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Couple shares holiday cheer with community

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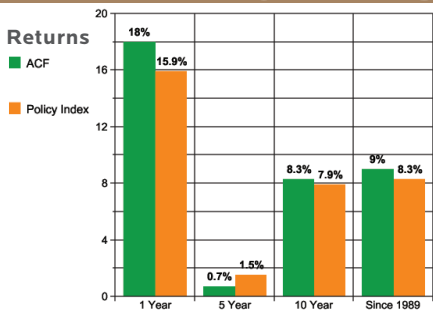
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SINCE INCEPTION

\$139 Million in assets

9% Avg. annual net return

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Akron Community Foundation

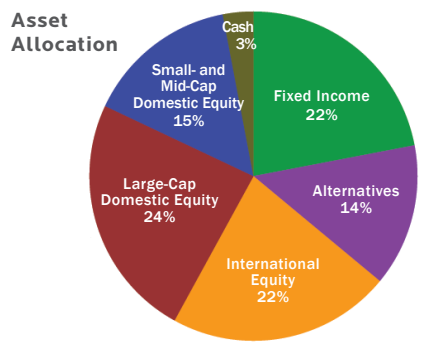
4.92% Quarterly net return

8.3% 10-year avg. annual net return

Policy Index*

4.49% Quarterly net return

7.9% 10-year avg. annual net return



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

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

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

As soon-to-be grandparents and the parents of three grown children, Cindy and I are fortunate to have never managed the long-term care of a child or loved one with a life-threatening illness.

After attending the premiere of "Portraits of Life, Love and Legacy through Pediatric Palliative Care," my compassion for people facing this challenge has grown deeper.

This educational film, funded in part by Akron Community Foundation, was produced by Northeast Ohio Medical University and Akron Children's Hospital's Haslinger Division of Pediatric Palliative Care. In the video, several local families shared their personal testimonies of the unwavering support they received in the midst of a serious illness.

I was deeply moved by the "Palette of Care" provided by Dr. Sarah Friebert and her staff at Akron Children's Hospital. I never imagined the psychological, emotional, spiritual and physical demands that are placed on young children and their families during a health crisis. Dr. Friebert, a board member at the community foundation, said it best in the video: "We're adding life to a child's years – not just years to a child's life."

What an inspiring attitude to bring to this continuum of care, which is so uplifting to these precious young patients and their loved ones. Your community foundation is so pleased to have helped make this training documentary possible, and we're proud of the insights it will provide for doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, as well as the families themselves.

This is just one example of the powerful impact your generosity has on the health and well-being of our community. This holiday season and always, Akron Community Foundation stands ready to embrace and enhance your charitable vision for a stronger and more vibrant community. Whether you want to provide warm meals for families in need (page 3), support local children's programs (page 10), or find your own charitable project, we can help. Please don't hesitate to call me at 330-436-5622 to find out how.

My regards and holiday wishes,

John T. Petures Jr.
President and CEO



FUNDHOLDER SPOTLIGHT



FOR ALLIOS, CELEBRATING MEANS GIVING BACK

Like many Akron natives, Mark Allio's fondest Christmas memories include trips to his grandparents' house. There, he, his parents and his four siblings joined 10 aunts and uncles and many more cousins for an Italian feast in his grandparents' basement. "It was the only place everyone could fit," laughed his wife, Shelly.

Shelly's celebrations took place across town in Cuyahoga Falls. There, she and her three siblings would present every aunt, uncle and cousin with giant bottles of perfume or cases of popcorn – "basically anything you could get at Woolworth's" – which they bought with money scrounged up from coat pockets and couch cushions. "The fun was always in the giving, no matter how small the gift," she said.

Food, Friends and Philanthropy

Within those memories are powerful principles that impact all aspects of the Allios' life. Today, the couple enjoys throwing their own celebrations, inviting friends

and strangers alike. This year, they fed and entertained patrons of the Sugar Plum Tour, which benefits Akron Community Foundation's Gay Community Endowment Fund. It's one of many charity benefits they host in their Bath Township home.

"It's an opportunity to meet people we haven't met before. There's no such thing as a stranger; it's just a friend we haven't met," Mark said.

With food being such an integral part of all their celebrations, the couple is making sure more Summit County families can share a holiday meal together. For the third straight year, the Mark and Michele Allio Family Fund at Akron Community Foundation will provide a "ton of turkeys," which the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank's partner agencies will distribute to needy families across the area. "If we had our way, we would provide them every day," Mark said.

Turning Tragedy into Charity

Family gatherings were tragically

altered in 2011 when Mark's sister Janet died in a car accident. The couple honored her by starting the Allio Memorial Fund. Today, the fund honors the charitable traditions of both Janet and their father, Thomas, who passed away in October, by supporting the community foundation's grant-making to causes they believed in.

"Our goal is to alleviate a little bit of the pain other people are going through," Mark said. "It could be clothing, shelter or food." Shelly hopes that, through the fund, future generations of Allios will entertain their tradition of "paying it forward."

YOU CAN HELP

Honor Mark, Shelly and their family by giving to the Allio Memorial Fund at www.akroncf.org/give/AllioMemorialFund. Or, hear more of their story at www.akronist.com/Allios.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT & DONOR SERVICES STAFF



STAFF NEWS

We offer our best wishes to Dr. Suzanne Allen, who has accepted the position of president of Philanthropy Ohio, formerly known as Ohio Grantmakers Forum. Her last day in the office was Dec. 14.

Going forward, if you need help starting a fund or making a gift, contact Laura Fink, director of development, at 330-436-5611 or lfink@akroncf.org.

For questions about making a grant from your donor-advised fund, contact Melina Boyce, database and grants administrator, at 330-436-5616 or mboyce@akroncf.org.

NEW BANK PARTNERSHIP MAKES STARTING YOUR CHARITABLE FUND EVEN MORE CONVENIENT

The holiday season is an exciting and busy time for the development and donor services department. In addition to the five new funds we established this past quarter, we're excited to tell you about a brand-new partnership we've begun with several local banks.

The community foundation recently established charitable investment accounts with six local trust banks: Fifth Third, FirstMerit, Huntington, KeyBank, PNC and Premier Bank & Trust. The purpose of these partnerships is to create an easy and convenient way for people and organizations to be charitable through their existing bank relationships. If you are a client at one of these banks, you can easily establish your own named fund with Akron Community Foundation while still maintaining your financial relationship with your trusted bank advisor.

Everyone benefits

This partnership truly is a win-win scenario for everyone involved. You can support your favorite charities, and your bank can continue managing your contributed assets. Best of all, greater Akron benefits from people like you who make a permanent commitment to the good of our community.

Your options

We offer six different types of charitable funds, including nonprofit agency endowments and corporate- or donor-advised funds. All but scholarship funds can be established with just \$5,000, and the community foundation will handle your fund's administration, grant-making due diligence and annual IRS filings. You choose the name of your fund and the specific charities or interest areas you wish to support. Visit www.akroncf.org/fundtypes to see which fund type meets your unique needs.

To learn more about these new partnerships and how you can participate, contact Laura Fink, director of development, at 330-436-5611 or lfink@akroncf.org. Or, talk to your bank's wealth advisor about your bank's Charitable Giving Fund.

THE PERFECT GIFT

If you have ever struggled to find a meaningful holiday present for someone who already has everything, the community foundation can help. By making a gift to a friend or family member's existing fund – or another fund whose mission they find meaningful – you can recognize their commitment to the community in a personal and significant way. Search our list of more than 400 funds and make a gift in their honor at www.akroncf.org/currentfunds.

NEWS FOR GIVING

THE GIFT OF CERTAINTY

'Tis the season of giving, and a fund at Akron Community Foundation can help you realize all of your charitable dreams under one umbrella. You have the option of six types of charitable funds, all but one of which can be started with as little as \$5,000. See which option is best for your charitable needs at www.akroncf.org/fundtypes.

A TIME-SENSITIVE OPPORTUNITY

With the uncertainty of the looming Fiscal Cliff, you can make a gift now and ensure a charitable deduction for 2012. A Dec. 9 Wall Street Journal article titled "Givers Turn to Donor-Advised Funds" outlined an excellent opportunity for charitable people to capitalize on in the current tax environment. By establishing a donor-advised fund, you can take advantage of current tax law without having to immediately decide which charities you wish to support.

As the article outlines, the steps are simple:

- Estimate how much you plan to give to charity in the next few years
- With a gift of \$5,000 or more, start a donor-advised fund through Akron Community Foundation
- Transfer the assets to your fund by Dec. 31 so all 2012 charitable deductions apply

While grants from your fund cannot be earmarked for existing pledges, you can make periodic grants to the nonprofit organizations you love.

As always, we are happy to meet with you to help guide you through the process of starting a donor-advised fund. Or, you can do it online at www.akroncf.org/startyourfund. Upon receiving an establishing transfer, your fund can be started in as little as a day. Contact Laura Fink, director of development, at 330-436-5611 or lfink@akroncf.org to get started.

NEW FUNDS

Margot Eiseman Scholarship Fund

Established by the Artists of Rubber City to provide scholarships to high school seniors in Summit County who are planning to study art or art education, with a strong preference toward fiber arts.

H.A. Flannery Family and James R. Flannery Family Fund

Established with the estate of Ruth S. Flannery, this fund will support public institutions of learning and hospitals in Ohio.

Friends of Akron Public Schools Endowment Fund

To support Akron Public Schools, with priority given to the Akron After School Program.

GCEF Scholarship Fund

Established by the Gay Community Endowment Fund to provide scholarships to LGBT students and allies who live or study in Summit, Medina, Portage or Stark County.

St. Mary Urban Education Endowment Fund

To support St. Mary's mission of providing a quality Catholic education to children in the Akron urban area.

FROM THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STAFF



Johnathan Holifield

GRANTEE NEWS



Congratulations to Alchemy, an Akron Community Foundation grant recipient, for being named one of the nation's best after-school programs.

The agency was one of only 12 groups across the country to receive the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award. Alchemy is a mentorship program for urban adolescent boys that uses mythology and storytelling to help shape their attitudes about education, family and community. **Pictured above:** Alchemy founder Kwame Scruggs and sixth-grader Dashawn Felton accept the award from First Lady Michelle Obama.

ACF EVENT EXPLORES LACK OF DIVERSITY IN TECH JOBS

A lack of minorities in the local technology sector could threaten Northeast Ohio's ability to compete in the regional economy. Akron Community Foundation recently invited local leaders to discuss a report addressing this issue released by Policy Bridge, a Cleveland-based African-American think tank. The "Fusion of Inclusion" report explains that it will be critical to remedy this issue as competition mounts for high-growth technology jobs in the near future.

The technology sector will flourish over the next five to 10 years, but "when we look at who the entrepreneurs are, nowhere do we see minorities in the mix," said Randell McShepard, co-author of the report from Policy Bridge. "There is underperformance of African-American and Latino populations in this field. You can't move forward and leave this subset behind."

There are significant disparities for minorities in employment, entrepreneurship, engagement and education, said Gregory Brown, also from Policy Bridge. With employment, area minorities are less likely to hold management positions. As entrepreneurs, said Brown, minorities face a host of barriers, from disjointed business advice to lack of access to funding.

"The lack of mentors also is a real challenge," Brown said.

In metropolitan regions, a number of minorities live right next to resources they are never able to access, said Johnathan Holifield, vice president of inclusive competitiveness for NorTech, a Policy Bridge supporter. "These assets are invisible to those who are disconnected from them," Holifield said.

Measuring regional progress, deepening local programs for minority entrepreneurs, and promoting funding, technical, legal and marketing services were a few of Policy Bridge's many recommendations.

Participants and presenters also discussed forming a bridge between the technology sector and minority students in local STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs to help provide these future entrepreneurs with the tools they will need to help the region – and themselves – succeed.

Stay tuned: The community investment team will reconvene these local leaders in early 2013 to continue this important conversation.

LEARN MORE

See footage of local leaders and Policy Bridge representatives in action at www.akronist.com/fusion. Or, to read the full "Fusion of Inclusion" report, visit www.policy-bridge.org.

GRANTS & INITIATIVES



Photo by Joe Levack
Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Direct Distribution

Akron Community Foundation's board ratified grants totaling \$1.74 million during its quarterly meeting Friday, Nov. 30. It approved 30 discretionary, or board-determined, grants totaling \$408,000 for health and human services programs, particularly those that meet residents' basic needs.

A \$50,000 grant to the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank will convene hunger relief and food policy agencies throughout the region in an effort to better serve the 240,000 Summit County residents facing food insecurity.

With hundreds of food pantries throughout Summit County, Akron Community Foundation's goal is to meet the hunger needs of residents where it is needed most. To do that, the community foundation is partnering with the food bank to build capacity and efficiency in areas of high need and promote best practices throughout the county.

By providing a flexible funding source and jointly examining the data, Akron Community Foundation can help meet the immediate needs of Summit County residents while also contributing to systemic

changes that will positively affect future generations.

In addition, a \$10,000 grant this quarter for the Respecting Options of Care Collaborative will improve end-of-life care by encouraging residents to communicate and record their wishes for future health care decisions before a crisis occurs.

Skip Radwany, medical director of Summa Health System's Palliative Care and Hospice Services, is a member of the community-wide collaborative of clergy, health professionals, hospitals and volunteers. He says such planning can prevent confusion and struggles among providers and family members.

"With advanced care planning, patients have confidence their wishes will be honored, and families have less stress and less complicated grief when faced with critical decisions," he said. "It also builds better relationships between families and health care providers."

See the full list of discretionary grants approved this quarter at www.akroncf.org/healthhumanservicesgrants.

YOUR GRANTS

This quarter, our donor-advised, designated, agency endowment and scholarship fundholders recommended 203 grants totaling \$1,335,311. The following is a sampling of the programs they supported:

Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy to engage people in the locally grown food movement through networking meetings and educational programs (\$49,206)

The Oak Clinic to provide resources and support for people with multiple sclerosis (\$50,000)

Summa Foundation for nurse scholarships and the family history questionnaire program for cancer patients (\$59,600)

Women's Endowment Fund for its endowment campaign, which aims to raise \$2.013 million by 2013 to support the health, safety and economic well-being of local women and girls (\$5,000)

MEMORIAL & TRIBUTE GIFTS

Aug. 1, 2012 - Oct. 31, 2012

Memorial gifts to Akron Community Foundation for:

H. Peter Burg by

Bobby Burg
Amy Burg Cole
Mark & Colleen Reaman

Anna R. Gudikunst by

John E. Wilkinson

Melvin & Evelyn MacMillan by

John E. Wilkinson

Wm. Max Nonnamaker by

Dr. & Mrs. Harold VonWyl

Nancy Parry by

Dick & Chris Chenoweth
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Bill & Karen Feth
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Milo

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Lola M. Rothmann

George Wilkinson by

Glenn C. Burkholder
John E. Wilkinson

Memorial gifts to Akron Garden Club Endowment Fund for:

Dr. Henry Kraus by

Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Estep
Mrs. George T. Parry

Memorial gifts to Akron Garden Club Sewell Fund for:

Nancy Parry by

Jan & Joe Hutchinson

Memorial gifts to Akron Marathon Sustainability Fund for:

H. Peter Burg by

Eileen Burg

Mignon Steere by

Steere Enterprises Inc.

Memorial gifts to Allio Memorial Fund for:

Thomas J. Allio Sr. by

Rob & Mary Armbruster
Robert & Veda Bell

Eileen Burg

Shirley Clark

Frank & Marilyn DiMauro &
Grace Papano

Patrick & Patricia Gaffney

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Jonathan Lewis

Philip H. Maynard

Musca Properties LLC

Michael & Pola Ochsenhirt

John & Joan Primm

Raymond Ritter & Janet Zigich
Ritter

William & Janet Lee Rutan

Tony & Rosemary Soppi

David & Mary Tschantz

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

Richard Averitte by

Yvonne Averitte

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

Martin Chapman by

John T. Deadwyler

Memorial gifts to John N. Economou Scholarship Fund for:

Harry Partis by

Elena M. Economou

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

Jane Mesereau by

Anonymous

William & Barbara Beiling

Nick & Carmel Codispoti

Judy Cohen-Baer

Conkling & Lewis
Construction Inc.

Georgina M. Cook

Robert & Marjorie Farrell

Vicki M. Franks

Friends of the Stow-Munroe
Falls Public Library

Dolores Halpin

Carole Jegley

Therese Keenan

Lisa Kleintop

Elayne Kramer

Laura Macken

Ronald & Hermine Meyer

John & Lynne Sammon

Mary Semonin, Nancy Jane

Sabo and Marty Stupi

Margaret D. Shaffer

Monica Smolka

Mary Jane Stanic

David & Lisa Thomas

Fran Waybright

Precious by

Fran and Barb

Susan E. Ramsdell by

Friends of the Stow-Munroe
Falls Public Library

2nd LT David Rylander by

Fran Waybright

Memorial gifts to Gay Community Endowment Fund for:

Ray Boggs Jr. by

Steve Williams & David Jesse

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

Bella Sachs by

Steve Feldstein

Memorial gifts to HPSEF Memorial & Tribute Fund for:

Everett Shumate by

Dr. Sarah E. Shumate

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

Dodie Snyder by

Vicki & Chris Soukup

Memorial gifts to Ladies Cemetery Association of Cuyahoga Falls Cemetery Chapel Endowment Fund for:

Susann Sigler Drbal by

Ladies Cemetery Association of
Cuyahoga Falls

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

Barbara Tomes by

Nancy W. Sprowls

Memorial gifts to Millennium Fund for Children for:

Virginia Suich by
The Jansky Family

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

Marissa A. Norwood by
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David Borocki
Marilyn M. Buckey
Eileen Burg
William & Rebecca Considine
David & Robyn Cutler
John & Betty Dalton
Rev. Ronald & Mrs. Joyce Fowler
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Roger T. & Judy A. Read

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Dr. Zouhair & Carol Yassine

Dr. & Mrs. Keith Kaufman by
Mary Ann Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kukk by
Mary Ann Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Perry by
Mary Ann Jackson

Betty Sweeney by
Michael A. Sweeney

Tribute gifts to Mary K. Booth Endowment Fund of the Women's Endowment Fund for:

Martha Booth by
Joan E. Booth

Mary Booth by
Teresa F. Wilson

Tribute gifts to Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew Fund for:

Lisa Craine by
Lisa Gromofsky
Ronald & Norma Ober
Vito & Debbie Sinopoli
Bunny Suplit
Cathy Welch

Tribute gifts to Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park Trails Forever Legacy Fund for:

Sandy Auburn by
Donae Ceja

Tribute gifts to The Friends of 91.3 Endowment Fund for:

Tommy Bruno by
Suzanne T. Allen, Ph.D.

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

Ann, Cheryl & Mary by
Barbara Beiling

Sue Archer by
Anonymous
Judy Cohen-Baer
Fran Waybright

Judy Cohen-Baer by
Fran Waybright

Mary Ann Thornton by
Barbara Beiling

Fran Waybright by
Judy Cohen-Baer

Tribute gifts to Leadership Akron Endowment Fund for:

The Class of XXVIII by
Michael Spickard

Tribute gifts to Medina County Community Fund for:

Tim C. Hagerty by
Sandy & Chuck Calvert
Diana S. Riley

Tribute gifts to Lillian and William Rosenblatt Fund for:

Dr. Mark Auburn by
Nick & Ruthie George

Maureen Gaffney Katanic by
Nick & Ruthie George

Dianne R. Newman by
Nick & Ruthie George

Gifts to the Women's Endowment Fund will be listed in the fund's spring newsletter.

YEAR-END GIFTS

It's not too late to make your gifts for 2012. Steve Schloenbach, vice president of finance,



and Laura Fink, director of development, will be in the office until 5 p.m. on Dec. 31 to assist you with all of your year-end giving needs.

Give online or start a fund anytime before Jan. 1 at www.akroncf.org. Or, **mail a check** postmarked by Dec. 31 to 345 W. Cedar St., Akron OH 44307.

INITIATIVES

MILLENNIUM FUND FOR CHILDREN AWARDS \$48,000

Local children's programs recently got a boost when the Millennium Fund for Children approved 34 grants totaling \$48,000. Grants will support arts, education, social service and health programs for Akron-area youth. This brings the fund's cumulative grant-making to \$498,909.

A partnership of the Akron Beacon Journal and the community foundation, the Millennium Fund for Children began in 1999 when local residents donated their last hour's pay of the millennium to create a permanent source of funding for local children's programs.

Since then, the fund has grown to nearly \$700,000 and funded beds for children in foster homes, live

music and theater performances for students, food and clothing for at-risk infants, and much more.

Grants from the Millennium Fund for Children are awarded to grassroots organizations where even a small amount can make a big difference. See a complete list of this year's grants at www.akroncf.org/millenniumgrants.



YOUR GIFT COUNTS

Ring in the holidays by making a gift to the Millennium Fund for Children. Your \$50 gift could teach a refugee child English. A \$35 donation could give milk to a needy child for a year. Even \$5 could provide a day of music, food and games for a child victim or witness of violence. Look for special donation coupons in the Akron Beacon Journal, or give online at www.akroncf.org/give/millennium.

GCEF GRANTS SUPPORT ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAMS

The Gay Community Endowment Fund recently awarded grants totaling \$26,900 to nine greater Akron nonprofit organizations.

Grants were awarded to programs that increase awareness about domestic violence and bullying in the LGBT community, including a \$2,400 grant to install KIDJAM! radio in Akron Public Schools.

Created by 91.3 The Summit, KIDJAM! promotes inclusion and respect among pre-teens through positive music and messaging.



Other grants will provide outreach to LGBT individuals and their families in greater Akron, including counseling for senior citizens and educational resources for parents and friends.

Since 2005, the Gay Community Endowment Fund has reinvested \$183,438 into local nonprofit initiatives that promote the well-being and full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens.

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

a complete list of the grants that were awarded this year, visit www.akroncf.org/GCEFGiants.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This year, the Gay Community Endowment Fund established a scholarship fund at Akron Community Foundation to support the education of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students and their allies. Scholarships will be awarded to students who live or study in Summit, Medina, Portage or Stark County. To make a gift to the GCEF Scholarship Fund, visit www.akroncf.org/give/GCEFScholarship.

SAVE THE DATE



Special Holiday Office Hours

Dec. 31, 2012

Akron Community Foundation will be open Dec. 31 to accept year-end gifts. Please note our office will be closed the following days:

**Dec. 24
Dec. 25
Jan. 1**



Grantseeker Resources

**Feb. 20, 2013
8:30 - 11 AM**

**Akron-Summit County
Public Library**

The second in a series of free training sessions, learn how to find grants using the Foundation Center. Presented by Akron Community Foundation and BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence. Register at www.BVUvolunteers.org.

Introduction to Fundraising Planning

Jan. 16, 2013

**8:30 - 11 AM
Akron-Summit County
Public Library**

Akron Community Foundation and BVU: The Center for Nonprofit Excellence invite nonprofits to this free training seminar. Presenter David Holmes will teach the basics of fundraising planning. Register at www.BVUvolunteers.org.

Medina County Grant Deadline

**March 1, 2013
5 PM**

**Mail applications to: 345 W.
Cedar St., Akron OH 44307**

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

Community Issues Session: Education

Jan. 23, 2013

**5:10 - 6:30 PM
Akron Community
Foundation**

Gain insight into the local education landscape and options for supporting it with your donor-advised fund. Speakers: Linda Fuline, Summit County Educational Service Center; Derran Wimer, Summit Education Initiative. RSVP to 330-376-8522.

For Women, Forever Annual Dinner

**March 13, 2013
6 PM**

**Quaker Station at the
Quaker Square Inn**

Join the Women's Endowment Fund and keynote speaker Fawn Germer, best-selling author of "Pearls," in celebrating the philanthropy of women and girls. For more information, call 330-376-8522.

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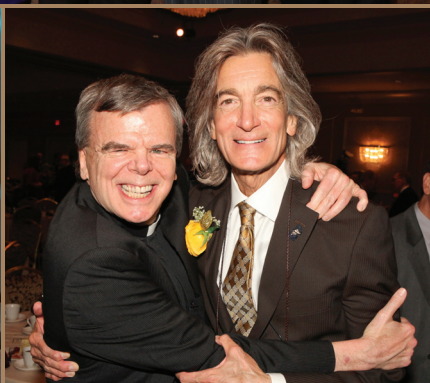
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2012 Polsky Award Dinner

See more photos from the event at www.akroncf.org/polskyphotos



More than 350 people gathered Oct. 16 to celebrate the outstanding philanthropy of former Akron General cardiologist Dr. Terry Gordon. Gordon, best known for his efforts to place automatic external defibrillators in every Summit County school and police vehicle, was also hailed for his commitment to raising money through events like Docs Who Rock. "Terry is a genius for serving others while having a blast himself," said Summa Health System CEO Tom Strauss.



Top: Dr. Gordon greets executives from Medical Mutual of Ohio, the event's lead sponsor, along with representatives from the All-American Soap Box Derby.

Bottom Left: Emcee Dave Lieberth describes how an AED can save lives.

Bottom Right: Dr. Gordon embraces his friend and mentor Father Norm Douglas, who gave the invocation before dinner.