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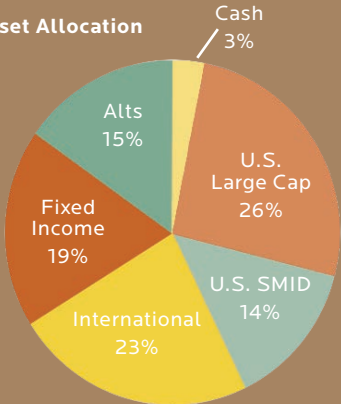
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BY THE NUMBERS

JULY 1 — SEPT. 30, 2014

\$180 Million in assets

Asset Allocation



Akron Community Foundation

-2.6% Quarterly net return

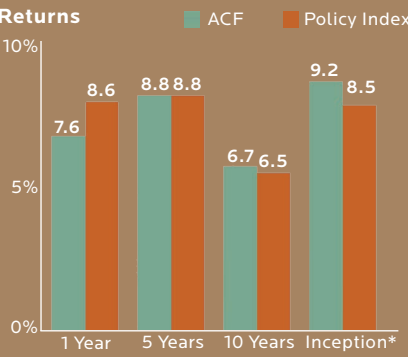
6.7% 10-year net return

9.2% Avg. annual net return*

Policy Index**

-1.6% Quarterly net return

6.5% 10-year net return



*Our investment policy was established in 1989. See our investment policy statement and management relationships at www.akroncf.org/financials.

**The Policy Index is our investment benchmark, the allocations of which mirror our targeted asset mix.

PRESIDENT & CEO

I took some time during the Thanksgiving break to reflect on a few well-known national stories that truly embody for me the limitless power of the human spirit. You'll probably recall these two that quickly came to mind. Back in 1987, dozens of rescuers came to a small town in Texas and worked tirelessly to free 18-month-old Baby Jessica from the bottom of a well, where she had been trapped for 58 hours. Nearly 20 years later, a young man who grew up with autism got to meet the president of the United States after inspiring the nation by scoring 20 points in the only high school game he would ever play. Jason "J-Mac" McElwain was lifted in celebration onto the shoulders of his teammates and classmates in one glorious moment that touched the hearts of the entire country.



I honestly wish we all had the opportunity to witness and be inspired by the victories and triumphs that go unnoticed every day in our community: single mothers holding their families together; college students maintaining their studies while working full time. We'll see good news if we look hard enough: Like our good news that your Akron Community Foundation headquarters re-opened in early November. We're so grateful to the staff and contractors who spent thousands of hours demolishing, designing and re-building this vital community building for the benefit of thousands of donors, volunteers and Greater Akron leaders who utilize this space.

I also continue to receive such positive feedback regarding this year's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award dinner, where Rennick Andreoli was recognized for his incredible work on behalf of so many deserving and vital organizations in the community, most especially Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. I'm pleased to report this event raised more than \$200,000, with more than 500 people in attendance. Well done, Rennick — and Greater Akron — for supporting this tribute with record generosity.

We're so proud that the community foundation's transformation in recent years now includes this remodeled, inviting place we call home. I hope you'll visit soon to see the vibrant, modern and cost-efficient facility we've built to last beyond our current generation.

Have a splendid, safe and joyful holiday season with your family.

My heartfelt regards,



John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO

WELCOME, DELINDA HERMAN



Please join us in welcoming our newest staff member, Delinda, who joins the community foundation as our development and donor engagement assistant. Her bio is available at www.akroncf.org/Delinda.

FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



NEW YEAR'S EVE CHARITY LAUNCHES FAMILY'S LEGACY

New Year's Eve is a time of reflection and planning for many, including the Mike and Susan Zeleznik family. On Dec. 31, 2012, at the end of what had been a rewarding year, the Hudson residents chose to express their gratitude by planning for the future: They started a donor-advised fund at Akron Community Foundation, beginning a charitable legacy to engage their family in philanthropy and give back to their community.

NEW LIFE

While Mike and Susan had always been generous with their time and finances, a significant life event in 1997 caused a shift in their charitable thinking. The parents of a 5-year-old daughter, Natalie, they learned Susan was pregnant with not one but two babies. The pregnancy was high risk, forcing Susan to leave her job at NASA.

Just after the holidays – a mere 28 weeks into her pregnancy – Susan gave birth to Steven and Christina, their tiny New Year's twins. "At one point, Christina weighed less than two pounds," Susan remembered. The initial months were tense, but after much nurturing, the Zelezniks watched their twins strengthen, and the couple's desire to give back grew in tandem.

NEW PERSPECTIVE

Fifteen years later, all three of the Zeleznik children were thriving – and so was Mike's insurance and business valuation consulting business.

Because of his background, Mike was invited to join Akron Community Foundation's new Professional Advisor Council. And while he had long understood the benefit of using charitable giving as a tax-planning tool, he was unaware of the myriad charitable options available through Akron Community Foundation.

Mike soon realized a charitable fund at the community foundation wasn't just a great option for his clients but something that also made sense for him personally. And it was something he could easily do in the waning hours of the tax year. "Starting our fund was easy," he said. "I think it took all of an hour."

NEW LEGACY

As 2014 draws to an end, the Zelezniks and their children will gather to choose the community organizations they want to support as a family with a grant from their fund. It's something they hope plants a seed for philanthropy in the future. "We want to get the kids involved,"

Susan explained. "We want them to contribute to the discussion."

Similarly, the couple plans to let their children decide how to carry forward the Zeleznik Family Fund when the couple is no longer able to do it themselves – whether that means continuing to choose grants on their behalf or turning that duty over to the community foundation's capable board of directors. "Our oldest daughter is in Columbus now. If she continues her life outside of Northeast Ohio, I don't know that she would be connected closely enough to make those recommendations," Mike said.

Regardless of what the children ultimately decide, Mike and Susan are adamant about where the fund should reside: "This is where we live," Mike explained. "We want our charitable dollars to stay here."

Like the Zelezniks, do you want to start a charitable fund before tax year's end? All it takes is a minimum gift of \$5,000. We can accept cash gifts through Dec. 31 and stock transfers initiated by Dec. 22. For more information, contact Margaret Medzie at mmedzie@akroncf.org or 330-436-5610.

NEWS FOR GIVING



NEW FUNDS

1 in 6 Foundation Fund

To support prostate cancer research, awareness and educational initiatives.

Edward and C. Georgene Bayer Fund

A donor-advised fund established to support their favorite causes, like cancer research and their church.

Jim and Ann Durr Family Fund

A donor-advised fund established by Ann Durr, senior vice president/retail sales leader at Westfield Bank, and her husband, Jim.

Faith in Action Medina County Caregivers Endowment Fund

To help ill and disabled elderly residents attend life-sustaining medical appointments.

David and Margaret Hunter Family Fund

A donor-advised fund established by David Hunter, a partner at Brouse McDowell, and his wife, Margaret.

Steve Johnson and Laurie Zuckerman Family Fund

A donor-advised fund established by one of the founding donors of the Women's Endowment Fund and her husband.

Operation Homes Medina County Endowment Fund

To provide temporary, safe and secure shelter for Medina County's homeless residents.

TIPS TO ENHANCE YEAR-END GIFTS

The end of the year is a notable time for charitable donations. Not only do the holidays inspire many people to feel generous, but it's the last opportunity to glean an income tax benefit for the current year.

If you're thinking about making a year-end gift, here are a few suggestions to consider:

- If giving cash, you may want to consider using your credit card. You gain the tax break for 2014, even if you don't pay it off until 2015. Plus, you get the benefit of any points offered on your card.
- Gifts of appreciated stock offer two benefits: You avoid capital gains tax while still earning a charitable deduction. Some nonprofits are not equipped to accept stock gifts, but Akron Community Foundation can accept these through Dec. 22. (See pg. 7 for more details)
- If you have an insurance policy you no longer need, you can get a charitable deduction for the cash value of the policy.
- Even if you're not ready to decide what causes to support, you can still get a tax break for this year. A charitable fund at Akron Community Foundation gives you the impact of the gift now, while allowing you to decide where distributions should go at a later time.
- For loved ones who insist they don't need any more "stuff," consider making a charitable gift in their honor. Give to your fund, establish one in their honor, or give to one of the funds already established with us.
- Talk with your professional advisor. They can help you make the most tax-advantageous decisions for your current situation.

It's not too late to maximize your giving through Akron Community Foundation. Our office will be open Dec. 31 to accept donations, and you can contribute to any of our more than 450 funds online at any time at www.akroncf.org/givenow. You can even start your own fund before year's end. Contact Margaret Medzie at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org, or start the process online at www.akroncf.org/startyourfund.

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Aug. 1 2014 — Oct. 31, 2014

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO:

Akron Community Foundation for:

Richard Averitte by

Yvonne Averitte

H. Peter Burg by

Pat & Cathy Deagan

Shirlee Frazee by

John Franklin

Helen C. Gould by

John Wilkinson

Anna R. Gudikunst by

John Wilkinson

Margaret Jackson by

Bruce & Sandy Bailey

Mrs. Thomas (Peg) Jackson by

Carole Satterfield

Henry Jameson by

Lucy Buxton

Joseph Donohue

Dave Fielder & Sarah Wright

Andrew & Linda Grible

Edna Hartschuh

Ryan & Betsy Hartschuh

Kathryn R. Hibbard

Martha Jameson

Irene S. Lewis

Ronald M. Pettit

Bessie MacMillan by

John Wilkinson

Melvin & Evelyn McMillan by

John Wilkinson

Sister Agatha Miller by

John Wilkinson

Victor Owoc by

Regina A. Banko

The Family of Pete Burg

Charles & Mary Beth Carroll

John F. Curley

Ruth & Walter Fowler

Karen & Rich's Cookie Party
Friends (Bob, Lisa, Marshall,
Rob, Teri, Ed, Don, Kathy,
Michael, Brian, Anne, Gary,
Lynne, Gene, John, Val and
Steph)

Richard & Joan Marsh

Robert J. McWhorter

Martin Ober

Michael & Janet Pera

Russell J. Spetrino

Harvey & Linda Wagner

Bruce F. Rothmann, M.D., by

Lola Rothmann

Barbara L. Steinkerchner by

Chris & Maryellen Burnham

Dave Towell by

Mrs. Philip F. Franz

Dr. Tom & Mrs. Mary Ann Jackson

George Byron Wilkinson by

John Wilkinson

Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:

Dave Towell by

Josephine Brookhart

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Mrs. George T. Parry

Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:

Lauren Kunklier by

Bruce & Kristen Kaufman

Scott Long by

Mike Downey

John N. Economou Scholarship Fund for:

Angie Kariotis by

Elena Economou

Helen Manos by

Elena Economou

Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Endowment Fund for:

Caroline Aungst by

Barbara Beiling

David Caplin by

Edward Weisman

Donald Fisk by

Barbara Beiling

Fran Waybright

Umirzok Gabbas by

Bill & Barbara Beiling

Wanda Mouser by

Stow Women's Club

Mr. Omirzak by

Fran Waybright

Lou & Helen Pinzone by

Jim & Susan Falkman

Rich Rymer by

Barbara Beiling

Gay Community Endowment Fund for:

Jonathan Kuhns by

O.K. Investment Group

Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Endowment Fund for:

Terri Dogrell by

Joanne Anderson

Elliott Gonser by

Marcia Cibula

Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund for:

Marissa A. Norwood by

Climon Lee III, Ph.D.

Everett L. Shumate Fund for:

Minerva Shumate by

Brenda Clark Mikota

Dwight & Barbara Dieckman

Ruth Erickson

Claudia Leet

Arthurine Cole Shumate

Dr. & Mrs. Carl L. Stojan

Dr. Sarah E. Shumate

Ken & Tonie Wilson

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WELCOME HOME

Akron Community Foundation's 2014 annual report titled "Welcome Home" is now available online at www.akroncf.org/annualreport2014. Thank you for all you've done to enrich our community this year. Happy Holidays!

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Aug. 1 2014 – Oct. 31, 2014

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TRIBUTE GIFTS TO:

Akron Community Foundation for:

Rennick Andreoli by

Bruce & Sandy Bailey
Mary K. Booth
Madeline & Libert Bozzelli
Ann & David Brennan
James & Jean Broers
Cedarwood Development Inc.
William & Rebecca Considine
John & Betty Dalton
Rev. Ronald J. Fowler
William Ginter
Dr. Terry Gordon
Joyce K. Hamaker
Jack & Vivian Harig
Bryan & Susan Kinnamon
Steve Marks
Greg & Jackie McDermott
Tom & Marilyn Merryweather
Hon. Charles J. Pilliod Jr. &
Nancy Pilliod
Ernie & Mary Kay Pouttu
Judy & Roger Read
Bud & Susie Rogers
Ronald McDonald House of
Akron
Lola Rothmann
Sequoia Financial Group
Bill & Karen Silver
Timothy & Kimberly Winter
Bonnie Lass Wojno & William
C. Wojno

Rennick & Dee Andreoli by

Ted & Carol Curtis
Toby Gorant

Robert & Alyssa Briggs by

Ann & David Brennan
Judy & Roger Read

Eileen Burg by

James J. & Amy B. Cole
Margaret Reaman

Sue Ellen & Jose Melian by

Ray & Sherrie Kimberly

Bonnie & Ernie Estep by

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Ann Lane Gates by

Akron Community Foundation's
Discretionary Fund
Patricia Ackerman
Anne Alexander
John & Deborah Amos
Anonymous
Drs. Mark & Sandy Auburn
Ednah Borders
Carolyn Brown
Ernest & Sara Brown
Virgil & Anita Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buckner
Candies by Joyce
Garvin & Theresa Carter
Daisy Chandler
Gloria Chandler
Jasmine Chandler
Benjamin & Letha Clark
Milton Clark
Dr. & Mrs. Shelton Clark
Dr. Sharon Byrd Collins
Angela Tucker Cooper
Malcolm Costa
Harold & Eunice Craig
Walter & Gloria Cummings
Johnnette S. Curry
John & Betty Dalton
Betty Jo Davison
Sharon Dennis
Carl & Judy Dimengo
Geraldine Drone
Leaton Drone
Carol Burton Drugan
Ervette Ellison
Joyce Engram
Robert Evans
Dorothy Evege
Leona Farris
Willie Nell Fielding

Robert & Beverley Fischer

Gailmarie Fort
Fred L. Gissendaner
Louise Gissendaner
Vaughn & Janice Gleaves
Angela Graves, D.D.S.
Deborah Grimes
Ann Grundy
Brenda A. Hairston
Dr. & Mrs. Milton H. Hamblin
Annette Grimes Hammonds
Wilhelmina Hawkins
Ernestine Hayes
Barbara Heard
Dr. Gregory & Judi Hill
Nedradine Hill
Arthur James & Rosalind Lewis
Lavado Jones
Brenda Justice
Marian Kea
Deanna Kimbrough
Elizabeth Kime
Mary Annette King
Jacquelyn Kyle
Cappy Lane
Mr. & Mrs. Carl A. Lane Sr.
Wayne & Karen Lane
Mary Lee
Adell Lewis
Suzanne Leyerle
Charles & M.A. McCoy
Edric McSween
Eula R. Morant
Vernon & Vivian Celeste Neal
Steven & Vicki Nelson
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Federia Nicholson
Eddie & Linda Omobien
Francel & Yolanda Parker
Ms. Valerie Peavy
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Robert & Anna Potts
Lula Raines
Mr. & Mrs. Horace Robinson

Gene & Audrey Scruggs
 Sandra Shaw
 Geneva Shedrick
 Jacqueline Silas-Butler
 Veronica Simms
 Cazzell M. Smith
 John & Georgia Stathopoulos
 Mary Charlene Stevens
 Mary Stewart
 James T. & Kathleen E. Stimler
 Vernon & Barbara Sykes
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Tolbert
 Mamie Toole & Sara Lash
 Martha Ware
 Dorothy Welch
 Bernett L. Williams
 Winston & Luaretta Williams
 Darrick Willis
 Doris F. Wilson
 Beverly Woolridge
 Wray Family Trust
 Frederick & Judith Wright

Patricia Graves by
 Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Esther Simonetti Owen by
 Mr. & Mrs. Domenico Lazzerini

John T. Petures Jr. by
 Tina Boyes
 Margaret & Tom Medzie
 Steve & Jane Schloenbach

**Akron Rotary Foundation
 Endowment Fund for:**

Rennick Andreoli by

Mr. & Mrs. Harry W. Schwab
 Walter & Donna Scott

**Akron-Summit County Public
 Library Endowment Fund for:**

**Akron-Summit County Public
 Library by**

Lolita Adair Realty

**Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family
 Cancer Foundation Program Fund
 for:**

Rennick Andreoli by

Julie Deane

**Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew
 Fund for:**

The Craine Family by

Michael & Loraine Craig

Lisa Craine by

Konstantina Alexakis
 Anonymous
 Chuck & Anne Armao
 Anne Bitong
 Kelly Crum
 Connie Davis
 Amy Dawley
 Sam & M.J. Parri
 Ms. Barbara J. Romero
 Michelle Willen
 Daniel Zampelli
 Joseph Zampino

Lisa & David Craine by

Peggy Contrera
 John Fung
 Malcolm Gilbert
 Harry & Margie Meacham
 Kevin & Kelly Thomas

**Friends of the Stow-Munroe
 Falls Public Library Endowment
 Fund for:**

Barbara Beiling by

Anonymous
 Carole Jegley
 Amelia Newberry

Book Sale Volunteers by

Judy Cohen-Baer

**Gay Community Endowment Fund
 for:**

**John Grafton & Richard Worswick
 by**

Robert Antenucci
 Drs. Mark & Sandy Auburn
 Frank Comunale
 Jon Fiume
 John Garofalo
 David L. Jesse & Steven
 Williams
 Constantia Stathopoulos

**Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdalyn E.
 Hausfeld Living Endowment
 Fund for:**

Fred & Jeanine Peel by

John Horvath



ACT BY DEC. 22 TO BENEFIT FROM 2014 STOCK GIFT

Did you know that cash isn't always the best option for your year-end giving? Gifts of appreciated stock offer you a double benefit: an exemption from capital gains tax and an immediate charitable deduction for the fair market value of the securities, deductible up to 30 percent of your gross income.

Akron Community Foundation can help you turn your appreciated securities into permanent charity, but you must act soon to reap a tax benefit for 2014. Contact your broker by Dec. 22 to initiate your transfer. Or, if you have paper certificates, contact Steve Schloenbach, our vice

president and CFO, who is happy to pick up your certificates and deposit them for you. Steve can be reached at 330-436-5621 or sschloenbach@akroncf.org.

A full list of transfer instructions are available on our website at www.akroncf.org/stocktransfers.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



EDUCATION GRANTMAKING TO REACH FROM CRADLE TO CAREER

Summit County has a storied history when it comes to education. In 1847, Akron established the state's first K-12 public school system with the mission of providing free, quality education for all.

Since 1995, Akron Community Foundation has dedicated a full quarter of discretionary grantmaking to funding education. This year, in addition to funding early learning programs, Akron Community Foundation's board will give preference to programs that align with Summit Education Initiative's Cradle to Career continuum.

The Cradle to Career continuum focuses on key transition points in a person's life, such as kindergarten readiness, eighth grade math, and college and career readiness.

"We know that early learning is critical to a child's educational success, but we also recognize how vital funding is in helping students achieve success throughout their K-12 experience," said John Garofalo, vice president of community investment at Akron Community Foundation. "We have identified SEI's Cradle to Career continuum as the best framework for improving and measuring education outcomes. By funding programs that align with SEI's holistic approach, and by combining our resources with those of other local funders, we believe we can make the greatest impact on Summit County's children."

Beginning in December 2015, 100 percent of Akron Community Foundation's education grantmaking will fund Cradle to Career-aligned programs.

"Summit Education Initiative is pleased to support the numerous excellent, community-based programs that work to improve opportunities for our children and youth," said Derran Wimer, executive director of Summit Education Initiative. "We recognize that many programs strive to improve the aspirations, persistence and motivations of youth, and that improvements in these areas positively impact student achievement all along the Cradle to Career continuum."

For more information about our education grant-making cycle, visit www.akroncf.org/communityfundgrants. For questions, contact John Garofalo at 330-436-5624 or jgarofalo@akroncf.org.

DEADLINES

March 1, 2015

MCCF Grant Deadline

Beginning Jan. 12, the Medina County Community Fund will accept grant applications for a wide range of cultural, educational, health and community service programs that benefit Medina County. For details or to apply, visit www.akroncf.org/applyMCCF.

March 1, 2015

MCWEF Grant Deadline

Beginning Jan. 12, the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund will accept grant applications for programs that support women and children in Medina County. For details or to apply, visit www.akroncf.org/applyMCWEF.

March 1-April 1, 2015

Arts & Culture Grant Deadline

Beginning March 1, Akron Community Foundation will accept grant applications for performing and visual arts programs, historical societies and museums, and media projects during our arts and culture grant cycle. For details or to apply, visit www.akroncf.org/communityfundgrants.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES



Photo: A grant to Prevent Blindness Ohio will provide vision screenings and eye care products to at-risk individuals in Summit County

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS

On Friday, Dec. 5, Akron Community Foundation announced grants totaling \$1,517,051, including \$453,500 in health and human services grants, which will fund 34 local nonprofit agencies that provide for residents' health, wellness and basic needs.

The organization also announced that funding for the competitive health and human services cycle would be supplemented by \$177,195 in grants from the Howard Atwood Family Fund, H. Peter Burg Fund, Bonnie L. and Ernest R. Estep Fund, Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund, Read Family Fund, David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund, and two anonymous funds. In all, 30 local health and human services programs will benefit from what Akron Community Foundation President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. calls "grant coinvesting."

The grant coinvestment program began earlier this year when the community foundation

invited several corporate- and donor-advised fundholders to participate in a pilot program during its arts and culture cycle, offering fundholders the opportunity to review competitive grant applications for funding consideration. Since then, fundholders have agreed to coinvest nearly \$400,000 in local programs.

"We are pleased that so many of our fundholders find value in what we learn about local nonprofits and community needs during our competitive grant-making process," Petures said. "We're happy to keep them informed so they can make wise decisions with their personal philanthropy, and hopefully we can introduce them to effective programs in their areas of charitable interest."

To see a full list of the competitive health and human services grants, visit www.akroncf.org/healthhumanservicesgrants.

YOUR GRANTS

This quarter, your donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship funds made 166 grants totaling \$1,063,551. The following is a sampling of the programs you supported:

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

For the Business of Babysitting course, which teaches girls how to start a safe babysitting business, \$2,500

The Illusion Factory

To support children's theater productions in area schools, \$7,500

Kent State University Foundation

For the Blackstone Launchpad program, which provides entrepreneurial assistance to students, faculty and alumni, \$5,000

Medina County Park District

To construct steps on the hiking trail at Allardale Park, \$24,711

Mobile Meals Inc.

For free and subsidized meals for those unable to pay, \$1,000

Torchbearers

To support the Detroit Learning Exchange in which young professionals visited Detroit to learn about revitalization efforts in the city, \$10,000

INITIATIVES

MILLENNIUM FUND CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF GRANTS

Akron Community Foundation's Millennium Fund for Children is celebrating 15 years of grants to children's programs throughout Summit, Portage and Medina counties. The fund's grants committee recently approved 30 grants totaling \$38,500 to arts, education and health programs, bringing the cumulative grant-making total to \$575,344.

In addition, the Millennium Fund announced the launch of a new initiative to grow the fund through corporate philanthropy. Fund leaders plan to involve local business owners through the creation of a corporate engagement committee composed of corporate donors to the fund. This group will help determine how to best increase awareness among businesses and – ultimately – grow the fund's assets

and impact. It also offers businesses a public way to show their commitment to helping local children, a cause many of their customers are passionate about.

"This is the perfect opportunity for child- and family-focused businesses to show their support for children's causes in our community," said Millennium Fund committee member Jan Leach.

The fund continues to seek gifts both large and small from individual residents.

For a complete list of grants awarded this year, visit www.akroncf.org/millenniumgrants.



A grant to Crown Point Ecology Center offers area children hands-on experience on a 115-acre farm and nature preserve.

GET INVOLVED

Showcase your company's interest in children's causes. Contact Margaret Medzie at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org to become a corporate sponsor. Or, give online at www.akroncf.org/give/millennium.

RECENT GRANTS SUPPORT LOCAL LGBT INITIATIVES

The Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation recently awarded 11 grants totaling \$42,700 for programs that positively impact the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Grants were awarded to programs that increase awareness about housing and employment discrimination, including a \$3,500 grant to Equality Ohio Education Fund for a public campaign emphasizing the need for statewide nondiscrimination protections. The grant will help the agency increase its outreach to Greater Akron residents and educate

community leaders about the lack of nondiscrimination laws in Ohio.

"It is shocking but true – there are no statewide or federal nondiscrimination protections in place for the LGBT community in employment, housing or public accommodations," said Kim Welter, deputy director of Equality Ohio. "Yet four out of five Ohioans do not know that it is legal to be fired from your job, denied an apartment, or refused service at a restaurant because of sexual orientation or gender identity. This fundamental misunderstanding hinders momentum around making Ohio law inclusive of LGBT nondiscrimination protections."

Other grants will provide diversity training to people who counsel

LGBT survivors of sexual assault; support screenings of LGBT films in downtown Akron theaters; and offer counseling and support to LGBT senior citizens.

Since awarding its first grants in 2005, the Gay Community Endowment Fund has reinvested nearly \$360,000 into local nonprofit initiatives that promote the well-being and full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens in the Greater Akron area. For a complete list of this year's grants, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEfgrants.

DONATE NOW

To make a donation to the fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/GCEF.

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ACF Office Holiday Hours

Dec. 31, 2014
5 PM

Our office will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays. Our office will be open on Dec. 31 to accept year-end gifts. Gifts to existing funds can be made online anytime at www.akroncf.org/givenow. Gifts of stock should be initiated by Dec. 22. See pg. 7 for details. Call 330-376-8522 for more info.

WEF Annual Dinner

March 12, 2015
6:30 PM
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn

The Women's Endowment Fund will welcome Kathleen Kennedy Townsend at its annual dinner celebrating women and girls. For sponsorship opportunities, visit www.regonline.com/ForWomenForever. Tickets will be available in January.

Community Issues Session: Education

Jan. 21, 2015
5:30 PM
**Akron Community
Foundation**

Join us for a discussion with Rob Briggs, president and CEO of Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education. Refreshments will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the program at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Kim Nott at 330-436-5625 or knott@akroncf.org.

See a full list of community events or submit your own nonprofit event at www.akroncf.org/AroundAkronCalendar.

'FOR BATH, FOREVER' CAMPAIGN AIMS TO RAISE \$1M

Bath Community Fund has launched a campaign to raise \$1 million in permanent philanthropic capital in time for the township's bicentennial in 2018. The newest initiative fund of Akron Community Foundation has an immediate goal of raising \$250,000 by year's end so the fund can have \$12,500 available to distribute to nonprofits in the township next year.

Donors who give to the "For Bath, Forever" campaign during December will be identified as Founding Donors of the fund, and their names will be printed on a public giving pyramid. Former residents Roger and Judy Read, who lived in Bath for 28 years and still have close ties to the community, publicly issued a challenge grant, saying they will increase their \$5,000 contribution to \$25,000 if another donor matches that gift.

To learn more about Bath Community Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/BCF. To become a Founding Donor, contact Jody Miller Konstand, advisory board chair, at 330-618-4477 or jmkmedia@msn.com.



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WELCOME HOME!

Akron Community Foundation celebrated \$1.2 million restoration at grand reopening

On Dec. 5, we welcomed the community into our technologically enhanced, environmentally friendly office, completely restored since our Jan. 10 fire.

Top Left: Olivia Demas, board member, and Chris Miller, community investment officer, enjoy the open house.

Top Right: Akron Community Foundation's newly enhanced building offers expanded meeting space.

Bottom Right: Our president and CEO, John T. Petures Jr., discusses ACF's transformation as city council President Garry Money Penny and Summit County Executive Russ Pry look on.

Bottom Left: Guests enjoy the new space.



Take a video tour of our newly restored facility at www.akroncf.org/home.