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COVID-19 & Our Community

How the nonprofit
landscape has changed
during the pandemic



Seen on Cedar Street

On display at Akron Community Foundation are works by talented local artists like Artists Inc., a local graphic design company whose signage is featured throughout the foundation's expanded and enhanced office space.

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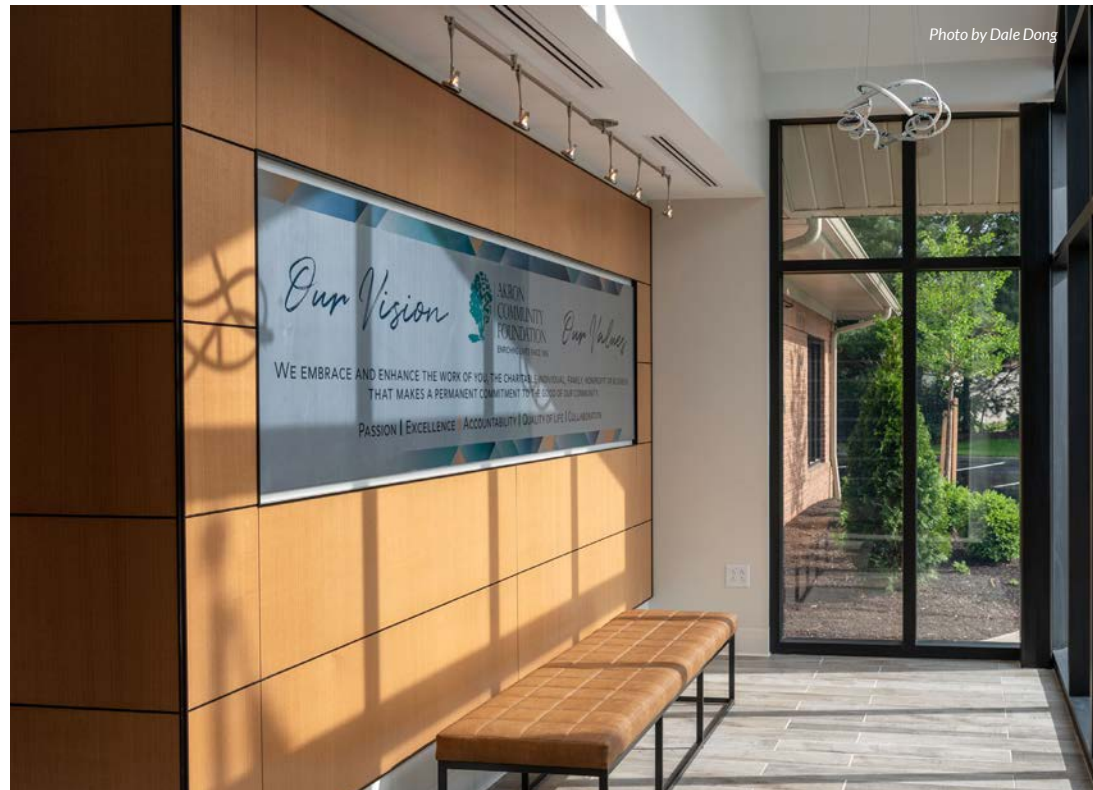


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 ENRICHING LIVES SINCE 1955



By John T. Petures Jr.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy, adjusting to what we still do not know will be the “new normal” for all of us, both personally and professionally. My only comfort through all of this is the hope that our five grandchildren, all under the age of 7, will have very little recollection of this pandemic and the devastating impact it is having on our community, country and world. There is so much that I miss, most especially the simple joy of looking someone in the eye to say hello, make a point, share a laugh, or express sentiments of love and caring that are so desperately needed at this moment in our lives.

Akron Community Foundation’s physical offices have been closed for the past few months (offices, by the way, that were recently renovated and expanded to better serve our donors, fundholders, staff and the various community organizations that utilize our facility), but our incredible staff team and engaged board of directors have been hard at work connecting the philanthropic visions of our constituents to the growing needs in the community. We’ve also gathered feedback and deliberated on circumstances surrounding this health crisis, and, with sadness, have decided to cancel both our annual meeting on July 16, as well as the selection and planned Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award celebration on Oct. 13. It’s the right thing to do to keep everyone safe.

Recognizing the overwhelming needs caused by COVID-19, we established the Community Response Fund for Nonprofits in March and committed \$300,000 in grantmaking to nonprofit organizations supporting critical and basic human needs.

Since then, we’ve been inspired by the many foundations, businesses, donor-advised fundholders and individuals whose donations have more than doubled the fund to nearly \$620,000. As of this writing, 91 agencies have received more than \$365,000 in grants to advance their vital work. Thank you, Greater Akron, for your generosity.

Speaking of thank-yous, the leadership of the Women’s Endowment Fund deserves a shoutout for the remarkable and uplifting virtual event they hosted in mid-May. My wife, Cindy, and I watched together at home and were so moved by the messages shared and the heartfelt commitment expressed by those who have been instrumental in the continued growth and success of the fund.

The event culminated in a memorable moment when ACF board member and fundholder Sylvia Trundle received the Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women. There is no more deserving honoree than this genuine, compassionate and beloved servant leader. Way to go, Sylvia! And if you missed the keynote address by Jill Penrose, chief people and administrative officer of The J.M. Smucker Company, call us and we’ll get you a copy of her inspirational message. (Yes, it should be noted that she expressed her Pittsburgh Steeler loyalties in her remarks, which of course caught my attention.)

Here’s to hoping that 2020 takes a significant step in a positive direction. We will get through this together, even as social distancing keeps us apart. 🌱

BACK & FORTH

FROM FACEBOOK

Shane Wynn

@shanewynnphotography

I am so absolutely honored to receive local support from the Gay Community Endowment Fund through my fiscal sponsor, Summit Artspace, for my project titled 40%. As an individual artist, I would not be able to make quality, impactful artwork without these opportunities. I am a proud ally and can't wait to advocate for our LGBTQ+ youth in Akron and beyond!

Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland

@ccdacle

Thank you, Akron Community Foundation, for your \$2,500 donation to Catholic Charities Summit County's Rent & Utility Assistance Program! This grant will truly help those in need in our communities, as many have lost their incomes and ability to pay for essential needs amid the coronavirus pandemic. Your support will help create hope at a time when it's needed most.

Hattie Larlham

@hattielarlham

Today we're giving a big, heartfelt thank you to Akron Community Foundation! ACF has generously awarded Hattie Larlham a grant to assist us in purchasing additional PPE and cleaning supplies. These items will help us continue to keep the people we serve, and our staff, healthy and safe.



Thank you for the efficient, transparent and positive work ACF is doing with its Community Response Fund for Nonprofits. As you can imagine, it has been a hectic week for nonprofits as we scramble to apply for emergency funds so that we can meet the increased demand on our services, and yours has truly been a positive and optimistic process. Keep up the great work you all are doing to support those in need!

Susannah Selnick

Jon Thomas Consulting

The team at ACF is extraordinary, but never more so than recently. In particular, John Garofalo, Cristina González Alcalá, Chris Miller, Brian Reitz and Kim Nott have worked nonstop since the creation of ACF's Community Response Fund for Nonprofits to help those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Their dedication, commitment and tireless work ethic is above and beyond commendable, but actually nothing less than what I have come to expect from everyone at ACF!

Jody Miller Konstand

**ACF Board and Community Investment
Committee member**

Thank you, Vernon L. Odom Fund of Akron Community Foundation, for your support of Putting with Police!

First Tee of Greater Akron

Thank you for the Tax & Charitable Reference Guide. Keep up the great work.

Martin Spector, CPA, J.D.

CBIZ MHM LLC

What an amazing evening you have created for all of us (through the Women's Endowment Fund virtual dinner)! Every aspect was perfection.

Marie Covington

Founding Donor, Women's Endowment Fund

John (Petures), thank you for your leadership during this very challenging time. The creativity, compassion and collaboration that you and your team have demonstrated will lessen the pain that our fellow citizens have to endure. Once again, I am reminded that the only force stronger than Mother Nature is human nature.

Toby Weber

Akron, OH

Each of us at Bath Community Fund is so very thankful for the guidance and support Akron Community Foundation shares with us. We're grateful for our partnership with you.

Kathy Sidaway

Bath Community Fund

I just want to say thank you for the \$5,000 [Community Response Fund for Nonprofits] grant to help our community. I am just overwhelmed with all the people that need food and toiletry items. I can't thank you enough for what ACF is doing to keep us alive.

Gary Wyatt

North Hill Community House

Thank you to the board of directors of Akron Community Foundation for considering and approving the Kent State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Plus Center's application for QUEST. The Gay Community Endowment Fund's micro grant will go a long way toward growing QUEST!

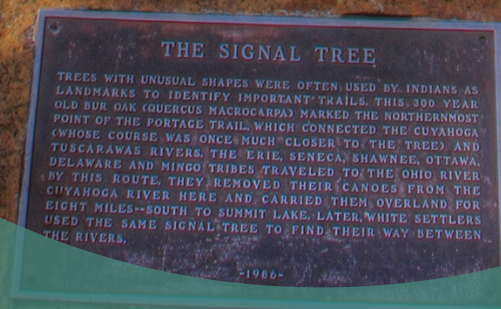
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Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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 Delinda Herman, Development & Marketing Assistant, Akron Community Foundation, 345 W. Cedar St., Akron, OH 44307 or dherman@akroncf.org. Submissions may be edited for length and clarity.

NEW TO OUR FAMILY

NEW FUNDS



During the second half of fiscal year 2020 (Oct. 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020), we were pleased to welcome 29 new funds established by charitable individuals, families and organizations throughout Greater Akron.

Donor-Advised Funds

Bachmann Family Fund
Brauning Family Endowment Fund
Dick Chenoweth Fund for Experiential Education
Anthony and Jane DiDonato Fund
Eaton Family Fund
Greene Family Fund
N.L. Hillery Fund
Andrew and Emily Little Family Fund
Michael and Lisa Little Family Fund
Mastrojohn Davids Fund
Masuoka Family Fund
Naomi & Cassie CIRCLE Fund
Poured Love Foundation Fund
Steven Schmidt and Richard J. Krochka Family Fund Siddall Family Fund
Mark and Katie Smucker Family Fund
Summit Sustainable Future Fund
Team Awesome Sauce Family Fund

Designated Funds

- Howard E. Leisinger Tuesday Musical Viola Scholarship Fund
- Modibo Mutton Hill Endowment Fund
for the Summit County Historical Society
- Leo and Mary Kay Walter, Jr. Fund
Established to support the Leo and Margaret Walter Scholarship at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Agency Endowment Funds

Akron Civic Theatre Legacy Fund
Judge Patricia A. Cosgrove Legal Aid Fund
Established to support Community Legal Aid Services
Good Samaritan Hunger Center Endowment Fund
Junior League of Akron Endowment Fund
Warriors' Journey Home Ministry Endowment Fund

Field-of-Interest Funds

HSC/Summit County Community Health Fund
Established to support efforts to identify and advance solution models for the opioid addiction crisis in Summit County

Board Discretionary Funds

Lou Albertson Endowment Fund
Community Response Fund for Nonprofits
Established to address emergency needs that arise in Summit and Medina counties related to the COVID-19 outbreak

 Permanently endowed funds

Professional Advisor Partners

Thank you to the following accountants, attorneys and financial advisors for helping their clients achieve their charitable goals with a fund at Akron Community Foundation from Oct. 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020:

Courtney Eaton Meaden & Moore
Jesse Hurst Impel Wealth Management
Robert G. Konstand Attorney at Law
Jim Redmond Wealth Impact Advisors LLC
Ann Salek Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston Ltd.
David Staats UBS Financial Services Inc.
Kevin Tubbs Lifetime Financial Growth LLC
Ted Walter Fifth Third Bank
Joseph Wojcik Huntington Private Bank

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6 TYPES OF FUNDS

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

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

DO IT WITH HELP

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



Thank you to the more than 670 fundholders who have trusted Akron Community Foundation to steward and grow your philanthropic dollars. Greater Akron is stronger and more vibrant thanks to the \$11.6 million you invested back into the community this year.

ADVISED FUNDS

Acorn Fund
Addicott-Albanese Family Fund
Allard Family Fund
Suzanne and Mitch Allen Family Fund
Mark and Michele Allio Family Fund
Ham and Beth Amer Fund
Sue and Mal Ames Fund
Rennick and Dee Andreoli Family Fund
Apple Growth Partners Community Outreach Charitable Giving Fund
Rev. Dr. Byron Arledge Fund
*Howard Atwood Family Fund (Est. 2009)
Sandy K. and Mark S. Auburn Fund
Steven Baach Charities Fund
Tom, Mary and Becky Babcox Family Foundation Fund
Bruce S. and Sandra S. Bailey Family Fund
Bailey-Culp Family Fund
Marilyn and Tom H. Barrett Fund
Edward and C. Georgene Bayer Fund
*Beacon of Light Initiatives/Wings of Eagles Fund (Est. 2012)
Belair Family Fund
Suzanne C. and Charles L. Bond Family Fund
Charles E. and Mary K. Booth Family Fund
James D. and Mary Jo Boyes Fund
Rob and Alyssa Briggs Fund
Brockman Family Fund
Brown Family Foundation Fund
Thomas, Ani & Lucca Bruno Family Fund
Marilyn Meyers Buckley Family Fund
Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Fund
*Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund (Est. 1988)
H. Peter Burg Fund
Alice J. Caniglia Fund
Cantine-Nora Family Fund
Caritas Tzedakah Fund
Carlisle and Troiano Family Fund
Carlson Family Fund
Michael James Carmack Family Fund
Linda and Jared Chaney Family Fund
Cherotti Family Fund
*Child Care Leadership Fund (Est. 2009)
Michael and Susan Ciccolini Family Charitable Fund
Deborah Ciraldo Memorial Fund
CIU Fund
Colantone Family Fund
Colby Wayne Enterprises Fund
Hugh Colopy Memorial Fund
Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund
Rebecca D. and William H. Considine Family Fund
Kathryn Cooper Memorial Fund
Dr. Milton N. Cooper and Family Fund
Robert and Regina Cooper Family Fund
Costa Family Fund
Steven and Melissa Cox Family Fund
Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund
DAF23 Fund
Demas Fund
Demboski Robinson Family Fund
Dana Pulk Dickinson Fund
Jill and Carl Dietrich Fund
Kathryn Warther and Thomas William Dindo Family Fund
Donae's Second Act Fund
Donovan Family Fund
Donovan Veterans Fund
Dot Org Solutions Fund
Dougherty Family Fund
Bud and Barbara Dunaway Family Fund
Jim and Ann Durr Family Fund
Elise's Corner Fund
Else Family Fund
Emma and David Family Fund
Bonnie L. and Ernest R. Estep Fund
Chaker J. Fadel Fund
Lorraine G. and Donald R. Fair Fund
Fairlawn Rotary Club Advised Fund
Farver Family Fund
Feth Family Fund
Suzanne and Peter Fielder Charitable Fund
Fighting For Alyssa - FFA Fund
Fir Hill Fund

Charlie Fortney Memorial Fund
Friebert Family Fund
Ed and Dorothy Gaffney Family Fund
Bennett L. and Linda D. Gaines Fund
GAR-Donor Advised Fund
GAR-Islands Fund
Jayne E. Garofalo Charitable Fund
Thomas and Anita Gedelian Family Fund
Rita and David George Family Fund
Gerstenmaier Family Fund
Mark and Patty Gibbs Family Fund
Giller Family Fund
Donald L. and Clare G. Glaser Fund
Don and Lynne Gordon, Jr. Fund
*Thomas L. Gower II Fund (Est. 2013)
Thomas L. and Margaret M. Gower Fund
Priscilla Graham Fund
Guerrero and Duby Family Fund
Halkovich Family Charitable Fund
Patricia Hansel Fund
Hanselman/Myers Fund
Dorothy Y. and Westi Hansen Fund
*Franklin C. and Patricia R. Harrah Fund (Est. 2013)
Hart Family Fund
Richard W. Hauman Family Fund
Hauser Family Fund
Frank D. Heckel Fund
Hendryx Family Fund
Jennifer Hendryx Legacy Fund for Breast Cancer Research
Cathy Hilbert Fund
David & Phyllis Hilbert Fund
Mark Hilbert Fund
Juanita M. Hollis & Margaret L. Seitz Fund for the
Support of Individuals with Intellectual & Physical Disabilities
Homestead Insurance Agency Inc. Fund
Hood Family Fund
Hudak Family Fund
The David and Margaret Hunter Fund
Huntington-Akron Foundation Sustainability Fund
IMAJIN Family Fund
Immel Family Fund
Judith and Clifford Isroff Fund
Dr. Tom and Mary Ann Jackson Fund
Frances M. James Fund
Steve Johnson and Laurie Zuckerman Family Fund
Jones Family Fund
Jones Group Interiors Charitable Fund
Herbert A. and Jean S. Jones Charitable Trust Fund
Juve Family Fund
Kanfer Family Fund
Katz and Kittens Fund
*Margaret D. Kaufman Fund (Est. 1995)
Kihn and Verse Family Fund
Bryan and Susan Kinnamon Family Fund
Knight Foundation Donor Advised Fund
Knoll Family Fund Promoting Civility and Acts of Kindness
Tom and Ginny Knoll Family Fund
Koblenzer Family Fund
Paul J. and Susan B. Kruder Family Fund
Kuczynski Family Fund
L4 Project Fund
Labuda Family Fund
Lake Pointe Fund
Tom and Jeanne LaRose Fund
Glenn and Karen Leppo Family Fund
Lawrence and Christine Levey Family Fund
Liesem Family Fund
John and Regina Lindeman Family Fund
Eleanor and Roger Lindway Family Fund
David and Janice Logsdon Charitable Fund
Bill and Anne Lowery Family Fund
William and Angela Lowery Family Fund
MAH Fund
Robert W. and Paula S. Malone Family Fund
Manby Family Giving Fund
Michael J. Marz Charitable Fund
Mascio-Medzie Family Fund
Barbara D. Mathews Ladybug Fund
Maxen Family Fund
Beatrice K. McDowell Family Fund

Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund
Medina County Stephen H. and Nancy D. Eibling Fund
Medina County Holland Group Fund
Medina Sunrise Rotary Community Fund
Marc and Sharon Merklin Family Fund
Merryweather Family Fund
Robert A. and Jean C. Meyers Family Fund
Sally D. Miller Fund
Millican Family Fund
Barbara Marie and Marilyn S. Minney Fund
The Mitten Fund
Robert A. Moore Excellence in Education Family Fund
George Nahmi Family Fund
Harvey and Kimberly Nelson Family Fund
Newkome and Saunders Family Fund
*Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness
Charitable Giving Fund (Est. 2010)
Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised Fund
Jan and George Parry Fund
Paul Davis Akron Fund
Charles and Patricia Perrin Family Fund
Cindy and John T. Petures, Jr. Family Fund
Peter Piglia Family Charitable Fund
Post-Coleman Fund
William and Ginny Post Family Charitable Fund
Ernest E. and Mary Kay Pouttu Fund
*Preservation of the Abolitionist Movement Fund (Est. 2007)
Preziuso Family Fund
Mark and Claire Purdy Fund
Emma E. & Clarence A. Randall Fund
The Read Family Fund
Scott T. Read Family Fund
Real Estate Community Cares Fund
Redmond Family Foundation Fund
Remington Family Fund
Rice Family Fund
Joan Rog-Friend of Wildlife Fund
Richard and Alita Rogers Fund
Kathy Moses Salem Philanthropic Fund
Schloenbach Family Fund
Schrank Harkey Fund
Seagren Family Fund
Brian J. Sebastian and Mary A. Sebastian Memorial Fund
Sandra F. Selby Fund
Shaffer-Totaro Fund
John and Lorraine Shannon Family Fund
Shapiro Family Fund
Cherie and Steve Shechter Charitable Giving Fund
Steven and Dr. Kathy Shoemaker Fund
Siess Family Fund
Siff Family Fund 1
Siff Family Fund 2
Silver Bullet Fund
Cynthia L. Slezak Fund
Bruce & Harriet Smith Foundation
Snell Family Fund
Carl E. Snyder Innovation Fund
*SRS Fund (Est. 1996)
Steere Family Fund
*Barbara Steinkerchner's Giving Legacy Fund (Est. 2011)
Strayer Family Fund
Strongsville Women's League Charitable Fund
Summit Portage Area Health Education Fund
Amy Jo and Roger Sutterluety Fund
Betty A. Sweeney Fund
Tails of HOPE Fund
Three Trees Fund
Tift Family Fund
TJM/VPM Fund
Sylvia Trundle - This Town is My Town Fund
Urda Fund
*Chris and Kathleen M. VanDevere Fund (Est. 1993)
*Mary Varalli-Perry and John Perry Fund (Est. 2007)
David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund
M. Catherine and David C. Vernon Fund
Von Zastrow Family Fund
Waite Family Fund
Anonymous Giving by Laura L. Wallerstein Fund
Leo G. Walter III and Mary Ann Walter Family Fund
Eric Michael Ward Fund for Wadsworth Against Substance Abuse

Waternish Fund
Joseph R. and Candi S. Weber Family Fund
Scott and Margaret Weiner Family Fund
Jerry H. Welty Family Fund
Jeff and Missy Wert Family Fund
*Wilkinson-Gudikunst Designated Family Fund (Est. 2007)
Ted and Mary Ann Williams Fund
Jack Andrew Wilson Fund for Mental Health
John M. Wilson and Patricia Pacenta Family Fund
*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Community Fund (Est. 2010)
Edith and Milt Wiskind Fund
Alan and Janice Woll Family Fund
Merle and Nancy Worman Fund
David L. and Margaret Scott Yeager Fund
Henry C. Young Fund
Zeleznik Family Fund
Steven and Wendy Zimmerman Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

*Cynthia Hurd Abell Memorial Fund (Est. 2014)
Bath Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*AHOPES Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)
Arlington Women of the Church of God outreach program
Akron Digital Media Center Designated Fund
Andrew Jackson House Student Art Exhibit Fund
*Jody Bacon Fund (Est. 1999)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Battered Women's Shelter Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
*Battered Women's Shelter Operating Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Beacon of Light Akron Public Schools Fund (Est. 2016)
*Beacon of Light Initiatives/Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund (Est. 2012)
Woodridge School District
Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Fund
Cuyahoga Falls High School football program
*Mary K. Booth Endowment Fund of the Women's Endowment Fund (Est. 2011)
*Boy Scouts of America, Great Trail Council Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Boys and Girls Clubs Operating Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Ann Amer Brennan Fund (Est. 1991)
Vernon L. Odum Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*BVU: Center for Nonprofit Excellence Endowment Fund (Est. 2000)
Caliber System Fund (AKA Roadway Services Fund)
United Way of Summit County
Oty Capanna Memorial Fund
St. Paul School's endowment fund
*Margaret T. Carroll Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
Dick and Chris Chenoweth Boys and Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve Fund
Richard Chenoweth Akron Community Service Center & Urban League Fund
*Children's Ballet Theatre/Paul Daum Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
*Children's Concert Society of Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
*Christ Child Society of Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 2008)
*Community Hall Foundation Maintenance Endowment Fund (Est. 2001)
Akron Civic Theatre
Consortium of Akron Area Catholic High Schools Fund
Archbishop Hoban High School, Our Lady of the Elms High School, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School and Walsh Jesuit High School
Michael Corbett Memorial Fund for Akron Children's Hospital
Pediatric hematology/oncology professional development
Cornwell Dealers Katrina Disaster Fund
*Cuyahoga Valley Preservation and Scenic Railway Association Fund (Est. 1996)
*Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet Fund (Est. 1989)
*Tom DeLeone Fund of the Medina County Community Fund (Est. 2012)
*Mary DiDonato Fund (Est. 2013)
Catholic Charities Community Services Corporation; Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation; Our Lady of the Elms, Dominican Sisters of Peace; St. Paul Catholic Parish; St. Paul School; and the University of Akron Foundation
*Embracing Futures Inc. Charity Fund (Est. 1999)
Emmanuel Christian Academy Legacy Fund
*Mark and Margee Frey Fund (Est. 2016)
Bath Community Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Akron Art Museum (Est. 2005)

*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Akron Children's Hospital (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Akron Christ Child Society (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Blossom Music Center (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Old Trail School (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens (Est. 2005)
*Edward S. Gaffney, Sr., Family Fund for Summit County United Way (Est. 2005)
*Good Neighbors Endowment Fund (Est. 1995)
Denise M. Graham DCNEO Fund
Howland Park Fund
Glendale Cemetery and parks on West Market Street
HPSEF Development Fund
Hudson City School District
HPSEF Memorial & Tribute Fund
Hudson City School District
Hudson School Dorothea Snyder Partners in Education Fund
Hudson City School District
*Rodney J. Humphrey Memorial Fund (Est. 1997)
Salvation Army Akron Citadel
*Margaret Watts Hunter Tuesday Musical Guitar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2015)
Jacob James Ivancic Huth Memorial Fund
Green Intermediate School library
*Geraldine Hyser Memorial Fund (Est. 2006)
Evamere Elementary School reading programs
*Interval Brotherhood Home Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)
Akron Men's Chapter No. 36, Izaak Walton League of America Fund
Summit Metro Parks youth fishing programs
*Jefferson Fund (Est. 2014)
*Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Fund (Est. 1997)
*Juvenile Court Fund (Est. 1989)
Summit County Juvenile Court
*Jessie and Abram Kipple Scholarship Fund (Est. 1996)
University of Akron Foundation
Knight Foundation Non-Profit Initiative Fund
BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence
*Pearl Leeper Korman and Sandy Korman Auburn Fund (Est. 2016)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*John Kutuchief Fund (Est. 2016)
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron
*Leadership Akron Endowment Fund (GAR) (Est. 2000)
*Karen C. Lefton Endowment Fund for Survivors of Domestic Violence of the Women's Endowment Fund (Est. 2011)
*Blaize Lishewski Memorial Fund (Est. 2018)
IBH Addiction Recovery Center
*Litchfield Fund (Est. 1971)
Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio
*Loyola Retreat House, Inc. Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
Lynch Fund
St. Vincent Elementary School
*McIntosh-Jackson Fund (Est. 1969)
Clinton Presbyterian Church
*James F. McKinnon Champion Fund (Est. 2015)
The Paul Schulte Foundation
*Metro Catholic Parish School Fund (Est. 1993)
*Metro Parks Youth Fishing Endowment Fund (Est. 2006)
Summit Metro Parks
Charles D. Miller Leadership Fund
Hudson City School District
*Ollie Mueller Fund (Est. 2014)
Hattie Larham Center for Children with Disabilities
*Music from The Western Reserve Fund (Est. 1993)

Dr. Nasrallah Fund
NEOMED urology residency program
*National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc. Fund (Est. 1994)
Herbert and Dianne Newman Fund
Akron Art Museum
Northeast Ohio Healing Arts Alliance Fund
*Ohio Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Park Endowment Fund (Est. 2009)
*Opportunity Parish Ecumenical Neighborhood Ministry Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
*Paige Palmer-Ashbaugh Fund for Akron Children's Hospital (Est. 2007)
Maxillofacial department of Akron Children's Hospital
Benjamin E. Parke Memorial Fund
Wadsworth City School District
*Mary Beechey Pfeiffer MHS Student Foreign Travel Fund (Est. 2014)
Medina City School District
Peter Piglia Designated Fund
St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
*Project: LEARN of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1998)
*Reach Opportunity Center at Summit Lake Endowment Fund (Est. 2015)
Robertson-Hoyt Orthopaedic Research and Education Fund
Summa Health's Hoyt Musculoskeletal Research Laboratory
*Lillian and William Rosenblatt Fund (Est. 2012)
Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation
*St. Matthew Lutheran Church Benevolent Fund of the Medina County Community Fund (Est. 2006)
*William C. and Elizabeth Brainard Sandwick Fund (Est. 2007)
Akron Art Museum
*Shaw Memorial Fund (Est. 1955)
Akron Art Museum
Cherie and Steve Shechter Designated Fund
Akron Rotary Foundation, Cleveland Museum of Art, and Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio
Everett L. Shumate Fund
Hudson City School District diversity programs
Bruce and Peggy Silver Fund
Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation and Old Trail School
*Ethel and William A. Singer Fund (Est. 2012)
Cleveland Eye Bank and Haven of Rest Ministries
*Mignon Steere Fund for Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park Environmental Education (Est. 2010)
Summit County Police & Fire Community Engagement Fund
Furnace Street Mission
*Summit Education Initiative Fund (Est. 1995)
*Summit Education Initiative Program Fund (Est. 1997)
Summit Metro Parks Foundation Designated Scholarship Fund
*Victory Gallop Inc. Endowment Fund (Est. 2004)
*Volunteer Center of Summit County Endowment Fund (Est. 1996)
United Way of Summit County
*Ted and Barb Walter Catholic Education Fund (Est. 2009)
St. Vincent Elementary School
*Weathervane Community Playhouse Fund (Est. 1993)
*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Designated Fund (Est. 2011)
Mobile Meals program of Family & Community Services and the Millennium Fund for Children of Akron Community Foundation
*Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Last Dollar Scholarship Fund (Est. 2016)
Kent State University Foundation

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

ACCESS Endowment Fund
Akron Art Museum Endowment Fund
Akron Community Service Center & Urban League Endowment Fund
Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund
Akron Garden Club Frank Fund
Akron Garden Club Graves Fund
Akron Garden Club Sewell Fund
Akron Marathon Sustainability Fund
Akron Rotary Foundation Fund for the benefit of the Akron Rotary Camp
Akron Roundtable Endowment Fund
Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. Endowment Fund
Akron-Summit County Public Library Endowment Fund
Akron Zoological Park Endowment Fund
Aladdin Foundation of Akron Endowment Fund
Arc of Summit and Portage Counties Endowment Fund
Arlington Church of God Endowment Fund
Arrowhead Primary School Nature Zone Endowment Fund
Autism Society of Greater Akron Endowment Fund

Big Brothers & Sisters of Summit & Medina County Fund
 Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund
Community Support Services
 Blick Clinic Endowment Fund
 Brimfield Historical Society Fund
 CASA Endowment Fund
 Cascade Locks Park Association Endowment Fund
 Celebrate Children Endowment Fund of the
 Children's Concert Society of Akron
 Children's Concert Society of Akron Designated Fund
 *Coleman Professional Services Endowment Fund for
 Mental Health and Addictions Recovery (Est. 2017)
 Community AIDS Network/Akron Pride Initiative Fund
 *Community Hall Foundation Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
 Akron Civic Theatre
 Community Partnership of Summit County Endowment Fund
 Summit County Community Partnership
 Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
 John and Betty Seiberling Scholarship Fund
 Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
 Trails Forever Legacy Fund
 Countryside Conservancy Fund-In Memory of Darwin Kelsey
 Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy
 Cuyahoga Valley Career Center Education Development Fund
 East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation Designated Fund
 Family & Community Services Endowment Fund
 Family Promise of Summit County Inc. Endowment Fund
 Barbara A. Feld Educational Experience Fund
 Tuesday Musical Association
 *Mary Jane Finley-Camp Endowment Fund of
 Battered Women's Shelter (Est. 2018)
 *Mary Jane Finley-Camp Endowment Fund of
 Humility of Mary Housing (Est. 2018)
 First Tee of Akron Endowment Fund
 Friends of Akron Public Schools Endowment Fund
 Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund
 The Friends of The Summit Endowment Fund
 The Friends of The Summit Operating Reserve Fund
 Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund
 GriefCare Place Inc. Endowment Fund
 Hale Farm and Village Endowment Fund
 Hattie Larlham Endowment Fund
 Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Living Endowment Fund
 Crown Point Ecology Center
 Health Education Center Endowment Fund
 Health Education Center of Akron
 Heart to Heart Communications Endowment Fund
 Kay Hoover Memorial Fund
 Highland Elementary School
 Humane Society Endowment Fund
 Humane Society of Summit County
 IBH Foundation Fund
 Interval Brotherhood Home Operating Fund
 Judith Bear Isroff Park Fund
 Keep Akron Beautiful
 Junior Achievement of North Central Ohio Endowment Fund
 Keep Akron Beautiful Endowment Fund
 *Kidney Foundation of Ohio Community Fund (Est. 2007)
 Gretchen Laatsch Outstanding Service Award Endowment Fund
 Association of College Unions International
 Leadership Akron Alumni Association Endowment Fund
 *Leadership Akron Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
 Leadership Akron Operating Endowment Fund
 LeRoy United Methodist Church Designated Capital Fund
 LeRoy United Methodist Church Endowment Fund
 LeRoy United Methodist Church Undesignated Capital Fund
 Love Akron Network Endowment Fund
 Dennis & Holly Endowment Fund for Creativity at
 Magical Theatre Company
 *Magical Theatre Company Endowment Fund (Est. 1999)
 *MAPS Air Museum Endowment Fund (Est. 2012)
 Barbara Mathews Memorial Endowment Fund of Leadership Akron
 Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund
 Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty
 to Animals Endowment Fund
 Medina Creative Housing Endowment Fund
 Medina Youth Lacrosse Association Endowment Fund
 *Mobile Meals Endowment Fund (Est. 2017)
 Montrose Zion United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund

Myers Foundation New Music Fund
 Tuesday Musical Association
 NAMI Summit County Endowment Fund
 Northern Ohio Railway Museum Endowment Fund
 Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition Endowment Fund
 One-In-Six Foundation Endowment Fund
 Operation Homes Medina County Endowment Fund
 ORMACO Endowment Fund
 *Our Lady of the Elms School Teachers Fund (Est. 2006)
 Peninsula Foundation Endowment Fund
 Portage Animal Protective League Endowment Fund
 *Bob Powell Endowment Fund for Coleman
 Professional Services (Est. 2018)
 Progress Through Preservation Endowment Fund
 RAHAB Endowment Fund
 Rec2Connect Foundation Endowment Fund
 Ruth Renner-Percy Memorial Endowment Fund
 Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
 St. Hilary Parents' Teachers Salary Fund
 St. Hilary Parish Foundation
 *St. Hilary Parish Foundation Mary & Charles Booth
 Community Outreach Fund (Est. 2005)
 St. Hilary Parish Foundation School Endowment Fund
 St. Hilary Parish Foundation School Technology Designated Fund
 St. Hilary School Mary Jean Carroll Endowment Fund of the
 St. Hilary Parish Foundation
 St. Mary Urban Education Endowment Fund
 Summit County Sports Hall of Fame Endowment Fund
 St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Hilary Church Endowment Fund
 Society for Handicapped Citizens of Medina County Fund
 South Akron Youth Mentorship Endowment Fund
 Stewart's Caring Place Endowment Fund
 Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation Endowment Fund
 Marilyn Stroud Music Alive Program Endowment Fund
 The Friends of The Summit
 Summit Artspace Endowment Fund
 Summit County Historical Society Endowment Fund
 Summit County Sports Hall of Fame Endowment Fund
 Summit Metro Parks Foundation Endowment Fund
 Margaret Thorp Crown Point Development Endowment Fund
 Crown Point Ecology Center
 Torchbearers Endowment Fund
 Towpath Trail Endowment Fund
 Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition
 Tri-County Independent Living Center Endowment Fund
 Truly Reaching You Endowment Fund
 Unitarian Universalist Church of Akron Foundation Endowment Fund
 United Way of Summit County Endowment Fund
 United Way of Summit County Facility Fund
 Valor Home of Summit County Endowment Fund
 VANTAGE Aging Endowment Fund
 Victim Assistance Program Endowment Fund
 Village of St. Edward Future Fund
 West Akron Baseball League Endowment Fund
 Western Reserve Public Media Endowment Fund
 Witan Endowment Fund
 Witan Remembrance Fund
 Summit Metro Parks - F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
 *YEPAW Endowment Fund (Est. 1997)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund
 Female nontraditional students in Medina County
 Acorn Scholarship Fund
 Akron Public Schools seniors with financial need, particularly
 visual and performing arts participants
 Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Akron-area seniors who participate in music programs
 Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund
 Cuyahoga Falls High School senior football players,
 cheerleaders and band members
 Buchtel High School Alumni Assoc. Scholarship Fund
 Buchtel CLC students, student athletes, and
 post-secondary/technology program participants
 Martin O. Chapman and Roberta M. Chapman
 Humanitarian Scholarship Fund
 Garfield High School seniors who demonstrate academic or
 vocational excellence and community service
 Richard Chenoweth Qualified Designated Scholarship Fund
 Summit County students with financial need

Tara Lynn Clossman Memorial Fund
 Akron Public Schools students pursuing a degree in education or dance
 Coming Together Diversity Scholarship Fund
 Akron Public Schools seniors
 Michael Corbett Memorial Fund
 Cuyahoga Falls High School seniors, with priority given to
 students who have encountered adversity
 Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Children of Technicote employees, with priority given to
 those studying chemistry or science
 Dombo-Fielder Communication Scholarship for Women
 Female students from Akron public or parochial high schools
 who plan to study communication
 John N. Economou Scholarship Fund
 University of Akron students who are committed
 to the principles of democracy
 Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund
 Graduating seniors in Summit County majoring in fine art or art
 education, with a strong preference toward a focus in fiber arts
 Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund
 Hudson High School seniors in band, orchestra or choir
 Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund
 Project GRAD participants majoring in education
 GCEF Scholarship Fund
 LGBTQ+ and allied students who live or study in Medina, Portage, Stark,
 Summit and Wayne counties
 Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund
 Geis Companies employees and their children
 Glick-Zedak Scholarship Fund
 Former Village Network residents
 Hanlon Family Scholarship Fund
 St. Sebastian Parish School graduates who will attend
 St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
 Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund
 4-H members in Summit and Portage counties
 Timothy L. Holston Scholarship Fund
 Minority seniors at Medina High School with financial need
 Italian American Professional and Businessmen's
 Club Scholarship Fund
 High school seniors of Italian-American descent in Summit County
 Abby Lippy Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Hudson High School seniors who have demonstrated
 passionate support for a cause or person
 Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund
 Litchfield Township residents who are graduating from
 Buckeye High School
 Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund
 Hudson High School seniors with financial need
 Kate Lieberth Lytton Education in Dance Fund
 Aspiring young dancers from Summit County
 Scott T. Malsen Memorial Scholarship Fund
 Hudson High School seniors who participated in the Hudson Hawks
 Youth Football program
 Marbles Champions Scholarship Fund
 Akron District Marbles Tournament winners
 Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund
 Ellet High School seniors with a history of community service
 Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund
 Medina County seniors with excellent character, academics
 and community service
 *David and Sandra Nedoh Scholarship Fund (Est. 2017)
 Wadsworth High School graduating seniors who demonstrate
 academic achievement and financial need
 *Northeast Ohio RIMS Chapter Scholarship Fund (Est. 2009)
 Northeast Ohio residents studying risk management
 Esther Simonetti Owen Future Educators Scholarship Fund
 Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing an education degree
 *Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund (Est. 1997)
 Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a special education degree
 Bettie Portwood Summit County Pest Control
 Association Scholarship Fund
 Children of Summit County Pest Control Association
 members studying entomology
 Project Ed Bear Inc. Scholarship Fund
 Childhood cancer survivors who live in Northeast Ohio
 Sr. Loretta Rafter Scholarship Fund
 H.M. Life Opportunity Services program participants
 Judith A. Resnik Memorial Fund
 Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a degree in mathematics,
 science or an allied field

Judith A. Resnik Scholarship Fund of the Women's Network Inc.
Female Akron Public Schools students pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics or an allied field

Karl J. Roden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Winners of the East Central Ohio Mensa essay contest

Joseph L. Ruby Student Scholarship Fund
Students pursuing a career in gerontology, social work, nursing or a related field who live or attend school in Portage, Stark, Summit or Wayne counties

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

T.K. Seiberling Tennis Scholarship Fund
Tennis camp participants

Joseph P. Siegfert Sr. and Family Fund
Akron Public Schools, Archbishop Hoban High School or Woodridge High School seniors who will be attending Bowling Green State University to study elementary education, K-12 physical education or sports management

Faye L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Winners of the Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Barberton Elks Lodge Most Valuable Student Competition

John T. and Julia A. Spellman Scholarship Fund
Summit County seniors who demonstrate ambition

Jim Stewart Scholarship Fund
African-American Akron Public Schools seniors pursuing a degree in math, science or mortuary science

Strongsville Women's League Edna Brun Scholarship Fund
Strongsville High School students

Norma B. Summerville Scholarship Foundation Fund
Female graduates of Akron Public Schools who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need

Summit County Master Gardeners Scholarship Fund
Summit County residents who are pursuing a degree in horticulture, agriculture or a related field

Summit County Sports Hall of Fame Bruce Buchholzer Scholarship Fund
High school senior student-athletes in Summit County

Eugene and Arlene True Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cleveland Punch and Die Company employees and their spouses, children and grandchildren

Michelle M. Vasenda Fund
Nursing students who have a significant history of volunteering with a cancer-related organization

Edith Wiskind English Literacy Scholarship Fund
Summit County seniors pursuing a degree in English

Witan Presidents' Scholarship Fund
Nontraditional female seniors at the University of Akron

Woman's Club of Hudson Scholarship Fund
Hudson High School seniors who demonstrate financial need

Anthony Wunderle Memorial Scholarship Fund
Cancer survivors and family members of cancer patients

Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship Fund
Buckeye High School seniors pursuing an engineering degree

Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund Scholarships

Marion Albee Scholarship Fund
Seniors pursuing an education degree

Barlow Fund
Students who demonstrate academic ability, leadership and high moral standards

Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund
Seniors who plan to study drawing, painting or graphic arts

Kenneth Blower Memorial Scholarship Fund
Seniors pursuing a degree in scientific areas of study, including engineering, environmental studies, medicine and biology

Harry D. Bubb Scholarship Fund
Seniors with the greatest academic improvement between their sophomore and senior years

Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund
Vocational students who plan to attend Kent State University

Scott Case Memorial Fund
Senior tennis players

Les Dingleline Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior baseball and softball players

Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund
Seniors who improve human relations and diversity awareness

Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund
Students with exemplary community service and at least a 3.0 GPA

Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund
Seniors who have a parent serving on the Hudson Fire Department and are pursuing a degree in public safety

Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior athletes who display team pride and sportsmanship, as well as academic and athletic excellence

Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior special education students

Dante B. and Joy W. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund
Senior football players who have demonstrated leadership skills

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund
Seniors with an entrepreneurial spirit and leadership skills

June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund
Senior lacrosse players

Stevenson Award Fund
Seniors who have accomplished a significant extracurricular achievement

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS

Akron Community Cemetery Preservation Fund
Historic gravesite restoration and public cemetery beautification in Coventry Township

*Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention Partnership Program Fund (Est. 1991)
Drug and alcohol abuse prevention programs for school-age children and their parents

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

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

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

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

Dick and Chris Chenoweth Fund
Human services and education programs

Children's Literacy Fund
Children's literacy programs

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

Lisette Ertel Fund
Health and civic causes

Evant Fund
Programs for people with developmental disabilities

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

Food Pantry Capacity Fund of Akron Community Foundation
Infrastructure support for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's distribution partners in Summit County

*GAR Foundation Fund for Dance in Summit County (Est. 1998)
Dance programs in Summit County

Gay Community Endowment Fund
Programs that advance a lived equality for all LGBTQ+ people in Greater Akron

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

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

Hermine Z. Hansen Fund
Public health institutions

Kathleen Joyce Fund
Children's programs

*John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Fund for Dance in Summit County (Est. 1999)
Dance programs in Summit County

Merna and Edward Kormanik Fund
Programs that provide food, shelter, clothing and services to the underprivileged

Maggie & Jerry Lippman Tikkun Olam "Repair the World" Fund
Health and human services programs, and programs addressing homelessness

Bruce Mansfield Fund
Substance abuse prevention and treatment programs

Virginia Crawford Frazier Moore Wheeler & Martin Fund
Cemetery maintenance

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

Medina County Women's Endowment Fund
Programs that create opportunities for the educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women and children in Medina County

*Millennium Fund for Children (Est. 1999)
Programs that improve the lives of children throughout the Akron Beacon Journal/Ohio.com's audience coverage area

*Vernon L. Odom Fund (Est. 1993)
Programs that promote diversity and enrich the quality of life within local minority communities

Ohio Charitable Fund
Barberton nonprofit organizations

Parent Coalition Heritage Fund for Adults with Special Needs
Organizations that improve life for adults with developmental disabilities, including those that train residential providers

*Daniel L. and Sherida L. Pohl Fund (Est. 2014)
Children's causes

Sanatorium Contingent Fund
Health causes

Schrank Family Fund
Programs for children and young adults

Rosalie and Cecil Smith Fund
Spaying and neutering of feral animals

*Jane Snow Fund for Hunger (Est. 2008)
Hunger and nutrition programs for Summit County women

Jean P. Stevens Fund
Music, art, dance, theater and civic causes

Dr. Kenneth F. Swanson Fund for the Arts
Music and fine art programs

Women's Endowment Fund
Programs that improve the health and wellness, safety, and economic empowerment of women and girls in Summit County

William C. and Betty J. Zekan Fund
Health and civic causes

BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

Adam Fund

Jean S. and Thomas J. Amer Fund

Betty R. Axline Fund

Board of Directors Annual Giving Fund

Community Fund

*Decker Endowment Fund for Families (Est. 1995)

Charles C. and Doratheia S. Dillely Fund

John L. Feudner Jr. Fund

Frances H. and Paul A. Frank Fund

Gala Fund

Lucille Scott Harris Fund

*Harriet and Herb Herskowitz Family Fund (Est. 2012)

Institute for Emerging Philanthropists Fund

Dorothy and Henry Jameson Endowment Fund

Vivienne S. and Russell R. Johnstone Family Fund

Arthur Kelly Fund

John S. Knight Fund

*William C. Krisher Fund (Est. 1977)

John A. McAlonan Fund

*W. Bishop & Elizabeth C. McIntosh Fund (Est. 1966)

Burton D. Morgan Foundation Fund

*Pat and Alan Ockene Fund (Est. 1996)

On the Table Impact Fund

Howard and Margaret Palmer Fund

Rose Mary Picciotti Fund

Polsky Fund

Proactive Grantmaking Fund

Professional Advisor Council Fund

*Helen S. Robertson Fund (Est. 1984)

James G. Robertson Fund

Bud and Susie Rogers Fund

Roush Memorial Fund

*Shaw Foundation Fund (Est. 1955)

Richard W. & Charlotte E. Staiger Fund

George Stevens Fund

*Ronald L. Stiles Fund (Est. 2004)

Georgia Urda Fund

Emma Vioran Fund

William Wallace Fund

Orpha and Howard Wellock, Parents of Cheryl Wellock Fund

L. Frank & Angela M. Wilson Fund

Muriel A. Zodrow Fund

***Permanently endowed funds**

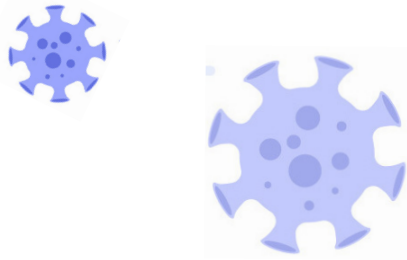




A Sustainable Response

HOW THE NONPROFIT LANDSCAPE
HAS CHANGED DURING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Chris Miller



AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SWEEPED THROUGH AKRON,

followed quickly by a state-issued shutdown, Portage Path Behavioral Health had to completely modify its operations overnight to ensure its client services were uninterrupted.

“Literally overnight, we pivoted to telehealth,” said Dr. Tracy Yaeger, president and CEO of Portage Path Behavioral Health, a nonprofit community mental health center.

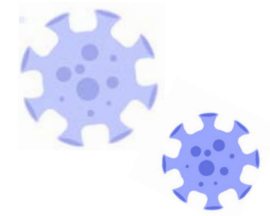
Portage Path’s clients are among the most vulnerable, with many requiring continuous medication and intensive care. For employees who remain in the building to support vital services like the agency’s Crisis Stabilization Unit and emergency psychological evaluations, “We got our PPE (personal protective equipment) in line, temps are taken daily and reported, and everyone’s spread out remotely across the building,” said Yaeger.

But the brisk shift to telehealth brought a significant and unexpected increase in costs for the mental health agency. A grant from Akron Community Foundation’s Community Response Fund for Nonprofits helped to pay for some of those technology-related expenses.

“We were so incredibly appreciative, and it was perfect timing,” Yaeger said. “We were not in a place where telehealth was reimbursable to us. The response fund helped us with electronic equipment – we needed some webcams, and we had to update computer systems so we could get data in correctly.”

While local nonprofit organizations were swiftly altering their operations in mid-March after the coronavirus infiltrated Ohio, Akron Community Foundation also quickly mobilized to establish an emergency fund for those nonprofits.

“As our own team was transitioning to a virtual workplace, we wanted to make sure our area nonprofits had a safety net during these very challenging times,” said Akron Community Foundation President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. “Thankfully, we were able to mobilize efforts by leveraging the community foundation’s spendable dollars with donations from our generous fundholders and community partners.”



The Community Response Fund for Nonprofits was established in March with \$300,000 from the community foundation’s grantmaking pool. By the end of May, the fund had grown to nearly \$620,000 and had distributed more than \$365,000 in grants to nearly 100 nonprofits throughout Summit and Medina counties.

In solidarity, several of the community foundation’s affiliate funds have also dedicated resources to the Community Response Fund to help organizations in their interest areas.

This year, contributions to the Women’s Endowment Fund’s annual “Who Is Your SHero?” campaign were donated to the Community Response Fund to provide emergency funding for organizations serving women and girls.

“The Women’s Endowment Fund was established in order to carry out our core mission of uplifting, empowering, and meeting the needs of women and girls in our community,” said Kendra Williams, WEF president. “The board felt that directing all money raised from our SHero campaign to the Community Response Fund was a perfect way to make an immediate impact and support organizations during the COVID-19 crisis. We are proud to have supported our community with more than \$47,000 raised by 25 community leaders who support our mission.”

In addition, Bath Community Fund and the Medina County Community Fund each made an impact grant to the Community Response Fund for Nonprofits to benefit the Bath and Medina communities, respectively.

STAYING AFLOAT

For many nonprofits, this gap funding is a matter of survival. Family Promise of Summit County, which helps homeless families find shelter through a network of local churches, saw its base of support immediately dry up with Ohio’s shelter-in-place orders.

“We have a rotation model with 12 congregations throughout the county, and each of the 12 takes a week at a time,” said Jeff Wilhite, executive director of Family Promise. “Their buildings are now all closed.”

A Community Response Fund grant helped the nonprofit give homeless families vouchers for extended-stay hotels until they could move to the agency's Glendora House, an apartment-style shelter on Copley Road that is owned by the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties.

"As a fallback, we've been renovating the Glendora House, and thank goodness we are far enough along that we've been able to house the families," Wilhite said.

In addition to meeting basic needs, Akron Community Foundation is also focused on the long-term sustainability of local nonprofits, knowing their services will be needed more than ever during the economic fallout that will likely succeed the pandemic.

The community foundation's quarterly grantmaking has continued without interruption, offering a lifeline to nonprofits facing financial hardship. This funding is especially crucial for smaller nonprofits, whose safety nets may be all but nonexistent.

"We realized early on that flexibility would be key," said John Garofalo, vice president of community investment at Akron Community Foundation. "These nonprofits are closest to the front lines and know where the needs are. Some of them had recently received grants from us that were still unspent, so our Community Investment Committee and staff decided to loosen the restrictions and allow nonprofits to use their grant money wherever it would make the most impact. We all agreed that was not only a fair decision, but an essential one."

Some agencies are already dealing with this financial hardship, as residents in lower-income neighborhoods are more vulnerable to joblessness and instability, even during better economic times.

For The Well Community Development Corporation (CDC), which is developing affordable housing for residents of Akron's Middlebury neighborhood, a Community

Response Fund grant offered vital support for its rental assistance fund, which pays rent and housing costs for neighborhood residents and families of Mason Community Learning Center.

"We have 21 tenants in our residential homes, and it's one of the first things we set out to address," said Kelly McHood, fund development director of The Well. "We're not going to evict anyone during this time, and we're not charging late fees. But we don't want people to fall behind. That's where the rental assistance fund was born."

In a spirit befitting a CDC, The Well also runs a coffee shop and community kitchen, along with hosting nonprofit tenants at its headquarters on East Market Street. This income diversity has helped the organization better weather the pandemic.

"We've seen a significant drop in kitchen uses for this season, but it's a gift to be a hybrid nonprofit where we have several different options," said Curtis Minter Jr., The Well's operations director. "That's created a runway for us."

At OPEN M in South Akron, clients rely on the agency for medical and dental care, food, prescriptions, job training, and other essential services.

While its clinics temporarily closed in accordance with shelter-in-place orders, the nonprofit moved its food distribution to curbside service and adjusted its pharmacy services to protect the health of its staff and patients.

"The Community Response Fund has helped us secure the necessary prescriptions our patients need," said Jessica Rist, development manager for OPEN M. "We have been dispensing more medications to limit the number of trips needed to the pharmacy. Additionally, the Community Response Fund has helped us purchase important equipment and supplies to keep our staff and clients safe, including personal protective equipment and sanitizer."



When its medical and dental clinics reopen, OPEN M expects a surge in demand as workers are laid off and lose their health care benefits in the economic downturn.

A NEW NORMAL

Many nonprofits have had to pivot their operations to continue their missions amid the pandemic, and as the months wear on, this new normal of doing business will continue.

For The Well, its Compass Coffee operation has moved to curbside service and delivery. And thanks to the Paycheck Protection Program established by the CARES Act, the nonprofit did not have to lay off any employees.

Like OPEN M, AxessPointe Community Health Centers is shifting the way it distributes medication to patients with the help of a Community Response Fund grant.

"The dollars from the fund enabled us to purchase more supplies for our pharmacy so they can ship medications to our patients," said Stephanie Berry, director of marketing at AxessPointe. "We've increased the quantity of medications that patients can receive at one time, so they don't need to revisit us as often."

The grant also helped the agency adapt to telehealth visits, which, Berry added, "allows patients to keep their appointments while staying in the safety and comfort of their home."

She said AxessPointe foresees telehealth being a significant part of the agency's future, as well.

"We plan to continue to expand telehealth and add more specialty services," Berry said. "We are also working on creative ways of taking our services out into the community to meet (patients) where they are, in case they aren't able to physically get to one of our locations."

Similarly, Portage Path Behavioral Health has responded to the crisis by increasing its staff capacity, hiring a new admissions coordinator and a new counselor.

Yaeger, who leads the agency, said many people's mental health will continue to be affected by COVID-19, as shelter-in-place orders, joblessness, and layoffs may cause relapses in addiction and increased suicidal ideation.

"The amount of anxiety, mental health issues, and substance use is going to be on the rise," she added. "We know things are never going to go back to business as usual for us. We're going to see an increased demand for services."

As for Family Promise, Wilhite says the nonprofit will continue to shelter homeless families at the Glendora House, even after its partner congregations reopen, effectively doubling the organization's capacity.

"We will go from 35 total families served a year to between 70 and 80 families, so it's a dramatic improvement," he said.

Wilhite noted the Glendora House has been renovated from top to bottom, including a new kitchen, rollaway beds, and a means to serve even larger families.

"Some of the apartments in the building are a pretty good size. It just gives us so much more depth to the program," he said.

LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY

While it's clear local nonprofits have been responsive and creative when it comes to providing their necessary services, it's also apparent that this situation will have long-term financial implications for many.

"We're painfully aware that the needs of nonprofits and the residents they serve far outweigh the resources that we – and the other philanthropic organizations serving our community – are able to provide," said Garofalo. "We realize more than ever that these nonprofit partners will rely on us for stable, consistent grantmaking support and will look to our generous community for charitable donations long after the initial health concerns of COVID-19 have passed." 🌱



THANK YOU!

Thank you to the nearly 400 individuals, families and organizations who generously donated to the Community Response Fund for Nonprofits directly or through the Women's Endowment Fund's SHEro campaign. We would not have been able to help nearly 100 local nonprofits during this time without you. If you would like to make a donation to the Community Response Fund for Nonprofits, visit www.akroncf.org/CommunityResponseFund.



Women's Endowment Fund ambassadors show off their SHERo capes in support of COVID-19 relief. (Photo by Shane Wynn)

FUNDS & INITIATIVES

BATH COMMUNITY FUND

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, leaders of Bath Community Fund recently announced they have adjusted BCF's funding priorities and guidelines to more flexibly support nonprofits in the community. The fund is committing up to \$10,000 in available grant dollars to meet the needs of nonprofits serving the Bath/Revere area through Akron Community Foundation's Community Response Fund for Nonprofits. Already, the fund has supported a new vegetable garden at Crown Point Ecology Center that will grow fresh produce for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and other local agencies. For updates on future grants, follow Bath Community Fund on Facebook at [@BathCommunityFund](#) and on Twitter at [@BathFund](#).

In December, Bath Community Fund awarded an additional \$26,250 to 12 nonprofit organizations during its annual grant cycle. Several of the grants supported capital improvement projects in the Bath community, including the construction of a new orientation space at Hale Farm & Village. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/BCFgrants.

Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Oct. 1. Apply online starting Sept. 1 at www.akroncf.org/ApplyBCF.

GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Gay Community Endowment Fund recently announced its second round of impact grants to programs that create safer environments for LGBTQ+ youth, combat phobias of the LGBTQ+

community, and support mental health and suicide prevention programs for LGBTQ+ people. Impact grants totaling \$28,000 were awarded to three nonprofit organizations, including Akron Children's Hospital, which received a \$10,000 grant to expand social work services at its new Center for Gender Affirming Medicine. The center, which launched in June 2019, provides comprehensive care for transgender youth, including hormone therapy, mental health services, and preventative treatment.

Altogether, the fund awarded \$49,000 to 13 nonprofit organizations in 2020. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFgrants.

MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In June, beloved Medina County Women's Endowment Fund Advisory Board Chair Ellen Hunter retired after six years of service with the fund. During this time, Ellen was heavily involved with fund operations, including serving on the grants, event and nominating committees. We thank Ellen for her tireless dedication to the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund and Akron Community Foundation.



**GAY COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT FUND**
An Akron Community Foundation Fund

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN

In December, the Millennium Fund for Children celebrated 20 years of improving the lives of children throughout Greater Akron. The fund also announced its most recent grants, awarding \$49,000 to 26 nonprofit organizations. This latest round of grants purchased birthday gifts for children in foster care, supported dance programs for students with disabilities, and provided enrichment activities for immigrant youth, among other initiatives. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/MillenniumGrants.

Created in 1999 as a partnership between the Akron Beacon Journal/Ohio.com and Akron Community Foundation, the Millennium Fund for Children has invested nearly \$800,000 into local children's causes. Applications for the fund's next round of grants are due Sept. 1. Apply online starting Aug. 1 at www.akroncf.org/ApplyMillennium.

VERNON L. ODOM FUND

The Vernon L. Odom Fund awarded grants totaling \$6,750 in March to programs that promote diversity and enrich the quality of life within local minority communities. Several grants supported mentoring and enrichment programs for area youth, including a hip-hop summer camp for teens in Southeast Akron and a ballroom dancing program for fifth graders at Forest Hill Community Learning Center. Other grants awarded this year will equip at-risk fathers to care for their children and help to build positive relationships between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/OdomGrants.

WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

In May, the Women's Endowment Fund celebrated uplifting women and girls with more than 700 guests during its first-ever "For Women, From Home" In-Home Dinner and Online Program. The virtual event replaced the fund's traditional, in-person "For Women, Forever" annual dinner, which was postponed in March due to government recommendations to limit the spread of COVID-19.

To bring the event experience home, Robert J. Events & Catering delivered three-course meals and Women's Endowment Fund memorabilia to event attendees. In addition, the fund also donated 500 meals to essential workers at the Akron Area YMCA pandemic child care centers, Akron Fire Department, Akron METRO RTA, and Akron Police Department.

Throughout the evening, event host and WKYC anchor Sara Shookman entertained viewers, while keynote speaker Jill Penrose, chief people and administrative officer of The J.M. Smucker Company, gave a compelling address about her personal and professional journey, the importance of maintaining a healthy work-life balance, and her advice for success as a female Fortune 500 C-suite executive. The fund also presented its fifth annual Judith A. Read Tribute Award for Service & Advocacy for Women to Sylvia Trundle and announced more than \$200,000 in new grants. For a complete list of grants, visit www.akroncf.org/WEFgrants.

This spring, the Women's Endowment Fund raised more than \$47,000 through its "Who Is Your SHEro?" campaign. In light of the current health crisis, the fund shifted its fundraising focus for the campaign to support women and girls affected by COVID-19 through Akron Community Foundation's Community Response Fund for Nonprofits. Learn more at www.akroncf.org/CommunityResponseFundInfo.



Crown Point Ecology Center



Fresh Camp hip-hop music program



Sylvia Trundle (photo by Amp Strategy)

In fiscal year 2020, Akron Community Foundation funds awarded 252 scholarships totaling \$465,902 to students who are pursuing their educational dreams at home and across the country.

STUDENTS

On The Move



AAUW of Medina County Scholarship Fund

Jeanne Merchant, Cleveland State University
Ashley Powell, Liberty University

Acorn Scholarship Fund

Mary Grace Corrigan, Baldwin Wallace University
Macara Hitchcock, Kent State University
Nathanael Stauffer, The University of Akron
Allan Thomas, The Ohio State University

Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kofi Boakye, Berklee College of Music
Donielle Powell, The Ohio State University
Henry Zwart, Ohio Northern University

Black Tiger Gridiron Alumni Club Scholarship Fund

James Bentley, Ohio Wesleyan University
James Cross, Liberty University
Ryan Freeman, Kent State University
Madison Horrigan, University of Cincinnati
Jenna Kull, Bowling Green State University
Julia Urasek, Kent State University
Tyler Vassalotti, The University of Akron

Martin O. Chapman and Roberta M. Chapman Humanitarian Scholarship Fund

Levi Farrey, Bethune Cookman University
Alexus Miller, Stark State College

Richard Chenoweth Qualified Designated Scholarship Fund

Ariana Barrett, Walsh University
Ashley Brown, The University of Akron
Leah Hall, Bowling Green State University
Saige Hall, Kent State University
Shyann Harvey, The University of Akron
Jillian Kane, Kent State University
Andrew Kozak, Kent State University
Mychael Leno, Kenyon College
Olivia Litvin, The Ohio State University
Ro Mar, The Ohio State University
Dana McKinney, Kent State University
Tabitha Meers, The University of Akron
Mikaila O'Keefe, Cedarville University
Claire Stock, Kent State University
Elizabeth West, Walsh University
Daechanea Williams, The Ohio State University
Wan Yu, The University of Akron

Tara Lynn Clossman Memorial Fund

Julia Brode, Mercyhurst University
Quaiann Miller, The University of Akron

Coming Together Diversity Scholarship Fund

Kareemat Melaie, The University of Akron

Michael Corbett Memorial Fund

Tyler Ulbricht, The University of Toledo

Dirk J. Desanzo Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kayla Connelly, Walsh University
Mara Johnson, Indiana State University
Mai Lor, The University of Akron
Madeline Spence, Indiana University

Dombo-Fielder Communication Scholarship for Women

Ariana Barrett, Walsh University
Olivia Blay, The Ohio State University
Isabel Grecni, University of Dayton
Macara Hitchcock, Kent State University

Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund

Tessa Booth, Liberty University

Roland E. Gamble Memorial Fund

Wending Wu, Dartmouth College

Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund

Ronasia Kelley, Central State University

GCEF Scholarship Fund

Kate Croteau, Kent State University
Erin Kessler, Kent State University

Erwin & Katherine Geis Scholarship Fund

Brittney Kalnasy, Cuyahoga Community College
Breanne Koelliker, Duquesne University
Regan Krist, The Island School, Cape Eleuthera Foundation
Colton Murray, University of Cincinnati
Claire Stock, Kent State University
Jordan Teaford, University of Mount Union
Hilary Woytek, Padua Franciscan High School

Hanlon Family Scholarship Fund

Zed Edgar, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School

Morgan Hasbrouck 4-H Scholarship Fund

Olivia Blay, The Ohio State University
Jade Bretz, The Ohio State University
Shelby Morehead, University of Northwestern Ohio
Courtney Siracki, Kent State University

Abby Lippy Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dana Giffen
Courtney Heller, John Carroll University

Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund

Culley Emerson, Ohio State ATI
Olivia Koval, The University of Akron
Riley Walker, The Ohio State University
Elizabeth Whetstone, The Ohio State University

Joan Lutz Scholarship Fund

Julia Tominis, Kent State University

Kate Lieberth Lytton Education in Dance Fund

Molly Bagatto, Oberlin Dance Intensive
Marisa Ervin, Point Park University
Kennedy Gordon, The University of Akron Dance Institute
Vivian Gray, Miami City Ballet School
Makenna Johnson, Carolina Ballet
Emily Kline, Kansas City Ballet School
Maggie Stone, Charlotte Ballet

Scott T. Malson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Zachary Carson, North Carolina State University
Audrey Susz, The Ohio State University

Frank Meadows Scholarship Fund

Stacey Stuhldreher, The University of Akron

Medina Sunrise Rotary Fund

Bailey Freeland, University of Cincinnati
Allison Horner, John Carroll University
Dominic Michael Monaco, Baldwin Wallace University
Brandon Anthony Yu, Baldwin Wallace University

Esther Simonetti Owen Future Educators Scholarship Fund

Quaiann Miller, The University of Akron
Alexus Oliver, The Ohio State University

Anne K. Petry Scholarship Fund

Quaiann Miller, The University of Akron

Bettie Portwood Summit County Pest Control Association Scholarship Fund

Ellen Camerato, Michigan State University

Sr. Loretta Rafter Scholarship Fund

Constance Bozeman, Kent State University
Tomaryn Brown, Recording Radio Film Connection & CASA Schools



Judith A. Resnik Memorial Fund

John Bowen, The University of Akron
Jason Do, The University of Akron
Joseph Gorsuch, The Ohio State University
Jacob Koehler, Ashland University
Chase Mizell, SUNY Cobleskill
Adwoa Odoom, Cleveland State University
Nyna Sayarath, The Ohio State University
Camryn Woodley, Muskingum University

Judith A. Resnik Scholarship Fund of the Women's Network Inc.

Anne Harris, Ohio Northern University
Anisha Rai, The University of Akron

Joseph L. Ruby Student Scholarship Fund

Kristin Roska, The University of Akron

Vincent R. Sandridge Employee Caring Fund

Lauren Birdsong, Southwest Baptist University
Jordan Brichford, Kent State University
Cody Cicerchi, Cuyahoga Community College
Hope Conrad, Kent State University
Christeen Davis, The Culinary Institute of America
Austin Hodges, Cuyahoga Community College
Ellyn Hodges, Ohio State ATI
William Karns, The University of Akron
Ashley Leatherman, The University of Akron
James McCormick, Cuyahoga Community College
Helaina Novak, Kent State University
Jeffrey Ogden, Taylor University
Camille Pasipanki, Bowling Green State University
Jacob Persic, University of Cincinnati
Xavier Smiechowski, Temple University
Shawn Tahajod, The University of Akron
McKenzie Taylor, Bowling Green State University
Austin Ward, Youngstown State University
Kayla Weinman, The University of Akron
Ellen Wright, University of Cincinnati
Sephrenia Yarger, Kent State University

Joseph P. Sieferth Sr. and Family Fund

Caroline Blay, Kent State University
Damara Gibson, Malone University

Faye L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

Andrew Cooke, Colgate University
Tyler Eberhart, Valparaiso University
Ethan Madden, Slippery Rock University
Aarushi Singh, Cornell University

John T. and Julia A. Spellman Scholarship Fund

Avery Bable, Ohio University
Leah Hall, Bowling Green State University
Olivia Litvin, The Ohio State University
Madeleine Peck, University of Cincinnati
Ryan Persinger, Bowling Green State University
Anisha Rai, The University of Akron

Strongsville Women's League Edna Brun Scholarship Fund

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

Norma B. Summerville Scholarship Foundation Fund

Aunique Blackwell, Kentucky State University
Destiny Druso, The Ohio State University
Audrey Hartman, University of Mount Union
Jan Leuanglitthidet, The University of Akron
Mar Lin, The Ohio State University
Amber Long, The University of Akron
T'Ree Maera, The University of Akron
Dameona Meriweather, The Ohio State University
Julia Mitchell, The George Washington University
Mary Nicodemus, The University of Akron
Destiny Starks, Kent State University (Stark Campus)
Wendy Vargas, The University of Akron

Eugene and Arlene True Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rhett Brodie, The University of Akron
[Alexandra Steigerwald, University of Cincinnati](#)

Michelle M. Vasenda Fund

Elise Tucker, Liberty University

Edith Wiskind English Literacy Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth Mesecar, North Carolina State University

Witan Presidents' Scholarship Fund

Aimee Smith, The University of Akron

Woman's Club of Hudson Scholarship Fund

Gabriella Church, Bowling Green State University

Anthony Wunderle Memorial Scholarship Fund

Luke Bazan, The Ohio State University
Codey Montecalvo, University of Cincinnati
Anna Tatham, Saint Vincent College

Vincent Yambrovich Engineering Scholarship Fund

Caleb Gerdeman, The University of Akron



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Codey Montecalvo

Since I was young, I have always felt a drive to help others. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, I organized a series of local fundraisers to help in the hurricane relief efforts. I started with simple ideas such as accepting donations in lieu of gifts for my birthday and eventually organized a walkathon at my school that raised over \$600. However, following my yearlong battle with cancer in 2013 and a subsequent secondary cancer scare, I realized that I will truly only be happy if I am helping others. My love for humanities and politics has led me to major in public policy and public health in hopes of studying at the American University of Paris next fall. My goal is to create effective and efficient reform and funding for the medical system that allows all people to receive the same level of care that I was given throughout my cancer journey.

- **Codey Montecalvo, Anthony Wunderle Memorial Scholarship Fund**

HUDSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FUND RECIPIENTS

Marion Albee Scholarship Fund

Matthew Morris, Miami University

Barlow Fund

Jonathan Joseph Alexander, Kent State University
Amanda Bellish, The Ohio State University
Olivia Bernardo, The Ohio State University
Michael Caniglia, Kent State University
Michael Carey, The Ohio State University
Zachary Carson, North Carolina State University
Mary Castrigano, The University of Notre Dame
Shane Allen Chilcott, University of Pittsburgh
Gabiella Church, Bowling Green State University
Alex Clampffer, Case Western Reserve University
Becky Cook, The Ohio State University
Kori Crookston, The Ohio State University

Sarah Cypcar, Kent State University

Sam Diener, University of Cincinnati
Caitlin Dyer, Loyola University
Gabiella Elliott, University of Tampa
Siyi Fan, The Ohio State University
Caroline Funk, Miami University
Serina Gogosoglu, Miami University
Jacob Gray, Purdue University
Amy Grecol, Kent State University
Steven Greer, The Ohio State University
Jonathan Gregory, Cedarville University
Madeline Hannan, The University of Cincinnati
Blake Hartline, The Ohio State University
Hannah Haywood, The Ohio State University
Courtney Heller, John Carroll University
Anna Herchl, West Virginia University
Allison Hess, The Ohio State University
Jack Jesionek, The Ohio State University
Andrew Johnston, Kent State University
Claire Kim, The Ohio State University
Yuhan Kim, Yale University
Lilly Knox, The Ohio State University
Lauren Kossler, Texas Christian University
Matthew Layton, The Ohio State University
Dylan Manley, University of Alabama
Matthew Matolka, Villanova University
Patrick McKeon, The Ohio State University
Alyson McVan, Miami University
Allie Mehelic, Miami University
Emma Messina, Loyola University
Brielle Moreno, Cleveland State University
John Morgan, University of Virginia
Matthew Morris, Miami University
Katherine Mulligan, Kent State University

Nathan Mullins, Virginia Tech

Helena Norman, Wheaton College
Katherine North, Loyola University
Jenna Poleykett, American University
Teagan Poleykett, George Washington University
Alexander Reichart, University of Wisconsin
Kaitlyn Robbins, The Ohio State University
Katherine Roegner, Princeton University
Kelly Ross, The Ohio State University
Samuel Ross, Miami University
Stephen Russell, Ohio University
Lindsay Sadler, University of Cincinnati
Madeline Sage, University of Michigan
Ethan Samangy, College of Wooster
Katherine Saxer, The Ohio State University
Jacob Seiple, Hiram College
Avery Silverman, University of Florida
Eric Takacs, Kent State University
Emma Teson, The Ohio State University
Katherine Travis, University of Richmond



Hadya Truesdail, Penn State University
Nina Venkatesh, The University of Virginia
John Lee Wang, University of Illinois Urbana
Julianna Wheatley, Bowling Green State University
Abigail Wickerham, University of Dayton
Lesli Wilch, The Ohio State University
Isabel Wu, Harvard University
Wending Wu, Dartmouth College

Helen Barlow Art Scholarship Fund

Jenna Lund, Savannah College of Art & Design

Kenneth Blower Memorial Scholarship Fund

Anna Herchl, West Virginia University

Harry D. Bubbs Scholarship Fund

Jonathan Gregory, Cedarville University

Arthur Caniglia Scholarship Fund

Michael Caniglia, Kent State University

Scott Case Memorial Fund

Siyi Fan, The Ohio State University
Alex Joslyn, University of Cincinnati

Les Dingleline Memorial Scholarship Fund

Camile Madar, University of Cincinnati

Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund

Courtney Heller, John Carroll University

Hudson Bicentennial Scholarship Fund

Gabiella Elliott, University of Tampa

Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund

Jonathan Joseph Alexander, Kent State University

Raymond Marshall Hyser Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

Audrey Susz, The Ohio State University
Merrick Widdoes, Kent State University

Pauline Klupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund

Matthew Aguiar, The University of Akron

Dante B. and Joy W. Lavelli Athletic Academic Scholarship Fund

Michael Caniglia, Kent State University

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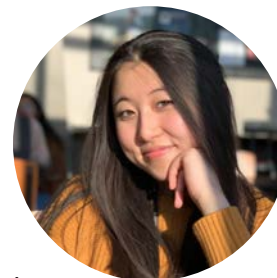
Vincent Lee Lyon, University of Cincinnati

June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mary Castrigano, University of Notre Dame
Kendall Paltani, Ohio University

Stevenson Award Fund

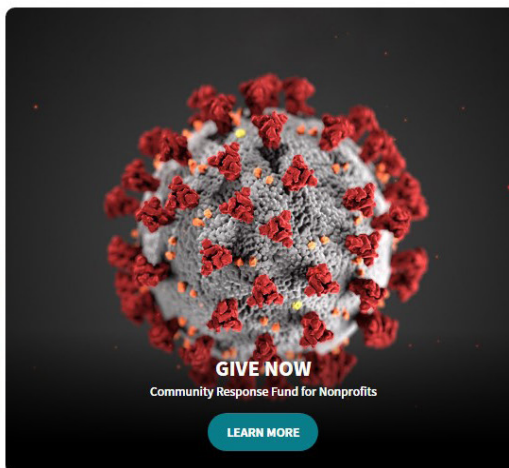
Ayano Nakamura, New England Conservatory



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Helping You Help the Community

Akron Community Foundation is where generous families, companies and nonprofits make their charitable dollars go the furthest for the permanent good of our community.



NOTeworthy

UPDATED AKRONCF.ORG WEBSITE LAUNCHES

In May, Akron Community Foundation celebrated the launch of our new website. Updated with a fresh design, reorganized navigation, and enhanced accessibility for users, the new site provides a more in-depth look at our array of philanthropic services – from the types of charitable funds we offer to the range of complex gifts we can receive. It also features easy access to information about our grant cycles, advisor resources, upcoming events and our seven affiliate funds. Check it out at www.akroncf.org.

LONGTIME EMPLOYEE PROMOTED

Congratulations to Kristen Ashby, who was recently promoted to Marketing Manager. Kristen has been with the foundation since 2009, serving in various roles in both the marketing and development departments during that time. Most recently, she has served in the marketing department, providing strategic marketing guidance to our affiliate funds and professional advisor network, among her other responsibilities. Congratulations on a well-deserved promotion, Kristen!



ON THE TABLE GRANTS, SURVEY RESULTS RELEASED

Akron Community Foundation recently approved \$84,000 in grants as part of our second year of On the Table Community Impact Awards. The grants will be distributed to nearly 40 local nonprofits for projects that address issues discussed during the October 2019 On the Table Greater Akron event. Survey results from more than 2,200 adult and youth participants revealed that poverty and

economic security was seen as the most important community issue for the third year in a row. To view the complete list of grants and survey results, or to sign up for On the Table emails, visit www.onthetableakron.com.

ACF WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

In December, Akron Community Foundation welcomed Cathy Erisey as our new donor-advised fund administrator. Cathy is responsible for reviewing and processing grant recommendations from our donor-advised funds and assisting fundholders with DonorCentral, our online donor resource center. Before joining Akron Community Foundation, Cathy was an associate at a local law firm, where she represented the firm's corporate and nonprofit clients. She holds a Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's degree from Miami University. Please join us in welcoming Cathy!



WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND TO RECEIVE GIRL SCOUTS AWARD

The Women's Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation has been selected to receive the 2020 Advancing Women Award from the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio. The Girl Scouts plan to recognize the fund at its annual Women of Distinction Luncheon on Aug. 14. Created in 2014, the Advancing



Women Award honors organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing women in the workplace. To date, the Women's Endowment Fund has granted more than \$1.5 million to programs that uplift and empower local women and girls, including those that promote gender equity in Summit County workplaces. Congratulations to the Women's Endowment Fund and its advisory board members for this outstanding recognition.

SHAPE YOUR FUTURE: 2020 CENSUS

Have you been counted in the 2020 census? Your participation can impact funding for important institutions such as health clinics, fire departments, schools and more. All personal information is kept confidential, and the results will shape our community's future for the next decade. Learn more and complete the brief questionnaire at www.2020census.gov.

ACF BOARD MEMBERS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

While events this spring were canceled or postponed due to COVID-19, we're still incredibly proud of the many board members who received awards to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Congratulations to Sarah Friebert, M.D., for receiving the Project on Death in America Palliative Medicine Community Leadership Award from the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Friebert, director of the Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Division at Akron Children's Hospital, was selected for this esteemed national award for her unparalleled dedication to mentoring and training future palliative care leaders in Greater Akron and beyond. Thank you, Dr. Friebert, for your leadership in this vital field of work.



In March, Dr. Rachel Talton was awarded the 2020 Woman of Vision Award from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Inc. Greater Cleveland Chapter for her professional and civic achievements.



And finally, the University of Akron's College of Business Administration honored Kimberly Haws Falasco with the Dr. Frank L. Simonetti Distinguished Business Alumni Award, which recognizes alumni who have achieved excellence in their profession.



Congratulations to you all on these well-deserved awards.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR COUNCIL MEMBER HONORED

Congratulations to Don Laubacher, a member of Akron Community Foundation's Professional Advisor Council, on being named the 2020 Distinguished Estate Planner by the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland.




NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

🕒 EVENT UPDATES: ANNUAL MEETING, POLSKY AWARD DINNER CANCELED

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak, Akron Community Foundation has decided to cancel this year's annual meeting planned for July 16, as well as the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award dinner planned for Oct. 13.

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



THE SECURE ACT MAY AFFECT YOUR ESTATE PLAN

By Michael G. Riley and
Roger L. Shumaker
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A new law effective Jan. 1, 2020, changes the rules for paying most retirement accounts to beneficiaries after the account owner's death. The law affects, for example, all 401(k) plans and IRAs. For account owners who died before 2020, payments from their retirement accounts could (and still can) be "stretched" over the lifetimes of their beneficiaries. As discussed in more detail below, the new law applies a 10-year rule in many cases to payments to beneficiaries of account owners who die after 2019.

This is a significant change that is causing many people to consider revising their trusts or beneficiary designations on their retirement plans and IRAs.

WHY IS THE STRETCH BEING SHORTENED?

This new law is called the SECURE Act and was part of the large spending bill passed by Congress and signed by the president in late December. SECURE stands for Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement. The law provides new incentives and opportunities to make contributions to retirement accounts. For example, the SECURE Act allows for contributions to IRAs after age 70 1/2, and it pushes back the required beginning date for required minimum distributions from 70 1/2 to 72 (in most cases). Of course, there are transition rules and exceptions, so the applicability of any of these changes to your situation should be individually reviewed.

To help pay for the new retirement savings incentives, Congress decided to limit the opportunity to stretch payments to beneficiaries, thereby accelerating tax revenues.

IT'S TIME TO REVIEW YOUR BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

It is always important to complete and monitor your beneficiary designations to make sure that they are consistent with your estate plan. Now that the SECURE Act has modified how retirement accounts can be paid to many beneficiaries, consider whether your existing designations still meet your objectives.

A case-by-case review is needed, but we expect that some people will decide that they need a specially designed trust to manage the payments to beneficiaries; some will decide to remove or revise an existing trust that has been named as a beneficiary; and some will make no change. In any event, we expect that people will want to be sure that their beneficiaries will qualify for the 10-year rule or one of the exceptions to the 10-year rule that still allow for a stretch payout.

If the new 10-year rule applies, annual distributions are not required, but the entire retirement account must be paid to the designated beneficiary by the end of the year containing the 10th anniversary of the death of the account owner. (Note: This will allow reporting in 11 tax years, in most cases.) If the full account is not distributed in accordance with the 10-year rule, heavy penalties will apply in addition to the regular income tax.

There are important exceptions to the 10-year rule for “eligible designated beneficiaries.” Eligible designated beneficiaries still qualify to stretch payouts from retirement accounts over their applicable life expectancies. Eligible designated beneficiaries are:

- The surviving spouse of the account owner
- Minor children of the account owner (but only as long as they are minors)
- Disabled beneficiaries
- Chronically ill beneficiaries
- Individuals who are not more than 10 years younger than the account owner

In effect, the stretch is still available for these beneficiaries. However, if amounts remain in the retirement account at the death of an eligible designated beneficiary, then the 10-year rule will apply to the payout of the account.

The stretch is also still available for beneficiaries who inherited retirement accounts from account owners who died before 2020. If amounts remain in the retirement account at the death of those beneficiaries, the 10-year rule will apply to the payout of the account.

As with any new law, there will be questions about how it should be interpreted and applied, and we expect that the Treasury Department will be issuing regulations and other types of guidance to implement and clarify the 10-year rule and its exceptions.

PROMPT ACTION MAY BE NEEDED

In the meantime, prompt action may be needed. If you have designated a trust as the primary or contingent beneficiary on a retirement account, review that planning now. In some cases, those trusts were intended to create a mandatory stretch payout to one or more beneficiaries. The new law may cause the retirement payments to be paid to those beneficiaries within 10 years of death, which may be much sooner and taxed more heavily than planned. If that is not acceptable, then revisions will be needed.

If you are concerned about the loss of the opportunity to stretch retirement distributions to certain beneficiaries, there are other techniques to consider. For example, if your estate plan includes benefiting charities, a charitable remainder trust can allow you to approximate a stretch payout to adult children and benefit charity.

It is always a good idea to review your planning every few years in light of changing personal or financial circumstances or changes in the law. We are shining a light on the SECURE Act now because the changes it makes might disrupt the estate planning that many people have done with their retirement benefits. 🌱

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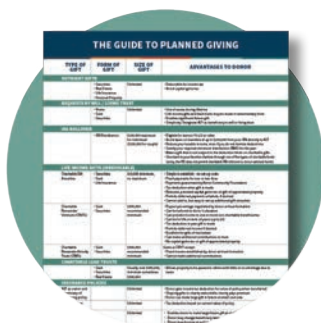
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