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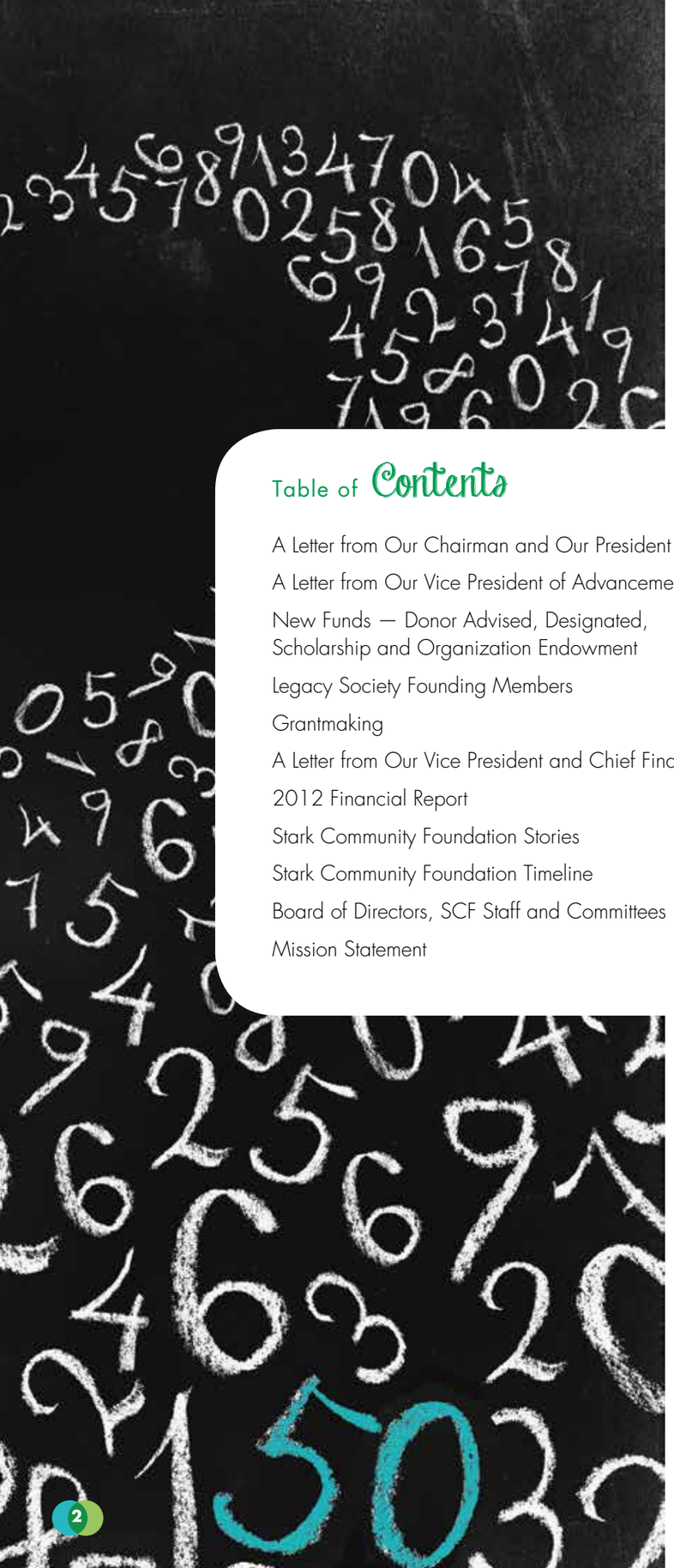




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A Letter from Our Chairman and Our President

Think BIG. Dream BIG. That's what the Timken and Langenbach families did five decades ago. It's what led to the creation of what was then the Stark County Foundation and today stands as Stark Community Foundation. An original combined gift from the two families of just under $5 million has grown to an asset base in excess of $193 million. With an initial grant in 1966, the Foundation became a grantmaking vehicle that has distributed more than $111 million to local organizations. Today, with nearly 600 funds, Stark Community Foundation is a testament to our donors who "Think BIG. Dream BIG."

This Annual Report can really only scratch the surface of the true impact our donors have had over the past 50 years, making Stark County a better place to live, work, and raise a family. This year's report tells the stories of several of our donors, stories that we believe focus on the true essence of community involvement and giving back to help others in need. It's what makes our community strong. It's what makes our community great.

It's about the Bortz siblings who chose to honor their parents and the community where they were raised. It's the story of the Foundation's first grant that was used to purchase property for a young organization that is known today as The Wilderness Center. It's the story of the neighborhood organization, Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN), whose volunteer members continue their good work at a grassroots level following the passing of their leader, Constance Brown. And finally, it's the Women's Fund — a group of community volunteers raising funds to assist programs and nonprofits in Stark County which focus on women's and children's issues. These stories are among the hundreds that we could tell about how you and your neighbors have chosen to give back to others as an observable sign of your commitment to all of us who call Stark County our home.

On behalf of our staff members, our board of directors and all of the volunteers who assist us with our work, we commit ourselves to creating the next generation of donor stories that illustrate the greater good in our community. As we now enter the next half-century of service to Stark County residents, we encourage you to do as the Timken and Langenbach families did in 1963, and as many other donors have done since: **Think BIG. Dream BIG.**



Tom Ferrero, CHAIRMAN



Mark Samolczyk, PRESIDENT



A Letter from our Vice President of Advancement



Bridgette Neisel
Vice President
of Advancement

Looking back on 2012, I am pleased to report that it was quite an exciting year. From record-breaking milestones to the unveiling of a new initiative, we continue to work diligently as your trusted partner in giving. The services we deliver and advice we give are guided only by our commitment to you and our dedication to the community. The following are a few highlights I am proud to share with you.

Early in the year, we welcomed the ArtsinStark Endowment Fund as our largest gift to date. The transfer of this endowment to the Foundation confirms their trust and confidence in our investment management oversight. It should be no surprise that 2012 was a record-breaking year for total dollars raised — $17.2 million.

Giving history was also made during our first-ever Matching Gift Initiative, **"give BIG Stark County,"** leveraging more than $1 million dollars. We welcomed 35 new funds into Our Family Tree, many of which were established during the campaign.

A **Legacy Society** was created to recognize and thank individuals and families who plan to leave a gift through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable annuity. We appreciate the forward-thinking approach to their charitable giving.

One final note of interest is our ranking in the top 10 percent of all community foundations in the United States. Needless to say, we owe all of the milestones and national recognition to you, our donors, our board of directors and committee members. Working together to strengthen our community is the cornerstone of our work. Thank you for partnering with us.

ArtsinStark give BIG Stark County

New Funds 2012

Donor Advised
Designated
Scholarship
Organization Endowment

New Funds Established July 1, 2012 Through June 30, 2013

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS — These hands-on funds are ideal for individuals or businesses wanting to give to multiple organizations and programs throughout the year and manage all giving from one account.

22	135	$34,802,082
New Donor Advised Funds	Total Donor Advised Funds	Market Value of Donor Advised Funds (As of 6/30/13)

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William S. and Pamela J. Barron Family Charitable Fund

Thomas and Nancy Bauer Advised Charitable Fund — "Just Giving Back."



William P. Blair III Advised Fund — Lawyer and lobbyist for Ohio's Arts, Public Broadcasting, education and other social welfare and civic organizations, Bill Blair established this fund to support those activities in the future.



Walter K. and Wilda E. Bortz Fund — This fund was established by Walter and Wilda "Betty" Bortz's children in loving honor and memory of their parents. The purpose of the fund is to support nonprofit entities that work to help the poor and the hungry, strengthen families and promote education and musical arts.

John H. and Ruth E. Davis Charitable Fund — John's deep roots and care for the Carroll County community is evidenced by his involvement as a founding member of the Carroll County Foundation. John and Ruth established this fund to support organizations in their community that promote agricultural education.

Don and Phyllis Dickes Advised Fund

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Shannon English Marketing Charitable Fund — This fund was established to celebrate the commencement of Shannon English Marketing's 25th year in business. The fund will help organizations or individuals that educate, protect, or promote women in our community.



Feagles Family Fund



Fenway Fund — Lynn and Cheryl Hamilton established this fund to provide donations for responsible nature conservation, animal support and other worthy causes.



Eva Marie Gallagher Memorial Fund — This fund was established to honor the life of a passionate young woman who inspired the hearts of many. She lived her life with kindness and compassion and always put others before herself. This fund will support organizations and charities that Eva was passionate about.



T. K. and Faye A. Heston Advised Fund — T.K. (Teke) and Faye, long-time residents of Stark County, wanted to give back to their community. This donor advised fund was created to support cultural programs in the arts, education and other community needs.



Ray and Shannon English Hexamer Charitable Fund — Ray and Shannon Hexamer established this fund to support organizations and causes that they are passionate about, especially those enriching and protecting children.



Joe Hibbard Memorial Advised Fund — This fund was established to honor and memorialize Joe Hibbard's legacy. This fund will support individuals and families who are affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of Massillon during the holiday season.



Denise and Harry MacNealy Advised Fund

Miraglia Family Advised Fund



Gary W. and Olivia M. Mull Advised Fund — Gary and Livvy Mull, long-time community volunteers, have established this fund to focus upon improving the quality of life of families in need as well as to support the many educational and cultural endeavors of the Stark County community.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS — continued

Raisin Rack Advised Fund — Don Caster, owner/operator of Raisin Rack, Inc., established this fund to give back to the communities that have supported them over the years.

Schroer Family Charitable Advised Fund — Jerry Schroer created this fund as a means to give back and thank the community that has been of great support to his family.

Ted and Marilyn Stults Advised Fund

Bill and Denise Williams Advised Fund — The Bill and Denise Williams donor advised fund was established to provide funding to charitable community organizations related to the arts, educational institutions of higher learning and agencies that assist individuals with their basic daily nutritional needs.

DESIGNATED FUNDS — Allows donors to create a fund that continuously makes grants to their favorite charities without any extra effort by donors, and creates a legacy of support for their favorite causes.

6	73	$24,186,952
New Designated Funds	Total Designated Funds	Market Value of Designated Funds (As of 6/30/13)



Charles Red Ash Memorial Fund — The Endowment Fund was originally established following Red's retirement in 1978, honoring 39 years of service to Canton South High School. Income from the fund will be awarded to graduating seniors who have lettered in at least one sport, have achieved academic success, and demonstrate community service.

Alex Campbell Memorial Fund — This fund was established as a loving tribute to Alex, a free-spirited, courageous, daring boy, who loved the game of hockey. This fund will benefit the Canton Akron Hockey Association to promote the participation, education and interest in amateur ice hockey in our community.

Douglas L. Houck Designated Charitable Fund



Paul and Marylyn Krider Charitable Fund — Through a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, Marylyn Krider designated the income from this fund to benefit Church of the Savior United Methodist Church and the Canton Palace Theatre Association.

Raff-Raisner Scholar Award Fund — Income from this fund will provide renewable scholarships to graduates who have been professionally diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder from Fairless Local School District for an accredited College, University, Trade or Vocational School.

Larry P. and Olga Snyder Family Charitable Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS — Allows 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.

3	106	$19,304,518
New Scholarship Funds	Total Scholarship Funds	Market Value of Scholarship Funds (As of 6/30/13)

Canton Regional Society of Professional Engineers College Scholarship Fund — This fund was established to provide financial support for students who are residents of Stark County, will be juniors or seniors enrolled in an accredited college of engineering in the State of Ohio, and expect to earn their bachelor's degree in engineering.



Ken Finney Memorial Scholarship Fund — Shirley Finney established this fund in memory of her late husband, Ken, owner of Finney Refrigeration, to provide scholarships for students who are seeking a degree in mechanical engineering.

Raymond L. Welling and Fern E. Welling Scholarship Trust

ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS — Ideal choice for a nonprofit organization with an IRS 501(c)(3) status that wants to protect the longevity and legacy of their nonprofit organization. Such funds protect charitable dollars and provide a stable, predictable source of income for the organization.

4	114	$43,528,689
New Organization Endowment Funds	Total Organization Endowment Funds	Market Value of Organization Endowment Funds (As of 6/30/13)

Community Hospice Endowment Fund — Community Hospice has had the opportunity to both affect and be affected by several individuals and families. Many have found ways to provide financial support for the ongoing work of an organization they care so deeply about. The Community Hospice Endowment Fund is one of those ways. The Fund will provide resources to further the mission of Community Hospice now and in the future throughout the counties we serve.

Heritage Christian School Endowment Fund — This fund was established to meet both operating and capital needs of the school now and in the future.

Sandy Valley Alumni Association Endowment Fund — This fund was established by the Alumni Association to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Sandy Valley High School as recommended by the Selection Committee.

Stark County Historical Society Keller Gallery Endowment Fund — The McKinley Presidential Library & Museum created the Keller Gallery Endowment to provide future funding for new exhibits in the Keller Gallery. The Gallery is supported by the Keller Family to present changing exhibits for museum guests.

Legacy Society Founding Members

Stark Community Foundation has created a Legacy Society to recognize and thank individuals and families who plan to leave a gift to the community through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or charitable annuity. Members of our Legacy Society care about the future of Stark County and realize that their gifts will strengthen the projects and programs of local nonprofit organizations and the people they serve. We thank the following members for their foresight and generosity.

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Ron and Susan Amedeo
Paul R. Arena
Arlene A. Bartlow
Robert E. and Mary B. Basta
Robert F. and Kathleen K. Belden
Julia B. Belden
Jane A. and Paul R. Bishop
Warren M. and Sheila Markley Black
William F. Jr. and Kathleen M. Brauchler
Anne Bretean
Jeanne M. Cullen
William T. Cumler
Joyce and Andrew Deuble
Don and Phyllis Dickes
Cindy and Jon Eisasser
Robert F. Fay
Dwain and Kathy Foltz
Jim and Shirley Green
Steven M. Gyalai
David and Susan Hoecker
Douglas L. Houck
Dorothy R. Householder
Joseph F. Jadick
Christine and Howard Kruman
Dean G. and Jane G. Lauritzen
Robert A. and Kay A. Luntz
William L. and Sharon K. Luntz
Army and Barbara Marzilli
James H. McVay
R.C. Miller Family
Phyllis and Jack Milligan
Jean E. Naughtrip
Stephen J. Ondrejas
Charles J. Paquelet
Mr. and Mrs. Giles B.J. Raisner, Jr.
David and Ann Renkert
Chuck and Judy Scheurer
Earl C. and Nancy N. Sheehan
Gary and Linda Sirak
Gary R. and Jan Smith
Carl and Sally Sorenson
Charles P. Sturgis
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Toot, Jr.
Ken and Joan Voyles
Brandon and Paula Wehl
Harold L. Weil and Edna M. Weil
Joseph Wojcik



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 nearly 600 funds and has issued more than $111 million in grants 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.

2012 Breakdown of Grant Awards

Community Charitable Fund	$1,401,857
Designated Funds	$659,062
Donor Advised Funds	$1,311,421
Field of Interest Funds	$750,366
Initiatives	
Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program	$175,218
SummerTime Kids	$70,778
Other Initiatives	$5,000
Organization Endowment Funds	$1,392,476
Scholarship Funds	$499,453
Supporting Foundations	$339,986
Total For All Grants	$6,605,617

A Letter from our Vice President and Chief Financial Officer





Patricia Quick
VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

In preparation for this year's Annual Report, I can't help but think back to the early days of the Foundation and the reporting of our financial activity. Unlike today's reports, the first Annual Reports were the size of a brochure consisting of 13 pages. Our initial report covered a five-year period ending in 1969. Our assets totaled $5,021,400, while the total number of grants distributed during that period were in excess of $825,000. How times have changed over the past 50 years.

Our investment strategies may be different than in the early years, yet the manner in which we report on the grants that have been distributed and the funds that have been entrusted to us continues to be transparent. Our goal is to achieve maximum returns while minimizing risk, which in turn, enables our donors to maximize their charitable giving.

The Foundation's Investment Review Committee, with the guidance of our independent investment consultant, Colonial Consulting, keeps a close eye on our asset allocations to ensure broad diversification in our investing. Our returns for SCF Inc., over the last 10-year period have averaged 7.2% annually with an overall return of 11.9% for 2012.



Net Assets by Fund Type

Community Charitable Fund - 15%
Designated Funds - 13%
Donor Advised Funds - 19%
Field of Interest Funds - 13%
Organization Endowment Funds - 23%
Scholarship Funds - 10%
Supporting Foundations - 7%

Financial Report 2012

Financial Position

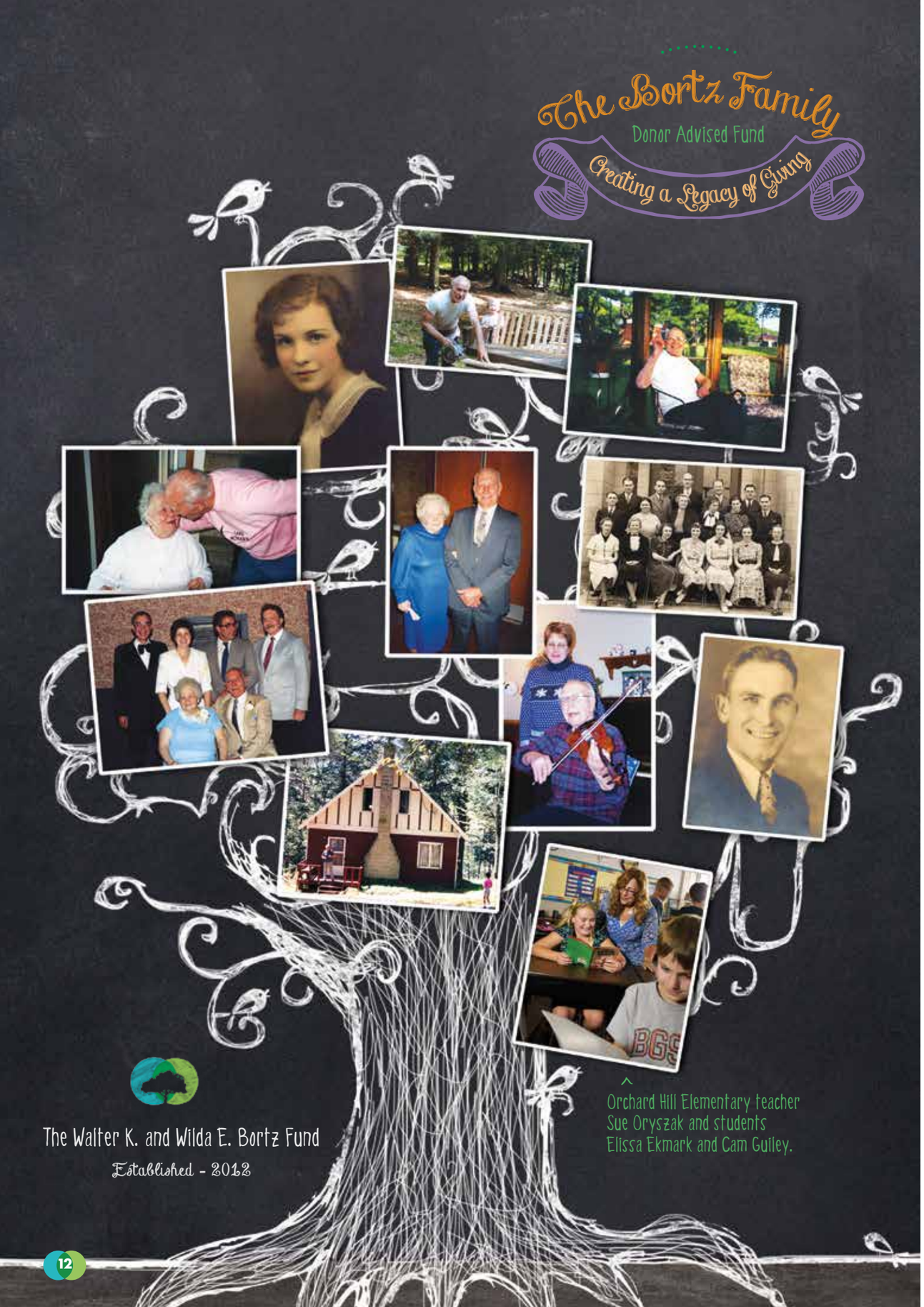
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	2012	2011
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$7,831,980	$7,513,772
Interest receivable	143,464	167,381
Notes and loans receivable, net of allowances	1,939,282	2,220,695
Contributions receivable, net of allowances	1,702,686	1,717,530
Investments	167,968,814	141,762,830
Property and equipment:		
Real estate	1,884,247	1,884,247
Equipment	120,528	96,649
	2,004,775	1,980,896
Less allowance for depreciation	215,083	161,998
	1,789,692	1,818,898
Real estate held for sale	85,200	324,900
Other assets	621,742	593,727
Total assets	**$182,082,860**	**$156,119,733**
Liabilities, net assets, and members' (deficit)		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$501,318	$473,193
Grants payable	2,561,765	2,352,305
Interest rate swap liability	159,088	196,381
Notes payable	2,540,938	2,608,654
Funds held as agency endowments	41,861,644	24,842,725
	47,624,753	30,473,258
Net assets - combined entities	137,667,129	128,756,035
Members' (deficit)	(3,209,022)	(3,109,560)
Total net assets and members' (deficit)	134,458,107	125,646,475
Total liabilities, net assets and members' (deficit)	**$182,082,860**	**$156,119,733**

Activities

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

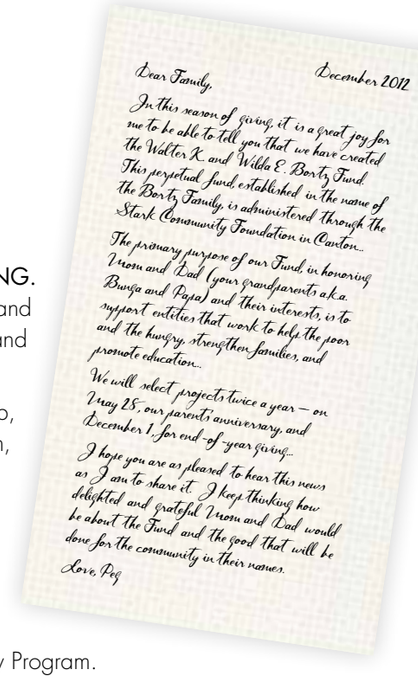
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	2012	2011
Revenues and gains		
Total contributions	$17,643,996	$2,970,815
Less amounts received for agency transactions	15,674,251	1,186,447
Net contributions	1,969,745	1,784,368
Investment income	2,519,155	2,900,298
Less investment income for agency transactions	404,963	381,683
Net investment income	2,114,192	2,518,615
Rental income	145,025	165,158
Other income	78,471	81,264
Total net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	13,954,281	(5,521,762)
Less investment gains on agency transactions	2,332,266	(856,715)
Net realized and unrealized investment gains (losses)	11,622,015	(4,665,047)
Total revenues and investment activity	**15,929,448**	**(115,642)**
Expenses		
Total grants	6,835,359	8,058,670
Less grants made from agency transactions	1,392,476	2,095,580
Net grants expense	5,442,883	5,963,090
Administrative expenses	1,092,164	968,271
Depreciation and amortization	53,085	50,772
Provision for uncollectible contributions and loans	196,235	(25,558)
Other expenses	349,272	653,095
Less other expenses from agency transactions	85	154,144
Net other expenses	349,187	498,951
Total expenses	**7,133,554**	**7,455,526**
Change in net assets and members' (deficit)	8,795,894	(7,571,168)
Net assets and members' (deficit) at beginning of year	125,646,475	133,239,360
Effect of interest rate swap on accumulated other comprehensive loss	15,738	(21,717)
Net assets and members' (deficit) at end of year	**$134,458,107**	**$125,646,475**



Orchard Hill Elementary teacher Sue Oryszak and students Elissa Ekmark and Cam Gulley.

The Walter K. and Wilda E. Bortz Fund

Generational Fund Creates Legacy of Giving



December 2012

Dear Family,

In this season of giving, it is a great joy for me to be able to tell you that we have created the Walter K. and Wilda E. Bortz Fund. This perpetual fund, established in the name of the Bortz Family, is administered through the Stark Community Foundation in Canton.

The primary purpose of our Fund, in honoring Mom and Dad (your grandparents a.k.a. Busia and Papa) and their interests, is to support entities that work to help the poor and the hungry, strengthen families, and promote education.

We will select projects twice a year – on May 25, our parents' anniversary, and December 1, for end-of-year giving.

I hope you are as pleased to hear this news as I am to share it. I keep thinking how delighted and grateful Mom and Dad would be about the Fund and the good that will be done for the community in their names.

Love, Peg

FOR WALTER AND WILDA "BETTY" BORTZ, FAMILY MEANT EVERYTHING. With Stark Community Foundation's help, their core values – prudency and charity toward others – will be passed on to generations of their family, and their commitment will continue to benefit the community they loved.

In their North Canton home, Walter and Betty raised four children – Bob, Dick, Bill and Peggy – and attended services at Community Christian Church, in the shadow of the Hoover Company.

After staying home with her children, Betty taught third grade at Orchard Hill Elementary School for 20 years.

"She thought about the total lives of her students and did whatever she could to help them," daughter Peggy Bortz-Hayward remembered.

After retiring, Betty volunteered for many years at the Canton Adult Literacy Program.

Walter spent his entire career at Hercules Engines. Peggy recalls her father playing his violin for the family, but when life got busy, the fiddle hung above the fireplace in the cabin Walter built in Cook Forest, Pa. In retirement, he dusted off his instrument, took additional lessons and eventually joined the Tuscarawas Philharmonic, where he played his violin well into his 80s.

In 2006, Walter and Betty passed away eight months apart.

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>
> Peggy Bortz-Hayward

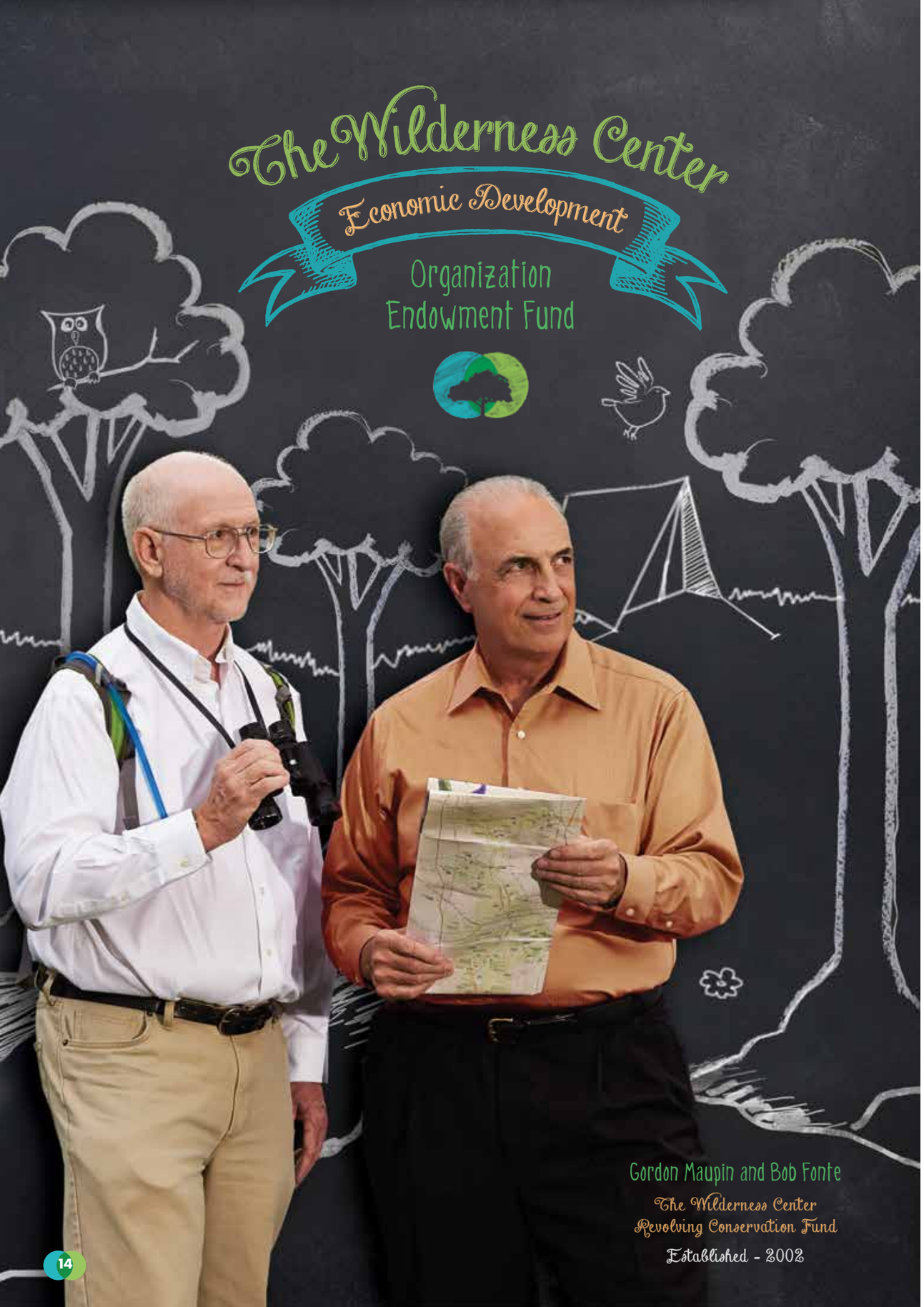
Looking for a way to honor their parents' memory, the Bortz children first looked into establishing a family foundation. But the family realized there was an easier and more effective way to accomplish their goals: a Fund at Stark Community Foundation.

The Walter K. and Wilda E. Bortz Fund was established by the couple's children to support nonprofit organizations that work to help the poor and the hungry, strengthen families and promote education and musical arts.

The fund is a Donor Advised Fund, meaning the Bortz family remains completely involved in their charitable giving. They choose the times of distribution – their parents' wedding anniversary and Christmastime – and the recipients. All of the paperwork and investments are taken care of by the Foundation.

The family works together to select organizations that enrich the lives of families and promote education and music, causes that were important to Walter and Betty. Some past recipients include The Family Living Center, The Tuscarawas Philharmonic, the Boys and Girls Club of Massillon, Community Harvest, Greater Canton Men's Chorus, and even Orchard Hill Elementary, where Betty was an important part of so many children's lives.

Through Stark Community Foundation, the Bortz's growing family – four children, 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild – ensures that Walter and Betty's legacy will live on in the countless lives enriched in the community.



The Wilderness Center

Revolving Conservation Fund Preserves Nature for Future Generations

FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS, Stark Community Foundation and The Wilderness Center have been growing together. Back in 1966, the Foundation distributed its first grant — $30,000 to help acquire a 20-acre lot to make the nature preserve a reality. That original acreage has expanded to 2,922 acres owned by The Wilderness Center, with forest, meadow, marsh and restored prairie scattered throughout five counties.

Gordon Maupin, executive director of The Wilderness Center for the past 32 years, said the Foundation has helped his organization on a number of levels.

"Shortly after I came on board, we really needed to do an endowment campaign," said Gordon. "We were so tight, literally down to pennies. In 1981, Stark Community Foundation issued a $30,000 challenge grant, which enabled The Wilderness Center to raise $600,000 over the next several years. That was so important; it gave us enough breathing room to function and enough discretionary dollars to grow."

The Foundation's reputation is well earned and an asset to The Wilderness Center's mission.

> "Working with Stark Community Foundation is like having the Good Housekeeping seal of approval – it says we're a team player and believe in philanthropy in the region."
>
> Gordon Maupin-Executive Director of The Wilderness Center

For The Wilderness Center, it's not about who owns the land, but what they do with it. In 2002, The Wilderness Center entered into an agreement with the Foundation to create The Wilderness Center Revolving Conservation Fund, allowing The Wilderness Center to make land acquisitions on behalf of other nonprofit organizations. To date, the fund has enabled five land acquisitions, totaling 320 acres, with a value of approximately $800,000.

"It allows us to go out and quickly make a purchase if a plot is deemed really important," Gordon explained. "Our philosophy is that we're all in this together."

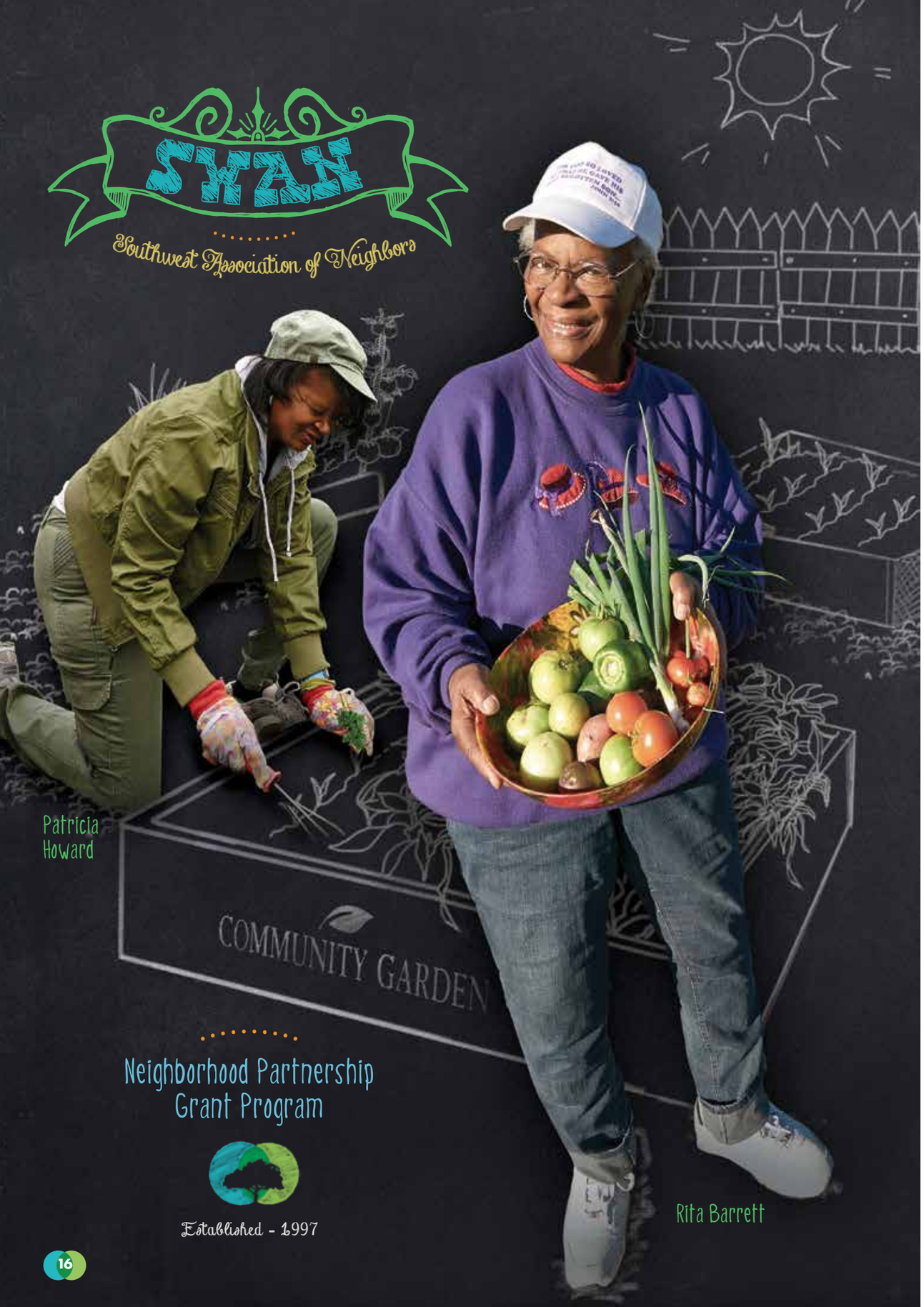
The trust was instrumental in preserving future connections of the Stark Parks Trail System, enabling the purchase of the Trummer Tract, part of the trail that runs from Alliance to Minerva, and also 30 acres of railroad right-of-way in Paris Township.

"Having money at the same time land becomes available is a tricky game," said Bob Fonte, executive director of Stark Parks. "It's nice to have resources available in reserve for us to acquire land when we have the opportunity to preserve and protect valuable open space."

In 2011, the trust also helped Beech Creek Botanical Garden & Nature Preserve obtain 11.5 acres.

"This enabled us to move on the property because the seller didn't want to wait," said Paul Carmichael, the visionary behind the Alliance nonprofit that focuses on horticultural education. "It was crucial to obtain that property for future development."

"In land conservation, we routinely think 500 years in the future," Gordon said. "The fact that Stark Community Foundation has its own endowment gives it the ability to help other nonprofits think long term."



Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program

Established - 1997

Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN)

Training, Grants Bring Hope for Better Neighborhoods

Stark Community Foundation's role in the success story of the Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN) can be likened to the proverb: *Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; show him how to catch fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.*

In 2000, Gwen Singleterry and Rita Barrett, long-time residents of the near-downtown neighborhood, organized a gathering of neighbors to explain the benefits of working together for community improvement. Both women were graduates of Neighborhood Leadership Training (N.L.T.), a free program offered by the Foundation. Encouraging several others to take the classes, they set a plan in motion to make positive changes in their neighborhood and established SWAN.

The training classes ensure that SWAN has a group of well-prepared leaders, which has helped the neighborhood maintain momentum as it moves forward.

"When Constance Brown passed away, she was president of SWAN and had graduated from our N.L.T.," said Marilyn Thomas Jones, director of community engagement at the Foundation. "Patricia Howard, also an N.L.T. graduate, was elected president of SWAN following Constance's passing, thus showing the importance of having trained neighborhood leaders."

> "It's not only with financial backing, it's also by empowering us to be leaders that reach out to those who want to know how to get involved. We give back and pass down our skills to our neighbors."
>
> Patricia Howard-President of SWAN

Following in Constance's footsteps, Patricia is also an active member of the Neighborhood Leadership Council, which meets monthly at the Foundation.

Every December, SWAN board members meet to decide where the neighborhood needs are and how to meet them. Using grant-writing skills learned at the training classes, the team applies for funds to improve the neighborhood and provide hope for the community.

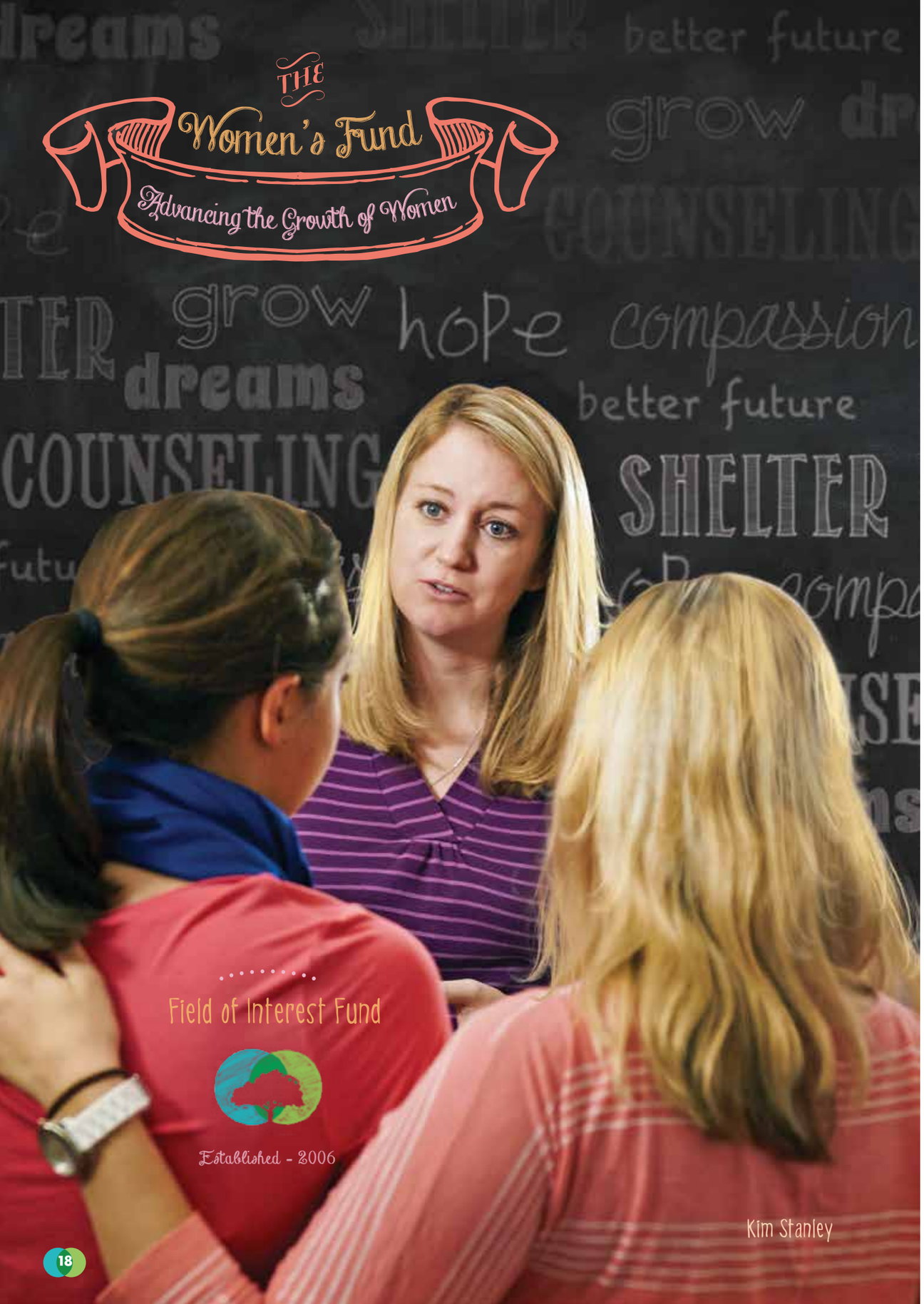
A focal point for the community is the neighborhood garden at Union and 6th Street SW funded by a grant from the Foundation. Neighbors work alongside neighbors tending the flower garden, and planting and harvesting the cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, peppers and beans. Throughout the summer, senior citizens receive brown bags filled with the bounty from the garden.

"For some of these people, this bag of food is what's going to get them through the rest of the week," Patricia said. "The garden helps us teach our youth the value of food, respect for property, agriculture, and about sharing."

Three lawn mowers were purchased with a grant from the Foundation, giving young men the tools to maintain vacant lots and help their families and the elderly keep their yards looking neat.

"We live in a transient neighborhood, so we have to continually preach pride in our neighborhood," Patricia said. "We teach the new children and remind the ones who have been here a while."

Patricia said the Foundation has given SWAN what it needs to reach out to the community. Through the partnership with the Foundation, SWAN takes the Neighborhood Leadership Training Program's slogan to heart: *You don't have to move to live in a better neighborhood!*



The Women's Fund

Endowment Allows Women to Become Leaders in Philanthropy

The Women's Fund was started in 2006 by women who wanted to help other women and children. Through this Field of Interest Fund, local women are provided opportunities to learn, experience new opportunities, and interact with peers, mentors, and experts, which in turn, provides hope for a better future.

Spearheaded by Cindy Lazor, former vice president of programs at Stark Community Foundation, 12 women each gave $10,000 to start the endowment. Less than a decade later, the endowment has grown to $259,431 and currently has 123 donors.

The Foundation provides all of the administrative services so its members and the Advisors Committee can focus on fundraising and selecting grant recipients.

To pinpoint the greatest needs of women and children in Stark County, the Women's Fund convenes the Women's Forum every three years made up of executive directors of nonprofit agencies and civic-minded female leaders. Grants are awarded annually and to date, 26 grants have been given, totaling $39,663.

"Our intent is to fund things that are grassroots," said Natalie Weinsz, chair of the Women's Fund. "We want to promote immediate help and also fund programs that wouldn't happen using just the agencies' operating budgets."

> "We found these women were forming friendships and developing support they can rely on outside of our agency."
>
> Kim Stanley - Executive Director, Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter

The Hartville Migrant Council used funds to purchase three computers, a workstation, software and headphones.

Debbie Stockavas, the organization's interim director of services, said that without the grant, the women and 120 children served this season would not have had computer access.

"We're a poor nonprofit. The majority of our budget goes to our medical clinic and building upkeep. Computers weren't even on our radar," said Debbie.

The women use the computers to keep in touch with extended family and supplement English coursework, and the children are able to work on homework.

Another recent grant recipient, the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter was able to start an outreach program for women who were no longer residents. Executive Director Kim Stanley said that while residents of the shelter, women receive both individual and group counseling.

"But we were finding on our departing questionnaire, almost everyone said they wanted to continue the group counseling," Kim said.

Because of the funding, a core group of women were able to meet from May through September for continued group counseling.

The Women's Fund has big dreams for the future that are dependent on growing the endowment.

"As our endowment grows, so does our ability to grant larger dollar amounts to nonprofit agencies," said Natalie.

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Timeline

50 YEARS 50 YEARS

FOR FIFTY YEARS
AND INTO THE FUTURE

1960s

est. 1963

Stark Community Foundation was established in 1963 as a multiple trusteeship community foundation by the five Stark County banks then operating trust departments. Assets from the Edward A. Langenbach Trust, designated for charitable use in Canton and its environs, were transferred to the Foundation and matched by a contribution from the Timken Foundation of Canton.

Leadership 1964

March 1964, the first Distribution Committee consisted of William H. Belden, George L. Deal, George H. Deuble, Ben M. Dryer, and Richard O. Parker.

August 1964, Wilbur D. Hunter, former Vice president and trust officer of Harter Bank & Trust Co., is appointed as executive secretary of the Stark County Foundation.

At the end of 1964, all five Corporate trustees in Stark County held funds of the Foundation, which totaled $4.6 million. Grants have been paid regularly since 1965, and to date, total over $111 million.

First Grant 1966

Stark County Foundation distributes its first grant of $30,000 to The Wilderness Center to help acquire a 20-acre lot to make The Wilderness Center a reality.

1970s

Scholarship/Loan 1972

Stark Community Foundation's Scholarship and Loan Program was established. Today, the Foundation is one of Stark County's major sources of college scholarship support with 106 funds totaling more than $19 million.

Donor Advised 1976

The Schneider Fund became the first Donor Advised Fund administered by Stark Community Foundation. Merlin Schneider told his sons, "Everything we have, we owe to the city of Canton and Stark County. After all – we made it here; we ought to spend it here." There are now more than 130 Donor Advised Funds, the most popular fund choice for our donors.



Exec. Director 1979

William K. Wilson becomes new executive director. He remained in this position until 1988.

1980s

Reconstruction 1980

The Newmarket Project was an approximately $50 million reconstruction project that renovated several blocks of downtown Canton. The leadership of the Foundation and specifically the guidance of Norman Jackson, a key project donor and president of Newmarket Project, Inc., helped the project serve as a catalyst for community growth in Canton.

Full-time Director 1988

James Bower became the Foundation's first full-time director. He served in this capacity from November 1988 through December 2009. During his tenure, the Foundation's staff expanded from four to twelve, while assets grew from approximately $26 million to more than $153 million.

1990s

Renovation 1990

Grants were distributed during the 1990s for several renovation projects in Stark County including the Saxton House, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Fountain at the Garden Center in Stadium Park, and the Stark County Courthouse.

Charitable 1992

The Foundation's SummerTime Kids initiative became a reality. Charitable grants of $500 to $2,000 are awarded annually to imaginative and unique summer programs with an emphasis on character and community service.

Change is Good 1997

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In 1997, our name was changed to Stark Community Foundation.

The Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program was established. This program has become one of the most important areas that we support at the Foundation and will continue to be a major focus for the Foundation in the years to come. Over $2 million has been reinvested in the community's neighborhoods since the inception of this program.



2000s

est. 2006

Stark Community Foundation establishes its home at 400 Market Avenue. Formerly the St. Edward Hotel, the building was dedicated as Foundations Centre on June 28th.

New President 2010

Mark J. Samolczyk assumed the role of president of Stark Community Foundation on January 1, 2010. The Foundation continues to be the community's trusted partner in giving to nearly 600 individuals, families, businesses, and communities that have created funds to impact the lives of others through the most effective philanthropy possible.

Milestone 2011

Stark Community Foundation surpassed a milestone with the announcement of its first quarter grant awards. The Foundation exceeded $100 million in grants since its inception in 1963.

ArtsinStark 2012

ArtsinStark

Stark Community Foundation received the single largest new fund in its 49-year history when it welcomed the ArtsinStark Foundation Endowment Fund.

The Foundation set a record year in donations as donors contributed more than $17.2 million to new and existing funds.

Giving history was made during the first-ever matching fund initiative "give BIG Stark County;" leveraging more than $1 million that will ultimately benefit many local organizations.

give BIG Stark County

Today

50th Anniversary 2013

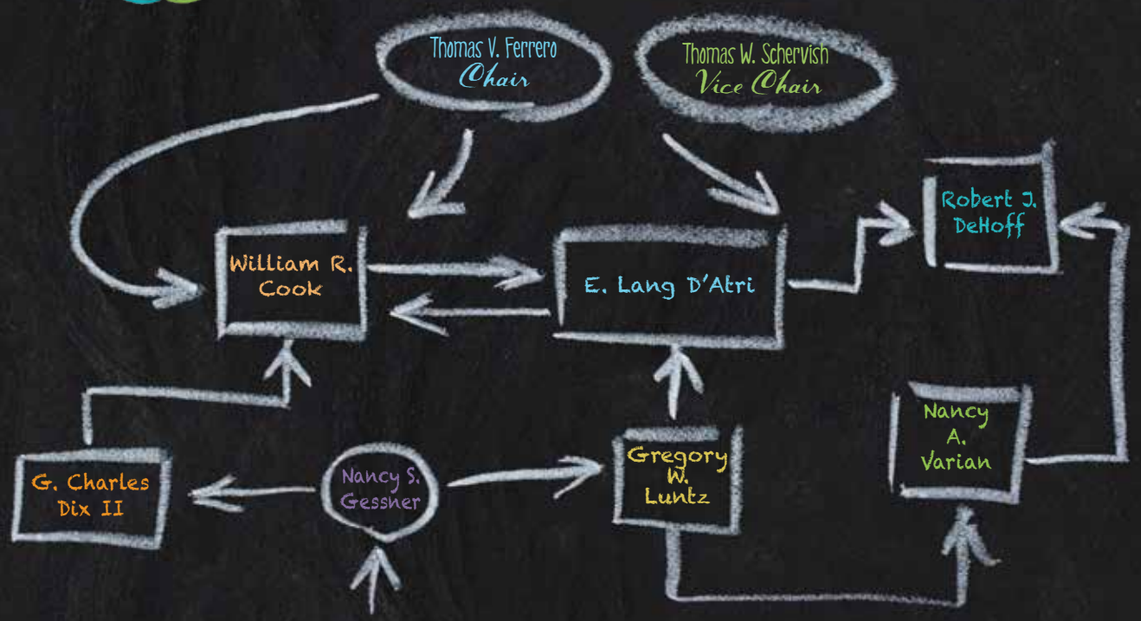
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Stark Community Foundation ranks in the top 10 percent of community foundations in the United States today.

SUMMERTIME Kids

The SummerTime Kids program exceeds $1 million in grants with the announcement of its 2013 awards.

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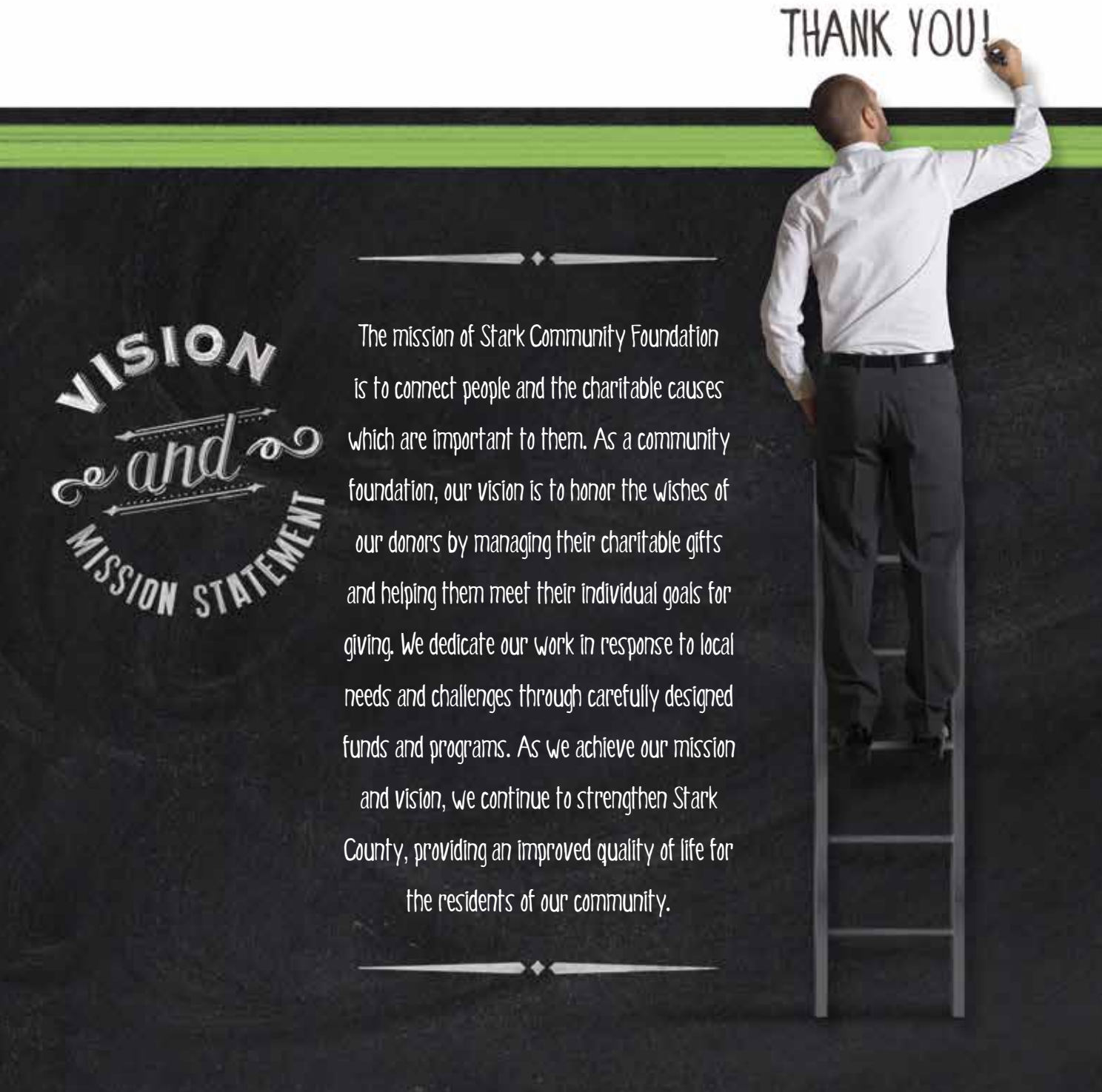
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