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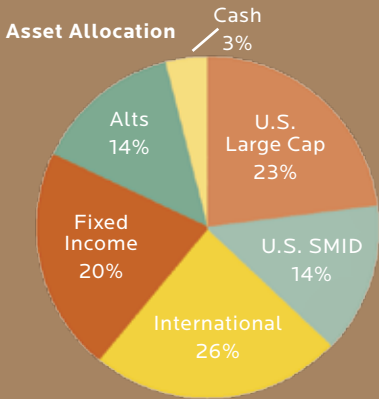
BY THE NUMBERS

SINCE INCEPTION

Nearly
\$170 Million in assets

9.2% Avg. annual net return

Asset Allocation



JULY 1 – SEPT. 30, 2013
Akron Community Foundation

6.2% Quarterly net return

7.3% 10-year net return

Policy Index*

5.4% Quarterly net return

7.0% 10-year net return

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

Returns



See our investment policy statement and management relationships at www.akroncf.org/financials.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Have you ever had your heart truly lifted? Maybe you were moved by an awesome image of nature, the memory of a loved one, or by witnessing a selfless act of kindness or heroism. How blessed we are by our extraordinary human condition and the ability we have to think, to feel, to show emotion and to inspire.



My heart was lifted in recent months when I attended the Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award Dinner honoring Pete and Eileen Burg, as well as the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon, which included Dr. Milton Cooper and his son Robert amongst its honorees.

It's difficult to imagine our community without the love and legacy the Burgs and Coopers have demonstrated. Both families are fundholders at the community foundation, and both have had an incredible impact on greater Akron physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Their leadership and kindness reminded me of a scene many years ago from the television drama "ER." As Dr. Mark Greene was dying of cancer, he offered a profound piece of parental advice to his daughter. He simply told her to "be generous - with your time, with your love, with your life."

I couldn't help but think of these words when we celebrated the generous spirit of the Burg and Cooper families. Their philanthropy has lifted the hearts and minds of countless friends and neighbors right here in our community.

As we approach this holiday season, I hope you'll take a moment to reflect on the individuals who have positively impacted your life and consider a gift to Akron Community Foundation in their honor or memory. You can give online at www.akroncf.org/givenow or by returning the enclosed envelope now, or when the time is right for a gift in the future. I hope their actions will inspire you to give back, to volunteer, and to improve the quality of life where we live, work and raise our families.

Have a wonderful and blessed holiday season.

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO



THANKS TO YOU!

Akron Community Foundation's 2013 annual report titled "Thanks to You!" is now available online at www.akroncf.org/annualreport2013. Thank you for all you've done this year to enrich our community.

Happy Holidays!

FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



FUND BRINGS JOY TO CANCER PATIENTS, FAMILIES

The holidays have always been a special time of year for Steve Comunale, but one Christmas eight years ago nearly stole his joy.

In 2005, the annual Comunale Christmas Eve celebration turned from festive to introspective for the dozens of loved ones who gathered to spend their last Christmas with Steve's son, Stephen A. Comunale Jr., who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer mere months earlier. "Everyone was there, and everybody spent a lot of time with him," Comunale said. "It was good, but it was kind of tearful, too."

In April 2006, Comunale and his wife, Jane, started the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation to help families coping with a cancer diagnosis. This year, the foundation and their families have something extra to celebrate: new financial support through the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund at Akron Community Foundation.

A NEW WAY TO GIVE BACK

Until starting the fund at the

community foundation, the Comunale foundation couldn't accept gifts from private foundations or donor-advised funds. "Their private nonoperating tax status prevented them from doing so," said Steve Schloenbach, the community foundation's vice president and CFO. "Now they can accept that funding."

Donor advisors like Rennick Andreoli are thrilled with the new partnership: They can now make grants to the Comunale fund anytime, anywhere through Donor Central, the community foundation's online fund portal at www.akroncf.org/donorcentral.

"We are delighted this has finally come together," he said.

Through the Comunale foundation, qualified families enjoy trips aboard the Polar Express, therapeutic horseback riding sessions at Victory Gallop, and many more quality-of-life activities. By giving to the program fund, donors can support similar activities provided by local nonprofits.

ONE SMILE AT A TIME

Comunale said the partnership with Akron Community Foundation was a natural one, given its focus on helping local families and organizations and bringing them together. The Comunale foundation, he said, is much the same. "We're not into cancer research or curing cancer – we're just trying to help people survive daily," he said. "It's just a neat thing to put a smile on their face for one day and put them in a different world or something. That's kind of cool."

Hear more of the Comunales' story at www.akroncf.org/Comunale.

To donate to the Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/ComunaleProgramFund. Or, recommend a grant from your donor-advised fund via Donor Central, or by contacting Melina Boyce at 330-436-5616 or mboyce@akroncf.org.

NEWS FOR GIVING



TIME IS RIGHT FOR STOCK GIFTS

By: Steve Schloenbach, Vice President & CFO

Do you own publicly traded stock or mutual funds with unrealized long-term gains? With the year end approaching and the stock market hovering around an all-time high, now is a perfect time to support your favorite causes and charities by donating appreciated securities through Akron Community Foundation. Here are three ways a charitable gift of stock can benefit you this year:

TAX EFFICIENCY

Contributions of appreciated long-term investments – those shares you have owned for at least one year – represent one of the most tax-efficient methods of giving. The tax deduction you get for your gift is based on the current market value of the donated stock or mutual fund, which has likely increased over the past year. Since Akron Community Foundation is a public charity, giving through us makes you eligible to receive the maximum tax advantage allowed by law: a deduction of up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income.

CAPITAL GAINS AVOIDANCE

By contributing appreciated stock or mutual funds, you can avoid paying any capital gains tax that would apply if you sold the shares and donated the cash. The more appreciation a stock or mutual fund has, the greater your potential tax savings.

SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS

Did you know Akron Community Foundation can accept closely held stock, including S-Corp shares? Contact Steve Schloenbach, vice president and CFO, at sschloenbach@akroncf.org or 330-436-5621. Or, contact Dennis Jansky, controller, at 330-436-5623 or djansky@akroncf.org to learn more.

FAST, EASY PROCESSING

The process for donating appreciated stock or mutual funds to Akron Community Foundation is almost as easy as dropping a check in the mail. We have developed an efficient and timely transfer process with FirstMerit, our custodian bank. We can value and acknowledge your stock contributions according to IRS guidelines usually within 24 hours of receiving the shares.

Take advantage of this historic opportunity and initiate your transfer by Dec. 20. You can download our stock transfer instructions from our website at www.akroncf.org/stocktransfers. Or, contact Steve Schloenbach, vice president and chief financial officer, at 330-436-5621 or sschloenbach@akroncf.org for personal assistance.

CAN WE HELP?

For questions about donating gifts of stock, contact:



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Dennis Jansky
Controller
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YOUR FUNDS

NEW FUNDS

Albanese Family Fund

A donor-advised fund established by Akron Community Foundation board member and FedEx Custom Critical CEO Virginia Albanese and her husband, William.

Stephen A. Comunale, Jr. Family Cancer Foundation Program Fund
To support programs that empower cancer patients and their families while improving their quality of life.

Donovan Family Fund

A donor-advised fund established by World War II Navy veteran and retired CPA Harry Donovan and his wife, Fran.

Thomas L. Gower II Fund*

A donor-advised fund established by Thomas Gower II. After his lifetime, the fund will support the community foundation's early learning and health and human services grants.

Harriet and Herb Herskowitz Education Fund*

Established by the Herskowitzes to provide financial support to students in the early childhood development program at the University of Akron's Summit College.

Leadership Akron Alumni Association Endowment Fund

To foster networking, leadership development and community involvement for Leadership Akron graduates.

Everett L. Shumate Fund

To support diversity programs for second- and third-graders in Hudson in honor of Minerva Shumate's years of service on the Hudson Public Schools Endowment Fund Advisory Committee and in memory of her father, Everett.

**Legacy Funds, or funds that were designed by their founders to grow in perpetuity.*



Good Neighbors Inc.

LIMITED-TIME IRA ROLLOVER BENEFITS NONPROFIT, DONOR

Bob and Judy Wilson have supported Good Neighbors Inc. for years as volunteers and donors. In fact, they established the Robert E. and Judy Everett Wilson Fund at Akron Community Foundation in part to fund Good Neighbors while still growing their charitable assets so they can support their favorite causes forever.

This year, Bob took advantage of a limited-time IRS provision to help the organization in a way that was also tax-wise for him. "When I learned that the building Good Neighbors used was shutting its doors because the church that owned the building could no longer support it, I wanted to help," Bob said. "I was able to transfer a portion of my IRA assets to Good Neighbors' designated fund at Akron Community Foundation to help them purchase the building."

At 73 years old, Bob is required by law to take minimum distributions from his IRA – distributions that he presently does not need for income. Luckily for him, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 allows individuals age 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA to public charities, like the community foundation, without first counting it as taxable income. This provision is set to expire at the end of the year. And since retirement distributions are some of the most highly taxed forms of income, this is a beneficial opportunity for people like Bob.

Since Akron Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, the Charitable IRA Rollover can be used to donate to current funds at the community foundation or to establish a new fund. While this provision does not allow tax-free transfers to donor-advised funds, it does allow for transfers to agency endowment, designated, scholarship, field-of-interest and unrestricted funds.

Don't wait! The Charitable IRA Rollover is set to expire Dec. 31. For more information, visit www.akroncf.org/IRA. Or, to talk to someone about initiating a tax-free rollover from your IRA, contact Steve Schloenbach at sschloenbach@akroncf.org or 330-436-5621.

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Aug. 1, 2013 — Oct. 31, 2013

Memorial gifts to Akron Community Foundation for:

Allison (Ali) Armstrong by

Barbara Ann Hudak

Richard Averitte by

Yvonne Averitte

Jamie Baach's mother by

Lucy & Dan Sondles

Charles E. Booth by

The Allan Family Fund

Art & Marcey Aronson

Drs. Mark & Sandy Auburn

BCG & Company

Blessed Trinity Parish – Akron

Eileen Burg

Ann Clark, Pat Graham, Trista

Piccola, Tom Bizon, Debbie

Bizon and Char Anderle

Cleveland Clinic Health System

Gary & Brenda Cook

Fred Corns

Laura Culp

Richard & Barbara Dasch

Tom & Jacqui Davis

Vince & Judy DeLuca

Vincent & Nancy DiGirolamo

Ann Brooks Duff & Duff children

Maureen N. Van Duser

Don & Lorraine Fair

Dennis & Kim Falasco

Tim & Pam Fitzwater

Jack & Betty Gang

Richard M. Gargano

Nick & Ruthie George

Charles & Candace Grisi

Michael & Kerry Hall

Board of Trustees of Health

Education Center

Robert & Diane Heffern

David & Margaret Hunter

Barbara Kallenbach & Mark
McCauley

Thomas & Deborah King

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Tom & Shelley Koutnik

Lambda Chi Alumni Association

Marjorie Laraway, Doris

Crawford and Helen Sues

Lex & Lafferty Families

Philip & Peggy Lloyd

Michael & Cheryl Malek

Philip H. Maynard

Sam McCoy & Linda Gauer

Anne Merzweiler

Barb Metzger

Mrs. Kathy Monroe & Marilyn
Dirrig

Jim & Norma Morton

Sheri & Nick Mozea

Teri Nau

Kim Nott

James & Jane Ohlinger

Robert & Margery Orth

Cindy & Paul Pallini

Clara Pallini

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Petrarca

Mildred & Richard
Poppenhouse

Roger & Judy Read

Roderick Linton Belfance LLP

Ellen I. Roose

Joseph Ruby

Edwin Schrank

Pete & Marty Seminaroti

Susan Sigmon

Daniel & Sandra Strebler

Bob & Nancy Thome

Sylvia D. Trundle

Barbara A. Venesy

Tom & Tracey Wathen

Jeffrey Wilson

Judy Witt

Mona L. Wolfman

H. Peter Burg by

Bobby Burg

Jane W. Caniglia by

Minerva Shumate

Martin Chapman by

John T. Deadwyler

William Cline by

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

LaNeita Cuthrell by

John E. Wilkinson

Willis Else by

Teresa Bartkowski & Family

Richard & Teresa Kavenagh

Carole & W.R. O'Riley

Emma Garofalo by

Eileen Burg

The Jansky Family

Bryan & Susan Kinnamon

Andrew Goertzen by

Beth Lawton

Helen Gould by

John E. Wilkinson

Kathleen Cullinan Keener by

John & Betty Dalton

Sandra Lee by

John E. Wilkinson

Muriel Long by

Homestead Insurance Agency

E.J. "Bud" Marting by

Barbara Ann Hudak

Peter McDonald by

Kent State University Foundation

Larry & Connie Rose

Sister Agatha Miller by

John E. Wilkinson

George Parry by

The Temple Family Charitable
Giving Fund at Schwab
Charitable Fund

Patricia Y. Poling by

Henry Jameson

Joan Andrews Schrank by

Edwin Schrank

George B. Wilkinson by

John E. Wilkinson

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

David J. Bricker by

Anonymous

Memorial gifts to Beacon Journal Charity Fund for:

Charles E. Booth by

Dr. John Gerstenmaier

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

Brandon Allen by

Laurie Cox-Schreiber

Memorial gifts to Children's Concert Society of Akron Designated Fund for:

Robin Motta by

Cheryl Goldstein

Memorial gifts to Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:

Lauren Kunklier by

Anonymous

Catherine Dunnagan

Patricia Householder

Melanie Irwin

Bruce Kaufman

Mark & Pamela Kunklier

Rodney Springer

Marsha Tomko

Linda K. Whitlock

Joseph P. McNally by

Briana & El-Rhonda Williams
Alston
Louis DiPaolo
John D. Kelly & El-Rhonda
Williams Alston
Vincent Mottola
Sunshine Department and the
Board of Trustees at the
Valley Cottage Library

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

Eleanor & Andrew Toth by

Joanne Gross

**Memorial gifts to Hudson School
Dorothea Snyder Partners in
Education Fund for:**

William Pletzer by

Gerald & Yolanda Reeves

**Memorial gifts to Leadership
Akron Endowment Fund for:**

Mary Ann Boland by

Laura Culp
Jon Fiume
Joel L. Hampton
Roger & Judy Read
Lucy Sondles

**Memorial gifts to Medina County
Women's Endowment Fund for:**

Ruby Eberhart by

Nancy W. Sprowls

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

Marissa A. Norwood by

Dr. Climon Lee III

**Tribute gifts to Akron Community
Foundation for:**

Mal & Sue Ames by

Phil & Sis Ames

**Buckingham, Doolittle &
Burroughs LLP by**

Bober, Markey, Fedorovich & Co.

Eileen Burg by

Vince & Judy DeLuca
Jean Foust
Dr. Lois Margaret Nora

H. Peter & Eileen Burg by

Robert & Laura Culp

John & Betty Dalton by

Bud & Susie Rogers

Ann Lane Gates by

The Temple Family Charitable
Giving Fund at Schwab
Charitable Fund

Barb Hudak by

Dan & Ginger Marchetta

Annette C. Miller by

Scott & Jennifer Anzalone
Charlene & Laurie Barnett
Eleanor S. Blair
Jim & Linda Branson
Judith A. Cross
Connie Fromm
Marlene Jividen
Jim Kaleta
Peggy Koontz
William & Elizabeth Muir
Leslie Prochaska
Marlene Roman
Willeane V. Schrock
Judy F. Smith
Bill & Carol Thombs
Ann Thomson
Shelley Vice
Michelle Yonkura

John T. Petures Jr. by

Tina Boyes

Bud & Susie Rogers by

Sue Kruder
Charlotte E. Staiger
Alexandra Walker & Fred Corns

Terry R. Young by

Henry Jameson

**Tribute gifts to Akron Garden Club
Endowment Fund for:**

Ann & Ron Allan by

Mrs. George T. Parry

Joanne Cowan by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Lisa Hunt Dietrich by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Bonnie Estep by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Sylvia Herold by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Marcia Hirsh by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Bonnie Johnson by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Carol Jones by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Mary Lohman by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Rosaline R. Mather by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Melissa McGinnes by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Kay McIntyre by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Judy Nicely by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Caroline Parry by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Ann Regula by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Tracie Rose by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Elizabeth Sheeler by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Valerie Torrens by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Marguerite Tremelin by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

John Vittum by

Rose S. Miller

**The Volunteers for the 2013 Zone
X Meeting of The Garden Club of
America by**

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

Inga Walker by

Gregory Hackett Family Foundation

**Tribute gifts to Akron Marathon
Sustainability Fund for:**

Roger & Judy Read by

Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised
Fund of Akron Community
Foundation

**Tribute gifts to Craine's
Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:**

Alexis, Olivia and Nick by

Cynthia Tartaglia

Lisa Craine by

Anonymous
Mark & Michele Allio
Chuck & Anne Armao
Michael A. Batu
Maureen Burger
Mary Beth Carroll
Ciriello & Carr Funeral Homes
Peggy Contrera
Craig Family
Adrienne R. Dawes
Tim & Jenny DeImedio
Fran Doil
Marie Duellman & Charles
Baumgardner
Raymond H. Dunkle II

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COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



INTRODUCING THE SUMMIT COUNTY FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE

The statistics are telling: Children with absent fathers are two to three times more likely to live in poverty, use drugs and become teen parents. For years, three local groups with similar missions were working to combat this prevalent issue of father absenteeism. Fame Fathers, Man2Man, and Fathers & Sons of Northeast Ohio all offered education, mentoring and other support services to help fathers in the greater Akron area become more involved in their children's lives. However, much of their services overlapped.

So, when these groups approached Akron Community Foundation during the 2012 civic affairs grant cycle, John Garofalo, vice president of community investment, said this overlap of services put them in competition for funding.

"The community investment staff saw an opportunity to bring these groups together. Separately, they were doing a wonderful job, so we knew if we could get them in the same room to focus on collaborating, they would be able to accomplish even more," he said.

Akron Community Foundation partnered with BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence to hire a consultant, Sue Lacy of Round River Consulting, who could help the organizations collaborate and share resources.

After months of preparation, the leaders of the three fatherhood organizations gathered at Helen Arnold Community Learning Center on Sept. 19 to officially announce the launch of the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative. The Summit County Fatherhood Initiative will provide fathers with:

- help navigating the social service and court systems
- mediation to address family issues such as visitation
- father-to-father mentoring
- parent education workshops and more

"I know this collaboration is just the beginning of wonderful things that will happen in Summit County," said Olivia Demas, a member of Akron Community Foundation's board of directors and the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative's steering committee.

"This type of collaboration is essential for nonprofits and initiatives in our community," Garofalo said. "When people work together toward a common goal, more can be done than when one group works in a silo. We continually look for these opportunities to bring great organizations and ideas together."

For more information about the Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, visit www.summitfathers.org. Or, read the announcement of the launch at www.akroncf.org/fatherhoodinitiativelaunch.

NEWS & EVENTS

Dec. 31, 2013

Holiday Office Hours

Akron Community Foundation will be open Dec. 31 to accept year-end gifts. Our office will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 for the holidays.

Jan. 22, 2014

Community Issues Session

Hear about vital education initiatives at our upcoming session. Stay tuned for details on our calendar at www.akroncf.org/aroundakroncalendar.

March 1, 2014

Medina County Grant Deadline

The Medina County Community Fund and the Medina County Women's Endowment Fund invite nonprofits serving Medina County to submit funding proposals. To apply, visit www.akroncf.org/applyMCCF or www.akroncf.org/applyMCWEF.

March 13, 2014

"For Women, Forever" Dinner

Join the Women's Endowment Fund and speaker Dee Haslam, CEO of RIVR Media, as they celebrate the philanthropy of women and girls. For event and sponsorship details, contact Renee Scherick at rscherick@akroncf.org or 330-436-5612.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS

On Dec. 6, Akron Community Foundation's board of directors ratified \$1.8 million in grants, including 29 discretionary grants totaling \$507,500. Of the discretionary funding, \$492,500 will support local health and human services programs and \$15,000 will help repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income, elderly, disabled and veteran homeowners.

With a proactive grant to the Institute for Conservation Leadership, the community foundation's board took an initial step toward improving the way food is produced and distributed locally. In total, \$20,000 will fund the community's first formal assessment and report on its food economy. Included in the report will be recommendations for how

local funders, grocers, community gardeners, farmers and other partners can work together to improve food systems.

Community Investment Committee Chair Steven Cox said the report's recommendations will guide the community foundation's future food funding and be shared with other funders in hopes of creating a consistent funding strategy.

Other health and human services grants will help nonprofits provide services to seniors who live independently, teach refugees and low-income residents to navigate the health care system, and shelter homeless women and children.

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

YOUR GRANTS

This quarter, donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship fundholders recommended 176 grants totaling \$1,310,392. The following is a sampling of the programs they supported:

Highland Square Neighborhood Association

For the 2013 Porch Rokr music festival, \$4,000

Kent State University Foundation

For Ohio's largest hackathon, which encourages innovation through collaboration, \$5,000

McDonald Board of Education

To support the football program at McDonald High School, \$3,400

Project Shoes

To provide vouchers to children in Akron Public Schools who can't afford shoes, \$3,520

Torchbearers

For two programs designed to attract and retain young professionals in the greater Akron area, \$65,000

Women's Auxiliary Board of the Summit County Children's Home Inc.

For the 2014 Beds for Kids program, \$7,000

CORRECTION

In the scholarship section of our last newsletter, Samantha Sandone should have been listed as a recipient of the Burton D. Morgan Foundation Scholarship Fund in place of Annie Greer, who received scholarships from the Barlow Fund and Rosemary Gibbes Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition, the names of Mark Zubenko and Patrik Pollock were misspelled. We work diligently to ensure accuracy in our publications. Should you discover an error, please contact us at 330-376-8522.

INITIATIVES

MILLENNIUM FUND CELEBRATES \$500,000 IN GRANTS

Akron Community Foundation's Millennium Fund for Children has surpassed \$500,000 in grants to children's programs. The fund's committee recently approved 26 grants totaling \$41,935 to children's programs, bringing the cumulative grant-making total since its inception in 1999 to \$538,844.

A partnership of the Akron Beacon Journal and the community foundation, the Millennium Fund for Children began when local residents donated their last hour's pay of the millennium. Since then, people have donated gifts of all kinds and sizes, growing the fund to more than \$700,000 and making more than 300 grants to provide holiday gifts for children in foster care, food and clothing for at-risk infants, and much more.

Akron Community Foundation President and CEO John T. Petures Jr. said the Millennium Fund's mission is to support programs where a small grant can make a big difference.



A grant to the Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet will help children from low-income families attend live dance performances at the Akron Civic Theatre.

"Many of the fund's grantees are grassroots organizations," he said. "Not only are they closest to the needs of the community, they know how to stretch a dollar."

By giving to the Millennium Fund for Children, residents can also stretch their charitable dollars, he said. "Your gift is combined with thousands of others and will grow over time, so even a small amount

can make a big difference."

To see a full list of grants, go to www.akroncf.org/millenniumgrants.

DONATE NOW

To donate to the Millennium Fund for Children, visit www.akroncf.org/give/millennium.

GCEF AWARDS GRANTS, SPONSORS 2014 GAY GAMES

In December, the Gay Community Endowment Fund awarded \$66,200 in grants to nine greater Akron nonprofit organizations for programs that promote the well-being and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.

The fund also announced a \$100,000 commitment to the 2014



Gay Games, \$45,000 of which was part of the most recent grants. This commitment makes the Gay Community Endowment Fund the host sponsor of events held in Akron and Summit County.

The Gay Community Endowment Fund will use a portion of its sponsorship money to award grants of up to \$5,000 for local projects that support the Gay Games, including arts and culture events, LGBT

programming, and diversity projects. Nonprofits may submit their grant applications online through Jan. 10 at www.akroncf.org/applyGG9.

READ MORE

Learn about the Gay Community Endowment Fund's support of the 2014 Gay Games at www.akroncf.org/GayGames. Or, to see the full list of grants awarded this year, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFGiants.

GIFTS CONTINUED

Jill Eicher
Robert Felden
Thom & Jeanette Fladung
Thomas G. Fox
Michele & Brian Gresser
Jeffrey Henry
Paige & Bill Hoover
Jesse Hurst
Mary Ann Isaac
Mary Kandestin
Timothy Kane
Therese Kramer
Louis Perry & Associates Inc.
Bill and Anne Lowery Fund

Alice & John Luse
Jim & Mary Lyons
Julie A. Mark
Philip H. Maynard
Harry & Margie Meacham
Margaret Medzie
Patrick & Julie Miller
Ronald & Norma Ober
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
The Parri Family
Patrice Pedone
Robert & Karen Platt
Michael Rahner
Guerrino & Mary Rich
Dr. Steven Schmidt & Richard Krochka

Carl & Barbara Smeller
Casey Smeller
Sylvia D. Trundle
Antonio Viscomi
Edward Wagner
Mary C. Walsh
George & Kathleen Weigand
Michelle Willen
Brian & Sheri Witte
Daniel Zampelli

Philip Dregalla by
John Canaday
Timothy Kane
Michael Rahner
Ryan Kunkler by
Catherine Dunnagan

Matt Tartaglia by
Steve Nelson
Jennifer Wegryn by
Teresa Kail
Casey Smeller

Tribute gifts to Barbara A. Feld Educational Experience Fund for:

Barbara Feld by
Liesem Family Fund of Akron Community Foundation

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

Judy Cohen-Baer by
Fran Waybright

Deanna Kavulla by
Bill & Barbara Beiling

Jake Tirpak by
Fran Waybright

Tribute gifts to Leadership Akron Endowment Fund for:

Marie E. Covington by
Robert & Laura Culp

Tribute gifts to Medina County Women's Endowment Fund for:

Nancy Pound by
Delcie Pound

Tribute gifts to Polsky Fund for:

H. Peter & Eileen Burg by

Tony & Becky Alexander
Drs. Mark & Sandy Auburn
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bailey
John & Michele Baker
Mary K. Booth
Bill & Laura Burg
Charles & Mary Beth Carroll
William & Rebecca Considine
John & Betty Dalton
Vince & Judy DeLuca
Tim & Linda Fenwick
Rev. Ronald & Joyce Fowler
Diane Vreuls & Stuart Friebert

Bill & Marie Ginter
Toby Gorant
Dr. Terry Gordon
Will Holland & Kathie Jackson Holland

Michael & Linda Jacobs
Ellen Kerr, Anne Griffiths and Marsha Griffiths

Kathleen Lindsey
Margaret McDowell Lloyd
Joe & Mary Jane McMullin

Laureen Mellion
Bob & Vicki Merzweiler

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PHILANTHROPY, FOOTBALL GREATS HONORED

Nearly 480 attendees gathered at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn on Oct. 15 to celebrate the philanthropy of Eileen and the late H. Peter Burg as this year's recipients of Akron Community Foundation's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award.

On Nov. 22, more than 200 guests gathered for a roast of Browns alumnus Greg Pruitt to support the Medina County Community Fund.

Captions (clockwise):
Eileen and representatives from presenting sponsor FirstEnergy with Pete's portrait.
Browns and Steelers alumni sit alongside legendary running back Greg Pruitt.
Eileen unveils a portrait of the honorees, which is now at Akron Community Foundation.



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