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Stark Community Foundation is the community's trusted partner in giving to over 700 individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have created charitable funds to impact the lives of others through the most effective philanthropy possible. **Ranked in the top 10% of community foundations in the United States today,** the Foundation is committed to serving donor needs and strategically addressing local issues. We are proud to partner with our family of donors to invest in our community - with more than $145 million in grants awarded to date to local initiatives and programs. Together, we are growing a culture of giving and making a positive impact on the lives of others in Stark County and beyond.

We're Thankful for the Impactful role you play in strengthening our community for generations to come.



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

MARK J. SAMOLCZYK

As I reflect on Stark Community Foundation's past, present and future, two words immediately come to mind: **Thankful and Impactful.**

We can't emphasize enough how thankful we are for you and the hundreds of generous individuals, families, businesses and organizations that have established charitable funds through Stark Community Foundation. It's our privilege to serve you on your personal path of philanthropy and partner with our family of donors so that together we can strengthen the place we call home. The caring people who dedicate their time, talent and treasure to make a difference in the lives of others is reason to pause and give thanks.

Together, our work has been impactful. What started out as a $4.6 million investment to create a community foundation some 54 years ago has grown to over $250 million in assets, ranking our Foundation in the top 10% of community foundations in the United States. In our first five years of existence, we awarded a little over $800,000 to local organizations. Remarkably, in 2016 alone, the Foundation and our family of donors granted a record-breaking $13.5 million to benefit a wide array of initiatives and programs, ranging from education and infant mortality to food security and the opioid epidemic. We raised $16 million in new and planned gifts in 2016, and with a strong year in the market, garnered an investment return of 8.2% – a significant growth of our endowment funds to provide more dollars to the nonprofit community. Our collective impact is making a positive change in Stark County and beyond.

After reflecting on our beginnings, it is amazing to think that since our inception we have awarded over $145 million to organizations serving our community. As we celebrate this extraordinary year of impact, we are thankful for your partnership and investing in community change. Stark County is fortunate to have you as part of our committed, passionate and dedicated community. Thank you for the confidence you have in us and for your spirit of generosity. We look forward to working with you in the future to turn your charitable dollars into social impact.



Mark J. Samolczyk
President and CEO

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VP OF ADVANCEMENT

BRIDGETTE L. NEISEL

Our role as a community foundation is to help you – individuals, families, businesses and organizations – achieve your charitable goals, simplify your giving and amplify your impact in the local community and beyond. Helping you support the causes you care about is at the heart of what we do and the driving force behind every decision we make.

Over the last few years, we have advanced our mission by implementing a number of new initiatives to continue building our family of donors' knowledge of the current needs in our community. Through our *Partners in Giving* Program, donors get a behind-the-scenes look at the issues facing area organizations by reviewing grant proposals received through the Foundation's competitive grant process. *Immediate Impact Alerts* provide a way to effectively and immediately respond to our community's greatest needs. We also recently released *Strengthening Stark,* a report that explores key community issues that shape the county's vibrancy.

As *Your Trusted Partner in Giving,* we are committed to providing you with personalized service to help you fulfill your philanthropic mission while exposing you to the needs of our community. From individuals and multi-generational families to small businesses and large corporations, we're here to help you make the most of your giving. Please don't hesitate to reach out if we can further assist your charitable needs.

This year, we highlight three inspiring stories of giving. These remarkable people in our community, perhaps like you, all share a common trait – they are thankful. They are so thankful for everything in their lives – their work, families and experiences – that they've been inspired to pay it forward. We hope you are just as inspired by their stories as we are. It's generosity like yours that makes philanthropy in Stark County stronger.



Bridgette L. Neisel
Vice President of Advancement

EDWARD A. LANGENBACH
LEGACY SOCIETY

Named in honor of Edward A. Langenbach, who was instrumental in the formation of Stark Community Foundation, the Legacy Society recognizes and thanks individuals and families who plan to leave a gift to the community through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Members of our Legacy Society care about the future of the community and realize that their gifts will strengthen the projects and programs of local organizations and the people they serve. We thank the following members for their foresight and generosity.

Anonymous (5)
Ron and Susan Amedeo
Paul R. Arena*
Arlene A. Bartlow*
Robert E.* and Mary B. Basta
Julia B. Belden*
Robert F. and Kathleen K. Belden
Murray M.* and Hanna V. Bett
Jane A. and Paul R. Bishop
Warren M. and Sheila Markley Black
William F. Jr.* and Kathleen M. Brauchler
Anne S. Bretean*
Jeanne M. Cullen*
William T. Cumler
Joyce and Andrew Deuble
Don* and Phyllis Dickes
Jocelyn Dobransky
Cindy and Jon Elsasser
Robert F. Fay
Dwain and Kathy Foltz
Geoff and Bobbi Gordon
Jim* and Shirley Green
Steven M. Gyalai
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Army* and Barbara Marzilli
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Phyllis and Jack Milligan
Jean E. Naughtrip*
Stephen J. Ondrejas
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Lou dell A. Printz
Mr.* and Mrs.* Giles B.J. Raisner, Jr.
David and Ann Renkert
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Chuck and Judy Scheurer
Earl C. and Nancy N. Sheehan
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Gary R. and Jan Smith
Carl and Sally Sorenson
Charles P. Sturgis
Beth Ann Toalston
Ralph E. Toalston
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Toot, Jr.
Ken* and Joan Voyles
James R. and Ida A. (Tenaglia) Warner
Brandon and Paula Wehl
Harold L.* and Edna M. Weil
Fred and A.J. Whittier
Joseph Wojcik

**Deceased*

ACTS OF KIND-NESS





"I HELPED SOMEONE WHO WAS IN NEED.
AND WHEN YOU DO THAT,
IT IS *NEVER* SMALL." –JIM KETTLEWELL



- Top: Jim Kettlewell was known for his lifelong involvement with his church.
- Bottom: The Kettlewells will continue to honor Jim's legacy by living generously.
- Left: The story of one of Jim's meaningful acts of giving was published in the collection, *Angels on Earth*.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Just a few short months after Jim Kettlewell passed away unexpectedly, his wife, Kathy, came across an email from an author trying to get in touch with Jim.

As it turns out, Jim's writing was going to be part of a book. His experience with a stranger in a Canton bookstore was to become part of a collection of inspiring, real-life stories of fate, friendship and the power of kindness. It was meant to be a surprise for Kathy and their close circle of family and friends.

"Jim didn't read in the bookstore, but he did that day," recalled Kathy. "He had just finished reading *An Invisible Thread* (by Laura Schroff) and the book touched him. Right after he read this book, he had an encounter with a stranger."

In the bookstore that day, Jim overheard a man in his twenties pleading with a motel manager over the phone to let him and his daughter stay just one more night even though he couldn't pay for it. He had just received a paycheck from a new job, but the bank was holding it until the funds cleared. The manager wouldn't budge on his decision. The young father moved to plan B by calling area homeless shelters to see if they had space available for him and his daughter. Unfortunately, no one would accommodate them.

While describing Jim's story, Kathy shared, "You're taught from a young age to not talk to strangers, but Jim sensed a need and acted on it."

When writing about the encounter, Jim's mind wandered to thoughts about his father as a giving individual. Jim could hear his father saying, "'Jim, it's good to have a little money, because sometimes a little money can fix a big problem.' And, that's when I knew that I would help this man."

Jim drove this stranger, who we now know as Rick, to the closest ATM and handed him a few hundred dollars. Rick expressed that this was way too much money, but Jim knew he and his daughter needed to eat and that they may need the extra cash in the next few days before his check cleared.

Inspired by the book *An Invisible Thread*, Jim felt compelled to share his story with the author. Surprisingly, Laura Schroff responded by inviting him to be part of her next book, *Angels on Earth*, a series of uplifting stories about ordinary people making a difference in the lives of others.

Jim and Kathy never spoke about this experience, but Kathy believes it brought Jim peace to do this seemingly small act of kindness for someone who needed it most. That's just the kind of guy Jim was. Generous. Kind. Caring. Committed.

While Jim originally thought his act was "puny," he shared with the author that he later realized that what he did was "help someone who was in need. And when you do that, it is *never* small."

Although Jim passed away in 2016, his legacy will live on through *Angels on Earth* and through the **Jim and Kathy Kettlewell Tithe and Gift Fund** at Stark Community Foundation.

The couple created their donor advised fund in 2014. Using the Biblical teaching of the tithe, the Kettlewells were inspired to establish a permanent endowment fund to make gifts to their church and other worthy causes that are important to their family.

As members of Christ Presbyterian Church in downtown Canton for more than 25 years, they provide grants to their church to support its ongoing ministry, music and camp programs. Jim and Kathy were both elders in the Church and Kathy sings in the choir. Jim also supported entrepreneurship initiatives in the Stark County community through his work as a volunteer for SCORE, an organization comprised of retired and active business professionals who are dedicated to helping entrepreneurs develop and execute new business plans.

Giving was at the center of their faith and at the heart of their generosity.

"Jim was frugal, but generous, if that makes any sense," said Kathy. "He'd save money on shaving cream so he could send a kid to summer camp. The one sacrifice allows you to do the other."

They also support Lakeside Chautauqua, a special place that's near and dear to the Kettlewells' hearts. It's where they spent their summers and have many fond memories together.

"Lakeside gave us a place to host our children, grandchildren and extended family," Kathy said. "It's a safe and free environment that offers religion, education, arts, entertainment and recreation for families to experience. What's not to like? It has enriched our lives, so we give back. We believe in it."

Kathy will continue to support causes in the community through their fund to honor Jim's legacy of helping others, enriching people's lives and showing others that someone cares.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES



Gerald "Jerry" Schroer, Sr. was well known for being a leader in healthcare and a respected entrepreneur in the Canton community. What people may not know is that he kept a quiet presence as a generous individual, always looking out for others.

In 1973, Jerry and his wife, Sue, founded The Schroer Group, a family-owned company that serves patients statewide through entities such as Altercare, Absolute Health Services and Avalon Foodservice. Nearly everyone has come into contact with these diverse companies in one way or another, whether for rehabilitation therapy, skilled nursing care, pharmacy services or food distribution.

Jerry's initial business vision was to echo the Schroer family mantra – "Pay it back!" – to serve the community through restoring the health and quality of life with top-notch care and compassion. Now with 19 nursing homes in Ohio (and one in Michigan), along with 14 related companies, The Schroer Group's success is widely attributed to the family culture and compassionate treatment of its employees.

Employee happiness and well-being have always been at the heart of The Schroer Group's companies.

"For those who knew my dad or know my mom, you know how much they value our employees as the key to our success," said Jerry Schroer, Jr., who now serves as CEO of The Schroer Group.

When Jerry Sr. heard of an employee facing a financial hardship or devastating tragedy, he couldn't stand by without lending a hand.

"Throughout the years, my parents would come across situations where employees needed money for a car repair, or needed assistance with a medical bill, or a tragedy occurred in their family," explained Jerry Jr. "My dad would oftentimes help them quietly, oftentimes not wanting anybody to know. He did so because he truly cared, because they truly cared."

After Jerry Sr. passed away in 2015, it was important to the family organization to carry on his legacy of helping others.

An employee foundation was created through Stark Community Foundation as a way to honor Jerry's legacy of giving back to employees when they need it most. **In Jerry's Footsteps Endowment Fund** helps employees who have fallen on hard times by providing emergency assistance.

Grants are available to employees of The Schroer Group who are experiencing unforeseen emergencies such as a life-threatening medical situation or a catastrophic hardship which they cannot handle financially.

Made possible by employees for employees, In Jerry's Footsteps is a true testament to Jerry's loyalty to his staff.

"It's about families helping families," said Jerry Jr. "Together, we can take the first step in following in Jerry's footsteps."





Above: **Children's drawings illustrate the idea of following Jerry Schroer's generous example.**

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES



"FOR THOSE WHO KNEW MY DAD OR KNOW MY MOM, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THEY VALUE OUR EMPLOYEES AS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS." –JERRY SCHROER, JR.



Employees and friends of the Schroer family came together for "Walking Together," a fundraiser to benefit In Jerry's Footsteps. The event brought together many caring individuals who wanted to make a difference and help others just as Jerry had.

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE



- Above: Ryan and Evrim chaired Stark County District Library Foundation's ChocoVino Fundraiser, raising $190,000 to support and advance the library's mission.

"WE WANT CANTON TO BE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE FOR EVERYONE," –RYAN FULMER

GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE

As young philanthropists, Ryan and Evrim Fulmer have decided to make Canton their lifelong home – and their giving shows.

Although Canton is Ryan's hometown, Evrim is originally from Turkey. They met while working at the same investment firm in Cincinnati and later moved to New York before tying the knot and planting roots in Canton.

"When we first moved to Canton, I started getting involved in local organizations as a way to meet new people," Evrim said. "It's the best decision I could have ever made. It helped me build relationships and connect with others who have a caring mindset. I never felt like an outsider; everyone is so welcoming."

Ryan, who serves as vice president and portfolio manager of Beese Fulmer Private Wealth Management, remembers being taught from an early age the importance of giving back.

"I can clearly remember cleaning tables during Rotary pancake breakfasts," he recalled. "As parents, we want to instill the values of volunteerism, philanthropy and a sense of community in our children."

Ryan and Evrim's two children – Olivia, 2 and Miles, 3 months – are already learning at a young age that their parents value generosity and selflessness.

Evrim added, "I want them to know that holidays, like Christmas, aren't about them. It's about giving back to others."

The Fulmers' giving has taken many forms – time, talent and treasure – and all support the place they call home.

"The Canton community inspires me," said Evrim. "People are busy, but they make the choice to set aside their time, talent and money to meet the needs of the community. There's this overwhelming feeling of togetherness here."

Evrim has served on the boards of Canton Museum of Art, Canton Ballet and The Aultman Foundation, and is a graduate of Leadership Stark County. She currently serves on the boards of Canton Symphony Orchestra, The Junior League of Stark County and The Women's Board of Aultman Hospital, raising funds for major projects such as Aultman's Cancer Center.

Ryan is just as involved. He's a board member of the Stark County District Library Foundation and Early Childhood Resource Center while serving as board president of The Workshops, Inc. He's also served on the boards of many other local nonprofits, and was named one of ystark!'s Twenty Under 40 honorees for the positive impact he's had on Stark County. He recently co-chaired The Wilderness Center's Silver Gala that raised $170,000.

Together, the generous duo chaired the Stark County District Library Foundation's ChocoVino fundraiser in 2014 that raised $190,000.

To continue their steadfast commitment, Ryan and Evrim created a donor advised fund in 2016 through Stark Community Foundation with the hope for it to grow and persistently support the Canton community. The **Ryan and Evrim Fulmer Family Philanthropic Fund** will strengthen child literacy and health, education, arts, wilderness conservation and social entrepreneurism.

Ryan explained, "Being able to provide creative experiences to children – regardless of their socioeconomic status – is important to us."

As their children get older and their family evolves, Ryan and Evrim want to welcome Olivia and Miles into their family's grantmaking decisions.

"That's the benefit of having a donor advised fund – flexibility," said Evrim. "As our ages, interests and needs in the community change, we can use our charitable fund to benefit causes that are important to our family. We aren't limited to what charities we can support."

One thing that won't change, though, is the Fulmer family's unwavering passion and loyalty to the Canton community.

"We want Canton to be a better place to live for everyone," said Ryan. "We will continue to share our enthusiasm for our close-knit community by enhancing the culture where we live."

2016-2017
NEW FUNDS

NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds are ideal for individuals or businesses wanting to give to multiple organizations and programs throughout the year and manage their giving from one account.

Lee J. DiCola Charitable Fund — This fund was created by the Unimet Charitable Trust Fund to benefit organizations and initiatives in the community. Named after the late Lee J. DiCola, president and CEO of Unimet as well as a trustee of the Unimet Charitable Trust Fund, his wife and son continue to carry out his passion for giving back to the community by recommending grants to charitable organizations.

Nancy and Tom Eckinger Charitable Fund

Phil Eckinger Charitable Advised Fund



Ryan and Evrim Fulmer Family Philanthropic Fund — Ryan and Evrim Fulmer established a fund in 2016 with the hope for it to grow and provide persistent support to their community. As a young family, their hope is to instill volunteerism, philanthropy and community in their children. As a family, they will direct funds to support childhood literacy and health, education, arts, wilderness conservation and social entrepreneurism.

Tim and Amy Hoover Fund — Tim and Amy Hoover established a donor advised fund to support their favorite charities and causes in the local community and beyond. This fund will eventually be passed down to their children, Emerson, William and Theodore, to carry out their family's tradition of giving back.

Innis Maggiore Community Endowment Fund — Innis Maggiore, the nation's leading positioning agency, created a charitable fund that would allow them to grow their commitment to giving back to the local community. Guided by the associates at Innis Maggiore, this donor advised fund will support a variety of worthy causes in Stark County.

NEW FUNDS

Dr. Irwin and Darlene Lilenfield Charitable Fund — A longstanding physician in the community, Dr. Irwin Lilenfield established a donor advised fund in honor of his late wife, Darlene, a well-known music educator who transformed many young lives as a teacher of the piano. As a testament to their commitment to giving back to the community, grants from this fund will support nonprofits in Stark County and beyond.

Gary and Elizabeth Pearce Family Fund

Tyburski Family Charitable Fund



Varian-Aiken Charitable Fund — Longtime Stark Community Foundation board member Nancy Varian and her husband, Reed, established a charitable fund to honor Nancy's family and Reed's family and to carry on their tradition of giving back to the community. This fund will eventually be passed down to their sons, Clifford and Scott, to perpetuate their philanthropic legacy.



David B. Weaver Charitable Fund — This donor advised fund was established by Thomas E. Furey in memory of his close friend David B. Weaver. From an early age, Dave experienced how hard life can really be and was inspired by the generosity of others who supported him and his family during difficult times. He never forgot what it was like to be in need nor did he take for granted a helping hand. Through this charitable fund, Dave's legacy of helping children, families and animals in need will carry on in perpetuity. The fund will eventually become a designated fund and provide ongoing support to deserving nonprofits in Carroll County.

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NEW *Donor Advised* FUNDS

189

TOTAL *Donor Advised* FUNDS

$43,135,268

MARKET VALUE OF *Donor Advised* FUNDS
(AS OF 6/30/2017)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds allow donors to continuously make grants to their favorite charities without any extra effort while creating a legacy of support for their favorite causes.

Anonymous (2)

John N. and Anne Soldatis Bretean Charitable Fund



Dr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Drage Scholarship Fund — Named in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Drage, their family created a fund to memorialize and perpetuate their legacy and commitment to education. Dr. Drage served the schools of Stark County for over six decades as a teacher, principal, district superintendent, county superintendent and county school board member, and Marianna taught music in Paris Township Schools and North Canton City Schools. To recognize Dr. Drage's years of service and significant impact on vocational education in Ohio, the R. G. Drage Career Technical Center in Massillon, Ohio was named in his honor. Income from this fund supports the Dr. and Mrs. Raymond G. Drage Scholarship at the R. G. Drage Career Technical Center.

Grace Hofsteter Designated Charitable Fund

Hattie E. Janson Designated Fund — Named after Hattie E. Janson, this designated fund provides constant financial support to Aultman Foundation, Mercy Development Foundation, Salvation Army of Canton, Margaret B. Shipley Child Health Clinic, YMCA of Central Stark County and YWCA Canton.



Printz Family Charitable Fund — From an early age, Lou dell Printz's parents instilled in her a passion to give back to the local community, and she will continue to carry out their philanthropic legacy and continue her own through this charitable fund. As part of her estate plans, this designated fund will provide long-term support to many organizations in Stark County and beyond.

Beth Ann Toalston Designated Fund

Fred and A.J. Whittier Charitable Fund — As part of their estate plans, Fred and A.J. Whittier created a designated fund to support a number of causes they care about with a focus on nonprofits that promote animal welfare and provide care for animals.

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NEW *Designated* FUNDS

103

TOTAL *Designated* FUNDS

$38,475,260

MARKET VALUE OF *Designated* FUNDS
(AS OF 6/30/2017)

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds offer donors the opportunity to support evolving needs and a variety of nonprofits focused on their broad area of interest, such as the arts, education, healthcare or a specific geographic area.

The Journey Ends – Furever Home Cat Fund — It's hard for some people to understand the amount of love and joy people feel for their pets. To Jocelyn Dobransky, it's simple: it's unconditional and pure, and that's the best thing anyone could hope for. She created this fund to honor her love of cats and memorialize her late husband, Don, and his beloved fur kid, Finnus T. Fartwhistle. Funded through Jocelyn's estate, this field of interest fund will provide housing and care for cats of any age.

1	63	$29,833,916
NEW *Field of Interest* FUND	TOTAL *Field of Interest* FUNDS	MARKET VALUE OF *Field of Interest* FUNDS (AS OF 6/30/2017)

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship Funds allow donors the opportunity to help students pursue their educational dreams in a variety of ways. These funds are often created in memory of someone and can be used to support an educational institution or course of study.

Hilscher-Clarke Electric Company Scholarship Fund

1	102	$17,540,031
NEW *Scholarship* FUND	TOTAL *Scholarship* FUNDS	MARKET VALUE OF *Scholarship* FUNDS (AS OF 6/30/2017)

NEW FUNDS

COMMUNITY CHARITABLE FUNDS

Community Charitable Funds allow Stark Community Foundation to have the greatest impact on the changing needs in our community. Donors rely on the research and community evaluation processes of the Foundation to determine the needs and effectiveness of nonprofit programs. This type of fund fosters the mission and vision of local organizations.

Burton J. and June V. Smith Charitable Fund

Robert D. and Ilse I. Zengler Charitable Fund — Donors Robert and Ilse Zengler designated the income from this trust to benefit Stark Community Foundation's Community Charitable Fund.

NEW FUNDS

2
NEW *Community Charitable* FUNDS

68
TOTAL *Community Charitable* FUNDS

$30,375,330
MARKET VALUE OF *Community Charitable* FUNDS
(AS OF 6/30/2017)

ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Organization Endowment Funds are the ideal choice for nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)(3) status that want to protect the longevity and legacy of their organization. Such funds protect charitable dollars and provide a stable, predictable source of income for the organization.

Bluecoats Endowment Fund — The Bluecoats created an endowment fund to ensure it had a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding to support its world-class youth programs in music and performance training. This fund also includes the:

- *Bluecoats Asset Replacement Subfund*

Canton Museum of Art Endowment Fund — Canton Museum of Art established this fund to support its mission for people of all ages to be "entertained, excited, and educated through the discovery and exploration of art." This is accomplished through dynamic exhibits, an acclaimed collection of American works of art, and stimulating education and community outreach programs. A donation from a museum supporter allowed for the creation of this fund, specifically to encourage further gifts to provide for high-quality exhibits and programs that make art, and its inspiration, accessible to all.

Canton Symphony Orchestra Association Endowment Fund

- *Lisa Boyer Scholarship Endowment Subfund*

Coleman Professional Services Endowment Fund — The Coleman Professional Services Endowment Fund was created to better serve those with severe and persistent mental illness and addictions, regardless of their ability to pay. Funding provides long-term support for Coleman's suicide prevention, indigent healthcare and other vital programs that benefit many individuals and families in need. This fund also includes the:

- *Blemaster Endowment Subfund*
- *Freeman Indigent Care Endowment Subfund*
- *John Peterson Endowment Subfund*
- *Suicide Prevention Endowment Subfund*

Greentown Athletic Club Endowment Fund — Guided by a Board of Trustees, the Greentown Athletic Club, Inc. (GAC) was founded in 1969 to provide opportunities and education for boys and girls in the Greentown community to participate in youth activities including baseball, softball, football and cheerleading as well as secondary educational scholarships. An endowment fund was established to provide ongoing support for the GAC's athletic and scholarship programs. This fund also includes the:

- *Carl B. Brosch Scholarship Subfund*

25

NEW *Organization Endowment* **FUNDS**

176

TOTAL *Organization Endowment* **FUNDS**

$71,597,057

MARKET VALUE OF *Organization Endowment* **FUNDS**
(AS OF 6/30/2017)



In Jerry's Footsteps Endowment Fund — The organization, In Jerry's Footsteps, was created by The Schroer Group to honor and memorialize company founder/past president Gerald F. Schroer, Sr. and his commitment to his employees and the community. As a testament to his loyalty to his staff, In Jerry's Footsteps' mission is to help employees who have fallen on hard times by providing emergency assistance. This charitable fund will continue to support the organization's efforts.



Martin Luther King Jr. Charitable Fund — Through events and programs, the Greater Canton Martin Luther King Jr. Commission mobilizes the community to emulate the philosophy, teachings, practices and spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as promotes racial harmony and brings about progressive systemic change. In celebration of its 25th anniversary, an endowment fund was created to ensure the Commission had a steady stream of income to support its mission today and in the future. This fund also provides annual scholarships in perpetuity to worthy students in the community.

Minerva Community Charitable Fund

- *Ed Hart Family Subfund*

Minerva Education Foundation and Alumni Association Endowment Fund — Through this endowment fund, Minerva Education Foundation and Alumni Association will provide financial support to ensure educational opportunities are accessible to all students within Minerva Local Schools. An estate gift from a generous Minerva graduate provided the initial seed money to establish this fund that enhances and promotes the love of learning.

Osnaburg Local Schools Endowment Fund — Established by Osnaburg Local Schools, this endowment fund supports East Canton's long history of academic excellence by funding programs and projects that are vital to creating the best possible experience for students. This fund also includes the:

- *E. Joel Davis, MD Memorial Scholarship Subfund*

United Way of Greater Stark County Capital Campaign Endowment Fund — United Way of Greater Stark County created this endowment fund to support the capital needs of its funded partners.

NEW FUNDS

United Way of Greater Stark County Endowment Fund — Formerly a supporting foundation of Stark Community Foundation, this endowment fund supports United Way of Greater Stark County's mission to improve the quality of life in our communities by leading in the development of solutions to critical social issues in the areas of education, income and health. This fund also includes the:

- *Alvarez Subfund*
- *Kimble Subfund*
- *King Subfund*
- *Silk Subfund*
- *F. Stuart and B. J. Wilkins Subfund*

YMCA Canton Area Endowment Fund

- *YMCA Hoover-Price Endowment Subfund*

SUPPORTING FOUNDATIONS

Supporting Foundations allow 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.

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.

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NEW *Supporting* FOUNDATION

3

TOTAL *Supporting* FOUNDATIONS

$17,505,097

MARKET VALUE OF *Supporting* FOUNDATIONS
(AS OF 6/30/2017)

2016 GRANTMAKING AND AWARDS

GRANTMAKING

Stark Community Foundation helps strengthen local nonprofit agencies and others with financial support of local programs and services.

Grants are awarded from the Foundation's Community Charitable Fund to areas such as arts, education, environment, health, human services and neighborhoods. Donors also provide grant funding through Donor Advised, Designated, Field of Interest and Scholarship Funds.

Stark Community Foundation currently administers more than 700 funds and has granted more than $145 million to organizations in Stark County and beyond since its inception.

Grants are made to tax-exempt private agencies, 501(c)(3) organizations which are public charities and government entities located within Stark County only or directly benefiting Stark County.

Please refer to **www.starkcf.org** for Stark Community Foundation's Grant Guidelines and deadline dates.

2016 BREAKDOWN OF GRANT AWARDS

Community Charitable Funds	$526,612
Designated Funds	$1,410,315
Donor Advised Funds	$2,909,184
Field of Interest Funds	$670,096
Initiatives	
Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program	$133,493
SummerTime Kids	$70,138
Other Initiatives	$79,976
Organization Endowment Funds	$2,312,225
Scholarship Funds	$588,463
Supporting Foundations	$4,822,893
Total Grants	**$13,523,395**

A SMALL GIFT CAN MAKE

A BIG IMPACT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VP AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DANA L. PATTERSON, CPA, CGMA

As the newest member of Stark Community Foundation, I'm honored to be part of a team that works tirelessly to help individuals, families, businesses and organizations achieve their charitable goals. We recognize the importance of growing your charitable dollars and providing you with additional funds to meet those charitable goals.

Our top priority is to grow your charitable dollars wisely, and I'm pleased to report that 2016 was a strong year for your investments. With an annual return of 8.2% in our corporate pool of investments and near-record gifts into the Foundation, our assets totaled nearly $240 million at the end of 2016.

The market continues to perform well and all indicators point to a favorable 2017. Thanks to strong market performance and the continued generosity of our family of donors, the Foundation just surpassed $250 million in assets. Looking back, our assets have increased by 85% since 2008!

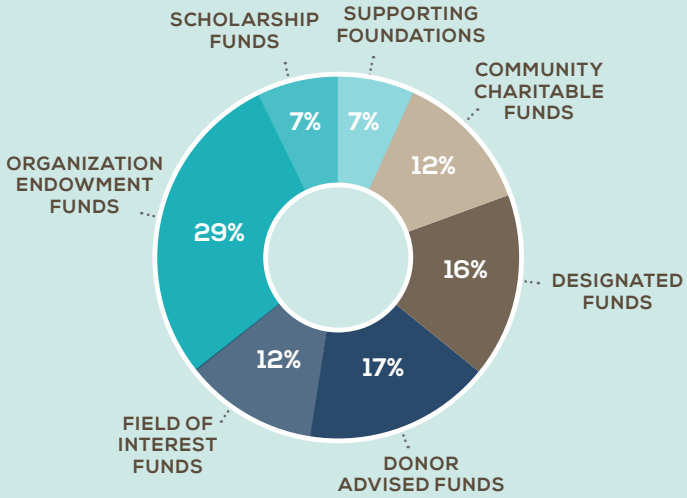
These statistics are great, but what is really important are the people behind those numbers who make our success possible. Our rapid growth, major milestones and community impact are true testaments to the generous spirit of Stark County. Thank you for all that you do to move our community forward and for entrusting us to be stewards of your hard-earned dollars.

We are proud of the work we have done to ensure your dollars have the most impact and look forward to growing your philanthropic investments in the future.

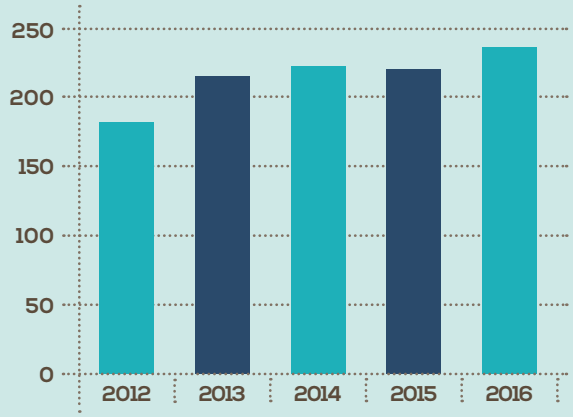


Dana L. Patterson, CPA, CGMA
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



GROWTH OF ASSETS



(in millions)

2016 SCF INC. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

YEAR RETURN	1	3	5	10
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	8.2%	2.5%	7.2%	4.8%

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31	2016	2015
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,492,059	$ 9,439,778
Interest receivable	77,006	1,834,790
Notes and loans receivable, less allowances of $210,042 in 2016 and $201,023 in 2015	1,454,454	1,675,787
Contributions receivable, less allowances of $91,609 in 2016 and $264,136 in 2015	411,049	1,097,294
Investments	228,373,466	203,850,997
Property and equipment:		
Land, building and improvements	1,884,247	1,884,247
Furniture and office equipment	140,969	147,595
	2,025,216	2,031,842
Less allowance for depreciation	422,089	386,941
	1,603,127	1,644,901
Other assets	1,883,020	676,830
TOTAL ASSETS	**$239,294,181**	**$220,220,377**
Liabilities, net assets, and members' (deficit)		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$38,436	$32,480
Liability to annuitants	2,905,059	3,033,296
Grants payable	2,289,116	2,870,289
Interest rate swap liability	33,227	62,457
Note payable	2,239,183	2,320,343
Funds held as agency endowments	69,689,098	61,799,806
	77,194,119	70,118,671

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF DECEMBER 31	2016	2015
Unrestricted net assets:		
General purpose	29,490,792	29,323,144
Field of interest	44,536,877	43,107,129
Donor advised	41,020,513	39,389,882
Designated	33,739,696	30,000,207
Affiliated organizations	16,935,496	11,816,795
	165,723,374	153,637,157
Members' (deficit)	(3,623,312)	(3,535,451)
Total net assets and members' (deficit)	162,100,062	150,101,706
TOTAL LIABILITIES, NET ASSETS AND MEMBERS' (DEFICIT)	**$239,294,181**	**$220,220,377**

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31	2016	2015
Revenues and investment activity		
Total contributions	$17,233,390	$8,490,738
Less: amounts received for agency transactions	5,549,744	4,428,032
Net contributions	11,683,646	4,062,706
Investment income	2,657,332	4,271,856
Less: investment income for agency transactions	449,807	451,221
Net investment income	2,207,525	3,820,635
Rental income	120,113	133,125
Other income	74,576	74,110
Total net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	14,707,331	(8,555,051)
Less: investment gains (losses) on agency transactions	4,416,399	(2,272,898)
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	10,290,932	(6,282,153)
TOTAL REVENUES AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	**24,376,792**	**1,808,423**
Expenses		
Total grants	13,219,700	8,539,560
Less: grants made from agency transactions	2,526,597	2,318,183
Net grants expense	10,693,103	6,221,377
Administrative expenses	1,502,276	1,464,574
Depreciation and amortization	54,231	60,493
Provision for uncollectible contributions and loans	(163,508)	(206,471)
Other expenses	321,625	318,093
Less: other expenses from agency transactions	61	-
Net other expenses	321,564	318,093
Total expenses	12,407,666	7,858,066
Change in net assets and members' (deficit)	11,969,126	(6,049,643)
Unrestricted net assets and members' (deficit) at beginning of year	150,101,706	156,203,824
Effect of interest rate swap on accumulated other comprehensive loss	29,230	(52,475)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AND MEMBERS' (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	**$162,100,062**	**$150,101,706**

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