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THE DIFFERENCE



NONPROFIT FEATURE

BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY TO STARK COUNTY

As the holiday season approaches, A Community Christmas is working tirelessly to bring Christmas joy to local people in need.

A Community Christmas of Stark County, Inc. (ACC) ensures local individuals and families facing challenging times receive food, toys, clothing and more during the holidays.

"It started with a couple of ladies in a church who heard of a few families who needed help," shared Susan Hill, president of ACC, who has been volunteering with the all-volunteer nonprofit for 14 years. "A Community Christmas evolved from that into what it is today."

Over the last 65 years, ACC has served as a beacon of hope for some of Stark County's most deserving residents through its four core programs: Adopt-A-Family, Christmas Giving Center, Senior/Disabled Adults and Mitten Tree. These initiatives collectively assist families in our community who may lack the resources to create a special holiday season for their loved ones.

Local individuals and families in need apply for support through ACC's programs. A devoted team of volunteers reviews these applications, and, with the help of Catholic Charities, they are cross-checked with multiple agencies to prevent duplication of assistance in our community. From there, volunteers assess and assign each individual or family to one of the four available programs. Thanks to the dedication of over 500 volunteers, more than 2,500 people experienced a brighter holiday season last year through ACC's programs.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Adopt-A-Family is a heartwarming program where a mix of sponsors (individuals, families, churches, organizations and businesses) support families who have fallen on tough times by purchasing gifts, clothing and essential items. It's a thoughtful way to spread the spirit of giving, ensuring every family can experience the joy of Christmas.

ACC's volunteer team intentionally matches sponsors with families in need and provides a list of suggested items, ranging from clothing and toys to cleaning supplies and bedding.

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2023 has been a remarkable year of celebration for Stark Community Foundation.

Throughout this past year, we have celebrated our 60th anniversary with activities that have brought joy and unity to our community— from trips to the Akron Zoo and sensory-friendly movies at the Canton Palace Theatre to our Six for 60: Endowment Fund Challenge and Community Mural Paint Day. The community's involvement and excitement in our anniversary festivities has been nothing short of inspiring.

We truly appreciate the support we have received from all of you, our caring and dedicated community members. It is because of you that we have served our cherished family of donors and the charitable causes they care about for the past six decades, and we look forward to strengthening our community together for the next 60 years.

In keeping with our commitment to building your community knowledge and uplifting charitable causes, we recently launched an online Nonprofit Directory. This growing database of organizations serving Stark and surrounding counties aims to spotlight the missions, programs and geographic reach of our local nonprofits. It also offers residents an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the meaningful work of our nonprofits. I encourage you to explore this directory at **starkcf.org/np-directory**, and encourage nonprofits not currently featured to establish their profiles.

As the season shifts in Ohio to colder weather, our hearts and minds naturally turn to those in need during the holiday season.

We are proud to share our annual Nonprofit Holiday Giving Guide, a thoughtfully curated list of nonprofits and their year-end needs. This guide features seven opportunities to brighten the holidays of those in our community, from purchasing care packages for adults with disabilities to providing holiday meals for families battling cancer and paying tribute to our local veterans. If you're looking for ways to make a positive impact, turn to page 6 to discover how to support these causes.

As always, our dedicated team at Stark Community Foundation is ready to help you navigate your path of philanthropy. Please reach out to us for support with achieving your charitable goals or meeting your tax planning needs before the end of December. We'd love to work with you to maximize your giving.

On behalf of the entire Stark Community Foundation team, we wish you and your loved ones a joyous and healthy holiday season.

With appreciation,

Mark J. Samolczyk
President and CEO

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» 100% goes directly to selected charity
» tax deductible & never expires

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The program thrives on the support of the local community. In 2022, 209 local families were adopted, thanks to generous sponsors like Aultman Hospital and Faith United Methodist Church— whose teams sponsored multiple families.

Another local organization playing an integral role in the Adopt-A-Family program is Dominion Energy. For more than 30 years, employees from Dominion Energy have not only adopted families but also led the annual distribution event at the Southeast Community Center in Canton.

Tracy Stevens, external affairs manager at Dominion Energy, shared, "Our partnership with A Community Christmas is incredibly important to us. It's our employees' favorite event of the year."

Every December, sponsors drop off wrapped gifts at the Southeast Community Center, and the next day, families pick them up. Dominion Energy employees volunteer on both days and spend those days working with sponsors and clients and packing cars with Christmas cheer.

Tracy added, "We even tackle the occasional engineering challenge, like fitting 12 boxes and two bicycles into one car."

The families that benefit from our community's generosity often express their gratitude through handwritten thank-you notes. One family summed it up by saying,

"I just want to thank you for what you did for my family. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have been able to give my family a Christmas."

CHRISTMAS GIVING CENTER

For families not in the Adopt-A-Family program, ACC offers meaningful support through its Christmas Giving Center. Using suggestions from the clients' application, clients come to an annual two-day event at the Stark County Fairgrounds to pick up their pre-bagged gifts. These gifts include books, toys provided by Marines Toys for Tots for children 12 and under, gift cards for teens, food vouchers for families, clothing, hats, mittens, paper products, toiletries and cleaning supplies.

"What sets A Community Christmas apart is our support for teenagers," shared Susan. "We provide Walmart gift cards so they can get something they truly want."

Last year, the Christmas Giving Center assisted 344 families, encompassing 620 children, 281 teenagers and 433 adults. Among them was a grandmother with permanent custody of her grandchildren who expressed, "I'm in awe of what you do."

SENIOR/DISABLED ADULTS

ACC's commitment goes beyond gifts. In 2022, over 300 local seniors and disabled adults received food vouchers from Fishers Foods to purchase a holiday meal. Notably, this program experienced a 26% increase from the previous year, guaranteeing that families in need can enjoy a comforting holiday feast.

One grateful senior citizen expressed, "Thanks to you, I could afford the food for my Christmas dinner."

MITTEN TREE

Every winter, hats, gloves and scarves are collected and distributed to neighbors in need, extending the warmth of our caring community. Last year, over 5,700 items were collected from 25 local churches, businesses, libraries and numerous individuals.

WHAT'S NEXT

ACC's future plans focus on increasing program promotion, enhancing digital communication and developing a comprehensive donor database to streamline communication and mailing processes.

"This work has been very close to my heart for a very long time, and it does a whole lot of good," said Susan. "We're happy with our impact and longevity in the community. I am so grateful to be a part of such a great organization with such dedicated volunteers and board members that have been bringing Christmas joy to Stark County since 1959."

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. **Volunteer:** Sign up online or call 330-454-3841 to help with organization, gift shopping and event support.
2. **Donate Items**: New, unwrapped gifts will be accepted until December 11.
3. **Make a Gift:** Financial donations of any size are welcome anytime.

Note: The deadline to adopt a family for this holiday season was November 14.

Learn more at **acommunitychristmas.org**

GIVING TIPS

YEAR-END GIVING

Here are 5 ways to make a meaningful impact with your year-end giving before the end of 2023.

1. DONATE STOCK

Donate stock or other appreciated securities you have owned for longer than a year to be exempt from paying capital gains tax.

2. GIVE NOW, DECIDE LATER

Open a Donor Advised Fund to receive an immediate tax deduction and give back to nonprofits when the time is right for you.

3. DONATE FROM YOUR IRA

Make a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA directly to Stark Community Foundation tax-free.

4. BUNCH YOUR DONATIONS

Bunch multiple years' worth of donations into one calendar year to receive maximum tax benefits.

5. HONOR A LOVED ONE

Honor a family member or close friend by supporting a cause they hold close to their heart.

Visit **starkcf.org/giving** to learn more and view **year-end giving deadlines** for gifts of stock, checks and online giving.



FEATURED FUND

A LIFE LIVED TO THE MAX

In life, there are people who dream bigger and work harder than the rest. Maxwell "Max" Hartong was undeniably one of those people—a young man with a deep sense of purpose, a contagious drive for success and an unwavering determination to better himself and those around him.

Max was not merely a dreamer; he was a doer. Those who knew him understood that there was no limit to what Max could achieve if he set his mind to it. He captained both Jackson High School's lacrosse team and the Division I lacrosse team at Jacksonville University. After earning a bachelor's degree in finance, Max balanced working as a financial analyst while coaching high school lacrosse. He had his sights set on more and rose to the top of his class at the University of Miami School of Law before transferring to Harvard Law School. At Harvard, he excelled in the Federal Courts and pursued an externship with the US Attorney's Office. Max climbed mountains both figurately and literally—climbing Mount Rainier not once, but twice, proving that life's peaks are there to be reached and sometimes re-reached.

"When you write down your goal, some people will tell you 'You can't do it,'" said Dr. Steven Coss, a close family friend who coached his son Steve and Max in lacrosse starting in the third grade. "Max never let that stop him from pursuing his dreams."

Max was as kind-hearted as he was competitive. He married his high school sweetheart, Taylor Wiseman, on May 21, 2022, in Canton surrounded by their family and friends.

Their next chapter was just beginning. Max had accepted a position at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in New York City, one of the largest law firms in the world, and planned to start working there following graduation from Harvard Law.



Max and Taylor

In November 2022, at the age of 27, Max passed away from medical complications while competing in the Miami Ironman Triathlon. His family and closest friends found themselves in the same church where they had celebrated Max and Taylor's wedding just six months earlier, now mourning his loss.

Max accomplished so much in his lifetime, and his influence continues to extend far and wide. Many people have shared the profound impact Max had on their own lives.

Gabe Gemberling, who has known Max since the fifth grade, imparted what his best friend had instilled in him. "From a young age, he taught me right from wrong, to fight for what I believe in and to physically push myself to learn along the way. **All the things that took me into my early adult life to understand or master, Max had already done at a young age. He pushed himself to never accept anything but the best he could be and expected the people around him to follow suit.** By saying Max is a societal loss, I'm making an understatement."



Cindy, Max and Bryan

In the months that followed Max's passing, Max's parents, Bryan and Cindy, established an endowment fund through Jacksonville University to honor their son's memory in a way that exemplified his life and encouraged others to follow in his footsteps. The fund aims to support a Jacksonville University graduating senior or alumnus of the men's lacrosse team who plans to attend graduate school.

"We knew we had a special son, but we were overwhelmed by how many people Max had impacted through every aspect of his life," shared Bryan.

Friends and family were inspired by Bryan and Cindy's tribute to Max's legacy and came together locally to establish a memorial fund in Max's honor through Stark Community Foundation.

Tim Furbay, a coach who, like Dr. Coss, coached Max along with his son Tyler in lacrosse, shared his motivation behind this effort, stating,

"When you feel a loss this big, you feel it in your heart and soul to do something for a kid who had so much promise and whose life was cut short. I watched Max grow from a young kid doing pranks into a mature, loyal friend who was succeeding in academics and athletics. He was such a good kid and a great example of who you want your kids to hang out with."

Dr. Coss and Tim had the mutual idea to bring people together to help raise money to establish the Max Hartong JHS Memorial Award Fund.

"It was heartbreaking. We knew we had to do something," said Dr. Coss. "We felt compelled to do something in his honor, and we wanted this fund to represent the ideals and values he stood for."

Today, the fund stands as a testament to Max's determined spirit and serves as an inspiration for future generations to chase their dreams both on and off the field. The fund provides yearly scholarships to graduating seniors on the Jackson High School men's lacrosse team.

A committee regularly spreads the word about the fund, reviews scholarship applications and decides which students receive the award in Max's memory. Most recently, the committee identified two exceptional students from a pool of applicants to receive the inaugural Max Hartong JHS Memorial Award in 2023.

Santiago Gil, one of Max's closest friends and a committee member, reflected on the selection process, saying, "I did not think anyone would be able to live up to Max's name, but after reviewing the applications, there were two clear outliers who immediately reminded us of Max. I was flooded with memories reading their essays that took me back to my high school days with Max."

During an awards banquet held in June, Nathan Stout and Aaron Waltman were announced as the inaugural award recipients. Nathan is pursuing a finance degree at The Ohio State University, and Aaron is pursuing a degree in business management and finance while continuing to play lacrosse at Capital University.

Santiago had the privilege of speaking at the banquet and presenting the award to Nathan and Aaron, who, much like Max, were characterized by their work ethic, compassion, ambition for success, love for lacrosse and their ability to play the game with integrity and passion. Santiago shared, "I normally don't like public speaking, but to have the opportunity to speak about my best friend and present the winners was a no-brainer for me. It was an honor to be able to speak about him and see the smiles on the faces of the winners as their names were said out loud in front of their peers."



Tim Furbay, Santiago Gil, Dr. Steven Coss, Aaron Waltman, Nathan Stout and Bobby Lyle

Bobby Lyle, the current head coach of the Jackson High School men's lacrosse team, envisions Max's life philosophy becoming a perpetual source of inspiration for his team and broader high school community. He explained, "Max never settled for easy and expected more out of himself. He was hard working, disciplined, loyal and self-motivated—all attributes we aim to instill in our students and athletes to become good people and productive citizens. **It is awesome to know that Max's memory will live on through this scholarship for future generations of Jackson lacrosse players.**"

The committee aspires to grow the fund, offer renewable scholarships and, most importantly, carry on Max's legacy in our community.

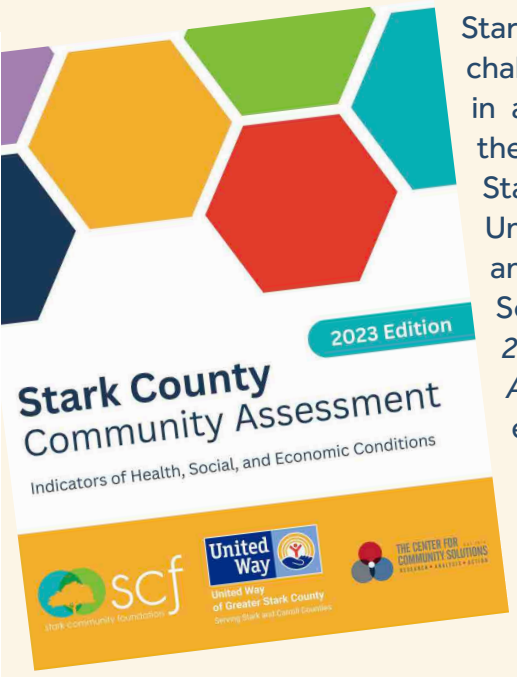
As the 10-year anniversary of Max's high school graduation draws near, an anonymous donor is generously matching all donations to the fund dollar for dollar through the first of the year. Donations of any size can be made online at **starkcf.org/give-hartong**, and checks with Hartong in the memo line can be mailed to Stark Community Foundation at 400 Market Avenue North, Suite 200, Canton, Ohio 44702.

The way Max lived his life with passion and intention is a source of motivation for all who were fortunate enough to have known him. For those who didn't know him personally, may his story inspire you to make every moment count and live your life to the max.

DATA-DRIVEN PHILANTHROPY

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

In a rapidly evolving world, the importance of understanding the well-being of a community cannot be overstated.



Stark County is no exception to the challenges and opportunities that arise in a community. To better understand the overall health of Stark County, Stark Community Foundation, United Way of Greater Stark County and the Center for Community Solutions officially released the *2023 Stark County Community Assessment*. This updated and enhanced assessment is a collection and analysis of the most timely and relevant data on health, social and economic conditions impacting Stark County residents.

We aspire for this report to continue being more than just statistics and charts— we hope that it becomes a powerful tool, uniting community leaders, policymakers, organizations and concerned individuals in their commitment to driving positive change and enhancing the quality of life for every resident of Stark County.

This report sheds light on a variety of community conditions, including:

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM
Over 30% of students in the Alliance City, Canton City, Canton Local and Massillon City school districts missed 10% or more of school in the 2022-2023 school year.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE
About 11% of older adults in Stark County are living with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias, and the rate is expected to grow by almost 14% in Ohio between 2020 to 2025.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY
23% of Stark County residents are living in unaffordable housing—meaning their housing costs are more than 30% of their household's income.

AGE DISTRIBUTION
Stark County, like the rest of Ohio, is aging, with adults ages 60 and older outnumbering children under the age of 18.

CHILD POVERTY
Child poverty in Canton is improving with 43.5% of children in Canton growing up in poverty in 2022 compared to 56.9% in 2019.

Read this year's report at starkcf.org/23scca

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2023 NONPROFIT HOLIDAY GIVING GUIDE

If you would like to support your community this holiday season but aren't sure how, Stark Community Foundation can help. Our Nonprofit Holiday Giving Guide is a curated list of year-end needs of seven local nonprofits serving our community.

To learn more and support these initiatives, visit starkcf.org/holiday-giving

SPREAD CHEER TO FAMILIES BATTLING CANCER

To help make the holidays a little brighter, a gift of **$150** provides a local family from Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center with a grocery card or a gift card for a prepared holiday meal from a local restaurant, as well as a few simple holiday family gifts.

Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center was created to help the whole family get through a cancer diagnosis and treatment. Services include transportation to and from doctor visits, salon services, support groups, dignity tops and prostheses, food assistance, a companion program and house cleaning.

SUPPORT RESCUE DOGS AS SERVICE ANIMALS

Give the gift of independence this holiday season. A gift of **$175** provides a veterinarian well-check visit, immunizations and a service animal cape for a rescued dog in training to be a service animal. Canines Helping Independent People's trained service dogs help physically disabled people live more fulfilling, self-sufficient lives.

Canines Helping Independent People rescues, trains and places service dogs with adults and veterans who have disabilities. The organization also places dogs in assisted living facilities to help with resident well-being and provides educational programs to school children, civic groups, clubs, organizations and government agencies.

GIVE A CARE PACKAGE TO ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Many JRC Adult Day Center members do not have family and friends they see around the holidays. A gift of **$100** provides them with a holiday care package, including a blanket, goodies, a craft, book or other activity and a sweatshirt. This gesture ensures JRC members feel loved and cared for during the holiday season.

JRC Adult Day Center allows adults with physical or cognitive disabilities to remain in their community independently for as long as possible. Members socialize, exercise, attend field trips and increase their overall quality of life through programs that offer temporary relief to caregivers— allowing them to work or run errands while knowing their relative is safe.

PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR ANIMALS

A gift of **$200** helps area rescues get the medical care they need this holiday season. This covers the costs of a spay or neuter, essential medical care, heartworm tests, flea prevention, vaccinations and deworming for a rescued animal.

Pawsitive Hope takes in shelter and owner-surrendered animals with medical issues and rehabilitates, vaccinates, microchips, spays or neuters and places these special needs animals up for adoption. The team also provides medical care at other animal rescues and financial assistance to help low-income families with spay or neuter costs.

GIFT A PERMANENT TRIBUTE TO A LOVED ONE

A gift of **$100** this holiday season engraves a brick with the name of your military or first responder loved one that will be placed around the flagpole at the entrance of the Pegasus Farm Military and First Responders Center. Proceeds support the equestrian programs for veterans, active military personnel and first responders.

Pegasus Farm's Military and First Responders Center is a place for connection of support through comprehensive, community-based programming to meet the needs of veterans, active-duty military, first responders and their families. Services include equestrian activities, exercise programs, individual counseling services, all at no cost to participants.

ENCOURAGE YOUNG STUDENT WRITERS

A gift of **$175** covers the costs for one economically disadvantaged Stark County seventh or eighth-grade student to travel and participate in the Power of the Pen State Tournament. Fifteen total gifts would sponsor an entire Stark County team of students in need for the 2023-2024 tournament season, which begins in January.

Power of the Pen empowers seventh and eighth-grade students to find and develop their unique creative voice by participating in writing tournaments. Each team prepares for competition by studying the most compelling student writing, engaging in conversations about the writer's craft and the impact of the stories written by their peers.

SPONSOR MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS

A gift of **$150** helps a Stark County middle schooler assess community needs and put their actionable ideas into motion through TomTod Idea's "What If You Could" program. Students in the program work with mentors to refine their ideas, build a prototype and pitch their plans to community leaders.

TomTod Ideas helps thousands of Stark County middle schoolers discover and love their community while finding ways to help it thrive. The programming uses the latest research about early adolescent development, allowing students to explore idea creation through a community-focused, developmentally appropriate lens.

OUR FAMILY TREE

16 charitable funds were established through Stark Community Foundation from July 1 through September 30, 2023.

Subfunds (4)

City of Louisville Umbrella Alley Endowment Fund
Established by volunteers for the City of Louisville, this endowment fund will produce a steady stream of income for Umbrella Alley to revitalize and rejuvenate the historic downtown Louisville through its unique art attraction. The fund's initial seed money was provided by the Six for 60: Endowment Fund Challenge, a community voting challenge in celebration of Stark Community Foundation's 60th anniversary, where Umbrella Alley was the winner of the Arts & Culture category.



Efremoff Family Charitable Fund
Sally Efremoff established a charitable fund to honor her husband, Tony, in the support of the favorite nonprofits and causes that her family believes are important to the community. The fund will eventually be passed down to their children—Anne, Cynthia and Alan—to continue giving back locally and beyond.

Dan and Kelly Erb Charitable Fund
West Lafayette residents Dan and Kelly Erb established a charitable fund to provide ongoing support to their favorite causes and organizations. Their fund will eventually be passed down to their children, Paige and Palmer, to carry on their family's shared values and beliefs of making a positive impact by helping others.

Donald W. and Evelyn Frease Community Charitable Fund
Don Frease was an industrialist in the steel industry for many years as he ran Cyclops Steel and Sharon Steel in Pennsylvania. Don and Evelyn established this charitable trust due to their commitment to benefiting the community.

Hartville Migrant Ministry Endowment Fund
Established by Hartville Migrant Ministry, this endowment fund creates a lasting source of income to support the changing needs of migrant farmworkers. The fund's initial seed money was provided by the Six for 60: Endowment Fund Challenge, a community voting challenge in celebration of Stark Community Foundation's 60th anniversary, where Hartville Migrant Ministry was the winner of the Human Services category.

Jones Metal Products Charitable Fund
Dan and Kelly Erb, owners of Jones Metal Products, established this corporate charitable fund to continue their commitment to fostering a culture of compassion and care. Through this fund, the manufacturing company gives back by actively supporting nonprofits in West Lafayette and other communities where the company does business.

Helen McInnes Community Charitable Fund
Helen McInnes, before her death, established a fund to assist youth programs, the arts and other charitable organizations in our community.

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church Endowment Fund
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church created an endowment fund to ensure essential financial resources would always be available to support its mission and programming for future generations of Carroll County residents. The fund includes the Building Subfund.

Project Rebuild Endowment Fund
Established by Project Rebuild, this endowment fund guarantees a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding to re-engage young Stark County adults and set them up for lifelong success through education, vocational training and leadership training. The fund's initial seed money was provided by the Six for 60: Endowment Fund Challenge, a community voting challenge in celebration of Stark Community Foundation's 60th anniversary, where Project Rebuild was the winner of the Community & Economic Development category.

Rhoda Wise Shrine Endowment Fund
Established by Rhoda Wise Shrine, this endowment fund ensures a constant source of support to promote and preserve the legacy of Rhoda Wise and her home in Canton. The fund's initial seed money was provided by the Six for 60: Endowment Fund Challenge, a community voting challenge in celebration of Stark Community Foundation's 60th anniversary, where Rhoda Wise Shrine was the winner of the Faith Based category.

William R. Schellhase and Mary Jane Schellhase Philanthropic Fund

YMCA Youth Endowment Fund
Jumpstarted by an anonymous donor, this endowment fund provides a legacy of support for the YMCA of Central Stark County and its year-round programming for children and youth in our community.

Thank you to the following advisors— Rich Craig, John Davis and Huntington Bank— for referring their clients to achieve their charitable goals with a fund at Stark Community Foundation this quarter.

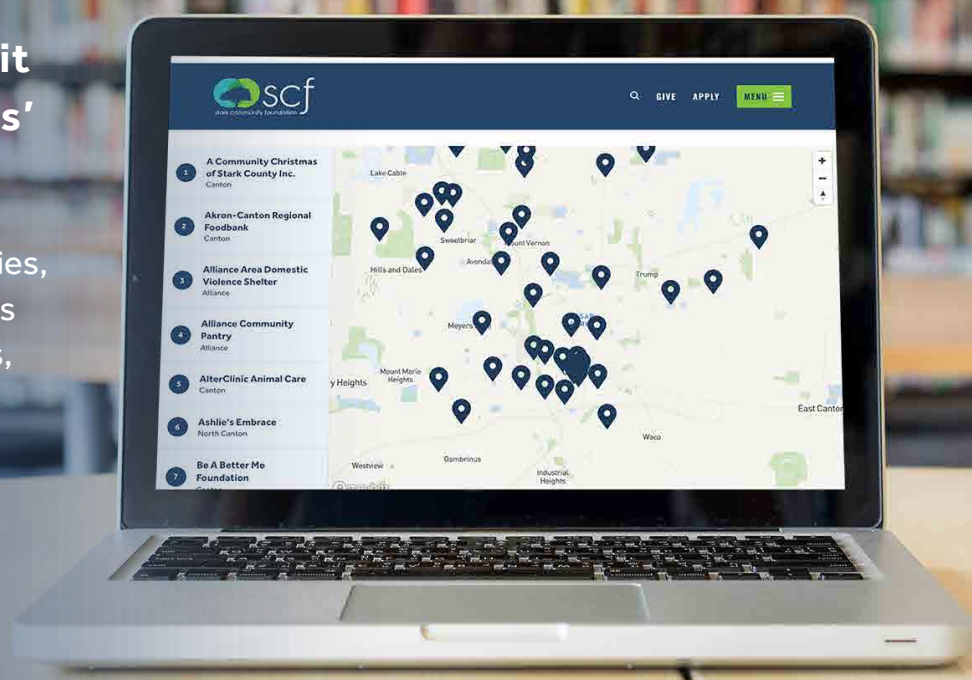
NEW NONPROFIT DIRECTORY

We just launched an online, searchable nonprofit directory designed to showcase local nonprofits' missions, programs and geographic footprint!

If your nonprofit serves residents of Stark and surrounding counties, create a profile today at **starkcf.org/np-profile** to raise awareness about your organization and connect with a community of donors, potential supporters, partners and volunteers.

View the directory and learn more:

STARKCF.ORG/NP-DIRECTORY



COLLABORATIVE EVENT

COMMUNITY MURAL PAINT DAY

In celebration of Stark Community Foundation's 60th anniversary, we partnered with ArtsinStark, a local artist and community members to create a vibrant, engaging mural. Thank you to the more than 100 painters who unleashed their artistic talent during our Community Mural Paint Day.

To learn more, visit starkcf.org/mural

















