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COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT - TWENTY EIGHTEEN



OUR PURPOSE

It is because of thoughtful and generous individuals, families and businesses that Stark Community Foundation and its growing family of donors are able to strengthen our local community through philanthropy.

The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for its residents by partnering with our donors to address the most pressing needs while taking advantage of promising opportunities.



Through our Community Responsive Grantmaking Program, grants are awarded from established charitable funds to tackle community needs and invest in solutions that strengthen and improve our community. Our grants are intended to enhance organizations' impact and increase their efficiency.

The grants highlighted in this year's Impact Report are a brief summary of the final reports provided by the organizations that received funding in our November 2016 and May 2017 grant cycles.



FOUNDATION FOCUS

Stark Community Foundation believes there are three essential ingredients to a healthy and vibrant community – economic development, education and neighborhood revitalization. Through our Community Responsive Grantmaking Program, open to local organizations, we invest in these three strategic areas that advance our priorities within the community.

Economic Development serves as the catalyst for addressing the root cause of social problems within communities by creating jobs, increasing tax revenue and stimulating the economy.

Education is the backbone of economic development as it creates the skills necessary to prepare individuals for employment opportunities and the ability to sustain themselves and their families.

And, at the heart of the community, is the neighborhood. *Strong neighborhoods* are central to creating and maintaining homes and relationships that are sources of pride around a common purpose.

TOTAL *number* GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL *amount* REQUESTED	TOTAL *amount* GRANTED
30	$445,044	$155,305

By investing in economic development, education and neighborhood revitalization, Stark Community Foundation does its part to strengthen Stark County.







ArtsinStark

Canton Arts District Community Development Plan

Through the implementation of the Canton Arts District Community Development Plan, ArtsinStark formed the Central Arts District Committee, improved the aesthetics of downtown Canton, marketed events in the district to a wider audience beyond Stark County and launched a new monthly event, Saturday in the City. Up to 2,000 visitors have attended each Saturday in the City, an afternoon full of art, live music, street performers, shopping, food and more for families across all of Northeast Ohio. First Friday events have also continued to grow in attendance because of ArtsinStark's enhanced multi-media marketing approach. Combined, these efforts brought in more visitors to the vibrant area and merchants have seen a noticeable spike in sales – some stores citing as much as a 50 percent increase in sales during Saturday in the City over a normal Saturday.

ArtsinStark
Kids. Jobs. Communities.

$27,000

Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

Better Future Facilitators

Stark County Homeless Social Entrepreneurs

Through this grant, Better Future Facilitators enabled high-potential homeless men and women in Northeast Ohio to work their way out of living in poverty to become social entrepreneurs. Specifically, funds were earmarked for homeless individuals in Stark County to attend the New Hope Business School to develop the skills necessary to launch and manage their own B Corp business.

BETTER FUTURE FACILITATORS
FROM HOMELESS TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

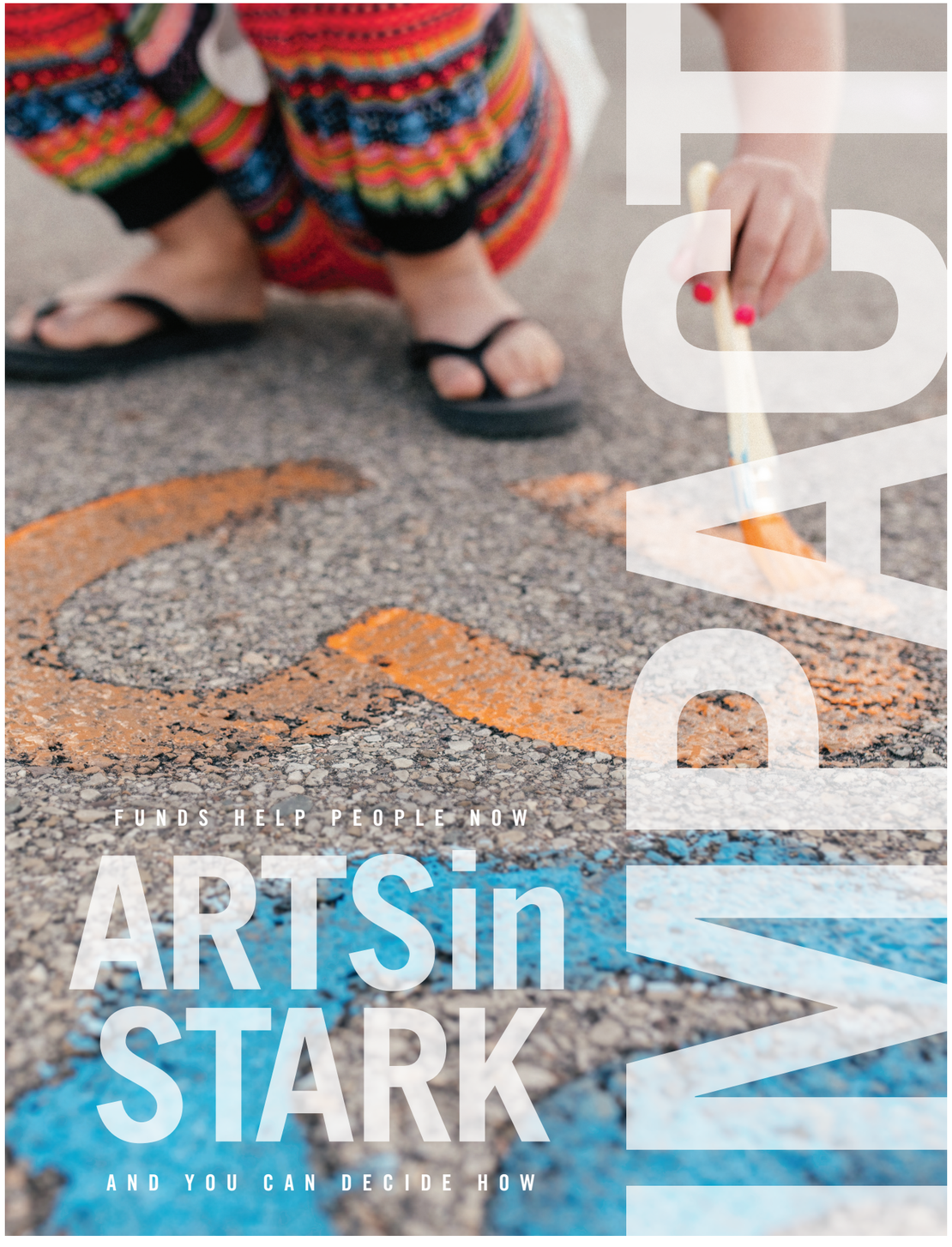
$7,500

Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

"Stark Community Foundation's support of ArtsinStark's Community Development Plan for the Arts District took downtown to a whole new level. Small business owners got to create new signage and window displays. Support was available to produce and market a new family event, Saturday in the City. And, personal training in marketing and in developing a business plan was available to all. The result: the Canton Arts District is ready for the tourism explosion that is coming."

Robb Hankins, **CEO,** *ArtsinStark*





FOUNDATION FOCUS

Canton Calvary Mission

Calvary After-School Program

This grant supported Canton Calvary Mission's after-school programming for underserved children in grades K-12, providing a chance for area youth living in high-crime and violent neighborhoods to break the cycle in which their families have been living. Students in the program benefited from the positive effects of role models, mentoring, one-on-one tutoring and academic assistance, arts and enrichment activities, healthy snacks and family events – all in a safe, welcoming and educational environment. Middle and high school students also learned skills such as how to dress for an interview, complete a job application and write a resume. This special programming proved to be successful as seven high school students secured employment for both summer and permanent jobs, and one student was selected for the Upward Bound Program.

CANTON CALVARY MISSION
Serving Christ in the Heart of the Community

$15,000

G. Scott and Carol B. Booth Charitable Fund

Hillman Foundation Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

Canton Museum of Art

2017-2018 CMA Exhibition Season

Funding provided season-wide exhibitions and programming that connects the Canton Museum of Art to the local community and strengthens Stark County's cultural relevance and economy. The 2017-2018 season included:

- Scrimmage: Football in American Art from the Civil War to the Present
- Elijah Pierce: An American Narrative and African Menagerie – The Inquisition

Scrimmage, for example, connected Stark County's strong football history and passion for the arts to a powerful exhibit that showcased the progression of the American sport through football imagery by prominent American artists and photographers. On display from August 1 to October 30, 2017, the exhibit engaged visitors from all over to reflect on how the images reveal attitudes and transitions in American life such as race, gender, violence, culture, athleticism and more.

Canton Museum of Art

$25,000

Danner Foundation Fund

John S. and Jodine S. Duerr Charitable Fund

"Support from Stark Community Foundation makes it possible for the Canton Museum of Art to present critically acclaimed, original exhibitions and related programs that bring thousands of people together to learn, to explore and to be inspired through the beauty and power of art. Together, we are advancing our vision of strengthening and sustaining our community."

Max Barton, **Executive Director,** *Canton Museum of Art*





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CAST (Caring and Serving Together)

CAMP (**CAST** *Apprenticeship and Mentorship Program*)
Transportation Initiative

A barrier for some students to secure paid summer apprenticeship positions is the inability to travel to and from work. While some students' parents don't have access to a car, others cannot take SARTA routes to get to their destinations. In most instances, students can't afford to pay for driver's education training – the first step to obtaining a license. With the funds granted, 12 CAMP students from McKinley Early College High School completed driver's education training, which resulted in students obtaining their licenses and the remaining students securing their temps. Eleven students secured summer employment at locations not serviced by SARTA, thus requiring a car. CAMP has a partnership with two local dealerships – Dave Walter's BMW and Kempthorn Motors – to sell quality, safe used cars to students in need, at cost and no interest. Four students have since purchased a vehicle to get them to and from work.

CAST
Caring And Serving Together

C.A.M.P.
CAST Apprenticeship and Mentorship Program

$9,600
Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

City of Canton

Planning Director

This grant helped fund a full-time economic planning director for the City of Canton to take the lead and oversee the implementation of the city's first comprehensive plan in 50 years. Tasked with strengthening Canton's future, the director develops and manages the city's planning programs and services and works closely with community partners on complex economic development, neighborhood revitalization, land use and transportation issues.

EST. 1805 CANTON, OHIO
THE CITY OF CANTON
THOMAS M. BERNABEI, MAYOR

$10,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

"Your grant allowed Rachel to obtain her driver's license in April, and in late May she was hired full time at West Medical in Massillon for the entire summer. Rachel's mom will need her car back this spring and with the money Rachel has saved, CAMP will help her purchase a used vehicle. Rachel's story seems like the normal process an adolescent would go through, but in the underserved and at-risk community, this opportunity is life changing."

Tom Venturella, **CAMP,** *Director*





Echoing Hills Village

Passport to the Community

Passport to the Community integrates young adults with developmental disabilities into the community by blending classroom instruction with community exploration. Thanks to this grant, students in the program were able to experience and participate in community activities at a minimum of two days a week and as often as four times a week. Weekly trips included traveling to local libraries, parks, museums, art galleries, restaurants and shops – each trip allowing students to apply classroom material to real-world settings. Funds were used specifically for transporting students to and from community locations and paying for area outings that would otherwise not be financially possible.

$5,000

William A. and Ann M. Brothers Charitable Fund

Hieronimus Trust Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

It's Your Planet – Love It! Girl Scout Journey Program

It's Your Planet – Love It! is an environmental education program that engages girls in grades K-5 after school, providing them with additional learning outside of the classroom. With this grant, Girl Scouts of North East Ohio educated 170 underserved girls in the Canton City School District on environmental science, engineering, computer science and outdoor STEM. The program saw an increase in measurable outcomes with 97 percent of girls reporting they could be a leader and 63 percent wanting to work in science when they grow up.

$20,000

Partners in Giving Fund

William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

Girls on the Run of Stark County

Coach Training and Support

Girls on the Run of Stark County is a physical activity-based positive youth development program designed to enhance girls' social, psychological and physical skills and behaviors to successfully navigate life experiences. The success of the program is highly dependent on volunteer coaches who deliver the program to students within Stark and Wayne counties. Funds were used exclusively to enhance the training and support coaches receive to ensure they are better equipped to deliver the high-quality program. Specifically, 96 new coaches were trained and 79 returning coaches participated in an online refresher course.

$2,500

William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

"Working with the girls has been the most rewarding experience for me. I love that I am making an impact and that I am there for the girls who really need me. The coaches benefit from this program as much as the girls."

Linda Poole, **Coach**, *Warstler Elementary*





Hammer & Nails

Bridge the Gap Technology Upgrades

Hammer & Nails assists low-to-moderate-income Stark County homeowners with home and property improvements. With an average of 50 to 70 homeowners, 125 different projects, 1,800 volunteers and more than 8,000 volunteer hours annually, technology upgrades were essential to function effectively and efficiently. This grant helped update Hammer & Nails' existing software and equipment such as website, computers, printer and camera.

HAMMER AND NAILS

$5,500

Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

Massillon Museum

Blind Spot – A Matter of Perception

In collaboration with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, Massillon Museum's traveling exhibition "Blind Spot: A Matter of Perception," provided low-visioned and blind patrons with a unique, multi-sensory opportunity to access art. The exhibit featured abstract paintings translated by co-curators Barry and Jan Stirbens – two local community members who are congenitally blind – into sonic iPad touch-screen apps, accompanied by aluminum-cast tactile models and both typewritten and braille labels. Funding also extended the exhibition to the Zimmerman Center to include a quartet performance, evening reception and panel discussion.

MASSMU MASSILLON MUSEUM

$7,500

Partners in Giving Fund

Douglas Haig and Phyllis Antoinette Worth Charitable Fund

National Inventors Hall of Fame

Camp Invention

Camp Invention is a week-long summer program providing out-of-school enrichment using STEM as a vehicle to teach 21st century skills, creativity and innovation through hands-on, problem-based experiences. The Foundation's generosity positively impacted 57 economically disadvantaged Stark County children attending Faircrest Memorial Middle School and Louisville Elementary School by offsetting the participation costs for camp. Funding also provided seven local teachers with hands-on professional development they can take back to their classroom, further impacting more students.

National Inventors Hall of Fame®

Camp Invention®

$10,000

Partners in Giving Fund

William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

Grace Wallace Sullivan Field of Interest Fund

"Since having hosted this project at MassMu and the Zimmerman Center, Blind Spot was presented with the Best Exhibition award by the Ohio Museums Association, which helps establish a precedent for other cultural sites to engage in accessibility measures that consider their community more holistically. One young girl, blind since birth, visited the exhibition and shared with our volunteer docent that her visit constituted "the best day of her life."

Alexandra Nicholis Coon, **Executive Director,** *Massillon Museum*



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Navarre-Bethlehem Township Historical Society

Maintenance and Preservation

Two 1830s museums – The Schmidt House and The Mathews Museum – both had damp basements, causing mildew and humidity that could significantly damage important artifacts and displays. This matching grant helped pay for basement clean up, wall repairs, replacement of an electrical box, the purchasing and installation of two industrial dehumidifiers and landscaping to redirect rain away from the historical buildings. The project proved to be a success because the basements are no longer damp, the floors are dry, the odor is gone and the electric bills are lower. Plus, there is now more space to display and store more artifacts.

$3,500

Ruth B. Boger
Charitable Trust Fund

Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach

Northwest Local Schools Guitar and Violin Program

This free program exposes students to music, expands their musical horizons and gives children who would otherwise not be able to afford it the chance to take music lessons. This grant allowed the opportunity for 12 new guitar students and 12 new violin students at Northwest Local Schools to receive weekly lessons. Students are able to keep their instruments for the entire year, allowing them to take them home and practice in the evenings, on the weekends and during holiday breaks. In addition, 10 new violins were purchased with this grant.

ORMACO
Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach

$3,000

Grace Wallace Sullivan
Field of Interest Fund

RePlay for Kids

Promoting STEM Education Through Toy Adapting Workshops

This grant supported three toy-adapting workshops – two at Hoover High School and one at McKinley High School – to increase the availability of toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities and as a way to spark high school students' interest in STEM. In total, 54 toys were adapted and 37 switches were assembled by local high school students. The toys were then distributed to Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Eastgate School and Southgate School, Perry Local Schools and Canton's Warstler Elementary School.

RePlay for Kids

$4,205

Harvey J. and Elsie Dick Charitable Fund

Hillman Foundation Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

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OTHER FUNDING AREAS

While the Foundation is committed to our three focus areas, we understand that our community has needs outside of those areas. We invest in other initiatives through our Community Responsive Grantmaking Program that improve the *quality of life* for Stark County residents and *strengthen our community* as a whole.

TOTAL *number* GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL *amount* REQUESTED	TOTAL *amount* GRANTED
36	$1,044,888	$394,773

By helping improve the quality of life in our community, Stark Community Foundation helps strengthen Stark County.



OTHER FUNDING AREAS

Beacon Charitable Pharmacy

Communication, Marketing and Branding

This grant supported the name change and subsequent branding of Prescription Assistance Network of Stark County, Inc. to Beacon Charitable Pharmacy. The licensed charitable pharmacy provides prescription medication assistance to uninsured and underinsured residents of Stark and Carroll counties who have low-to-moderate income. Specifically, dollars supported the organization's efforts to increase awareness to clients through a new website and county-wide billboards.

$4,000

Danner Foundation Fund

Canines Helping Independent People

Service Dogs Training and Placement

Canines Helping Independent People evaluated and tested seven new dogs as potential candidates for its program, four of which exhibited both physical and trainability attributes of a service dog. Specifically, this grant provided veterinarian care, grooming services and continued training for the four dogs during their first year of a two-year training program. Once training is completed, the service dogs will be placed with individuals in the Stark County community who have a mobility limitation and veterans suffering with PTSD and/or mobility impairments.

$10,000

Partners in Giving Fund

Edward P. and Julia E. Sigler Charitable Fund

Canton City Health District

Canton-Stark County **THRIVE**

Stark County was identified as having one of the highest infant-mortality rates among African-American babies in Ohio, and Ohio having one of the highest levels in the United States. This wake-up call prompted the Canton City Health District to bring together a comprehensive coalition of community partners and form Canton-Stark County THRIVE (Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality and Equity) in 2013. Since then, THRIVE has been addressing the infant-mortality needs in Stark County by improving access to primary care and quality social services for women at risk of poor birth outcomes. This grant funded an executive assistant position, providing high-level support to the THRIVE project manager.

$66,300

Parke K. and Josephine B. Allensworth Memorial Fund

Paul C. and Thelma M. Dale Philanthropic Fund

Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

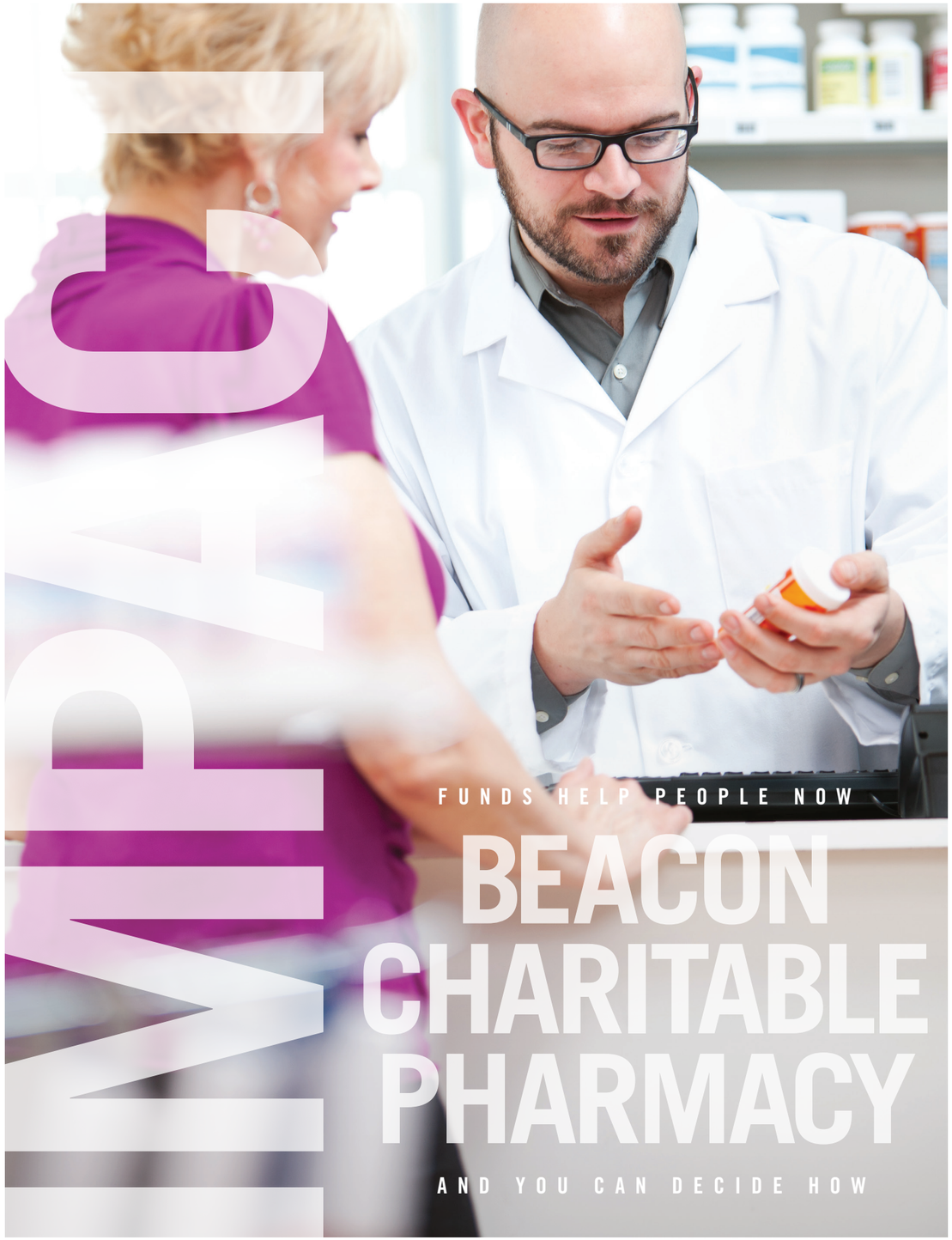
Partners in Giving Fund

William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fu

"Being on rotation at Beacon Charitable Pharmacy was such an enlightening experience as I was able to help those in need get medications who may otherwise not have access. It felt so rewarding knowing I was making an impact."

Andres Monzalvo-Gomez, **Pharm. D. Candidate, Class of 2018,**
Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)





OTHER FUNDING AREAS

Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties

Infrastructure Upgrade for Adult Day Services

Catholic Charities' Adult Day Services program offers a safe and secure environment for older adults who are in need of supervision or assistance with daily living activities while family caregivers are at work or tending to other responsibilities. The program also provides opportunities for socialization, exercise, basic healthcare services and planned activities, many of which take place with the adults seated. Funds purchased much-needed tables and chairs, replacing the organization's outdated and unstable donated furniture.

$24,850

W. Henry Hoover Fund

Paul E. Myers Testamentary Trust Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health

Alcohol and Other Drug Service Expansion

This grant allowed Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health to expand its alcohol and other drug services to combat the growing opiate epidemic in Stark County. This expansion included training additional counselors with the appropriate Chemical Dependency Counseling Assistant (CDCA) credentials to serve Stark County's ever-changing clientele.

$13,230

Ruth B. Boger Charitable Trust Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Embracing Futures

Orthodontic Care Program

The Orthodontic Care Program provides orthodontic braces for children with severe orthodontic problems, who are unfortunately growing up in a poor or working-poor family situation, and have been turned down by Medicaid. Funds awarded provided orthodontic treatment and dental care for one child in Stark County.

$5,393

Hillman Foundation Fund

Philomatheon Society of the Blind of Canton Ohio

Glasses For All II

Glasses for All is a program designed to provide people with little to no prescription eye glass insurance the opportunity to receive an eye exam and a new pair of eyeglasses. Funding provided services to 19 local individuals through this program.

$5,000

Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate

Vision Care Outreach

This grant supported Prevent Blindness' Vision Care Outreach Program, which provides high-risk residents such as medically underserved children and adults with access to donated, professional vision care. Nearly 100 Stark County volunteers were trained to be vision screeners, resulting in the screening of 4,380 local residents, 4,093 of which were children. A total of 37 underserved children and adults completed the cycle of donated vision care — eye exam, eyeglasses, medications and surgery, if needed — and 10 are still progressing through the cycle.

$5,000

Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Stark County Community Action Agency

Emergency Assistance with the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

This grant provided emergency assistance for Stark County Community Action Agency's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), providing low-income families and individuals with short-term help with their cost of heating and cooling.

$11,000

The W. Henry Hoover Fund

Stark County Courthouse Bicentennial Committee

Premier Sponsorship

Funds supported Stark County Courthouse's Bicentennial, a year-long celebration of the cherished downtown Canton icon. One of the oldest courthouses in Ohio and the first in Stark County, some of the 2017 events included community open houses, a photography exhibit, a community picnic for the homeless and less fortunate, and the Trumpeters' Ball which celebrated the Courthouse's 200 years of history, community and justice.

$10,000

Paul and Carol David Family Fund

OTHER FUNDING AREAS

Stark County Humane Society

Replacement of Air Handlers

With funds awarded, Stark County Humane Society purchased and installed a new HVAC system with modern air handlers – replacing an outdated and failing system from 1976 – to control the quality of air circulation at the shelter. This new system drastically enhances the health and safety of the staff, volunteers, visitors and most importantly, furry friends. The much-needed enhancements also provide better heat, air conditioning and dehumidifying for the kennel area.

$75,000

Margaret B. Eschliman Animal Protective Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Stark County Hunger Task Force

Feeding the Hungry 2017

This grant allowed Stark County Hunger Task Force to purchase 140,000 pounds of food through its partner, the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. The purchased food was distributed to the Task Force's network of 33 pantries across Stark County, serving nearly 18,000 food-insecure children, seniors and adults with a free, three-to-five-day supply of groceries.

$20,000

Parke K. and Josephine B. Allensworth Memorial Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Stark County Job & Family Services

Child and Family Visitation Center

Grant funding furnished Stark County Job & Family Services' Child and Family Visitation Center, a location used daily to conduct supervised visits for children in the agency's custody and their families. Six rooms were furnished to allow families to have a home-like atmosphere, their own space and a sense of privacy while visiting. Items purchased included couches, chairs, tables and age-appropriate, educational toys and games conducive to positive child and parent interaction. The Visitation Center also includes a common area with a dining room and kitchenette where families can share a meal and celebrate birthdays and holidays.

$10,000

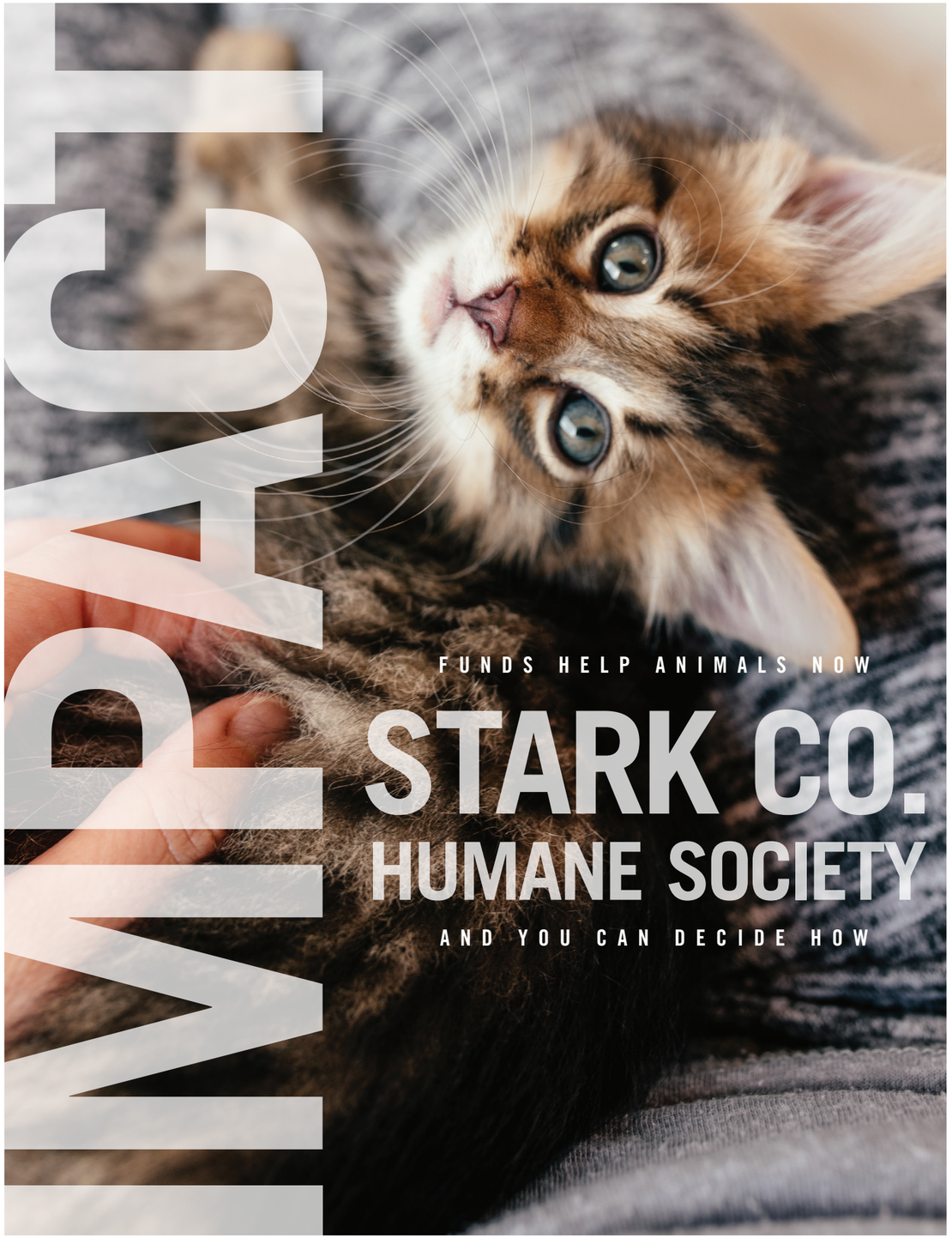
W. Henry Hoover Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

"The upgrade of the air handlers allowed the shelter to provide 90-second air exchange in all animal wards, helping to keep airborne disease down. We were able to replace the boilers with a high energy efficient furnace and install air conditioning for the entire building. This allows the humidity to drop, making a more comfortable stay for the animals and providing healthier air for all animals and humans!"

Jackie Godbey, **Executive Director,**
Stark County Humane Society





OTHER FUNDING AREAS

Stark County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery

Stark County Suicide Reduction & Prevention Initiative

As part of the implementation of a comprehensive community plan, this three-year grant helped adopt and implement Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSR-S) as the universal suicide assessment tool to be used by all Stark County providers. This tool is available in more than 40 different languages, adaptable to all ages and easy for clinical and non-clinical staff to utilize. Training was provided on CSSR-S, and an additional on-site training was offered by nationally recognized suicidologist Dr. David Jobes on Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS), an evidenced-based framework for treating individuals who present with suicidal risk.

STARK COUNTY Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

$100,000

Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

Community Charitable Fund

Stark County Mental Health Association Charitable Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

Voyager Program

Batterers' Intervention Treatment Program

The Voyager Program provides specialized treatment to men who exhibit power and control issues, which result in their arrest for misdemeanor or felony of domestic violence. During the grant period, of the 193 men who were court ordered to receive treatment, 90 percent completed all requirements during the minimum 52-week program. In collaboration with many community partners, specialized treatment included writing a detailed description of his worst incident, keeping a weekly journal that is shared with group facilitators, sending an apology letter to his victim and creating a personal relapse prevention plan among other assignments that aim to prevent further victims of domestic violence. To date, counseling provided has resulted in a low recidivism rate of 17 percent.

VOYAGER PROGRAM, INC.

$25,000

Paul and Carol David Family Fund

Partners in Giving Fund

YMCA of Western Stark County

All-Access Scholarship Program

Grant funding helped the YMCA of Western Stark County provide financial assistance for children, teens, adults and families who cannot afford the cost of a YMCA membership or program such as swimming lessons, gymnastics, basketball and martial arts. Assistance ranged from 10 percent to 100 percent, depending on the person's needs.

the YMCA

$10,000

Polly Hoover Connelly and Lawrence E. Connelly, Jr. Fund

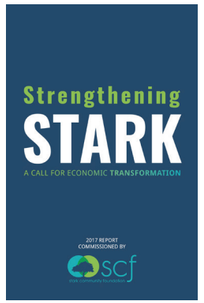
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund



INITIATIVES

Strengthening Stark

At the request of the Stark Civic Group, an informal group of organizational leaders from our county, Stark Community Foundation commissioned *Strengthening Stark*, a clear-eyed assessment of the current economic and social health of Stark County. Released in August 2017, the report examines key community issues such as demographics, education, employment, housing and resources that continue to shape our region. Since the release of the report, the conversation around economic competitiveness has changed and now spans the entire county. The result: more collaborative, effective economic efforts focused on job creation, job preparation and job access.



Future of Food Security

Total amount of funding:
$93,284

Since 2013, Stark Community Foundation has been leading an effort to fight food insecurity in Stark County. After receiving a high volume of grant requests focused on hunger relief, the Foundation commissioned a study to gain a deeper understanding of the hunger issues facing individuals and families in our community. Released publicly in 2015, *The Future of Food Security in Stark County: County Assessment and Strategic Framework for Change* examined hunger issues as well as identified resources and opportunities in order to feed those in Stark County. Given the high population of food insecure people in Stark County, the Foundation made a commitment to provide planning and implementation grants to organizations that are finding long-term solutions to hunger. To maximize our impact, we partnered with The Paul & Carol David Foundation and Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton to invest more than $500,000 to date in local organizations.



Charitable Giving Cards

In November 2015, Stark Community Foundation launched a Charitable Giving Card Program, a creative way to encourage philanthropy while supporting organizations that are making a difference in the community. Charitable Giving Cards are tax deductible and available in denominations of $25, $50 and $100. A perfect gift to celebrate any holiday or special occasion, the cards give community members an opportunity to engage with the Foundation, regardless of whether they have a charitable fund. The cards work just like retail gift cards, only instead of redeeming the card at a store, the recipient can give the value of the card as a donation to his or her favorite charity. Charitable Giving Cards never expire, and 100 percent of the gift goes directly to the charity selected.



Immediate Impact Alert

Total amount of funding:
$65,179

Developed by Stark Community Foundation, this initiative was designed to provide donors with all the need-to-know information about our community's greatest needs as well as a way to effectively and immediately respond. In 2017, our Immediate Impact Alerts focused on cleaning and repairing 13 historic steel murals in the Frank T. Bow Federal Building in downtown Canton and establishing an endowment fund at the Foundation for the continued preservation of the murals. In addition, donors supported Texas and Louisiana residents who were affected by Hurricane Harvey.



Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program

Total number of grants:
35

Total amount of funding:
$138,065

Since 1997, Stark Community Foundation has led this neighborhood initiative. The goals are threefold: to leverage grassroots volunteer involvement and additional community resources; to provide lasting community improvements for neighborhood residents by making neighborhoods better places to live, learn, work, play and raise families; and to provide an opportunity for neighbors to celebrate and share their neighborhood revitalization successes. Grant awards support beautification projects, neighborhood newsletters, neighborhood meetings, strategic planning and many more projects meant to enhance each of the neighborhoods. Currently, there are nearly 80 neighborhood groups in Alliance, Canton and Massillon. Since the program's inception, more than $2.5 million in grants has been awarded.



SummerTime Kids

Total number of grants:
41

Total amount of funding:
$72,479

Guided by a volunteer committee and Foundation staff, SummerTime Kids provides grants up to $2,000 to imaginative and unique summer programs with an emphasis on character and education. These types of programs not only enrich the lives of the youth who participate, but also benefit the community as a whole.

The Women's Fund

Total number of grants:
6

Total amount of funding:
$14,172

The Women's Fund, a permanent endowment fund of Stark Community Foundation, was created to benefit future generations and increase vital funding for programs that advance the economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of women, and to educate and inspire women to become leaders in philanthropy. The interest area of this fund seeks to support programs and projects that meet the needs of women and children in Stark County.

FUNDERS COLLABORATIVE

Stark County Capital Campaigns Committee

For more than four decades, the Capital Campaigns Committee, made up of volunteer members from across Stark County, have served in an advisory capacity to the six major foundations of Stark County. They share their expertise and community knowledge to assist the major foundations in making the best capital investment decisions for the residents of Stark County. The committee looks at the strength and breadth of local support of the project that is presented, the sustainability of the organization and the project's enduring value and ability to address significant community needs. A final recommendation is made from this committee to the six major foundations of Stark County. The foundations strongly consider the recommendations presented by the Capital Campaigns Committee as part of their final decision-making process.

Total amount of funders participating:
6

Paul and Carol David Foundation
Deuble Foundation
Hoover Foundation
Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton
Stark Community Foundation
Timken Foundation of Canton

Total number of grants:
5

Total amount of funding:
$4,425,000

In 2017, the six major foundations supported:

ICAN to construct Arbor Ridge, a 14-unit apartment building of permanent supportive housing for homeless persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT STARK to renovate and expand the University's fine arts building.

NORTH CANTON PLAYHOUSE to expand and remodel the main stage of North Canton Playhouse, located in Hoover High School.

PEGASUS FARM to create the Military Family Center, a therapeutic equestrian center for military veterans, first responders and their families.

REFUGE OF HOPE to build a new facility to not only serve more people, but also to strategically collaborate with other social service agencies to provide additional services to the hungry, homeless, and those living in poverty.

Partners in Giving

Partners in Giving is a program of Stark Community Foundation that strengthens donors' knowledge and connection with the needs of the community as they navigate their own path of personal philanthropy. Through this program, donors receive access to current grant proposals that have undergone rigorous review by the Foundation's program staff along with an opportunity to co-invest with the Foundation to make these projects and initiatives a reality. Since funding is limited and the Foundation receives many proposals, partnering with donors helps support these local organizations while informing them about the pressing needs in our community. Together, the Foundation and its family of donors maximize their philanthropic impact to benefit individuals and families in Stark County and beyond.

Total amount of funders participating:
12

Total amount of funding:
$44,201

Anonymous Charitable Fund #3
James V. and Velia Armogida Charitable Fund
Walter K. and Wilda E. Bortz Fund
Ronald F. and Mary L. Davis Advised Charitable Fund
Fernandez Hillibish History Fund
Edward J. and Helen L. Harhager Donor Advised Fund
Dean G. and Jane G. Lauritzen Philanthropic Fund
Little Family Advised Fund
James K. and Carol Luntz Charitable Fund
Gary W. and Olivia M. Mull Advised Fund
Shira Charitable Fund
Wright Family Charitable Fund

AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION

As an affiliate organization, a community benefits from Stark Community Foundation's resources: experienced staff, administrative support and fiduciary management. This type of affiliation is designed to support a particular geographic area, be it a county, a community or a specific region. It allows community leaders to streamline operations, giving your board more time to focus on growing philanthropic support for your community as opposed to spending time on administrative work and tracking investments in the stock market.

Carroll County Foundation's Carroll Community Fund

Carroll County Foundation was established in 1994 by local leaders to encourage philanthropy and secure resources to address local issues. The Foundation brings together charitable donors, community leaders and nonprofit organizations to make positive impacts throughout Carroll County. The total amount of funding is reflective of only the discretionary funds awarded in 2017 from Carroll Community Fund, which is one of the Foundation's 36 funds. Discretionary grants, which are directed and approved by a board of governors made up of Carroll County residents, are awarded each year to a wide range of nonprofit initiatives in the community. Currently, the Foundation's total assets are more than $14.5 million, with total grants of $6.3 million paid since inception.

Total number of grants:
3

Total amount of funding:
$5,000

SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

A supporting foundation at Stark Community Foundation allows donors to take an active approach to their giving, backed by professional staff who make it easy. A supporting foundation is a separate legal entity that qualifies for the tax advantages of a "public charity" due to its affiliation with Stark Community Foundation. It is an alternative to a private foundation for people who want an involved approach to their giving and minimal administrative work, while still enjoying some autonomy.

William and Minnette Goldsmith Foundation

Previously a private foundation, the William and Minnette Goldsmith Foundation was established in 1999 by a bequest of Minnette Goldsmith, who died in 1979. William Goldsmith, who died in 1961, was an engineer and executive vice president of the Luntz Corporation. Friends and family remember the Goldsmiths as being very generous philanthropists during their lifetimes.

Total number of grants:
3

Total amount of funding:
$45,000

Health Foundation of Greater Massillon

Formerly a private foundation, Health Foundation of Greater Massillon (HFGM) joined Stark Community Foundation as a supporting foundation in 2016. HFGM was originally created when Massillon Community Hospital and Akron General Medical Center entered into a joint venture in 1999. Guided by a board of local active and retired business professionals, HFGM works closely with organizations to strategically address health and wellness issues facing residents in Western Stark, Eastern Wayne and Northern Tuscarawas counties, particularly those who are economically disadvantaged.

Total number of grants:
24

Total amount of funding:
$282,817

Henry and Louise Timken Foundation

Formerly a private foundation, the Henry and Louise Timken Foundation became a supporting foundation in 1980. The board of trustees awards charitable grants primarily for the benefit of the Stark County community and programs outside this area that are of special interest to the trustees. This Foundation has been particularly important to Downtown Canton redevelopment efforts.

Total number of grants:
7

Total amount of funding:
$151,109



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AND YOU CAN DECIDE HOW

Whether you want to help the homeless find a safe place to sleep, provide vital support to your favorite charity, support early-childhood education or find a cure for a deadly disease, *it is possible* through a charitable fund at Stark Community Foundation.

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