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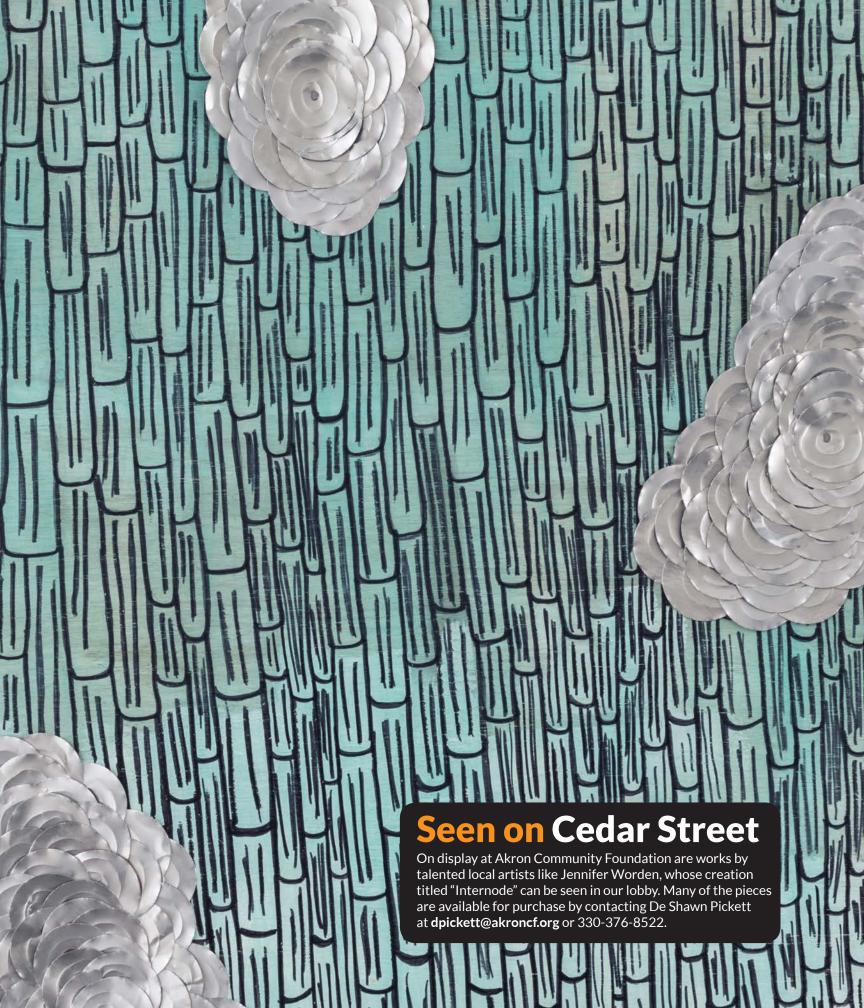
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Where were you on the evening of Oct. 15, 2019? How excited we all were to gather with a sellout crowd at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn to honor Akron's own native son, David Lieberth, as he deservedly became the 52nd recipient of our Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. Dave joined other legendary leaders in being recognized for his lifetime of tireless service to no fewer than 60 nonprofits in the Greater Akron community. What a night it was as Dave and his family heard presenters and past honorees reflect on his laudable efforts in improving and uplifting the lives of so many in our community. Congratulations, Dave!

October was a busy month at your community foundation, as we also celebrated members of our community coming together on Oct. 3 to host over 750 conversations as part of our On the Table Greater Akron initiative. For the third year, a record number of more than 7,000 citizens gathered in coffee shops, conference rooms, homes and community centers throughout Summit and Medina counties to participate in civil discussions on the challenges facing our community. Individuals from all walks of life and professions, including over 1,100 Akron Public Schools freshmen, gathered and reflected on practical ideas to positively address key issues identified and improve the human condition for people in our community.

This winter, Akron Community Foundation will award up to \$100,000 to area nonprofits through our On the Table Community Impact Awards grants, doubling last year's commitment. These grants will advance actionable solutions

for the three key issues that were discussed during this year's conversations: diversity, equity and social inclusion; the aging senior population; and drugs and addiction.

Earlier this fall, our board of directors also announced that it had committed \$225,000 in multi-year grant support for diversity, equity and social inclusion programs through the Greater Akron Chamber and Women's Network, as well as programs supporting our senior population through Direction Home Akron Canton. Special thanks to the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Huntington Bank, Main Street Gourmet, and other local sponsors for their generous support in making these On the Table conversations possible.

As another year draws to a close and we reflect on the many blessings we have in our personal and professional lives, I hope you won't hesitate to reach out to me or one of our team members to assist you and your family in fulfilling your philanthropic dreams. We're here to connect you to the causes and organizations you care most about and to assist you as you contemplate the next step in your charitable journey, whether it's creating a scholarship fund, supporting one of our more than 120 agency endowment funds, or establishing a donor-advised fund in your family's name that will positively impact our community now and forever.

Best wishes for a wonderful conclusion to 2019 and a joyful holiday season.

BACK&FORTH

#ONTHETABLEAKRON

Yesterday we had an amazing bipartisan discussion with @CollegeDemsUA about civility. It is essential as college students that we recognize this importance so that we can all make a difference. #OnTheTableAkron

University of Akron College Republicans @UA_CRepublicans

This week I was honored to participate in a few #OnTheTableAkron discussions. @AkronMETROBus was a host for two discussions because we believe the struggle is real. We've discussed and we will continue to carry our message of equitable mobility options for our community. #METROProud

Dawn Distler Akron METRO RTA

Once again, On the Table was a great and productive effort for Akron and Summit County! This is an excellent program, and I look forward to seeing the follow-up reports and real efforts to improve our collective understanding and quality of life with funded initiatives.

Constance Dubick Akron Resident

Tonight, I had the opportunity to host an #OnTheTableAkron conversation in a beautiful setting with an incredible group of people. Had such an inspiring evening with old and new friends. Thank you, ACF, for helping make this happen.

Samantha Coldwell Akron Resident



Thank you for Akron Community Foundation's support of my Knight Arts Challenge project, "As a Community We Will Lift You." Thank you again for the foundation's generosity in helping to bring hope, pride and resilience to the clients and staff of the Summit County Department of Job and Family Services.

Jennifer Jones Kent State University

Thank you, ACF, for your leadership, engagement and support of the Greater Akron Chamber, particularly our initiatives around diversity and inclusion and the collaboration between the Chamber and the Women's Network. Your recently announced grants will help us continue this important work in our community. Based on the reception we received at the Greater Akron Inclusion Summit, I am convinced that we are moving in the right direction for an inclusive, growing economy in the Greater Akron area.

Marc B. Merklin Greater Akron Chamber Board Chair and ACF Fundholder

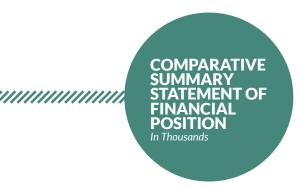
Every time I think the Polsky awards can't get any better, you all go and outdo yourselves. Last night's event was perhaps the best yet. Perfectly done. I am so proud to be associated with ACF.

Matt Shannon Legacy Strategic Asset Management

We couldn't have gotten this (Boston Mill Visitor Center) project done without ACF. This new facility will be a huge benefit to residents of our locale and visitors from afar. Our national park is bringing in more people every day, and they will now get properly oriented to the park and the two great cities that flank it. Thank you!

John P. Debo Jr. Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park

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



The following is the audited financial statement for Akron Community Foundation's fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. ACF is audited on an annual basis by Sikich LLP. More information is available at **www.akroncf.org/Financials**.

ASSETS	2019	2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,269	\$6,628
Accrued investment income	\$234	\$217
Contributions receivable, net	\$80	\$117
Prepaid expenses	\$118	\$83
Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$40	\$38
Note receivable	\$710	\$828
Property and equipment, net	\$1,410	\$1,325
Investments	\$165,691	\$170,092
Long-term investments	\$34,420	\$27,607
Trust accounts	\$11,186	\$11,500
Real property held for investment	\$552	\$552
Total Assets	\$220,710	\$218,987
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities:		
Grants approved for future payment	\$1,032	\$752
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$585	\$472
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Funds held as agency endowment obligations Total Liabilities	\$25,130	\$24,870
Net assets:	\$26,747	\$26,094
Without donor restriction	\$111,474	\$100 £0E
		\$100,695 \$23,100
With donor restriction	\$82,489	\$92,198
Total Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$193,963 \$200,740	\$192,893
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Contributions		\$14,017
Investment income	\$5,836 (\$4,050)	\$4,890
Net appreciation (depreciation) on investments and trust accounts	(\$1,350)	\$14,339
Less amounts for agency endowments:	(4040)	(400 ()
Contributions	(\$910)	(\$386)
Investment income	(\$618)	(\$479)
Net (appreciation) depreciation in investments	\$231	(\$1,756)
Total Revenues and Other Support	@4107E	@2N
	\$14,075	\$30,625
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EXPENSES		
Grants and other distributions	\$10,858	\$13,258
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During the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019, we achieved:



Total Funds



MILLION IN FUNDING FOR SUMMIT COUNTY NONPROFITS

gifts totaling nearly \$10.9 Million

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\$10.9 million

in total grants and distributions



During the first half of fiscal year 2020 (April 1 – Sept. 30, 2019), we were pleased to welcome 13 new funds established by charitable individuals, families and organizations throughout Greater Akron.

Donor-Advised Funds

Dot Org Solutions Fund Don and Lynne Gordon, Jr. Fund Juve Family Fund Barbara Marie and Marilyn S. Minney Fund Waternish Fund Jeff and Missy Wert Family Fund

Designated Funds

Michael Hohman Fund for Homeless LGBTQ Teens Established by Deborah Strobel to support the Gay Community Endowment Fund's grantmaking to programs for homeless LGBTQ+ teens

Agency Endowment Funds

Love Akron Network Endowment Fund Rec2Connect Foundation Endowment Fund Truly Reaching You Endowment Fund

Field-of-Interest Funds

Jack Andrew Wilson Fund for Mental Health
Established by Andrew and Jeanne Wilson in memory of
their son Jack to support mental health programs

Board Discretionary Funds

Institute for Emerging Philanthropists Fund

Established to award grants selected by students of Akron Community Foundation's Institute for Emerging Philanthropists

Proactive Grantmaking Fund

Established to award proactive grants in strategic funding areas identified by Akron Community Foundation's board of directors

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Designated Funds

Support one or more of your favorite organizations

Agency Endowment FundsA predictable stream of income for your nonprofit

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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

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

COMMUNITY ISSUE





A PROACTIVE APPROACH

By Tracy Burt & Chris Miller

At the Greater Akron Chamber's inaugural Inclusion Summit in September, a stark picture of disparity and inequity was painted: For every \$100 white families earn, black families earn \$57. Even more stark: For every \$100 of wealth a white family accumulates, black families acquire only \$5.

These figures, shared by Robert DeJournett, the chamber's vice president of opportunity and inclusion, stress the need for a more inclusive local workforce and economy, a need the chamber plans to address with its Elevate Greater Akron initiative.

Elevate Greater Akron is a collaboration among the chamber, City of Akron, and County of Summit that was created to improve economic development in the region as a whole, with a specific focus on improving opportunities for the black population.

"Akron's economy cannot succeed if this population – 31% of the city's residents and 12% of the region's – is not succeeding," wrote the chamber and its partners in a report introducing the initiative.

The data these organizations unearthed aligns with research Akron Community Foundation conducted through On the Table Greater Akron surveys, which compiled direct feedback from thousands of residents who participated in On the Table conversations, as well as a community needs assessment produced by The Center for Community Solutions.

All of these studies point to a clear conclusion: Racial equity and inclusion is an increasing concern in our community.

As Akron Community Foundation commissioned these reports and set the table for community input, its staff and board already knew a proactive grantmaking initiative would emerge. It was the issues the proactive grants would address that remained unknown.

But over time, the research revealed three major issues in need of funding: diversity, equity and social inclusion; the aging senior population; and drugs and addiction.

Unlike traditional grants awarded through the foundation's quarterly board discretionary cycles, the proactive grants were awarded to specific organizations and initiatives already working in these three focus areas. This strategy is designed to systemically improve a pending or growing crisis, as well as shape future trends.

With a total of \$500,000 set aside for proactive grantmaking over a three-year period, Akron Community Foundation announced the first round of these grants in fall 2019, investing \$225,000 into programs that address diversity, equity and social inclusion and the community's aging senior population.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION

In the case of Elevate Greater Akron, an Akron Community Foundation grant of \$100,000 will engage minority business owners and support the creation of a diverse supplier guide. It will also increase corporate awareness about inclusion and connect minority job seekers with the nearly 20,000 unfilled jobs in the area.

"The resources provided in this grant will be specifically used to take action and shift the way in which the business community supports economic inclusion and embeds it into the work our companies do every day," said Steve Millard, president and CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber. "ACF's new focus on proactive giving leverages their insight on our community's needs and specifically engages the region's ecosystem of economic development and support organizations to help them address areas they see as having the biggest need and largest potential gains."

In addition, a \$25,000 grant was awarded to the Women's Network to improve on key findings from its recent Gender Equity & Women's Leadership Study, which found that area women are significantly underrepresented in leadership positions, particularly women of color. The Women's Network recently forged a partnership with the Greater Akron Chamber to increase gender equity and inclusion in positions of leadership in Greater Akron.

AGING SENIOR POPULATION

As another proactive priority, a \$100,000 grant to Direction Home Akron Canton will support the Age-Friendly Akron initiative, which aims to make Summit County a more livable and accessible community for people of all ages and abilities over the next five years.

Age-Friendly Akron is a partnership among AARP, the University of Akron, the City of Akron, Direction Home Akron Canton, and the city's Senior Citizens Commission. More than 400 communities across the nation are members of AARP's Age-Friendly Network, a group of communities actively working toward making their region an inclusive place to live for residents of all ages.

"Age-Friendly Akron gave us the opportunity to look intensely at what's going on in our city in terms of various major domains, like transportation, housing, community engagement, volunteerism and educational opportunities," said Harvey Sterns, co-chair of the Age-Friendly Akron Committee and director of the Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology at the University of Akron. "We're interested in how to better coordinate all of our services, both civic and health-wise, in terms of how to optimize people aging and how to support caregiving and multigenerational interaction."

GETTING WISER

In 2017, Akron Community Foundation awarded a \$200,000 grant to Direction Home Akron Canton to develop a centralized intake system – or "front door" – for area seniors seeking help with housing, medical needs, finances and other concerns.

This grant included the creation of **gettingwiser.org**, as well as an accompanying print guide, to help aging adults access the many resources available to them in the community. It also convened local agencies that focus on the needs of seniors, from job placement to mental health services, and supported a public information campaign.



With the issue of seniors, Akron Community Foundation's grantmaking is looking toward the future, as the number of older adults in the community is expected to increase significantly in the coming years. As of the 2010 census, Akron had 40,000 people age 60 and older, making up 20% of the population. By 2030, this same group is expected to make up 30% of the population.

DRUGS & ADDICTION

The third issue identified through Akron Community Foundation's research is one many in the community are aware of: drugs and addiction. According to data from the ADM Board, an estimated 1,200 Summit County residents entered a local emergency room after overdosing in 2018. Most of those who complete treatment relapse within 90 days, and 64% of people entering publicly funded treatment centers have one or more previous admissions.

At the time of the first On the Table Greater Akron conversations in 2017, the community was still reeling from the onset of the opioid crisis that hit in full force in the summer of 2016. Not surprisingly, the survey results showed that this topic was top-of-mind. In 2018, even as the rate of overdoses and overdose deaths were slightly improving, drug use and abuse still ranked as one of the top issues facing our community.

Proactive grants for this issue have not yet been established, as the community foundation is waiting on recommendations from the Addiction Leadership Council. In the fall of 2017, Akron Community Foundation approached the United Way of Summit County about developing a group focused on the identification, prevention and treatment of addiction in Summit County, and the Addiction Leadership Council was born early in 2018.

Composed of local elected officials, hospital presidents, health experts, and civic, nonprofit and business leaders who are leveraging their influence, the council quickly moved forward with collecting and evaluating data through the University of Akron and The Center for Community Solutions. This data will help the council set policy, create structure, and drive accountability for those operating in the addiction treatment and prevention domains.

"It is a rare person in our community who has not been touched by addiction, and though Summit County and the Greater Akron area are comparatively rich in addiction-related resources, our residents are drowning in a land of plenty," said Sarah Friebert, M.D., chair of the Addiction Leadership Council and director of Pediatric Palliative Care at Akron Children's Hospital. "The work of the ALC is to remove barriers and facilitate synergies among the many people, organizations and initiatives dedicated to this



important work to position our community as a model of how to turn a devastating blight into a collaborative success story of prevention, treatment and recovery. No matter what drug or issue is the focus, addiction will be conquered by shining a light on stigma, removing silos and red tape, and creating seamless pathways. Proactive grant funding, together with public, corporate and philanthropic support, will build upon the good work that's already happening and catapult our efforts to slay the demon of addiction."

MORE THAN FUNDING

"As a funder, we work with hundreds of nonprofits in the community and have insight into who, with the proper resources, can move the needle on key issues," said John Garofalo, Akron Community Foundation's vice president of community investment. "We're able to convene coalitions around a specific topic, working with dozens of providers to offer a systemic strategy of change through an entire chain of services."

This proactive strategy helps the community foundation make an immediate difference in people's lives, while advancing long-term solutions that will positively impact future residents, as well.

For more information about all of Akron Community Foundation's grantmaking initiatives, visit www.akroncf.org/Initiatives.



Akron Community Foundation's proactive grantmaking initiative has not diminished resources for its traditional, application-based quarterly grants. The foundation still awards approximately \$500,000 per quarter to programs in education, arts and culture, health and human services, and civic affairs.



BATH COMMUNITY FUND

In addition to celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, Bath Community Fund is also approaching several significant milestones in both grantmaking and fundraising. In December, the fund will announce its fourth round of grants, bringing its cumulative grantmaking total to approximately \$75,000 since it was founded in June 2014. Fueling those grants, fund leaders have now raised close to \$1 million through their "For Bath, Forever" endowment campaign. More than 200 individuals, families and organizations have contributed to this historic campaign. See the full list at www.akroncf.org/BCFpyramid.

In August, women on the fund's advisory board hosted a Girls Night Social at the Regal Beagle to encourage gifts to Bath Community Fund's "200 Years – 200 Women" campaign. The campaign commemorates Bath Township's bicentennial by honoring women who have made a positive impact on the community. Similar gatherings will be scheduled in the coming months. To learn more and request an invitation, contact Renee Scherick at 330-436-5612 or rscherick@akroncf.org.

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

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

On Aug. 1, the Gay Community Endowment Fund hosted its annual celebration, exhALE: Advancing Lived Equality, at the Akron Civic Theatre. The event celebrated the fund's impact in the community

and showcased its recent grant recipients. Proceeds supported the GCEF Scholarship Fund, which awards academic scholarships to LGBTQ+ and allied students in Greater Akron. To date, the fund has awarded more than \$20,000 in scholarships. Learn more at scholarship.gaycommunityfund.org.

Tickets are still available for the fund's 18th annual Sugar Plum Tour on Sunday, Dec. 8. The tour is the signature fundraiser of the Gay Community Endowment Fund and features five of



the area's finest historic and contemporary homes, all decked out for the holidays. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.sugarplumtour.org.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund will award its second 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 and micro grants are due Dec. 15. For more information and a link to apply, visit www.akroncf.org/applyGCEF.

MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

The Medina County Community Fund announced grants totaling \$33,210 to 16 nonprofit organizations during its annual Spring into Summer event in June. This year's awards included a \$3,000 grant to Medina Cares Inc. to provide financial assistance to underserved Medina County residents facing a medical crisis. Since 2008, the organization has assisted local residents with expenses related to doctor's appointments, medications, utilities, groceries and more.

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

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

The Medina County Women's Endowment Fund welcomed eight-time Emmy Award-winning news anchor and acclaimed author Romona Robinson as the featured speaker at its signature Seasons of Giving event in June. Robinson shared her personal and professional story of breaking barriers of race, gender and poverty in front of nearly 200 community leaders and philanthropists at the event.

That evening, the fund also announced its largest annual grantmaking total to date. Altogether, the fund awarded \$23,325 to nine local nonprofit organizations, including \$10,000 in impact grants to support the BEAT Video Program and Feeding Medina County. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MCWEFgrants.

The Medina County Women's Endowment Fund will again host Seasons of Giving at the Blue Heron Event Center on June 11, 2020. Sponsorship opportunities are available now at www.akroncf.org/SeasonsofGiving.

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

A partnership between Akron Community Foundation and the Akron Beacon Journal/ Ohio.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 million and invested more than \$750,000 into local children's causes. In celebration of the Millennium Fund's 20th anniversary, the Akron Beacon Journal/ Ohio.com will be highlighting stories of the fund's impact in the community each month. We'll also be sharing stories and other news on the fund's Facebook page @MillenniumFundforChildren.

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 \$185,000 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.

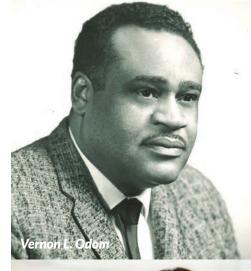


In September, the Women's Endowment Fund convened nearly 100 community leaders to discuss Collaborative Solutions for the Economic Empowerment of Women during its biennial Forum on Women and Girls. During the event, panelists representing major industries including education, criminal justice, health care, housing and transportation kicked off conversations that were followed by breakout discussions in community café style.

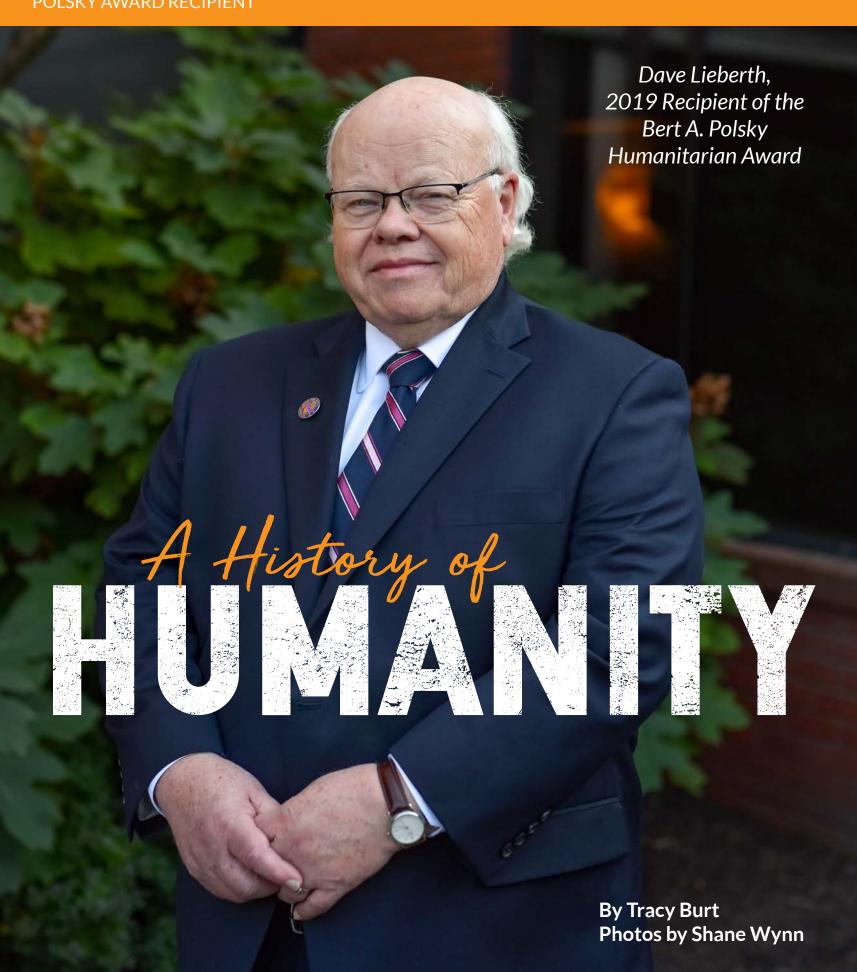
Discussions during the forum were recorded to create a report that will help guide the fund's 2020 grantmaking decisions. This winter, the Women's Endowment Fund will meet with a group of community leaders and key stakeholders to discuss actionable next steps based on findings from the forum report. Outcomes from this meeting will be announced next spring.

The Women's Endowment Fund is hosting its "For Women, Forever" annual dinner on March 11, 2020, at Goodyear Hall in Akron. This year, the fund will welcome Jill

Penrose, senior vice president of human resources and corporate communications at The J.M. Smucker Company, as its keynote speaker. During the event, the fund will also honor Sylvia Trundle with the 2020 Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. Sponsorship opportunities and event tickets are available at www.akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.







How one local journalist, lawyer and civic leader is preserving our past, while bettering our future

For nearly three decades, David Alan Lieberth provided the voice — and behind-the-scenes production — of the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award ceremony, helping honor giants in the community such as Dorothy O. Jackson, John F. Seiberling and William H. Considine.

It's fitting that on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, the former journalist,

lawyer and civil servant added his name to the list of esteemed Polsky Award recipients.

Born and raised in Summit County, Dave has become one of its most well-known residents, both for his professional career and for his unofficial gigs as the "voice of Akron" and as the city's walking history book (of which he's actually written three, by the way).

He's devoted thousands of hours of time and helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars to make Akron and Summit County a better place for all who reside, work and spend time here.

Not one to rest on his laurels, Dave announced his next big project during his acceptance speech in front of a crowd of nearly 500 people at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. Naturally, it's a historical preservation project.

Before Akron's bicentennial in 2025, Dave plans to create a place, not a museum, but a "permanent exhibit of Akron's remarkable history," where people can learn about "the founders who helped lead to the abolition of African slavery... where we defined the basic system of public education for the entire country... where two men thirsted for a solution to their

addiction, and with a spiritually minded woman, founded the largest self-help organization the world has ever known."

Also fittingly, he's using his time in the Polsky spotlight not to pat himself on the back, but to do what he's best known for: rallying others to join him on his quest to create this permanent exhibit in his beloved hometown.

Born in Barberton in 1947, the value of serving others was instilled in Dave at a young age.

"[My dad] was a volunteer leader in Barberton and invested hundreds of hours for the church and school we attended. One time, when he let me ride with him to take food and clothes to a family that lived in what we called Snydertown, he told me a story about my Irish grandmother," recalled Dave. "The 1913 floods obliterated neighborhoods in Barberton and Akron. She made meals and delivered food to families — by horseback! — who would otherwise have been starving."

But Dave's interest in bettering the community truly blossomed during the only year he ever lived away from Akron. From 1969-70, a tumultuous time in the nation's history, Dave attended graduate school in Syracuse, New York. It was there

that he experienced the first Earth Day, protests against the Vietnam War, and a civil rights march. It was also where he learned that four students had been killed on the Kent State University campus, just a stone's throw away from his life back in Akron. He returned shortly after with a fierce desire to do something to help his fellow man.





Following his return to Akron in 1970, Dave began building his career, working the 3-11 p.m. shift at WHLO six days a week. It was around this time that his college sweetheart, Lynne Moffat, also agreed to marry him.

"The first time I asked her to marry me, she said, 'Not now,'" Dave joked. "Nevertheless, I persisted. And I ended up marrying much better than she did."

Over the next decade, Dave continued his career in journalism while also pursuing a law degree, which he achieved in the latter half of the 1970s. Shortly after beginning his law career at Blakemore, Rosen & Norris, Dave and Lynne welcomed two daughters to their family.

In 1988, with two young children at home, Dave began his own law firm, which eventually morphed into a mediation firm in the late '90s. From 2002-2012, he served as then-Mayor Don Plusquellic's chief of staff, focusing on revitalizing downtown. He was instrumental in the creation of Lock 3,

now a year-round destination for residents and visitors alike. And yet even while balancing very time-consuming and stressful careers, Dave was the dad who was always home for dinner with his family and cheering his children on from the sidelines at every sporting event and dance production.

"We never knew the stress he likely encountered between the hours of 5 a.m. and 6 p.m.," said his youngest daughter, Emma Lieberth Osborn, during her speech at the Polsky Award dinner. "When he walked in the door, we knew that we mattered."

Dave's eldest daughter, Kate Lieberth Lytton, who passed away in early 2018 following a courageous battle with cancer, gave Dave and Lynne their first two granddaughters, Genevieve and

Paige. She also introduced Dave to a new charitable passion: dance.

As a professional ballet dancer for companies across the United States, Kate sparked a love of the arts in Dave that extended to the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet, the Ohio Ballet, and even to the creation of the popular Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival, which provides free dance performances in parks throughout the city every summer.

Dave also devoted much of his volunteer work to chronicling the history of Akron and Summit County. From his work with the Summit County Historical Society to

the three books, two television documentaries, a stage show, and dozens of articles that he has written, Dave has made a name for himself as Akron's most prolific historian.



He was the first president of Inventure Place and has produced opening ceremonies for nearly every entity in town, including Canal Park Stadium and the John S. Knight Center. He's been the man behind the scenes and on the stage at countless local events. such as LeBron James' homecoming at InfoCision Stadium, the inaugural "First Night" in downtown Akron, and almost three decades' worth of Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award presentations.

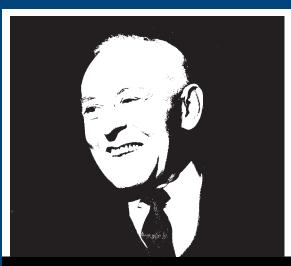
Dave is the founder and a lifetime trustee of Leadership Akron, which named its signature award after him: the Lieberth Community Vision Award. But according to Dave, the Polsky Award is special. "The reason that this is the greatest honor that anyone in Akron can receive is because (the former Polsky recipients) make the selection," said Dave.

Through both his time as the emcee of the Polsky awards, as well as his career as a journalist, Dave has gotten to know many of the other individuals who have received the award and believes he has discovered the "secret sauce" to the "qualities that have made these men and women the community icons they have become."

"I will tell you that the recipe is pretty simple. Every one of them has been guided by strongly held principles. They have been persistent in achieving their goals. But mostly, they found purpose in their lives," Dave said. "They each discovered ways to be useful to the people of Akron. And at their core was something else - an indefatigable regimen that allowed them to pour 100% of their energy into their profession, their families and their community."

Golden Anniversary of the Polsky Award

For 50 years, the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award has been an esteemed honor, reserved for the most altruistic individuals in Summit County. Named for the legendary Polsky's Department Store president, the award was created by the Chamber of Commerce in 1969 to honor an individual or couple who exemplifies Bert Polsky's selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron.





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1969 - Sherman O. & Mary Schumacher

1970 - Grace O'Neil

1971 - W.B. "Bish" McIntosh

1972 - Belle K. Miller

1973 - Joseph Thomas

1974 - John D. Morley, M.D., M.P.H.

1975 - John S. Knight

1976 - Ben Maidenburg

1976 - Edwin J. Thomas

1977 – D. Bruce Mansfield

1978 - Lisle M. Buckingham

1979 - M.G. O'Neil

1980 - John L. Feudner Jr.

1981 – Frank W. Steere Jr.

1982 - Vernon L. Odom Sr.

1983 - William C. Zekan

1984 - Leo E. Dugan

1985 - Charles J. Pilliod

1986 - William G. Hulbert

1987 - Fred & Francia Albrecht

1988 - Dr. Clinton D. Barrett

1990 - C. Colmery Gibson

1991 - Robert E. Mercer

1992 - Karl S. Hay

1993 - The Hon, William P. Kannel

1993 - William S. Parry (posthumous)

1994 - Bruce F. Rothmann, M.D.

1995 - John D. Ong

1996 - Howard L. Flood

1997 - Dr. Norman P. Auburn

1998 - Dorothy O. Jackson

1999 - John F. Seiberling

2000 – Ann Amer Brennan

2001 - Clifford & Judith Isroff

2002 - Roger T. Read

2003 - Charles E. Booth

2004 - Justin T. Rogers

2005 – Betty Dalton

2006 - Dr. Ronald J. Fowler

2007 – Philip H. Maynard

2008 - Bud & Susie Rogers

2009 – Madeline Bozzelli

2010 - Kathryn Motz Hunter

2011 - William H. Considine

2012 - Dr. Terry Gordon

2013 - H. Peter & Eileen Burg

2014 - Rennick Andreoli

2015 – Joe Kanfer

2016 – Jim & Vanita Oelschlager

2017 - The Honorable Carla Moore

2018 – Thomas G. Knoll

2019 – Dave Lieberth

For more information about the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. visit www.akroncf.org/Polsky.

POLSKY AWARD PHOTOS



















An Ode to Dave Lieberth

By John T. Petures Jr.

We gather, Mr. Lieberth, and honor you this night Offering tribute to our dear native son We celebrate and commend your devotion to Akron And reflect on all that you've done

A true historian, lawyer and author An acclaimed leader, activist and muse This is our 52nd Polsky recipient Trust me, tonight is big news

This gentleman's bio is a trip down memory lane
His life journey never winding by chance
His devotion to community is unmatched and so varied
Supporting children, inventors and dance

For 27 years Dave championed this celebration Cleverly entertaining us as our emcee We knew this day would come, of course Proudly selected as tonight's honoree

We recall all the stories he uncovered Sharing memories and reflections with such grace It's fitting this evening we pause and take notice Of his devotion and service to this place

What can you say about such an inspiring leader Whose commitment reflects all that he's been Demonstrating love of community and neighbors Who has awards actually named after him

At the center of your world is your family Your children, grandchildren and wife A home filled with love and compassion Always pausing to celebrate this life

This Bert A. Polsky Award honors our best Recognizing those lifting spirits and hearts Lives enriched, communities made stronger Struggling families given hope and fresh starts

Congratulations, dear friend, on this life so well-lived Filled with humor and accomplishments that will last Thank you for giving, inspiring and caring Moving forward while treasuring our past

We understand this honor must be earned and deserved Reserved for such special few David, we're proud to acclaim this night That this tribute is befitting for you



PHASE ONE OF FOUNDATION'S EXPANSION AND RENOVATION COMPLETE

At the end of October, community foundation staff moved into the 2,500-square-foot addition at its 345 W. Cedar St. home. This addition is part of a larger expansion and renovation of the building that, upon completion, will include a physical home for The Center for Family Philanthropy, new meeting spaces, and new workspaces to accommodate the foundation's growing staff. Completion of the building is expected in early 2020, with a grand opening celebration planned for late spring. Stay up to date on building announcements at www.akroncf.org/Building.

BOARD MEMBER TO BE HONORED WITH WEF AWARD

Congratulations to Akron Community Foundation board member Sylvia Trundle, who was selected to receive the 2020 Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. The award is presented by the Women's Endowment Fund to an individual or couple who has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to empowering women and girls in Summit County. Sylvia, a retired Akron Police captain, is a dedicated mentor for adolescent girls in the community through her

work with Girls on the Run Northeast Ohio and the Diamond Ladies program of OPEN M. A former board member and longtime supporter of the Women's Endowment Fund, Sylvia was nominated for the award in recognition of her "tireless advocacy for the advancement of women and girls in all walks of life." She will be honored at the fund's "For Women, Forever" annual dinner on March 11, 2020.



ACF WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

Two new employees recently joined the staff of Akron Community Foundation. Cristina González Alcalá was hired in October as our new community investment officer. Cristina, who most recently worked for Summit Education Initiative, will manage Akron Community

Foundation's competitive grant cycles. Her in-depth knowledge of Greater Akron's nonprofit community will be an invaluable resource for our Community Investment Committee as it awards and evaluates quality grants. Cristina's expertise will also help the foundation connect our fundholders to meaningful funding opportunities in their areas of interest.

Debra Hoffman joined our staff in August as the affiliate fund events and administrative coordinator. Deb serves as the liaison to Akron Community Foundation's affiliate funds, providing their advisory boards with administrative support and event planning expertise. She has a strong background in project management and operations, including experience as an executive assistant and administrative director for a local nonprofit.







FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP WILL INCREASE GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

As part of a new initiative, Akron Community Foundation is partnering with the Cleveland Foundation to expand government transparency and recordkeeping in Northeast Ohio. In July, both foundations met with City Bureau, a Chicago-based nonprofit civic journalism lab, to discuss local media literacy and information needs. As a result of those discussions, City Bureau will launch its innovative Documenters.org project in Northeast Ohio. Documenters.org is a free website that standardizes and shares the locations, dates and official records of all public meetings held by city- and county-level government bodies. This tool makes it easier to monitor and analyze local decisions and policy discussions.

"We hope residents will use this new resource to find and attend public meetings, interrogate public records, report on civic issues and build a new public record, together," wrote Darryl Holliday, City Bureau's News Lab director, in a news release about the partnership.

City Bureau will soon host Public Newsroom events in Akron and Cleveland to showcase their work and determine next steps. Other cities that have adopted the program are now training and paying citizens to document local government meetings in collaboration with journalists. By centralizing local government records, cities like Chicago – and soon Akron – can increase the flow of information and encourage civic engagement. To learn more about the project and provide your own feedback on government efficacy in Akron and Summit County, visit www.akroncf.org/Documenters.

LEADERSHIP AKRON TAPS ACF DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR CLASS 36

Congratulations to Laura Fink, director of development and professional advisor relations, for being one of the 40 community leaders selected for Leadership Akron's Signature Class 36. The 10-month program engages and informs top leaders of Akron organizations by preparing them to maximize their community impact. Laura joins several other Akron Community Foundation staff members as alumni of this



prestigious program. Congrats on this well-deserved opportunity!

LIBRARY COLLECTION PRESERVES POLSKY INTERVIEWS

A collection of video interviews with past Polsky Award recipients is now part of Summit Memory, an online historical resource maintained by Akron-Summit County Public Library. Produced by 2019 Polsky Award recipient Dave Lieberth, the collection features first-person accounts of Akron's history from World War II to the present. The collection of more than 300 videotapes was gifted to the library in 2017, and a grant from Akron Community Foundation preserved the footage by converting it into a digital format. Community members can access the free archive at www.summitmemory.org/digital/custom/polsky.

NOTEWORTHY EVENT

SUGAR PLUM TOUR OF HOLIDAY HOMES

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

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 extraordinary holiday decorations of homes throughout Greater Akron. This year's tour will showcase five exquisitely decorated homes in West Akron, Highland Square and Merriman Hills. Sponsors will also be invited to a private party at an exclusive sixth residence in Fairlawn Heights. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.sugarplumtour.org.

→ FOR WOMEN. FOREVER

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 | Goodyear Hall Join the Women's Endowment Fund for its annual dinner celebrating women and girls in our community. This year's keynote speaker is Jill Penrose, senior vice president of human resources and corporate communications at The J.M. Smucker Company. During the event, the Women's Endowment Fund will honor ACF board member Sylvia Trundle with the Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. This event has sold out the last several years, so reserve your seats now at www.akroncf.org/ForWomenForever.

→ FOR ADVISORS: CREATIVE PLANNING WITH S-CORP STOCK

Thursday, May 7, 2020 | Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Did you know there are more S-corporations than C-corporations and LLCs combined? Many of these donors would like to be charitable, but donations from these organizations can pose unique challenges. Featured speaker Bryan Clontz will provide advisors with solutions to help their clients – and the nonprofits they want to impact – make the most of their charitable gifts. Questions? Contact Laura Fink at Ifink@akroncf.org or 330-436-5611.

To make sure you're invited to future Akron Community Foundation events, sign up for our emails at www.akroncf.org/Enews.





By Anne Bucciarelli, CFA Head of Philanthropy, Bernstein Private Wealth Management

Our donors often seek advice on the best ways to support their favorite charities. For those over the age of 70½, there are two strategies that should be considered: making direct gifts or making a charitable IRA rollover.* While both are relatively straightforward to implement, there are several structures and strategies that can increase the benefit of the gift to both the charity and the donor.

CASH ISN'T ALWAYS KING

The simplest way to give to a qualified charity is to make a direct gift of cash – it's easy, scalable and flexible. From year to year, cash donors can give more or less, or stop giving altogether if financial situations change or sights are set on supporting a new cause. Assuming the donor can itemize deductions, a personal income-tax deduction can be taken for the amount given. But there might be a better way to boost the tax benefit of charitable donations by giving appreciated securities, rather than cash.

For a donor in the top federal tax bracket (37%), deducting the value of a \$100,000 cash gift to a qualified charity reduces the federal income tax owed by \$37,000, thereby cutting the effective cost of the gift (the value of the gift minus the tax benefit) to \$63,000 (**Display 1**). For those who pay state and local income tax, the effective cost may be even lower.

By contrast, gifts of appreciated publicly traded stock or other assets can also reduce or eliminate tax on capital gains, as well as reduce tax on ordinary income. If the same taxpayer donated \$100,000 in publicly traded stock bought for \$50,000, he could also avoid paying the 23.8% tax on the stock's \$50,000 gain. The extra tax savings would cut the effective cost of the donation to \$51,100. If he donated \$100,000 in publicly traded stock that he received at no cost – perhaps when he founded his firm – he could avoid paying the 23.8% tax on the stock's \$100,000 gain. The extra tax savings would cut the effective cost of his \$100,000 gift to \$39,200.

Regardless of whether the donor can itemize, the effective cost will always be lower when giving highly appreciated stock. The reason is simple: Gifting appreciated stock allows the donor to avoid taxes on the gain in the stock.

WHAT ABOUT AN IRA?

There's another option for donors over the age of 70½. If they don't need the required minimum distribution (RMD) from an individual retirement account (IRA) to fund living expenses, and want to avoid paying income tax on the distribution, a charitable IRA rollover may make sense. Donors who have exceeded the annual income limitations on charitable income-tax deductions or who do not itemize deductions generally benefit most.

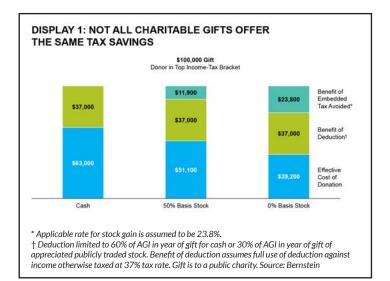
Giving opportunities are limited with regard to IRA accounts, but there's an exception for people who must take required distributions. The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015 allows IRA owners who are at least 70½ years old to donate up to \$100,000 each year directly from their IRA to a qualified public charity like Akron Community Foundation.**

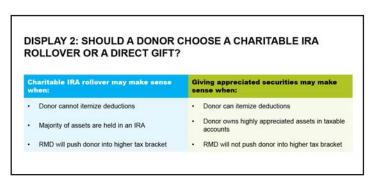
At first glance, the tax avoidance benefit from a charitable IRA rollover may appear extremely advantageous, but it may not always deliver the most optimal outcome. In some cases, giving highly appreciated assets might be the right choice (**Display 2**).

For a donor in the top federal income-tax bracket, a \$100,000 gift from an IRA to a charity will avoid \$37,000 in embedded tax (**Display 3**). That is, it would reduce the effective cost of the gift to just \$63,000. Note that a cash gift would result in the same economic benefit – if the donor itemizes his or her tax return and could take full advantage of the charitable income-tax deduction in the current year. But if donors face deduction limits, or take the standard deduction, a qualified charitable distribution may be a better strategy. If highly appreciated stock is given instead, the combined benefit of avoiding the capital-gains tax and creating a charitable income-tax deduction may be greater than a charitable IRA rollover.

YOUR GIVING PLAN

Crafting a philanthropic plan entails more than selecting a charity or deciding how much to give. It also means choosing the right asset and defining an appropriate strategy and structure. Because maximizing the benefit to your selected charity is just as important as making the most of the benefit to you. §







*Applicable rate for IRA distribution is assumed to be 37% (no after-tax IRA contributions, and Medicare surtax does not apply). Applicable rate for stock gain is assumed to be 23.8%. † Deduction limited to 60% of AGI in year of gift for cash or 30% of AGI in year of gift of appreciated publicly traded stock. Benefit of deduction assumes full use of deduction against income otherwise taxed at 37% tax rate. Gift is to a public charity. Source: Bernstein

Note: Bernstein does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. In considering this material, you should discuss your individual circumstances with professionals in those areas before making any decisions.

^{*}Charitable IRA rollovers are otherwise known as qualified charitable distributions.

^{**}The law allows donations to a qualified public charity, but not to donor-advised funds, supporting organizations or private foundations.

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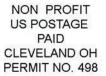
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