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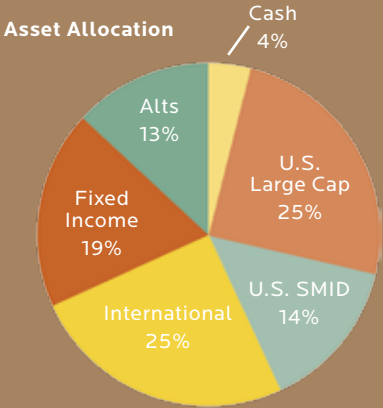
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OCT. 1 — DEC. 31, 2013

More than

\$181 Million in assets



Akron Community Foundation

5.8% Quarterly net return

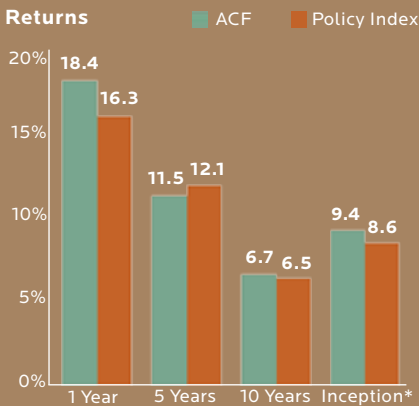
6.7% 10-year net return

9.4% Avg. annual net return since inception*

Policy Index**

5.1% 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

In early December, I emailed our board of directors about the incredible success and growth we've experienced in this third year of our Donor Engagement Plan: We're on pace to exceed \$20 million in gift revenue, doubling our all-time income high of \$10.1 million just two years ago, and we're just two funds shy of establishing a record 41 new funds. (Call me if you're interested in putting us over the top.)



In response to my message, one board member innocently replied: "You guys are on fire!" What he didn't realize was the statement would become all too true on Jan. 10 when a fire of unknown origin destroyed the entire 2003 addition to our building. Our lobby, fund development wing, kitchen, bathrooms and board room all suffered severe damage and now resemble a construction site. Fortunately, the disaster occurred when the building was vacant, so no one was injured, and insurance will cover the cost of rebuilding. We're grateful for the forethought of prior board and staff leaders who invested in safeguards that prevented the total loss of the building. Historical records and the server were not affected, and we didn't miss a single grant payment or gift acknowledgment.

I am proud of our entire staff – particularly Controller Dennis Jansky – who, even as the building was still smoldering, rallied to ensure the vital work of Akron Community Foundation went uninterrupted. I am also touched by the counsel, generosity and assistance from board members, nonprofits, and community and business leaders who have volunteered everything from advice to meeting space. A special thanks to Brouse McDowell and our former board chair Mike Sweeney for hosting two senior members of our development team for the past two months.

Since Jan. 21, our 16-person team has been operating in a space built for a group half our size. We recently learned we must relocate for the next six to nine months so the building can be abated of all smoke damage. While a move can seem inconvenient and the damage disturbing, please know our staff feels energized by the opportunity to rebuild.

Yes, friends, Akron Community Foundation is indeed "on fire," and we're also built to last. We vow to always embrace and enhance your philanthropy for the good of our community – now and forever – regardless of location or circumstance.

My fond regards and gratitude,

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO

WE'RE MOVING...

At least for the next six to nine months. As of March 24, you can find us in the U.S. Bank Building at 195 S. Main St., Suite 300, Akron, OH 44308. Our offices will be closed March 17-21 while we relocate. Thank you for your continued patience.

FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



HERITAGE OF BUSINESS LEAVES LEGACY OF CHARITY

Steve Shechter, son of a grocer and third-generation Akronite, never considered himself a philanthropist. That all changed in 2013 when he sold his business and established a fund at Akron Community Foundation. Now, Steve and his family can give to the causes they love and the community that has given them so much.

All in the family

Business runs in the Shechter blood. In 1904, Steve's grandfather launched a fruit and vegetable business in South Akron, a bustling enclave of rubber workers. The Shechter grocery took off and became a "nationally recognized store - the first in the country to sell frozen foods," according to Steve.

Under Steve's father, the store served the West Hill carriage trade, including the foremost industry leaders of the time. As the industry started to change, Steve's father noticed that supermarkets were overtaking independent grocers. So, in the 1950s, he made the choice to sell his business to a long-time employee.

A new legacy begins

Like his father, Steve had a keen sense of opportunity. After working for a publicly traded, multinational insurance agency for a few years, Steve's friend Ron Buzek approached him about purchasing Evans Insurance Agency, a fixture in the local community since 1876. For a man to whom longevity and community meant everything, it was a perfect fit.

Over the years, Steve became managing partner and was often approached about selling. "The Evans Agency is not for sale: I've probably said that line more than anything over the last 25 years," Steve recalls. Having built his career on relationships, the propositions never felt quite right. "I wanted to leave behind the best possible opportunity for the people who had earned my loyalty."

Opportunity begets charity

"Our favorite holding period is forever," Warren Buffett once said. While Steve is certain no one has ever confused him with the business magnate, this is one

sentiment he could easily attribute to himself. When an offer came in January 2013, Steve finally felt compelled to give selling some thought. Confident his employees would get the respect and opportunities they deserved, he sold the agency to AssuredPartners. Not only did the decision benefit Steve, it's helping the community.

Through the Cherie and Steve Shechter Charitable Giving Fund, the couple and their son, Colin, will support organizations near to their hearts both now and long after they are gone. "Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, the Knight Brothers: It's wonderful what those people do, but this (fund) makes it possible for a family like us to pass our values on to the next generation," Steve said.

You, too, can leverage a liquidity event to create a charitable legacy. Contact Margaret Medzie, vice president of development and donor engagement, at 330-436-5610 or mmedzie@akroncf.org. Watch more of the Shechters' story at www.akroncf.org/ShechterVideo.

NEWS FOR GIVING



ANNOUNCING

Our board is pleased to welcome our first ever professional advisor committee which will help create and promote donor-friendly investment policies, targeted marketing and more.

MEMBERS

Dale Koblenzer, chair, Merrill Lynch

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Carina Diamond, SS&G Wealth Management

Richard Harris, Brouse McDowell

Pamela Kiltau, Merrill Lynch

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Patrick Weschler, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs LLP

Michael Zeleznik, Cornerstone Consulting Group LLC

MAKING A BUSINESS SALE WORK FOR YOU



By: Mark Goldfarb, CPA

In the life of a business owner, selling their business is inevitable at one time or another. As I've seen with my clients, a liquidity event such as this can be a challenging yet rewarding experience. While the sale of a business can result in the largest check a client has ever received, the subsequent tax bill is often the largest check they've ever had to write. Proper tax planning is important to help clients take advantage of all of the tax provisions available to them.

One effective tax-planning tool that can be used during this process is charitable giving. The tax benefit, combined with the ability to help others, makes charitable giving a win-win for everyone. While there are various ways to achieve philanthropic goals, we encourage clients to make contributions that are fully deductible in the year of the business sale since their tax rate will be high. However, clients are often not ready since they've been busy with their business sale and haven't researched charities.

There are two ways clients can make a deductible charitable contribution while deferring the decision of which charities will benefit: through a donor-advised fund like those offered by Akron Community Foundation or by starting a private foundation. Private foundations are legal entities that require a 5 percent annual distribution and include a lot of maintenance by the funder, including filing tax returns and following strict governance. While still beneficial, private foundations add a layer of complexity at a time when clients are looking to simplify.

Instead, donor-advised funds tend to be the preferred choice. These funds offer more favorable deductibility and don't require the same level of maintenance as a private foundation. In addition, they don't require a minimum distribution, are not subject to the net investment income excise tax, and don't require clients to file a tax return or manage the funds. Akron Community Foundation handles virtually everything a client would be required to handle with a private foundation. They also provide online tools, allowing clients to make contributions from anywhere, anytime, and can educate clients on successful organizations in the community that align with their interests.

If you're thinking about selling your business, make sure to talk to your advisor about how charitable giving can make the sale the most beneficial for you and the community.

Mark Goldfarb is a senior managing director at SS&G, advising both business and individual clients. He has experience in tax, estate and succession planning, particularly in the field of family-owned businesses. To learn more, visit www.SSandG.com.



One of a Kind Pet Rescue benefits from the Franklin C. and Patricia R. Harrah Fund

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FUNDS

Marilyn Meyers Buckey Family Fund

Donor-advised fund established by our board member and W.E. Wright Co. President Marilyn Buckey.

Costa Family Fund

Donor-advised fund established by Akron Summit Community Action Inc. President and CEO Malcolm J. Costa.

Mary DiDonato Fund

Designated fund established to support six local nonprofits.

Kathryn Warther and Thomas William Dindo Family Fund

Donor-advised fund established by our former board chair Kitty Dindo and her husband, Thomas.

Franklin C. and Patricia R. Harrah Fund

Donor-advised fund established by Franklin and Patricia Harrah. After their lifetimes, the fund will permanently support their favorite nonprofits, including One of a Kind Pet Rescue, Stan Hywet and the Summit County Historical Society.

Hudson Fire Department Association Scholarship Fund

For scholarships to Hudson High School seniors who have a parent serving on the Hudson Fire Department and are pursuing a degree in public safety.

Beatrice K. McDowell Family Fund

Donor-advised fund started by the C. Blake Jr. and Beatrice K. McDowell family in their honor.

Ollie Mueller Fund

Designated fund established by John Mueller in memory of his cousin, Ollie, to support the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities.

Post-Coleman Fund

Donor-advised fund established by Medina resident Jayne “Jan” Coleman, whose family owns Standard Welding & Steel Products.

Cherie and Steve Shechter Charitable Giving Fund

Donor-advised fund

established by Evans Insurance Agency Inc. President Steve Shechter and his wife, Cherie.

Bruce & Harriet Smith Foundation Fund

Donor-advised fund established by Silver Lake residents Bruce and Harriet Smith.

Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation Endowment Fund

Agency endowment fund established by the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation to support its mission of securing the ongoing excellence of the library system.



ALAN J. WOLL FAMILY FUND

In December, Alan Woll sold Network Polymers to A. Schulman and started a donor-advised fund so he and his

family can give back to the community they love. Considering selling your business? Charitable giving could help you avoid costly taxes, too. [Read more on pg. 4.](#)

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Nov. 1, 2013 — Jan. 31, 2014

Memorial gifts to Akron Community Foundation for:

Janet K. Allio by

Thomas Allio Jr.

Thomas Allio Sr. by

Thomas Allio Jr.

Sue Ames by

Charlotte Essner

Stinnett, Padrutt & Aranyosi Co.

John and Marie Tuccillo

Steven Baach by

Chris Dunning

Veda Bell by

Robert Bell

Evelyn Gunning

John & Joan Primm

Peggy Betzhold by

John Wilkinson

Charles E. Booth by

Robert & Marge Handelman

Al & Donna Loomis

Dr. Susan Merzweiler

Lynn & Ed Metzger

Michael Moldvay

Susan & Michael Pallini

Kathleen Parks

H. Peter Burg by

Eileen Burg

Robert Burg

Anne Griffiths

Lochridge Family Charitable

Fund of Schwab Charitable
Fund

Deborah Ciraldo by

Louis & Eleanor Ciraldo

John L. Dotson Jr. by

Richard & Mary Lou Woodcock

Willis Else by

Betty Oberdorfer

James Hartenstein by

Don & Lorraine Fair

Kathryn M. Hunter by

Mary E. Spalding

Helen Moss by

Robert Weisberger

Frances Murphey by

Mike & Joan Kolk

Joan Andrews Schrank by

Laura Harkey

George & Ruth Wilkinson by

John Wilkinson

Ruth Wilkinson by

John Wilkinson

Ruth I. Wilkinson by

John Wilkinson

Memorial gifts to Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:

Kathleen J. "Kay" Bauman by

Mrs. George T. Parry

Memorial gifts to Akron-Summit County Public Library Endowment Fund for:

Carole Mary Marino by

Priscilla Campana

Memorial gifts to Richard L. Averitte Memorial Scholarship Fund for:

Richard Averitte by

Yvonne Averitte

Memorial gifts to Beacon of Light Initiatives/Sgt. Brandon Allen Memorial Fund for:

Brandon Richard Allen by

Lori Rothschild

Memorial gifts to Brimfield Historical Society Fund for:

Walter Brant by

Joyce Brant

Lawrence E. Bryner by

Barbara Bryner

Phyllis Hecker by

Ruth Weigand

Hilda Rohlf by

Barbara Bryner

Charles & Lois Chase

John & Carol Tosenberger

Ruth Weigand

Linda L. Smith by

Mr. John T. Smith

David Frank Snyder by

Sandra & Alfred Silvidi

Stella Alling Sparhawk by

Don & Joan Reisig

George E. Urban by

Jana Urban

Ray & Grace Alvira Willoughby by

Betsy & Stephen Mako

Memorial gifts to Martin O. Chapman Humanitarian Scholarship Fund for:

Martin Chapman by

John Deadwyler

Memorial gifts to Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund for:

Jane Comunale by

Steve Comunale Sr.

Memorial gifts to Michael Corbett Memorial Fund for:

Michael P. Corbett by

Amy Washabaugh

Memorial gifts to Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund for:

Margot Eiseman by

Larry Wallerstein

Laurel Winters

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

Dolores-Arlene Stebbins Long by

Fran Waybright

Helen Moss by

Bill & Barbara Beiling

Stanley by

Bill & Barbara Beiling

Memorial gifts to Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund for:

Alfred T. Eddy by

Sharon Aaron

Frank & Eileen Field

James Fee by

Frank & Amy Mitch

Memorial gifts to Gay Community Endowment Fund for:

Bud Jurkoshek by

Terry Jurkoshek & Jennifer Davis

Carlla Shaw by

Terry Jurkoshek & Jennifer Davis

Memorial gifts to Dr. Sandra Kay and Magdalyn E. Hausfeld Living Endowment Fund for:

Sandy Hausfeld by

Steve Feldstein

William Shively by

Steve Feldstein

Evelyn Sigler by

Steve Feldstein

Memorial gifts to Millennium Fund for Children for:

Christopher T. Brown by

Richard & Robin Thompson

Dorothy G. Dombo by

James Dombo

Tom Johnson by

Tina & Ryan Boyes

Larry Kalgreen by
Pete & Diane Kalgreen

Garred Kimmell by
Joyce M. Johnson

James & Cristina Morelli by
Theresa Morelli

Justin Navis by
Judy Gardner

Henry & Cirita Noethen by
Pete & Diane Kalgreen

Lucille Pry by
Josie Pry & Carly Pry

William "Bill" Rosenblatt by
Hon. Charles J. Pilliod Jr. & Nancy Pilliod

Memorial gifts to Charles D. Miller Leadership Fund for:

Charles D. Miller by
Charles King III

Memorial gifts to Marissa Alexandra Norwood Legacy of Kindness Charitable Giving Fund for:

Marissa A. Norwood by
Dr. Climon Lee III
Patricia A. Lee, Ph.D.

Memorial gifts to June Young Pak Memorial Scholarship Fund for:

June Young Pak by
Dr. Samuel Pak

Memorial gifts to Carolyn Stokes Reed Scholarship Fund for:

Carolyn Stokes Reed by
Dana Lagarde

Memorial gifts to St. Mary Urban Education Endowment Fund for:

Ann Dougherty by
Mildred & Richard Frank

Memorial gifts to Witan Endowment Fund for:

Jo Bethea's father by
Deb & Robert Cailor

Tribute gifts to Akron Community Foundation for:

Ronald C. & Ann G. Allan by
Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep

Mal & Sue Ames by
Michael Ames
Steve, Wendy, Keely, Sam & Nate Ames
Cissy & Greg Wismar

Dr. & Mrs. William Bauman by
Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep

Doug & Kyra Bosnik by
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John Wilkinson

Sandy & David Burner by
Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep

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Drs. David & Erika Dulle by
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Gene & Ann Fiocca by
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Joe & Jan Hoffmann by
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Henry Jameson by
Martha Jameson

Maureen & Nick Katanic by
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IN MEMORIAM

Our dear friend and fundholder Marna Becker passed away on Saturday, Feb. 1.

An expert on the life of abolitionist John Brown, Marna created the Preservation of the Abolitionist Movement Fund in 2007 to restore Akron's John Brown monument and educate people about the importance of freedom and human rights.

Read more about Marna and the fund at www.akroncf.org/AbolitionistFund. Or, give in Marna's memory at www.akroncf.org/give/AbolitionistFund.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Benefits of community foundations

Local expertise

- Giving strategies and options
- Local needs and opportunities
- Key issues and effective organizations



Personalized service

- Gift planning
- Investment management
- Grant administration
- Accounting and tax reporting



Community leadership

- Resident engagement
- Facilitation of diverse voices and views
- Coordination of change efforts
- Permanent fund building through endowment



Our donors give to many great causes

Arts & Culture



Civic Affairs



Education



Health & Human Services



Akron Community Foundation facts

\$181M in charitable assets

442 charitable funds

\$111M in total grants given

Since **1955** serving Summit County

100 YEARS OF PHILANTHROPY

Community foundations across the nation celebrate centennial

Northeast Ohio isn't just the birthplace of rock 'n' roll. Although we're proud of our musical roots, we're also home to another movement that has swept the country: community foundations.

In January 1914, just a few miles north, the Cleveland Foundation became the first community foundation ever. Its formation democratized philanthropic giving across the country and, ultimately, the world by encouraging collaborative, community-based philanthropy.

Now, 100 years later, there are more than 700 community foundations in the United States and 1,700 worldwide. U.S. community foundations account for approximately \$4.5 billion in funding each year.

Akron Community Foundation was among the first community foundations, established in 1955. A bequest in the will of Edwin Shaw created an institution that would "meet the changes in the community needs wrought by the passage of time and the variance in circumstances." Since then, Akron Community Foundation and its forward-thinking donors have been working together for the betterment of the community and future generations.



Edwin Shaw founded Akron Community Foundation in 1955 through a bequest in his will.

Starting with just \$1 million, Akron Community Foundation has grown to more than \$181 million in assets and 442 charitable funds. Thanks to you, our fundholders and donors, we have granted more than \$111 million to vital programs and nonprofits in Summit County and beyond.

We're so proud to be a part of this vibrant field of community philanthropy — 100 years and growing!

Learn more about what makes community foundations special at www.akroncf.org/CommunityFoundations. Or, read about our founder, Edwin Shaw, and see a copy of his will at www.akroncf.org/EdwinShaw.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES



Project GRAD Akron:
Bridge to Kindergarten

EDUCATION & EARLY LEARNING

On Friday, Feb. 21, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors approved \$1.93 million in grants, including \$502,000 from discretionary, or board-directed, funds for 22 grants to educational programs.

Nearly half of the board discretionary funding went to early care and education programs, bringing total support for such programs to \$1,361,500 since announcing our early learning funding priority in 2008.

A \$35,000 grant to Summit Education Initiative will create consistent measurement tools for out-of-school providers in the county. This initiative will help providers better align the outcomes of their participants with the countywide Cradle to Career metrics that area schools already use to measure student success. The grant will also help pay for an out-of-school program facilitator to work with these providers and to help develop the metrics.

"This initiative will help funders like us become even more strategic," said Steven Cox, chairman of the community investment committee. "Summit Education Initiative is the consistent link between all Summit County schools and is the go-to source for measurement data. By extending its expertise to out-of-school programs, funders will have consistent information we can use to compare programs and, ultimately, continue progress toward countywide goals."

Other grants went to programs that prepare children for kindergarten, prepare students for success in their post-secondary education, and teach children how to treat and understand people who live with developmental disabilities.

To see a full list of our board-directed education grants, visit www.akroncf.org/EducationGrants.

YOUR GRANTS

This quarter, your donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship funds made 323 grants totaling \$1,430,923. The following is a sampling of the programs you supported:

Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund Inc.

To provide scholarships and financial assistance to surviving children of military service members who died in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, \$250

Northeast Ohio Technology Coalition

To create a network that links Northeast Ohio polymer companies with University of Akron professors' engineering and scientific expertise, \$40,000

Paws Assistance Dogs Inc.

To provide service dogs to wounded veterans, \$500

University of Akron Foundation

To support the College of Business Administration building addition, \$100,000

INITIATIVES

WOMEN'S GRANTS HELP HOMELESS WOMEN PROSPER

The Women's Endowment Fund recently awarded \$72,050 to nonprofit organizations that improve life for Summit County women and girls.

More than one-third of the grant funding supported programs for women who are transitioning out of homelessness, including a \$10,000 grant to Bridges Summit County for its Getting Ahead program. During this 16-week program, participants examine what keeps them in poverty, assess their existing resources, and develop a plan to build those resources as part of their move to self-sufficiency.

The grant will help women living in transitional housing units, such as ACCESS, Legacy III, Harvest Home and Freedom House for Women. This funding will provide them with the next layer of tools, including career assessment and counseling, financial literacy, conflict

resolution and stress management training. The goal is to help women make the giant leap from survival to stability.

"This grant allows for the services of these sheltering agencies to be leveraged by a new, robust Getting Ahead program, providing the best chance for these women to break the cycle of generational poverty," said Donae Ceja, senior vice president of community impact for the United Way of Summit County, the fiscal sponsor for Bridges. "As a new model, it also has the potential to inform the entire Getting Ahead effort."



To see the rest of the programs funded by the Women's Endowment Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/WEFGrants.

GG9 PROGRAM FUNDING

The Gay Community Endowment Fund awarded seven grants totaling \$25,725 to programs that support Gay Games 9. Grants went to dance performances, concerts, theater productions and conferences held before and during GG9 to raise awareness of LGBT issues. See all of this year's GCEF grants at www.akroncf.org/GCEFGrants.

ODOM FUND GRANTS

The Vernon L. Odom Fund awarded \$7,800 in grants to programs that promote diversity and enrich the quality of life within local minority communities.

Two grants went to partners of the newly formed Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, a collaboration spearheaded by Akron Community Foundation to pool resources to end father absenteeism locally.

The Williams Challenge grant will fund the Man 2 Man Fatherhood

Building Program, a series of educational workshops for men who are transitioning out of the court system or have otherwise been absent from their children's lives. The free program teaches fathers important parenting skills and provides a supportive environment for men who need help finding employment, gaining visitation rights, and re-entering society from prison.

Similarly, a grant to Fathers and Sons of Northeast Ohio will support fatherhood education classes for homeless men at the Haven of Rest shelter. Men in the

program will receive child support debt counseling and learn how to navigate the court system to request parenting time. They will also receive employment coaching specifically designed for people with a history of felony convictions and substance abuse.

Other grants this year will teach leadership skills to inner-city adolescents, prepare at-risk students for college, and provide financial literacy training to minority youth.

See a full list of Odom Fund grants at www.akroncf.org/OdomGrants.

GIFTS CONTINUED

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Dr. Nina Njus by

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Mrs. George T. Parry by

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Tribute gifts to Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:

Beth Brumbaugh by

Colleen Wernig

Gene Culler by

Mrs. George T. Parry

Kathy Keller by

Colleen Wernig

Diane O'Neil by

Colleen Wernig

Tribute gifts to Akron Garden Club Frank Fund for:

Elizabeth Frank by

Rose S. Miller

Tribute gifts to Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:

Lisa & David Craine by

Cindy Pollard

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

Bill & Barbara Beiling by

Margaret Shaffer
Jake & Diana Tirpak

Arlene McKeever by

Fran Waybright

Staff at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library by

Judy Cohen-Baer

Tribute gifts to Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund for:

William Bacon by

Judge Harold White

Tribute gifts to Ann Lane Gates Scholarship Fund for:

Ann Lane Gates by

John Deadwyler

Tribute gifts to Gay Community Endowment Fund for:

All Akron volunteers for Gay Games 9 by

Thomas Nobbe

GCEF board by

Peter Schofield & Charles Wetmore

John Grafton & Richard Worswick by

Frank Comunale

Jody Van Buskirk by

Sylvia Trundle

Tribute gifts to GCEF Scholarship Fund for:

Rick Krochka by

Pamela Watson

Tribute gifts to Millennium Fund for Children for:

Dee Andreoli by

Hon. Charles J. Pilliod Jr. & Nancy Pilliod

Naomi & Drew Boyes by

Tina & Ryan Boyes

Beth & Joe Langton by

Martha Mazak

Irving Olson by

Mrs. George T. Parry

Kimberly Tuesday by

Mr. John Tuesday

Tribute gifts to Lillian and William Rosenblatt Fund for:

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Walking Tour: Arts & Culture

April 3, 2014

2:30 PM

Akron-Summit County Public Library

Grab some comfortable shoes and join us for a walking (and talking) tour of the Akron Digital Media Center, Akron Art Museum and Summit Artspace, part of the Akron Area Arts Alliance. To reserve a spot for this event, contact De Shawn Pickett at dpickett@akroncf.org or 330-376-8522.

Women's Endowment Fund Annual Dinner

April 24, 2014

5:30 PM

**Quaker Square Inn at the University
of Akron**

Join the Women's Endowment Fund as it celebrates women as philanthropists and raises money for the endowment. This year's event will feature Dee Haslam, the CEO and founder of RIVR Media. Register: www.regonline.com/forwomenforever.

Community Issues Session: Arts & Culture Assessment

April 30, 2014

5 PM

Location TBD

Join us for our community issues session taking place during our Arts & Culture grant cycle. The session will feature speakers who will talk about arts assessment results. Visit our Around Akron Calendar at www.akroncf.org/AroundAkronCalendar for the latest details on the event location.