Lake and reentry communities. We are confident Steve will serve as a valuable resource for South Street Ministries, much like he does for the foundation. Congrats, Steve!



PHOTOGRAPHER SHANE WYNN HAPPENED UPON STEVE CLEANING UP SUMMIT LAKE FROM HIS CANOE.

EVENTS

SUGAR PLUM TOUR OF HOLIDAY HOMES

LIVE: DEC. 5, 2021

VIRTUAL: DEC. 11-12, 2021

The Sugar Plum Tour is Akron's premier holiday home tour and the signature fundraiser of the Gay Community Endowment Fund. Since 2002, thousands of tourgoers have experienced the twinkling lights, roaring fires, sparkling trees and dazzling holiday decorations of homes nestled in neighborhoods throughout Greater Akron. This year's 20th anniversary festivities will include both live and virtual tours of some of the area's finest historic and contemporary homes. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.sugarplumtour.org.

FOR WOMEN, FOREVER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Join the Women's Endowment Fund for its annual dinner celebrating women and girls in our community. This year's keynote speaker is Julie Boland, vice chair and U.S.-Central region managing partner at Ernst & Young LLP. During the event, the Women's Endowment Fund will honor former advisory board member Dr. Sandy Auburn with the Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. This event has sold out for the last several years, so reserve your seats now by becoming a sponsor at www.akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.

BERT A. POLSKY HUMANITARIAN AWARD RETROSPECTIVE

In October, Akron Community Foundation hosted a virtual presentation to celebrate all of our esteemed past Polsky Award honorees. Since 1969, the foundation has recognized philanthropic leaders across all sectors of the community, from rubber industry magnate M.G. O'Neil to renowned civil rights leader Vernon L. Odom Sr. to community leader Dorothy O. Jackson. The live-streamed event offered a retrospective look at the history of philanthropy in Akron, as well as the achievements of these former award recipients. To view the recording, visit www.akroncf.org/Polsky2021.

Leave Your Legacy: EDWIN C. SHAW SOCIETY

In 1955, a \$1,033,533 bequest in the will of former B.F. Goodrich Vice President Edwin C. Shaw set in motion a philanthropic endeavor that would leave an enduring impact on the Greater Akron community. The establishment of Akron Community Trusts, now known as Akron Community Foundation, would “meet the changes in the community needs brought about by the passage of time and the variance in circumstances.”

Shaw envisioned a place where charitable people from all walks of life could join together to improve their community forever. The community foundation established by his bequest 66 years ago has since grown from that initial \$1 million and is now quickly approaching \$300 million in assets. During that time, the foundation has also distributed nearly \$200 million in grants to support the health, educational and cultural needs of our community.

Thousands of donors give millions of dollars to the community foundation every single year, but there are ways beyond current giving to make a lasting impact on our community. Many individuals have joined our Edwin C. Shaw Society, a legacy society that celebrates those who have named Akron Community Foundation in a planned gift, such as a bequest, charitable gift annuity or life insurance policy.

Joining our legacy society is simple. All you have to do is notify us of your intention to leave a planned gift.

By notifying us of your charitable plans, we can ensure the money you leave to the foundation will be used as you wish – either by broadly supporting community needs or by targeting specific interest areas or nonprofits you want to benefit forever. And we can do so anonymously or by creating a fund in your name, whichever you prefer. Membership in our legacy society also includes invitations to exclusive foundation events and the opportunity to meet other like-minded philanthropists. 🌱



To notify the foundation of your planned gift and join the Edwin C. Shaw Society, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president and chief development officer, at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org. To learn more, visit www.akroncf.org/plannedgiving.

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT: DR. KEN SWANSON

For 46 years, Dr. Ken Swanson compassionately served families at Akron Children's Hospital. The first in his department to master the CT scan and MRI, he spent every holiday working and most lunch hours consuming as much knowledge as humanly possible, sharing interesting tidbits with friends and colleagues. Having never married, and with no local relatives, Dr. Swanson's friends and co-workers were his family. His mission was caring for his patients and his loved ones, but his passion was playing music.

Dr. Swanson volunteered as a physician at the Cleveland Orchestra for 18 years, even traveling with the group to Europe and Southeast Asia. He was the house physician at Blossom Music Center, too. Dr. Swanson also was a self-taught keyboardist, and he relished playing the century-old pipe organ at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

On Sept. 2, 2015, the Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts was established to support local music and arts programs, which will keep Dr. Swanson's passion alive forever. 🎵



Thank you to our current Edwin C. Shaw Society members. If you have named Akron Community Foundation in a planned gift and are not recognized in the list below, please contact Margaret Medzie at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org to be added to our member list.

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Virginia Addicott
Lou Albertson
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Dr. Suzanne T. Allen
Rennick & Dee* Andreoli
Drs. Sandy & Mark Auburn
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Megan Johlle
Chris & Danielle Miller by
Kristen Ashby
Amy Nenadov by
Greener Grass Organic Lawn & Pest
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