

# Giving Your Way

**SUMMER 2014** 

# Marilyn Meyers Buckey's family legacy

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Fundholder Spotlight



Pilot Donor-Advised Fund Program



Polsky Recipient Announced

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### JAN. 1 – MARCH 31, 2014

Nearly

\$181 Million in assets



Akron Community Foundation **1.2%** Quarterly net return **6.5%** 10-year net return **9.3%** Avg. annual net return\*

Policy Index\*\*

1.4% Quarterly net return 6.3% 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**

If you build it, they will come. Thanks to you, our generous donors and fundholders, this oft-quoted line rings true for Akron Community Foundation lately. Over the past few years, we've worked diligently to engage our donors and fundholders by building our organization not around our own needs, but around your charitable dreams. And you've responded in ways we could only have imagined.



As our fiscal year came to a close on March

31, 2014, I'm excited to say your community foundation achieved another record year of growth and success. Your new funds and contributions helped us achieve three record highs. You established 41 new funds this year and made total contributions of more than \$20.2 million, bringing our permanent philanthropic assets to a highwater mark of \$181 million. Even more remarkable, Akron Community Foundation returned more than \$7.5 million in grants and distributions to nonprofit programs this year through the generosity of our donors and the stewardship of our board of directors.

I'm also eager to announce the selection of Rennick A. Andreoli as this year's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award recipient. He will receive the award on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. Rennick and his wife, Dee, are fundholders at Akron Community Foundation and have championed the vital work of many organizations, including Akron Rotary Camp, Boy Scouts and the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation. Congratulations to Rennick, and thanks to the Polsky Selection Committee of past honorees that once again identified a most deserving and beloved recipient for this prestigious honor.

I also want to thank you for your concern as we continue to recover from the devastating fire that destroyed half our building in January. We've had a seamless transition to our temporary digs in the U.S. Bank Building at 195 S. Main St., and we can't wait for the summer activity to get into full swing at Lock 3. Demolition has been completed at our office on Cedar Street, and construction has begun on our lobby, board room and fund development suite. This restoration will help us operate more efficiently, while better serving our donors, fundholders and community groups who use our facility for meetings.

I hope you'll enjoy your summer and make wonderful memories of family and community. As always, we're here when you need us.

With fond regards,

John T. Petures Jr. President and CEO

# FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



### THE BUSINESS OF FAMILY LEGACY

For Marilyn Meyers Buckey, success is the product of smart succession, both in business and philanthropy. Through her family's funds at Akron Community Foundation, Marilyn and her daughters have assumed their forefathers' tradition of working hard, giving back and passing it on.

#### **WORKING HARD**

Marilyn's father, Robert A. Meyers, came from a line of hard-working men. He succeeded Marilyn's grandfather, George, as president of the family business, The W.E. Wright Company. Under Robert's leadership, the building supply company expanded to 10 retail locations.

Marilyn's dad provided well for the family, but he also wanted to provide for his community. "He had worked so hard all of his life, but he felt like he had not given enough," Marilyn said. "He wanted to make sure he had something in place to give back to the community and give thanks."

#### **GIVING BACK**

For years, Robert and his wife, Jean, had volunteered with Akron Rotary, Bluecoats, the Akron General Women's Board and many other local charities. But, like the family business, they wanted to create something lasting that they could hand down from generation to generation. "Legacy was important to them, so Dad considered starting a private foundation, but he didn't want the hassle of the administration. He just wanted the joy of giving," she said. The investments, legal due diligence, tax filing - he didn't want his family to have to manage that someday.

Instead, he started the Robert A. and Jean C. Meyers Family Fund at Akron Community Foundation. Today, Marilyn recommends grants to causes her parents loved during their lifetime, particularly education. "I can support causes both locally and across the country in their name," she said. "But, unlike a private foundation, I'm not penalized if I don't pay out 5 percent every year. I can make a few small grants one year and save up for a highimpact grant the next year. It's the perfect solution."

#### **PASSING IT ON**

Like her parents, Marilyn is passionate about leaving a charitable legacy in her family's name. In 2013, she started the Marilyn Meyers Buckey Family Fund, which will engage her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren in philanthropy.

"My children may not be getting direct money from (the fund), but they're getting the benefit of giving back, both to programs that are their passions, and also to ones I love," she said. In doing so, Marilyn said it keeps them close to her, each other and their roots.

Do you want to create a charitable legacy for your family? See how we can help at **www.akroncf.org/family**.

# NEWS FOR GIVING



### BURGER BUCKS

The Black Keys Alfred McMoore Memorial Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation is about to get a boost from some unexpected places: California, Chicago, Florida, Las Vegas and New York.

Umami Burger, a gourmet burger chain, has partnered with The Black Keys to create a burger inspired by Akron (think cheese sauce, secret sauce, mustard, pickles and onions), and \$1 from each burger's sale will be donated to the fund.

The fund was established by Community Support Services in 2010 after The Black Keys benefit concert that raised more than \$20,000 for the organization.

If you find yourself visiting one of the above locales, stop in and see what you think.

Or, if you're planning to stay in the area, you can still support the cause. Give online at www.akroncf.org/ give/BlackKeysFund. Read more about the fund at www.akroncf.org/ BlackKeysFund.

# FAMILY LEGACY VS. CHARITABLE LEGACY: OR BOTH?

"Our children have too much to live with and not enough to live for." - Os Guinness

What do you think of when you read these words? While they resonate with most people, they also reveal the tension in determining how to best provide for your family. Too often, the focus is on the assets that we will leave and not the legacy of our values.

Assets are tangible and are the easiest to list or measure. As a result, this is usually where most of our planning occurs. But, this runs the risk of creating the unintended consequence of placing the highest value on what you own and not on the legacy of what you really value.

It is important to plan for your family's future and critical to stay focused on the goals or priorities for which you are planning. For most families, the goal is knowing that their family will be together and remain a real family; that their business will continue to employ their family and be a source of employment for others; and that their legacy will positively impact the community.

Over time, I have found that helping families create more to "live with" and more to "live for" is not mutually exclusive. In fact, it's quite complementary. Often, in exercising your generosity of time, talent and treasure, you can create tax efficiencies (more to "live with") while also providing a means and an example of purpose (more to "live for"), which can influence your family to preserve and enhance the legacy of your values. The statistics do not favor you keeping the assets you have if you don't give your family key values to live for.

There are many tools available through Akron Community Foundation to help you plan. They can help you give efficiently and enhance your cash flow while living effectively. I invite you to use them. I've incorporated resources such as these in my work with families to help them increase the value of their legacy, as well as their wealth, and to help them meet their goals.

In closing, I encourage you to give your family both — more to live *with* and more to live *for*. It's a legacy that will benefit us all.



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# **YOUR FUNDS**



### LOCAL SECRETARY LEAVES LASTING MARK



Betty Axline, an Ellet native, spent nearly 40 years working as a secretary for some of the nation's most notable companies: Goodyear Aircraft, General Tire and Chemstrand/ Monsanto.

She was a woman of modest means, yet every year she donated her last hour's pay to the Millennium Fund for Children, which improves the quality of life for our community's youngest residents.

While Betty may not have had the means to start her own fund while she was alive, she always saw the value of community philanthropy. In February, Betty passed away and left her entire estate to create the Betty R. Axline Fund of Akron Community Foundation. Her fund will give back to the community she loved in her name, both now and forever.

Are you interested in leaving a charitable legacy but think you can't afford it? Or, maybe you're seeking income for life while supporting a cause you value. No matter your charitable or financial goals, there's a planned giving option that's right for you and your family.



See all your planned giving options at our new planned giving resource, www.myakronlegacy. org. Or, see others like Betty who have included Akron Community Foundation in their future giving at www.akroncf.org/ shawsocietymembers. . \_ . . . \_ . . . . \_ .

### <u>NEW FUNDS</u>

Robert W. Briggs Fund: Donor-advised fund established by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for Akron attorney Robert Briggs' 12 years of service.

Colantone Family Fund: Donor-advised fund established by Greater Akron Chamber President and CEO Dan Colantone and his wife, Lori.

Community Partnership of Summit County Endowment Fund: Agency endowment fund established to support alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

Juanita M. Hollis & Margaret L. Seitz Fund for the Support of Individuals with Intellectual & Physical Disabilities: Donoradvised fund established by Barry and Maggi Hollis in memory of their mothers.

Interval Brotherhood Home Operating Fund: Agency endowment fund established to support IBH Addiction Center's programs.

Northern Ohio Railway Museum Endowment Fund: Established to preserve, restore, display and operate streetcars and electric railway equipment.

Real Estate Community Cares Fund: Corporate-advised fund started by Akron Cleveland Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

Edith Wiskind English Literacy Scholarship Fund: Started by Milton Wiskind to give college scholarships to Summit County graduating seniors.

# MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS Feb. 1, 2014 – April 30, 2014

Memorial gifts to Akron **Community Foundation for:** Francia A. Albrecht by The Pearl Coffee Company **Timothy Prinz** Steven M. Ames by Niekamp, Weisensell, Mutersbaugh & Mastrantonio LLP Sue Ames by Phil & Sis Ames PNC Bank **Richard Averitte by** Yvonne Averitte Steve Baach by Chris Dunning H. Peter Burg by Michael & Janet Pera Jennifer Ziegler William Davis by James M. Parry Judith DeLuca by Carole Gasaway Goodwill Industries of Akron Inc. John & Diana Lambert **Emily Ziegler** Jennifer Ziegler Elsie B. Feudner by Sarah Boyd Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep Feudner Family Mary Kay Luby Julie McFarland Pat Morgan **PNC Bank** Roger & Judy Read Hatim and Ajab Taj Roland Gamble by Mark & Cheryl Gamble Juanita Hollis by **Dianna Bristle** Jamie & Annette Hamlin Harry Haynes Sue Herb

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John Charles Fleming by

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Joe McNally by

Siobhan O'Reilly

Memorial gifts to John N. Economou Scholarship Fund for:

Carl Trout by The Pearl Coffee Company

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

Sue Archer by Deborah Turner

C. Franklin Bauer by Barbara Beiling

Garry Dixon by Margaret Gabriel

Jake by Bill & Barbara Beiling Marilyn Kelley

Memorial gifts to Gardeners of Greater Akron Endowment Fund for:

Debby Franz's mother by

Mrs. George T. Parry

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

Sandra Hausfeld by

Stephen Feldstein

Rebecca Haymaker-Mise by

Stephen Feldstein

#### Memorial gifts to Litchfield Community Scholarship Fund for:

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Chris Fletcher

Arlene Kava

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Memorial gifts to Medina County Community Fund for:

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Tribute gifts to Gay Community Endowment Fund for:

#### GCEF 2014 annual meeting by

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#### Jane Lemkin by

Kathy Korvne

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

Dolores Engler by Dr. Carol Engler

### THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of the donors who gave to the Women's Endowment Fund and the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund in honor of the important women in their lives for Mother's Day. These gifts will be featured in each fund's next newsletter.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



Photo: Magical Theatre Company

### YOUR GRANTS

We thank the Howard Atwood Fund, H. Peter Burg Fund, Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund, Schloenbach Family Fund and an anonymous donor-advised fund for the following arts and culture grants:

#### Akron Symphony

For a summer music camp, youth orchestra coaching, Concerts for Kids series and the annual Gospel Meets Symphony production at E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, \$35,000

#### Artists of Rubber City

To publish a book featuring the talents of Ohio's contemporary artists, \$1,100

#### Arts Sparks

For a kindergarten readiness program centered on dance and music, \$5,000

#### Ballet Theatre of Ohio

For "Take Me Out to the Ballet," a partnership with Akron Public Schools that brings grade school students to an in-theater performance of "The Nutcracker," \$10,000

#### Central Summit County Choral Society

For the Summit Children's Choir, a vocal and musical education program for local children ages 6 to 8, \$30,000

#### Children's Concert Society

To build capacity for the Concert Hall Series through a program that takes kids to the theater, \$10,000

Christian Fellowship Basketball League For Project Yes I Can, an eight-week program for inner-city youth to improve and enhance their musical talent, \$2,500

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# DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS BOOST QUARTERLY GRANT CYCLE

For nearly 60 years, Akron Community Foundation has given strength to big ideas, vulnerable populations and targeted regions with an array of high-impact grants. Much of this funding is the result of hours of staff research and thoughtful deliberation by our Community Investment Committee as part of our quarterly competitive grantmaking process. At the same time, staff also works hard to help our individual fundholders support the causes and charities they love most.

This quarter, these core-mission principles coalesced. The results were resounding: over 25 percent more funding for local arts and culture programs, with engaged donor advisors funding programs they may otherwise have never known about.

This pilot grant-making program brought the competitive grant process to a small group of willing donor advisors — all past supporters of the arts. They reviewed the same competitive grant proposals as our board did, and — all together — five of those funds supported 14 arts and culture programs to the tune of \$199,672.

"This new way of approaching our quarterly grant cycle is beneficial for our fundholders, nonprofits and community as a whole," said John T. Petures Jr., the community foundation's president and CEO. "If a grant comes our way that merits more than our board is able to give and we have fundholders who want to be connected with those types of funding opportunities, we believe it's our duty to be that linkage in the community. Our mission is to connect our fundholders with opportunities that align with their charitable goals while improving our collective quality of life. I believe this does both."

Akron Community Foundation awards competitive grants in the areas of Arts & Culture, Civic Affairs, Health & Human Services, and Education. If you wish to review applications during any of these quarters, contact Margaret Medzie, vice president of development & donor engagement, at 330-376-8522 or mmedzie@akroncf.org.

# **GRANTS & INITIATIVES**



On Friday, June 13, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors approved \$2.25 million in grants, including \$640,172 in competitive arts and culture grants, \$440,500 of which was from board discretionary funds.

Several grants went to local arts festivals, such as the Keepers of the Art Music Showcase, the Heinz Poll Summer Dance Festival and the Ohio Shakespeare Festival. The board also funded a film exhibition at The Nightlight Cinema, Akron's independent movie theater set to open in mid-2014.

Arts and culture funding increased by more than 25 percent over the previous year thanks to donor advisors who funded grant requests received during the competitive process. They supported several organizations that have previously earned board discretionary funding, including Central Summit Choral Society and Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop. Steven Cox, chairman of the Community Investment Committee, said he believes this partnership is good for fundholders and grantees alike.

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"The community foundation made fundholders aware of programs in their areas of interest, and they decided to support them. This freed up discretionary dollars for worthwhile programs we may not have been able to fund otherwise," he said. "In the end, the whole community benefits."

To see a full list of the competitive arts and culture grants — from both board discretionary and donor-advised funds — visit www. akroncf.org/ArtsCultureGrants.

#### Photo: Keepers of the Art Music Showcase

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#### Your Grants (cont.)

City of Twinsburg For the Night Moves event featuring Verb Ballets, \$7,500

ETC School of the Musical Arts To help qualified students in financial need participate in musical education, performance training and performance opportunities, \$8,100

Friends of Historic Glendale Cemetery To support the cemetery's 175th anniversary community celebration and historical education events, \$10,000

Kent State University Foundation Inc.

To support "Encouraging New Voices," a collaborative initiative between the university's Wick Poetry Center and Akron Public Schools to increase literacy among students, \$33,472

Magical Theatre Company

For theater performances and a capital campaign to improve the facility, \$35,000

Weathervane Community Playhouse For its 80th anniversary 2014-15 season of plays, musicals, young actor productions and the 10-Minute Play Festival, \$2,000

Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop

To support the Summer Intensive Workshop that introduces approximately 300 youth to the arts, \$10,000

# INITIATIVES

### **GRANTS ENRICH LIFE FOR MEDINA COUNTY RESIDENTS**

The Medina County Community Fund and Medina County Women's Endowment Fund announced grants totaling \$42,523 to nonprofits serving Medina County.

#### MEDINA COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND

The Medina County Community Fund awarded 14 grants totaling \$30,523 to programs that benefit all residents of Medina County. This brings the fund's cumulative grantmaking total to \$436,081 since its inception in 1993.

Several grants this year will support free community arts programs and concerts, including a \$1,000 grant to the Medina County Arts Council for the 2014 Arts Week Festival. The festival features free afternoon children's events and evening musical performances in cities throughout Medina County.

Other grants will provide preventative health services for uninsured women; offer grief counseling to bereaved individuals; and provide support for victims of domestic violence.

For a complete list of this year's grants, visit www.akroncf.org/ MCCFGrants.

#### MEDINA COUNTY WOMEN'S ENDOWMENT FUND

The Medina County Women's Endowment Fund celebrated more than \$100,000

in cumulative grants since its inception in 1998. The fund most recently awarded \$12,000 to seven nonprofit organizations that improve life for women and children.

This year, a \$1,000 grant to Guardians Advocating Child Safety and Protection will support child safety education programs in Medina County. The agency collaborates with several area schools to offer educational programs for children about abuse, bullying and Internet safety. The



grant will help expand these programs and support other child safety efforts throughout the community, including free fingerprinting and child identification events.

Other grants will provide free health care to uninsured women, raise awareness about teenage suicide, and provide adapted toys to children with disabilities.

For a complete list of this year's grants, visit www.akroncf.org/ MCWEFGrants.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS**

As part of the Neighborhood Partnership Program, Akron Community Foundation awarded \$226,250 in matching grants this year to grassroots initiatives that revitalize local neighborhoods.

Created in collaboration with the City of Akron, the Neighborhood Partnership Program provides grants to small, neighborhoodbased organizations that beautify and unify their community through citizen-led projects. This year, more than \$90,000 went to after-school and summer programs for local children, including a \$6,500 grant to University Park YMCA for "Make a Splash," a water safety program for minority youth.

In addition, nearly \$70,000 supported community festivals and events, such as the National Night Out Against Crime event, which promotes police-community partnerships and encourages residents to take a stand against crime in their neighborhood. Thanks to grants from the Neighborhood Partnership Program, this awareness-building event will be held in East Akron, West Akron, North Hill and Highland Square.

Other grants this year supported community gardening programs that teach residents to grow their own food, as well as several neighborhood cleanup and beautification programs.

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

# SAVE THE DATE



#### Annual Meeting

#### July 8, 2014 5:30 PM Hilton Akron/Fairlawn

Join us for our 59th Annual Meeting. Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:15 p.m. RSVP by July 1 to De Shawn Pickett at 330-376-8522 or dpickett@akroncf.org.

#### Community Issues Session: Civic Affairs

Aug. 6, 2014 5 PM Call us for location

Learn about our built environment, particularly transportation, and how it affects our health and educational outcomes. RSVP by Aug. 1 to Kim Nott at 330-376-8522 or knott@akroncf.org if you would like to attend.

#### Grant Deadlines

Grant applications for the following cycles need to be received on their due date by 5 p.m.: Civic Affairs, July 1; Millennium Fund for Children, Sept. 1; and Gay Community Endowment Fund, Sept. 15. For more information on our competitive grant process, visit www. akroncf.org/grants.

### ANDREOLI TO RECEIVE 47<sup>th</sup> POLSKY AWARD



Mark your calendar for Oct. 14 as we honor the extraordinary humanitarian efforts of Rennick A. Andreoli at our Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner.

The event will be held at the Hilton Akron/ Fairlawn and will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., guests will enjoy a dinner and program emceed by David Lieberth.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$2,500 up to \$25,000 for an exclusive Event Sponsor. For more information about sponsorship benefits, or to request

an invitation to the event, contact De Shawn Pickett at 330-376-8522 or dpickett@akroncf.org.

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# **AROUND AKRON**

Akron Community Foundation fundholders, staff and grantees in action

Top Left: WKYC's Sara Shookman and Ruthie George at the Women's Endowment Fund annual dinner on April 24.

Top Right: Featured guest Dee Haslam and WEF event co-chair Judge Eve Belfance.

Bottom Right: Board members and special guests at the Gay Community Endowment Fund's annual meeting on April 27.

Bottom Left: The Booth family stands in front of a climbing wall they helped build at Seiberling Elementary School through a grant from their family fund. Below, children from the school say thank you.

Center: Akron Community Foundation staff meets with a delegation of Serbian leaders.

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