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PROGRAM REPORT

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The MISSION

OF STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
IS TO **CONNECT** PEOPLE
AND THE CHARITABLE **CAUSES**
WHICH ARE **IMPORTANT** TO THEM.

As a community foundation, our vision is to honor the wishes of our donors by managing their charitable gifts and helping them meet their individual goals for giving.

We dedicate our work in response to local needs and challenges through carefully designed funds and programs.

As we achieve our mission and vision, we continue to strengthen Stark County, providing an improved quality of life for the residents of our community.

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As Stark County's community foundation, Stark Community 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. Whether in times of need or prosperity, Stark Community Foundation has used the resources that the community has entrusted to it to give back to the area for more than 50 years.

Grantmaking Priorities

An important way Stark Community Foundation enhances the community is by strengthening its local nonprofit organizations through its competitive discretionary grants program. Grants are awarded twice a year to address community needs and invest in solutions that strengthen and improve our community.

We believe there are three essential ingredients to a healthy and vibrant community:

1. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
2. **EDUCATION**
3. **STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS**

Our major focus areas concentrate our attention on these essential ingredients.

The following grants outlined are for the discretionary grant cycles of November 2014 and May 2015, with the final reports due September 2015 and March 2016, respectively.

Economic Development

Economic development serves as the catalyst for addressing the root cause of social problems within communities. Successful economic development programs and policies will create an infrastructure of facilities; a trained workforce; and collaboration between the private sector (business), the public sector (government) and the civic sector (foundations, nonprofits). When these elements come together, jobs are created, the family unit is strengthened and neighborhoods are revitalized. It is a "virtuous circle" that improves the quality of life for all our residents.

TOTAL number GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL amount REQUESTED	TOTAL amount GRANTED
16	$445,388	$170,000



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ArtsinStark
Kids. Jobs. Communities.

$7,917
G. Scott and Carol B. Booth Charitable Fund

$3,126
John S. and Jodine S. Duerr Community Fund

$3,957
William A. and Ann M. Brothers Charitable Fund

ARTSINSTARK

20/20 Tourism Blitz – Marketing

ArtsinStark's 20/20 Vision is an initiative designed to integrate the arts into long-term plans for economic development by the year 2020. Building on the Canton Arts District's success, funding was used to establish unique tourism brands in downtown Alliance, Jackson Township, Louisville, Massillon and Minerva in an effort to drive locals and visitors to the area. Enhanced marketing strategies are helping older downtowns create unique streetscape improvements and fill empty spaces while helping newer downtowns install public art and host arts-based events.

Alliance Area DEVELOPMENT
Partners for Economic Growth

$15,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

ALLIANCE AREA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Alliance Branding Project

Alliance Area Development Foundation launched a two-year branding effort to enhance the image of the Alliance community as a way to retain and attract businesses as well as promote community pride. What started out with a community-wide survey to determine perceived strengths and weaknesses of the community, evolved into *Alliance, Ohio: Make It Yours*, a multimedia marketing campaign. Funds were applied to the overall cost of the branding campaign, which promotes local men and women who are making their mark in Alliance and businesses that contribute to the overall success of the city.

CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

$50,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

COO/CFO Position

As part of a transition plan to implement Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce's new strategic plan, this grant funded a part-time chief operating officer/chief financial officer position (COO/CFO). The COO/CFO oversaw internal operations so the president could focus on outside activities such as the Hall of Fame Village and other important regional activities.

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FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR BUSINESS

$10,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

CANTON REGIONAL SCORE

SCORE Workshops

This grant helped Canton Regional SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) increase the visibility of its nonprofit workshops. Workshops are geared toward local nonprofits and topics include launching a nonprofit, building a business plan, importance of mission statements, financial planning, grant writing, social media marketing, board structure and fundraising.

CITY OF CANTON

Market Square Project

$25,000
Dale L. Shaffner
Charitable Fund

Funding will support the development of Market Square, a commercially viable and family friendly downtown area. Through commercial, artistic, residential and cultural enhancements, this area is expected to be downtown Canton's focal point.

MANUFACTURING ADVOCACY & GROWTH NETWORK (MAGNET)

Manufacturing Success, Innovation and Economic Growth in Greater Canton/Stark County

$30,000
Timken Fund

This grant helped bring MAGNET's services to Stark County. The Cleveland-based nonprofit links manufacturers with resources that can help them launch a new product, increase efficiency and become more competitive. By enhancing the organization's outreach and consulting efforts in the area, the organization plans to improve manufacturing success, accelerate innovation and increase employment in Stark County. MAGNET has a strong base of support and history of success in Stark County, and this will serve as a foundation for a greater impact. This grant is funding the employment of a full-time growth advisor position.

MASSILLON MUSEUM

Tiger Legacy

$10,000
John S. and Jodine S. Duerr
Community Fund

Funds were utilized to support Tiger Legacy, a community storytelling project that explores the culture of high school football and the connection between the community of Massillon and its Tigers. As part of this project, a photography exhibit was on display at Massillon Museum, along with the development and execution of corresponding educational activities and production of a photobook. The project reinforced for the community the ways in which art reflects contemporary culture, and helped the museum bridge the gap with audiences frequently underrepresented at artistic and cultural facilities. In addition, it also provided an access point for capturing the history and legacy of a century-old tradition, bringing visitors and residents to downtown Massillon.

NORTH CANTON COMMUNITY GROWTH ASSOCIATION

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$5,000
Credit Bureau of Canton
Charitable Fund

This grant funded North Canton Community Growth Association's partnership with Walsh University's DeVille School of Business to conduct a demographic and housing analysis of North Canton neighborhoods. This meaningful study provided data that will provide insight into the city's population, aging houses and rentals. Knowing the current landscape will help guide the development of neighborhood organizations and a weatherization and home improvement program as well as attract new residents and businesses.

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT UNION

Shakespeare at the Castle

$10,000
John S. and Jodine S. Duerr
Community Fund

One of William Shakespeare's earliest comedies, "The Taming of the Shrew," was performed in July 2015 on the lawn of Glamorgan Castle in Alliance. This cultural event created an opportunity for residents in the community and beyond to experience and appreciate the fine and performing arts. Families of all ages and diverse locations attended the performances, some traveling from as far as Columbus.



"This generous grant makes it possible for Shakespeare at the Castle to fulfill its mission of bringing a quality cultural experience to the residents of Alliance, Ohio, and the region."

DR. W. RICHARD MERRIMAN JR., President, University of Mount Union

Education

Education is the backbone of economic development. Education creates the skills necessary to prepare individuals for employment opportunities and the ability to sustain themselves and their families. As individuals, we remain competitive and vibrant as we learn new skills and gather new knowledge. Education must begin at an early age and continue throughout a lifetime of learning.

TOTAL number GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL amount REQUESTED	TOTAL amount GRANTED
19	$441,113	$88,950



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THE ARTFUL LIVING PROGRAM

The Artful Living Program

$20,000
Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

Grant funding provided partial support for implementation of the first full semester of The Artful Living Program in Stark County Educational Service Center's integrated preschool classes and continued support for the preschool programs in Canton City and Massillon City. The Artful Living Program is an arts immersion program in public schools in which licensed visual artists, musicians, dancers, theater instructors and literacy specialists teach a 20-minute arts-based lesson each day to preschoolers. Research from its own program and from national studies shows that fine arts integration in preschool produces significant gains in creativity and general achievement, particularly in math and reading.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SUMMIT, MEDINA & STARK COUNTIES

Site-Based Mentoring Program

$10,000
Hillman Foundation Fund

Charitable funding helped expand Big Brothers Big Sisters' Site-Based Mentoring Program into two elementary schools in Stark County – Allen Preparatory School and Belden Leadership School. Through this program, elementary school students are matched with a high school mentor and they meet one day each week at the student's elementary school. During their meetings, they focus on skill development, self-esteem and academic performance with a concentration on reading and math skills, all in an effort to prepare children for graduation and ensure academic success.

BUCKEYE CAREER CENTER FOUNDATION

Student Scholarship and Annual Newsletter

$7,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

Buckeye Career Center Foundation provides scholarships to graduates of the Buckeye Career Center to help further their education at a four-year, trade or technical college and provides funds to graduating students who may need to purchase tools for a work position. Grant dollars went toward providing a $2,500 scholarship to a 2014 graduate to help offset the cost of college and the production and mailing of the Foundation's annual newsletter, *Buckeye Focus.*

CANTON CALVARY MISSION

Calvary After-School Program

$15,000
Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

Canton Calvary Mission's After-School Program provides quality care and programming during the school year for students in grades K-12. Through academic assistance, art projects, cooking sessions, music classes, sports and other enrichment activities, this program provides a safe, welcoming and educational environment for students. One-on-one tutoring proved to be successful as every student who participated was promoted to the next grade level. In addition to supporting the program, this grant also helped create a new relationship with Schreiber Elementary, where K-2 neighborhood children are now attending.

girl scouts of north east ohio

$20,000
Patricia A. and Larry A. Merriman Charitable Fund

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTH EAST OHIO

Girl Scout In-School Journey Program

During the 2014-2015 Academic Year, more than 1,000 girls in grades K-5 throughout schools in Canton participated in Girl Scouts of North East Ohio's In-School Journey Program. This free program provides skill-building activities that promote leadership, environmental awareness, positive decision-making and strong relationships to underserved, at-risk girls in Stark County. This grant helped offset the cost of running this program. Of the 1,014 girls who participated, 80% developed a strong sense of self, 76% feel connected to their communities and 71% feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

hartville migrant ministries

$10,000
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

HARTVILLE MIGRANT COUNCIL

Migrant Education Program

Each summer, the Hartville Migrant Council provides a free, afternoon enrichment program for more than 50 migrant children. Through hands-on activities, team-building exercises, games, arts, crafts, computer activities and weekly field trips, this program helped students improve their communication skills and enhanced their opportunities for career choices. This grant helped pay for field trips and transportation, summer program supplies and back-to-school supplies, including book bags for migrant children.

jrc Kids. Seniors. Community.

$3,950
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

JRC LEARNING CENTER

Ohio Healthy Program Curriculum

JRC Learning Center is seeking to be designated as an Ohio Healthy Program by the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association. Grant dollars supported four initiatives to help JRC achieve this designation. Those four initiatives included providing healthy curriculum training for JRC Learning Center staff, implementing healthy policy changes, improving the food menu and engaging parents in a way that will result in a healthier environment for the children and families JRC serves.

ORMACO
Ohio Regional Music Arts Cultural Outreach

$3,000
Peter and Judith Schurman Charitable Fund

OHIO REGIONAL MUSIC ARTS AND CULTURAL OUTREACH

Northwest Local Schools Guitar and Violin Outreach Program

During the 2015-2016 Academic Year, 50 underserved students in grades 4-6 in Northwest Local Schools in Canal Fulton benefited from weekly guitar and violin lessons. 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. Students attend weekly lessons and are able to keep their instruments for the entire year, allowing them to take it home and practice in the evenings, on the weekends and during holiday breaks. Grant funding provided 15 one-hour guitar lessons for one semester for up to 16 students, and 60 half-hour violin lessons for 20 weeks for up to 26 students.





"The strings program at Northwest Local has enriched the lives of so many students with music. Through the generosity of Stark Community Foundation, we have been able to provide 4th-6th graders the opportunity to learn how to play the violin. They have not only learned about music and the violin, but also how these important aspects of life enhance the learning of core subjects. Many of these students would not have had this opportunity without this unique program. We have also been able to contract with a guitar professor from the University of Akron to lead a guitar group with middle schoolers. These programs have kids excited about learning music and opened new doors to them in their lives. Who knows, among them may be a David Bowie, a Prince or a Joshua Bell!"

DR. MIKE SHREFFLER, Superintendent, Northwest Local Schools

Neighborhood Revitalization

At the heart of the community is the neighborhood. Vibrant neighborhoods are central to creating and maintaining homes and relationships that are sources of pride around a common purpose. Community pride and a sense of accomplishment create a shared experience that moves a community forward to achieve greater accomplishments. Our intent is to provide the foundation of skills and programs needed to transform our neighborhoods into better places to live, learn, work, play and raise families.

TOTAL number GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL amount REQUESTED	TOTAL amount GRANTED
6	$197,803	$119,000



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FRIENDS OF THE PARKS, INC.

Maple Beach Park Pavilion Project

$22,000
Paul C. and Thelma M. Dale Philanthropic Fund

This grant helped Friends of the Parks, Inc. build a dual-use structure at Maple Beach Park in Alliance. The structure serves as a pavilion for group gatherings such as family reunions and church picnics as well as a stage for public presentations such as musical concerts.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP

CBP's Healthy Neighborhoods Program

$30,000
Credit Bureau of Canton Charitable Fund

$20,000
Ralph L. Wilson Philanthropic Fund

Community Building Partnership created the Healthy Neighborhoods Program to implement in the identified Canton neighborhoods that, without attention, are vulnerable to decline. The program's primary goal is to promote each neighborhood as a "neighborhood of choice," where residents are confident to invest their time, effort and money as well as become actively involved in the everyday management of activities in the neighborhoods. Grant funding supported the program, which includes an array of services such as homebuyer down payment assistance grants, improvement projects, construction management services, housing counseling, energy assessments and more.

COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Salt 'n Light Ministry – Facility Repairs

$25,000
Paul E. Myers Testamentary Trust Fund

$22,000
Edward P. and Julia E. Sigler Charitable Fund

Salt 'n Light Ministry, a volunteer outreach program of the Community Life Church of God in Christ, provides hot meals and groceries to families in need. The demand for the program's services is growing exponentially, and the Ministry needed to make necessary improvements to its building to meet the ever-expanding needs of its community. Funds were used to improve the Church's building and provide accessibility to disabled individuals who are unable to take advantage of the hot meal program. An electric lift will transport disabled guests from the parking lot to the lower level.



"The pavilion was needed to allow group events to be held at Maple Beach Park. The benefit of this is twofold. First, this park is unique in that it has every activity available in the rest of our parks combined, and more. With this pavilion it can provide a more intimate and private setting for group events. Second and equally important, it is expected to help rekindle interest in what has been a sometimes forgotten part of our park system."

MICHAEL DREGER, Director of Public Safety and Service, City of Alliance

Other Funding Areas

Stark Community Foundation is committed to our three focus areas; however, there are other areas we support that we believe are equally important. Collectively, these funding priorities strengthen our community.

TOTAL number GRANTS SUBMITTED	TOTAL amount REQUESTED	TOTAL amount GRANTED
35	$814,394	$274,610



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$25,000
Patricia A. and Larry A. Merriman Charitable Fund

AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Building on the Promise Campaign

Akron Children's Hospital is the largest pediatric healthcare provider in Northern Ohio and the 8th largest pediatric hospital in the nation, providing nearly 800,000 patient visits per year. The critical and growing need for its pediatric healthcare services have outpaced the hospital's existing clinical and patient bed space, creating the need for significant renovations and expansions. Grant funding supported the hospital's expansion project, *Building on the Promise Campaign*. As a result, Kay Jewelers Pavilion was built, which includes a newly designed emergency room, an expanded neonatal intensive care unit, a new outpatient surgery center and a special delivery center.

$10,000
Ruth B. Boger Charitable Trust Fund

AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL FOODBANK

Stark County Food Distribution

The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank was able to provide free food to 15 member food pantries, hot meal sites and shelters operating in Stark County. Specifically, the grant purchased 8,614 pounds of food, the equivalent of 7,178 meals. From 2014 to 2015, the Foodbank increased the amount of food distributed free of charge to agencies, from 65% to 68%.

$27,450
William E. Shanafelt Philanthropic Fund

CAMP TUSCAZOAR FOUNDATION, INC.

Hoover Lodge Roof Replacement

The roof of Hoover Lodge at Camp Tuscazoar was installed in 1949 and has remained untouched since then. Stark Community Foundation challenged Camp Tuscazoar to raise $27,450 and the Foundation would match the funds raised. The Camp was successful in meeting this challenge in order to replace the lodge's roof. Camp Tuscazoar is in the process of replacing the lodge's barrel-style roof with a steel roof, which will reduce annual maintenance costs. Approximately 50% of the 5,000 annual campers that utilize the Camp are from Stark County.

$20,000
W. Henry Hoover Fund

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT, INC.

Marketing and Branding Project

This grant allowed Domestic Violence Project, Inc. (DVPI) to restructure and redesign its website. The website redesign enabled DVPI to increase the visibility and awareness of its brand and mission and clarify the communication of its services and emergency information to survivors, donors and community members. The new mobile first website also features easy access to volunteer applications, upcoming events, event registration, shelter needs, donor and sponsor forms and more.

ELVES & MORE OF NORTHEAST OHIO

2015 Annual Holiday Bicycle Giveaway

$7,500
Hillman Foundation Fund

Elves & More of Northeast Ohio is a volunteer-run organization whose sole intent is to bring happiness and hope to those in need in our community during the winter holiday season – one bicycle at a time. Each December, Elves & More selects neighborhoods whose families are struggling and provides bicycles to these neighborhood children. In 2015, 1,600 bikes were given to children in three target neighborhoods – Akron, Canton and Lakemore. This grant purchased 136 bicycles for deserving children living in Canton.

GREATER CANTON VETERANS COUNCIL

Stark County Flags For Our Fathers Effort

$200
Community Charitable Fund

As a way to honor and remember local heroes on Memorial Day, the Greater Canton Veterans Council places American flags at the gravesites of Stark County veterans who have passed away. This grant went toward the purchasing of flags.

HOSPICE OF TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

Pet Services Volunteer Coordinator

$1,325
Bill and Janice Conti Charitable Fund

$18,675
Community Charitable Fund

Building on the success of Hospice of Tuscarawas County's Pet Peace of Mind Program, grant funding was used to support care of patient animals, fostering, adoption, therapy dog visitation and protocols for pet visitation. During the past year, 43 patients were served through Pet Peace of Mind. Through the program, volunteers engage with patients, walk dogs, play and exercise with pets, take animals to veterinarian appointments, transport animals to the groomer as well as facilitate interaction between patients and therapy dogs. Hospice also created new animal adoption partnerships with local organizations, placing more than 20 animals in foster homes or with partnering facilities. Additional fundraising efforts and alignment of resources and responsibilities have made it possible for the program to continue in the future without depending on grant funding to sustain the program.

MASSILLON KNIGHTS FOUNDATION

Emergency Repair

$2,000
Community Charitable Fund

This grant helped offset the cost of repairing an industrial freezer at the Massillon Knights of Columbus kitchen.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION OF GREATER CANTON

MLK Jr. Commission of Greater Canton: Real Change through Education and Collaboration

$4,500
Polly Hoover Connelly and Lawrence E. Connelly, Jr. Fund

Funds supported Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Greater Canton's annual Mayor's Breakfast honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Through ticket sales, the breakfast generates the Commission's annual budget for its yearlong slate of programming. Grant funding allowed the Commission to reallocate funds generated from the breakfast to award three students with a $1,500 scholarship for college.

OAK CLINIC FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Economic Impact of Stark County MS Patients

$5,500
Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

The Oak Clinic is committed to providing innovative, specialized, comprehensive and interdisciplinary care to treat, support and rehabilitate people living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). In an effort to assist those with MS find peace and balance, grant funding was used to offer free weekly yoga and exercise and water classes. Following the classes, attendees described enhanced flexibility, less stumbles and falls and a more positive attitude toward life and their MS. Funds were also used to promote educational events for patients and families, covering topics ranging from bladder incontinence to behavioral management techniques.

PHILOMATHEON SOCIETY OF THE BLIND OF CANTON, OHIO, INC.

Glasses For All II

$12,000
Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

This grant supported the Glasses For All Program, a program where individuals who have little or no prescription eye glass insurance have the opportunity to receive an eye exam and a new pair of glasses. From November 2014 to September 2015, more than 70 people received vouchers for the program, and more than 50 people have since applied for the program.

PREVENT BLINDNESS

Vision Care Outreach

$5,000
Robert A. Litman and Ruth E. Litman Charitable Fund

The Vision Care Outreach (VCO) Program provides access to donated, professional vision care across the lifespan to those who need it the most, but are least likely to receive it. Grant funding provided training, support and access to donated vision care services to 21 partner agencies in Stark County in an effort to increase their effectiveness in detecting vision problems early, which is when treatment is most effective. Specifically, 40 disadvantaged Stark County children and adults were served through VCO, for a total value of $10,250 in donated vision care products and services.

$7,500
Parke K. and Josephine B. Allensworth Memorial Fund

REFUGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES

Overflow Shelter

Refuge of Hope Ministries (ROH) provides meals to the hungry, shelter to homeless men and hope to those living in dire circumstances. Roll-away cots and other incidental items were purchased for ROH's homeless men's overflow shelter.

$20,000
Hillman Foundation Fund

SALVATION ARMY – ALLIANCE

Emergency Social Service Programming

The Salvation Army Alliance Corps' Emergency Social Services Program is a program aimed at alleviating a client's immediate crisis (hunger, utilities, etc.) and providing referrals and much-needed resources that will help avoid future emergencies for an individual or family. The funds granted allowed the Salvation Army to change its emergency food pantry output from a 3-5 day supply of food for families to a 5-7 day supply. Instead of one bag of food, clients received one bag of canned goods and one bag of boxed items for a family up to four people. In addition, Salvation Army was able to add healthier, less processed foods to its hot meal program.

$30,000
Parke K. and Josephine B. Allensworth Memorial Fund

STARK COUNTY HUNGER TASK FORCE

Stronger Network, Stronger Pantries, Stronger Communities

Underemployment, low wages, significant cuts to monthly SNAP benefits and the rising cost of living leave many Stark County residents struggling to feed themselves and their families. Stark County Hunger Task Force is there to help, providing financial, logistic, strategic and food support to its network of local emergency food pantries with a free 3-5 day supply of emergency groceries. These funds purchased 210,000 pounds of food over the course of three months, feeding approximately 78,000 Stark County residents. Efficiency was also increased as visitors received the best-possible customer service and recipes based on current pantry offerings.

$20,375.18
Paul and Carol David Family Fund

$29,624.82
Patricia A. and Larry A. Merriman Charitable Fund

YMCA MEYERS LAKE

Strong Heritage Bright Future Campaign

Funding supported YMCA Meyers Lake Strong Heritage Bright Future, a capital campaign to enhance its facility space. To better serve the community, this renovation project includes an improved youth and senior activity room, community room designated for training and meetings, large group exercise and multi-use room, a larger and more modern health and wellness center, designated child care rooms and improvements to the exterior of the facility.

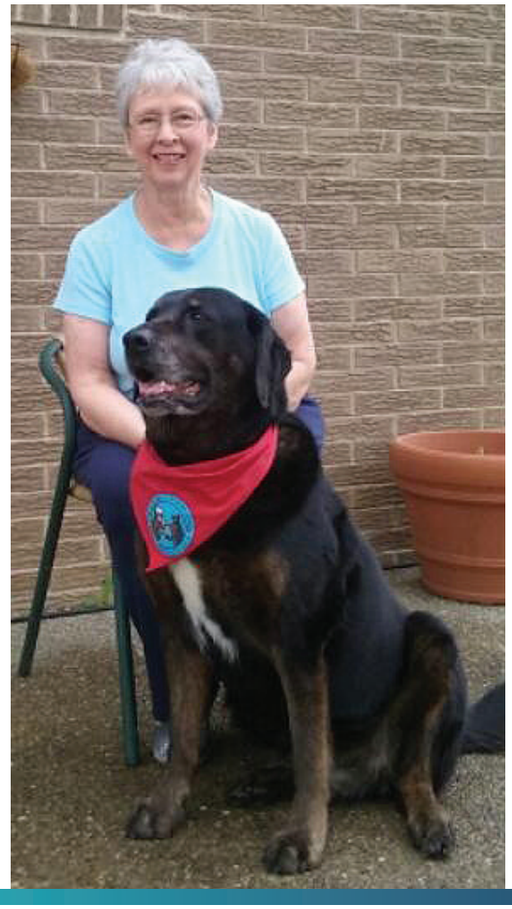
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Community Charitable Fund

$16,687
Parke K. and Josephine B. Allensworth Memorial Fund

YWCA – CANTON

YWCA Ensuring Sustainability

This grant supported the employment of YWCA Canton's marketing director position. The director is responsible for increasing community awareness of the YWCA and attracting new and sustaining lifelong financial supporters. In an effort to enhance and ensure the future sustainability of the YWCA, a number of marketing initiatives were executed. The director created promotional materials for all departments, wrote and distributed news releases and weekly email blasts, launched a YWHAT – Lunch and Learn series and shared content through YWCA's Facebook page and website. The results of these efforts have been positive as volunteer participation, event attendance and financial support have all increased.



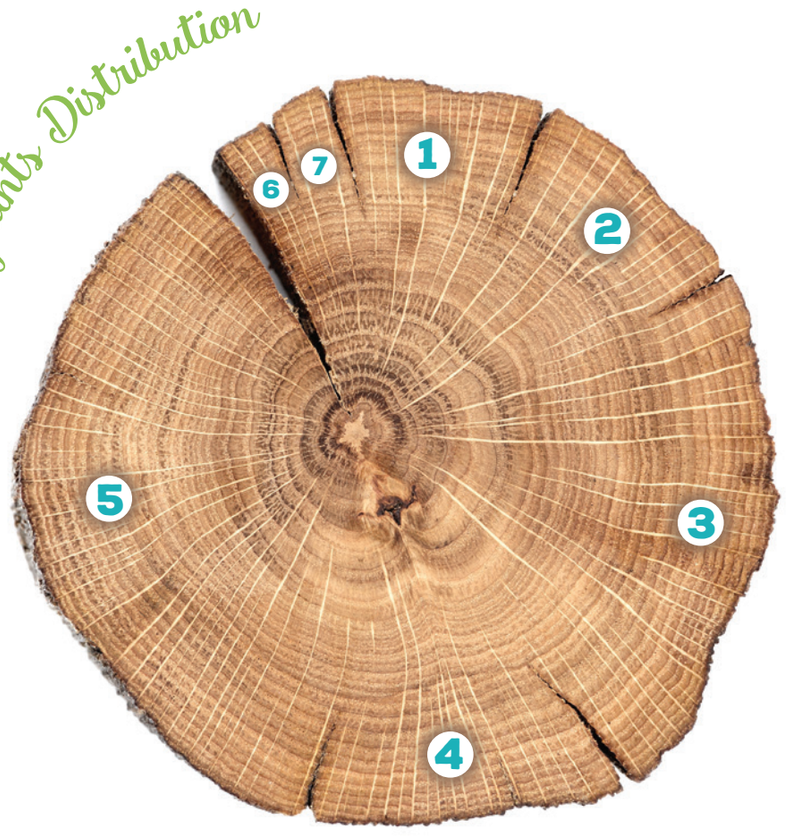
"Taking Barkley with me to nursing homes to see my Hospice patients adds a special dimension to our visit. People become more open and relaxed when they see a friendly dog. Petting Barkley relaxes the patients and they tend to talk about pets they had and other happy memories. Barkley and I enjoy our visits."

GLORIA, Longtime Hospice Volunteer and Pet Therapy Dog Owner

Discretionary Grant Dollars

1. ARTS/CULTURE/HUMANITIES
2. EDUCATION
3. CIVIC
4. HEALTH
5. HUMAN SERVICES
6. ENVIRONMENT
7. RELIGION

Grants Distribution



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Initiatives

THE FUTURE OF FOOD SECURITY

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $243,428

In 2013, Stark Community Foundation took a proactive approach to address food security in Stark County. An analysis was conducted of current food security efforts and a study was commissioned in order to gain a deeper understanding of the role food plays in developing a secure, healthy and economically vital community. This comprehensive research study created a framework for addressing food security that mixes food access, community education, economic development and emergency services. The Foundation made a commitment to provide planning and implementation grants to organizations that are finding long-term solutions to hunger. In August 2015, in collaboration with the Paul & Carol David Foundation and Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, grants were awarded to local organizations that are working to ensure food security in the community.

SCF CHARITABLE GIVING CARDS

TOTAL AMOUNT PURCHASED: $1,075

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% of the gift goes directly to the charity selected.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT ALERT

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $4,460

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. When a need arises in our community, the Foundation sends out targeted communications to donors with information about the need and how they can get involved and make a difference. This shared investment opportunity allows the Foundation's donors and community members to partner together to make an immediate impact. Our first-ever Immediate Impact Alert helped hungry people in our community, and the second increased awareness of Stark County's heroin epidemic and treatment options.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 36

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $149,154

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 76 neighborhood groups in Alliance, Canton and Massillon. Since the program's inception, more than $2 million in grants has been awarded.

SUMMERTIME KIDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 43

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $72,716

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: 5

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $10,929

The Women's Fund is a permanent endowment fund of Stark Community Foundation, 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 or projects that meet the needs of women and children in Stark County.

Funders Collaborative

STARK COUNTY CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS COMMITTEE

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDERS PARTICIPATING: 6

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 3

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $2,800,000

Organizations supported: Alliance City Schools, Massillon Museum, Stark County District Library

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.

Affiliate Organization

As an affiliate organization, you utilize and benefit 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 organization as opposed to spending time on administrative work and tracking investments in the stock market.

CARROLL COUNTY FOUNDATION'S CARROLL COMMUNITY FUND

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 4

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $4,475

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 number above is reflective of only the discretionary funds awarded in 2015 from Carroll Community Fund, which is one of the Foundation's 35 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 $12.7 million, with total grants of $5.3 million paid since inception.

Supporting Foundations

A supporting foundation at Stark Community Foundation allows you to take an active approach to your 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

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 3

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $45,265

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.

HENRY AND LOUISE TIMKEN FOUNDATION

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTS: 8

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING: $258,151

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.

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