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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

MARK J. SAMOLCZYK

BACK IN 1963 WHEN STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WAS CREATED, we couldn't have envisioned what the needs of our community would be in 2016. But, what we did know is that we would have a charitable organization that would support Stark County's greatest needs as they changed and evolved over time. Most recently, we've taken a proactive approach to two important needs in our community — food security and economic growth.

In 2013, we embarked on a long-term effort to address food security challenges that many individuals and families face after receiving a high volume of grant requests focused on hunger relief. Fast forward three years, and much progress has been made. A research study was conducted, and we brought together hunger-fighting organizations and community leaders to discuss concerns and more efficient ways to feed those in need. To maximize our impact, we partnered with The Paul & Carol David Foundation and Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton to invest nearly $500,000 in local organizations that are finding lasting solutions to hunger. In a relatively short amount of time, we've seen noticeable shifts in how organizations are collaborating and responding to hunger relief. As a prime example, two nonprofits that have been serving area neighborhoods for decades are joining forces to better serve clients throughout Stark County.

We believe economic development serves as the catalyst for addressing the root cause of social problems within communities, which is why we are consistently and strategically evaluating economic development opportunities in which to invest. To aid in shaping economic development in the county, we recently invested in two projects – a mixed-use development project and an industrial park – that will drive economic growth, create jobs and increase tax revenue. These projects have the potential to improve the quality of life for all our residents, and I encourage you to read more about these two promising investments on page 8.

We're proud of our strategic and proactive approach to these two initiatives, and recognize that without the support of fundholders this progress wouldn't be possible. Thank you for partnering with us to meet Stark County's greatest needs not only today, but in the future. Together, we have the power to make lasting change and quicken the pace of progress toward a stronger and brighter future.



Mark J. Samolczyk
PRESIDENT



E. Lang D'Atri, Esq.
CHAIR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VP OF ADVANCEMENT

BRIDGETTE L. NEISEL

AT STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, we have had the privilege for more than 50 years to partner with individuals and families to ensure their charitable wishes are honored in perpetuity. By connecting people to the charitable causes they care about, we are reminded each day of how passionate and giving our community is and the commitment each and every one of you have to making Stark County a brighter and stronger community for future generations.

When reflecting on this past year, it has been more apparent than ever that our success wouldn't be possible without the support of our donors. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to philanthropy, 2015 was a record-breaking year for Stark Community Foundation. We set a historic all-time high for fundraising, generating $17.6 million in new and planned gifts, and our family of donors awarded $8.3 million in grants to nonprofits, our largest ever investment in Stark County. Plus, more than 30 new charitable funds were created from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, all representing donors' wide variety of passions and interests. We thank you for making our progress possible, and for allowing us to assist you on your personal path of philanthropy.

While some people choose to create a charitable fund and see the impact their giving can have today, others plan now to make a difference in the future. Regardless of how you decide to give back, the impact philanthropy can have is remarkable and life changing. On the ensuing pages, you'll read about a local family who donated a piece of land to a neighborhood association and the transformation that ensued as well as why a successful man who got his start in Canton left plans in his will to support a number of local causes in perpetuity. You'll also learn about how as a Foundation we're investing in a number of projects that will drive economic growth for Stark County. These inspiring stories are tied together by one common goal: to build a brighter future for Stark County.

Thank you for the role you play in making Stark County a great place to live, learn, work, play and raise families. We are fortunate to be part of a generous community that's fueled by dedicated and collaborative people working together to make a positive impact.



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 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 nonprofit organizations and the people they serve. We thank the following members for their foresight and generosity.

Anonymous (3)
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
Kathleen Fernandez Hillibish
David and Susan Hoecker
Dr. Grace Hofsteter*
Douglas L. Houck
Dorothy R. Householder
Joseph F. Jadick
Eugene B. Jester*
James W. and Carol A. Johnson
David P. Kielson
Thomas A. Kolp
Christine and Howard* Kruman
Dean G.* and Jane G. Lauritzen
William J. Lemmon
William L. and Sharon K. Luntz
Army* and Barbara Marzilli
James H. McVay
Donald M. and Cynthia A. Miller
R.C. Miller Family
Phyllis and Jack Milligan
Jean E. Naughtrip*
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Charles J. Paquelet
Lou dell Printz
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Chuck and Judy Scheurer
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Gary and Linda Sirak
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*





"WE COULDN'T THINK OF A BETTER USE FOR THAT PROPERTY."

— GREG LUNTZ

FROM METAL TO MEMORIES

WHAT ONCE WAS A SCRAP METAL YARD ON THE CORNER OF 14TH STREET AND CHERRY AVENUE SE IN CANTON has since been transformed into a community gathering space for area neighbors.

The Luntz Iron & Steel Co. used the property as a metal recycling facility decades ago until they moved the operation to another location in Canton. While the property sat vacant for many years, Greg Luntz and his family recently gifted the land to the South East Neighborhood Association (SENA).

"We wanted to create a nice area for our neighborhood and saw potential in this area," said Deborah Burt, president of SENA.

SENA was preparing for a neighborhood cleanup and beautification project and wanted to find out who owned the parcels before touching the vacant property. After going downtown to the Stark County Auditor's Office, they connected with Greg Luntz to talk about the area and their vision for what this property could be in the future.

"We weren't anticipating that his family would give us this property," said Deborah. "We just got to talking and he said, 'let me tell you what, I'm going to talk to my family and see what we can do for your neighborhood.'"

Greg is a member of Stark Community Foundation's Board of Directors and knew of the great work neighborhood associations are doing and the impact they are having in our community.

"Right away, my family agreed to donate the property to the neighborhood association," said Greg. "We couldn't think of a better use for that property."

During the transformation process, neighborhood volunteers and community members came together to remove shrubbery, pull weeds, cut down trees, plant flower beds, install a fence and paint tree stumps. Grant funding through Stark Community Foundation's Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program was used to purchase four new benches, giving residents a place to sit while they wait for the bus or to relax and enjoy the new space. A new entrance sign was also purchased and installed.

"We were so ecstatic, honestly truly floored, that the Luntz family was willing to gift us this property," added Deborah. "It really made a positive change in our neighborhood. Residents are calling it their 'Comfort Zone.'"

A dedication and ribbon cutting of the 'Comfort Zone' took place on July 21, followed by a back-to-school backpack giveaway for area children.

"I was thrilled and shocked," said Greg when asked what he thought when he first saw the new space. "It was a huge transformation, and now it's a space that everyone in the neighborhood can utilize. It's a testament to what hard work and collaboration can do."

Deborah added, "We've had an awesome response to our efforts. To the point where when people would see us working on the area, they would stop by and ask questions, compliment us on the space and even offer to help."

For members of SENA, this is only the beginning. They hope to decorate the space for key holidays and continue to add more flower beds and seating areas.



Image captions:

- *Top left:* The vacant property before beautification.
- *Bottom left:* The vacant property transformed into the 'Comfort Zone.'
- *Inset:* Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony of the 'Comfort Zone.'

"THIS PROJECT WILL HAVE A NOTABLE IMPACT ON THE COUNTY'S JOB MARKET."

— MARK SAMOLCZYK

INVESTING IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BELIEVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVES AS THE CATALYST for addressing the root cause of social problems within communities. As one of the Foundation's key focus areas, it is investing in two economic development projects that have the potential to shape the future of Stark County — the Hercules project and Stark County Farm. Both projects will create jobs, increase tax revenue and stimulate the economy, all the while producing better outcomes for individuals and families.

HERCULES PROJECT

Stark Community Foundation recently closed a $3 million funding gap for the Hercules project by providing a five-year loan for the redevelopment of the former Hercules Motors Company site in downtown Canton.

In order to complete phase one of the project, the funding gap needed to be addressed. The first phase, which includes the creation of 90 market-rate apartments covering three acres of the site, is expected to cost more than $35 million and will be completed by November 2017.

"We felt it was important to invest in this economic development project because it will have a significant impact on individuals and families in our community while also restoring the heritage and character of Canton," said Mark J. Samolczyk, president and CEO of Stark Community Foundation. "One of our goals as a community foundation is to improve the quality of life for residents in our community, and this project has the potential to do that."

According to the real estate developer of the industrial site, Cormony Development LLC, the rustic apartments will feature exposed brick, abundant natural light through large windows, private courtyards, community green spaces, a lower-level community room, convenient parking and more.

Other funding sources for phase one include Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund, U.S. Bank N.A., Foss & Company, KeyBank and the city of Canton.

Future phases of the mixed-use development project will include additional residential units, office and retail spaces. Development costs are expected to approach $100 million.

STARK COUNTY FARM

Stark Community Foundation, along with five other local foundations, pooled their resources to purchase the Stark County Farm, a 327-acre farm located in the village of Navarre and Perry Township for $2.25 million. Their intent is to develop the land into a Class A Industrial Park, generating economic growth and job creation for our community.

The public-private partnership is being funded by Stark Board of Trade, LLC, a nonprofit created by Stark Community Foundation, Hoover Foundation, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Massillon Development Foundation, DeHoff Family Foundation and Gessner Family Foundation. Stark Board of Trade was created in 2016 to help assist in attracting businesses to our community and generating opportunities for our residents, similar to Canton Board of Trade some 130 years ago. These leaders attracted well-known and successful businesses to town including Timken Roller Bearing, Diebold Safe and Lock Company and Dueber Hampden Watchworks.

"This public-private partnership is unique in that local foundations are coming together to drive economic growth in Stark County," said Mark. "Long term, this industrial economic development project will have a notable impact on the county's job market."

Tenants in the industrial park could be new businesses, businesses that want to expand their operation or businesses looking to relocate to the area. In the near future, site preparation work will begin in addition to recruiting industrial businesses to the park.

Image captions:

- *Top:* The Stark County Farm in Perry Township, soon to be an industrial park.
- *Bottom:* Rendering of the Hercules project.







"WHEN YOU GET OLDER, YOU REALLY START THINKING ABOUT YOUR PAST AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU."

— NANCY ROTHERMEL

FUNDING OUR FUTURE

WHEN NANCY ROTHERMEL RECEIVED A HANDMADE, FOUR-FOOT THANK YOU CARD IN THE SHAPE OF A SCHOOL BUS decorated with children's photos and covered in handwritten signatures of all sizes and colors, she was excited to say the least.

"It was such a nice gesture," she said. "I really was taken back by it. To create something like that ... it took time and thoughtfulness. I appreciate seeing the impact my uncle's fund is having at Gibbs."



Nancy's uncle, Robert "Driz" Young, passed away in 2012. Bob came from a low-income family, and was willing to work hard for what he wanted in life as evidenced by his successful career in sales. After graduating from Canton McKinley High School, he joined the U.S. Navy during World War II and was later employed by the State Highway Patrol in Mansfield before starting his own manufacturing sales representative business.

As part of his estate plans, he created a designated fund through Stark Community Foundation to support his favorite charities in perpetuity, long after his passing.

"Bob wanted to find a way to give back and help others," said Nancy. "When you get older, you really start thinking about your past and what is important to you."

One of the places that played a significant role in Bob's life was Gibbs Elementary School. Bob graduated from Gibbs, and actually grew up across the street from the school.

Annually, Gibbs receives a grant to support the school and its programming through The Robert "Driz" Young Designated Charitable Fund. Most recently, students at Gibbs had a fun-filled and educational spring thanks to Bob's generosity. As a celebration of growth and learning, students traveled to Zoar Historic Village, Camp Buckeye, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, North Canton Skate Center and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Each grade level attended a field trip that directly supported Ohio's learning standards, and teachers were able to connect classroom instruction with the theme or focus of each trip.

"These trips are a very important part of motivating our students in maintaining good citizenship and excellent behavior," said Myra Watkins, principal of Gibbs Elementary School. "This grant enabled all of our students to attend educational and exciting field trips that we otherwise could not have afforded for them to attend."

"I know from experience that field trips are expensive, and the kids really need that extra attention," said Nancy. "I like that they are exposing children to so much inside and outside of the classroom."

Gibbs will continue to receive an annual grant from Bob's designated fund.

"The staff, students and families of Gibbs would like to express our deepest thanks to The Robert "Driz" Young Designated Charitable Fund for the continued, generous support of our journey through education," added Myra. "His generosity will continue to impact the Gibbs community for years to come."

Image captions:

- *Left:* Gibbs Elementary students.
- *Inset:* Robert "Driz" Young.

2015-2016
NEW FUNDS

NEW FUNDS ESTABLISHED JULY 1, 2015 — JUNE 30, 2016

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.

Anonymous (1)

Ronald and Jane Becker Family Charitable Fund — Ronald and Jane Becker established this fund to support a fundamental personal value: the importance and need for strong family units in order to benefit children and society in general, as well as their family's love of dogs. Their goal is to support local organizations that will benefit abused and neglected children and families, and those that promote the care, development and protection of dogs.

Gail R. and Carlton B. Coen Charitable Fund — Formerly a private family foundation, Don and Jeanne Coen established this fund in honor of Don's parents, Gail and Carlton. This fund will be used to provide continuing support to a variety of organizations.



James and Mimi Geihsler Charitable Fund — A prominent radiologist in Stark County, Dr. James Geihsler and his wife, Mimi (Caruso), created this fund as a way to give back to the community in which they live.



Gordon / Stanley Preserve Canton Fund — Passionate about revitalizing the city of Canton, Geoff and Bobbi Gordon created this fund to support projects, programming or facilities that focus on battling blight through renovation, demolition or repurposing of facilities. Future funding will come from the Gordon's estate.



Patty Lab's Angel Fund — This fund was created by family and friends to memorialize Patty Lab, an amazing woman who touched many lives through her work of helping adults and children deal with personal issues, particularly grief and loss of loved ones. Grants made from Patty Lab's Angel Fund will continue Patty's meaningful work by supporting teachers, counselors and social workers and their work with students.

Richard and Karen Soehnlen McQueen Family Charitable Fund — As a testament to their commitment to the community, Richard and Karen created a donor advised fund to support causes that are important to their family. This fund will be passed down to their children, Robert and Maxwell, to carry out their legacy and passion for giving back.

Phillips-McDonald Charitable Fund — Laura L. McDonald established this fund as a way to honor her parents, Bill and Dorothy Phillips, for all the blessings bestowed on her family.

Stevens Family Education Fund — A family of eight siblings came together to establish a fund in honor of their parents, Eddie L. and Madeline L. Stevens of Waynesburg, to support educational initiatives in the community that the Stevens family feels passionate about. One program in particular is an annual celebration for graduating seniors in the Timken Early College High School Program (ECHS), a program designed to offer Canton City high school students the opportunity to earn an associate degree while completing four years of high school. ECHS provides students valuable college readiness training, preparing them for the next step in their educational career. Spearheaded by daughter Carrilyn E. Long, the fund will eventually be passed down to future generations to perpetuate her parents' legacy.



Linda and Arnie Rosenblatt Charitable Fund — A prominent local physician, Arnie Rosenblatt and his wife, Linda, established this donor advised fund as a way to give back to the local community and support organizations that are important to the Rosenblatt family. This fund will eventually be passed down to their children, Steven, Amy and Jon, to carry out their parents' legacy and passion for philanthropy.



Terry Scott Charitable Fund — Retired from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as a civil engineering technician, Terry Scott enjoys tending a small cow/calf beef herd and volunteers as a conservation educator and technical resource mentor. He established this fund to support a variety of causes and nonprofits in the Conotton Valley community.



Thomas Charitable Fund — Both local dentists and generous philanthropists, Drs. Michael and Julie Thomas created this fund as a way to give back to their community and causes they care about. This fund will eventually be passed down to their sons, Michael and Philip, to perpetuate their family's tradition of paying it forward.

Harold E. Ziegler Charitable Fund — A longtime supporter of the Canton community and Catholic education, Harold E. Ziegler Jr. created this fund to support his numerous charitable interests.

13
NEW DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

183
TOTAL DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

$37,967,584
MARKET VALUE OF DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
(as of 6/30/2016)

DESIGNATED FUNDS

DESIGNATED FUNDS ALLOW DONORS TO CONTINUOUSLY MAKE GRANTS TO THEIR FAVORITE CHARITIES WITHOUT ANY EXTRA EFFORT, AND CREATES A LEGACY OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAVORITE CAUSES.



J. Whitney Ake and Patricia A. Ake Charitable Fund — Following a distinguished career as a local attorney, J. Whitney and his wife, Patricia, created this designated fund to support a number of nonprofit organizations in Stark County now and in the future.





James L. Bray Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund — This designated fund was established in 2015 by Cutler Real Estate to honor the memory of Jim Bray, a realtor with Cutler for 49 years and its president for more than 30 years. Jim, a Jackson Township resident for more than 50 years, loved the Jackson community and schools and served them both in many ways during his lifetime. Jim also loved Scouting, achieving the Eagle Scout Award in high school. Income from the fund will support an annual $1,000 scholarship awarded to an Eagle Scout graduating from Jackson High School, recognizing their service to Scouting and to the Jackson Schools and community.

Kolp Family Charitable Fund — A local realtor, Thomas A. Kolp, son of Louis W. Kolp, established this fund as a way to give back to the community that continually supports his family. Kolp Real Estate was established in 1900 by Charles A. Kolp and continued by his two sons, Charles (Bud) A. Kolp, Jr. and Louis W. Kolp. Through Thomas A. Kolp's estate, this fund will benefit a number of local nonprofits. This designated fund will also serve the county's greatest needs with support to Stark Community Foundation's Community Charitable Fund.

Donald M. and Cynthia A. Miller Family Charitable Fund

John B. Nolan Fund for Science Education — Following a distinguished career at BFGoodrich Chemical Co., John B. Nolan created a scholarship fund that honors his love for science and supports his alma mater. Scholarships are awarded annually from this fund to graduating seniors from Claymont High School who are majoring in the hard sciences (chemistry, biology, physics, math or astronomy).



James R. and Ida A. (Tenaglia) Warner Charitable Fund — Pharmacist James "Jim" R. and Ida A. (Tenaglia) Warner created this fund through their estate plans to support a number of nonprofits in Stark County and beyond. They have been blessed and it's their desire to share their blessings with others. Psalm 86:12 – *I will give thanks to YOU, O LORD, my God with all my heart and will Glorify Your name forever.*

6
NEW DESIGNATED FUNDS

94
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS

$33,853,628
MARKET VALUE OF DESIGNATED FUNDS
(as of 6/30/2016)

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.





Steve and Ann Clouse and Jim and Eloise Johnson Charitable Fund — Bill and Carol Johnson established this fund as a way to honor their parents, Steve and Ann Clouse and Jim and Eloise Johnson, who all four belonged to the "Greatest Generation." Their parents exemplified this generation's remarkable actions, sacrifices and perseverance that made the United States a better place to live. Income from this fund will benefit organizations that support education, programming and activities in support of the urban youth in our community.

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.

John Henry and Nancy May Bell Allensworth Scholarship Fund — A generous gift from the estate of Nancy Allensworth established this fund. Scholarships are awarded annually to graduates or graduating seniors of Carrollton High School and Edison High School who are planning to pursue degrees at public colleges or universities in Ohio.



Adrienne O'Neill Scholarship Fund — In honor of Dr. Adrienne O'Neill's retirement, the Timken Foundation of Canton established a scholarship fund to recognize her years of exemplary service to the educational community in Stark County. As a testament to Adrienne's commitment to lifelong learning, scholarships are awarded annually to financially needy students who are also first generation college students.

1
NEW FIELD OF INTEREST FUND

64
TOTAL FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

$27,700,272
MARKET VALUE OF FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS
(as of 6/30/2016)

2
NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

101
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

$16,258,404
MARKET VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
(as of 6/30/2016)

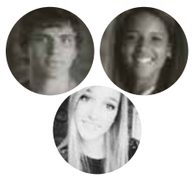
ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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.

Jackson Local Schools Foundation Endowment Fund — This endowment fund was created to build a legacy that perpetuates Jackson's excellence and provides educational enrichment that inspires learning beyond what the school district can provide.



Massillon Heritage Foundation Endowment Fund — Formed in 1976, the Massillon Heritage Foundation's mission is to preserve and restore properties of historical significance to Massillon and the surrounding areas. The Foundation's main focus is Five Oaks mansion, located on Massillon's historic Fourth Street, that was designed by renowned architect Charles F. Schweinferth. This endowment was established to ensure the conservation of one of Massillon's greatest historic treasures continues in perpetuity.



MINERVASTRONG Charitable Fund — Following a car accident on November 22, 2014 that took the lives of three Minerva students – Storm Angione, A'liyia Hancock and Savannah Russell – a charitable fund was created in their memory. The goal of the fund is to honor the memories of the three, each of whom was either in college or college-bound, by providing financial assistance to Minerva High School college-bound students.



North Canton Playhouse/McManaway Endowment Fund — Founded in 1976 by Mary McManaway, the North Canton Playhouse Center for the Performing Arts' mission is to provide entertainment, enrichment and education as well as encourage theatrical arts throughout the North Canton community, Stark County and the Northeastern Ohio area. The Playhouse has a strong reputation for introducing youth to the arts, which helps to promote confidence, self-worth and creativity in its community youth. This endowment fund was established to ensure the Playhouse's mission would continue into perpetuity while also honoring the late Mary and Leonard "Mac" McManaway, who were both passionate supporters of the Playhouse. Mary served as its artistic director, and Mac was the major set builder for 30 years.

Pathway Caring for Children Endowment Fund — This endowment fund was created to support Pathway Caring for Children's mission to empower children and families to realize their potential and achieve the possibilities of their lives through innovative mental health, foster care and adoption services. *This fund includes the Pathway Caring for Children Jim Bridges Memorial Subfund.*

Quail Hollow Volunteer Association Endowment Fund — Founded in 1982, the Quail Hollow Volunteer Association promotes and enhances Quail Hollow Park facilities and provides services to the community by offering opportunities for the public to discover the natural and cultural history of the area. This endowment fund will provide a permanent source of support for the Association and its mission.

Stark County Hunger Task Force Endowment Fund — Stark County Hunger Task Force created this endowment fund to ensure it had a constant source of income to support its mission of fighting hunger in our community. Established in 1981, the Stark County Hunger Task Force provides financial, logistic, strategic and food support to its network of local emergency food pantries, providing a free 3-5 day supply of emergency groceries. Visit starkhunger.org for more information.

Trinity United Church of Christ Endowment Fund — Robert and Ella Griffin Endowment Subfund

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Canton Endowment Fund — The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Canton (UUCGC) established this endowment fund for the long-term benefit of its welcoming, liberal spiritual community in Stark County. The Congregation's Unitarian Universalist faith is guided by its Seven Principles, which include the worth of each person, commitment to justice and compassion, and the right to choose one's own beliefs. UUCGC celebrates spiritual exploration and encourages its members to think for themselves.

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Research and Preservation Center Endowment Fund — Named after Hall of Famer and founder of the Buffalo Bills, the Ralph Wilson, Jr. Pro Football Research and Preservation Center houses and preserves the largest and most comprehensive collection of historic documents, photographs and artifacts related to the history of professional football. The Center also includes a video conferencing lab designed to connect schools and students from around the country to the educational assets of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Income from this fund will support the Hall of Fame's ever-growing collection and support programs related to the Center.

10
NEW ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

153
TOTAL ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

$58,418,497
MARKET VALUE OF ORGANIZATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS
(as of 6/30/2016)

2015 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 650 funds and has granted more than $136 million to organizations in Stark County and beyond since its inception.

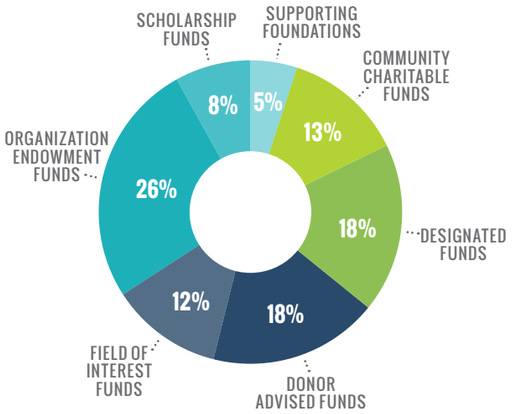
Grants are made to tax-exempt private agencies, 501(c)(3) organizations which are public charities and government entities located within Stark County, only or directly benefiting Stark County.

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

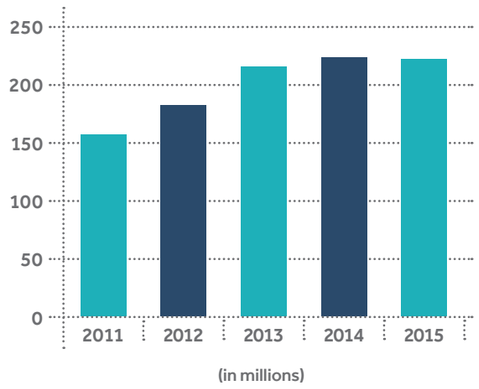
2015 BREAKDOWN OF GRANT AWARDS

Community Charitable Fund	$792,479
Designated Funds	$1,454,414
Donor Advised Funds	$2,014,091
Field of Interest Funds	$1,040,330
Initiatives	
Neighborhood Partnership Grant Program	$149,816
SummerTime Kids	$71,340
Other Initiatives	$5,210
Organization Endowment Funds	$1,748,828
Scholarship Funds	$618,796
Supporting Foundations	$469,815
TOTAL GRANTS	**$8,365,119**

NET ASSETS BY FUND TYPE



GROWTH OF ASSETS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR VP AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

PATRICIA C. QUICK

FOR OVER 50 YEARS, Stark Community Foundation has been dedicated to helping your giving go further by providing high quality investment management. We want to ensure that the dollars entrusted to us by individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits last forever and have the greatest impact possible. It is for these reasons that our investment philosophy is rooted in a long-term approach and is complemented by the size of our investment pool and diversification of investments.

When you join our family of donors, you take advantage of our $220 million portfolio, meaning that collectively we have more purchasing power than you would have as an individual investor. With long-term growth in mind, we work closely with our Investment Review Committee and our investment consulting firm, Colonial Consulting, to determine the right diversification of our assets. In essence, we don't put all of our eggs in one basket. The Foundation's current portfolio includes equities, fixed income and cash, hedge funds, real estate and commodities and private equity. Our investment pool size coupled with asset diversification allows you as a fundholder to reap the benefits of a maximum return with minimal risk.

While 2015 was a challenging year for many investors including Stark Community Foundation, our long-term approach and investment philosophy is what keeps us focused on the future. It's important for us to stay the course and not react to the volatility and short-term market conditions. There is a bright side to this trying time in the market; it provides an opportunity for the Foundation to take advantage of purchasing low-priced assets which will in turn amplify the rewards when the values of the assets increase.

As Your Trusted Partner in Giving, we feel privileged to manage your charitable gifts and assist you in achieving your goals for giving. We value the confidence and trust you have in Stark Community Foundation, and we will strive to provide you with the best service possible. If you ever have questions about our investment strategy, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Patricia C. Quick
VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

2015 SCF INC. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

YEAR RETURN	1	3	5	10
INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE	-3.0%	5.1%	5.1%	5.4%

2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	2015	2014
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,439,778	$ 8,155,884
Interest receivable	1,834,790	189,910
Notes and loans receivable, net of allowances	1,675,787	1,841,338
Contributions receivable, net of allowances	1,097,294	1,804,560
Investments	203,850,997	208,296,357
Property and equipment:		
Land, building and improvements	1,884,247	1,884,247
Equipment	147,595	142,962
	2,031,842	2,027,209
Less allowance for depreciation	386,941	328,298
	1,644,901	1,698,911
Other assets	676,830	1,126,339
TOTAL ASSETS	**$220,220,377**	**$223,113,299**
Liabilities and net assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$3,065,776	$281,900
Grants payable	2,870,289	2,695,848
Interest rate swap liability	62,457	23,478
Notes payable	2,320,343	2,396,614
Funds held as agency endowments	61,799,806	61,511,635
	70,118,671	66,909,475
Net assets - combined entities	153,637,157	159,560,518
Members' equity	(3,535,451)	(3,356,694)
Total net assets and members' equity	150,101,706	156,203,824
TOTAL LIABILITIES, NET ASSETS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	**$220,220,377**	**$223,113,299**

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	2015	2014
Revenues and investment activity		
Total contributions	$8,490,738	$11,049,325
Less: amounts received for agency transactions	4,428,032	6,401,518
Net contributions	4,062,706	4,647,807
Investment income	4,271,856	3,221,642
Less: investment income for agency transactions	451,221	602,444
Net investment income	3,820,635	2,619,198
Rental income	133,125	160,882
Other income	74,110	78,526
Total net realized and unrealized investment (losses) gains	(8,555,051)	3,261,440
Less: investment (losses) gains on agency transactions	(2,272,898)	628,427
Net realized and unrealized investment (losses) gains	(6,282,153)	2,633,013
TOTAL REVENUES AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY	**1,808,423**	**10,139,426**
Expenses		
Total grants	8,539,560	7,885,162
Less: grants made from agency transactions	2,318,183	1,720,713
Net grants expense	6,221,377	6,164,449
Administrative expenses	1,464,574	1,341,863
Depreciation and amortization	60,493	64,089
Provision for uncollectible contributions and loans	(206,471)	(5,251)
Other expenses	318,093	355,139
Less: other expenses from agency transactions	0	2,000
Net other expenses	318,093	353,139
Total expenses	7,858,066	7,918,289
Change in net assets and members' equity	(6,049,643)	2,221,137
Net assets and members' equity at beginning of year	156,203,824	153,953,446
Effect of interest rate swap on accumulated other comprehensive loss	(52,475)	29,241
NET ASSETS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY AT END OF YEAR	**$150,101,706**	**$156,203,824**

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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.