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Akron Community Foundation ends year with grants

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The Akron Community Foundation concluded its 2014 grant cycle last month by ratifying more than \$1.5 million.

More than \$1 million came from designated, donor-advised, agency endowment and scholarship funds. The balance, \$453,500, were approved as health and human services grants that will help fund 34 nonprofit agencies in the Summit County area:

- ACCESS Inc., to shelter homeless women and children, \$25,000.
- Akron Children's Hospital, to reduce sleep-related infant deaths, \$5,000.
- Akron Marathon Charitable Corp., to support the 2015 Rubber City Race Series, \$10,000.
- Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, for direct distribution and food pantry capacity building, \$50,000.
- American Red Cross of Summit & Portage Counties, to provide free transportation to and from medical appointments for low-income residents, \$10,000.
- AxessPointe Community Health Center, to purchase audio-visual equipment that will facilitate staff meetings and provide remote patient care, \$15,000.
- Battered Women's Shelter, to provide crisis intervention and emergency services to victims of domestic violence and rape, \$35,000.
- Blick Clinic Inc., to support a new independent living program that teaches people with disabilities about food preparation and nutrition, \$7,000.
- Bridges Summit County, to support the Getting Ahead and Bridges Out of Poverty workshops, \$30,000.
- Coleman Professional Services Inc., to support behavioral health and peer support services for refugees in Summit County, \$5,000.
- CORE Furniture Bank, to provide donated furniture, \$5,000.
- Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy, to purchase a box truck that will transport equipment for farmers markets in Summit County, \$5,000.
- Family and Community Services of Portage County Inc., to expand the Senior Companion program in Akron, which provides socialization and daily living assistance to homebound senior citizens, \$10,000.
- Family Promise of Summit County Inc., to provide shelter and counseling to homeless families with children, \$5,000.
- First Glance Student Center Inc., to provide support, mentoring and parenting education to young moms and dads through the Teen Moms program, \$8,000.
- Freedom House for Women Inc., to provide counseling and intervention services to low-income families who are facing eviction, \$8,000.
- H.M. Life Opportunity Services, to provide school supplies, clothing, tutoring and counseling to children transitioning from homelessness, \$5,000.
- Info Line Inc., for the food pantry clearinghouse and 24-hour emergency phone line, \$20,000.
- International Institute of Akron Inc., to help immigrants and refugees in Summit County secure green cards and pass the U.S. citizenship test, \$18,000.
- Interval Brotherhood Home Corp., to measure long-term sobriety success rates in people who have completed the residential treatment program, \$10,000.

- Jewish Family Service of Akron, Ohio, to prevent the eviction of seniors in subsidized housing through counseling, case management and tenant education, \$5,000.
- Mature Services Inc., to provide essential in-home assistance, including personal care, laundry and cleaning services, to low-income seniors who live alone, \$10,000.
- Mobile Meals Inc., to provide meals and medically prescribed supplements for children, elderly individuals and people with disabilities, \$35,000.
- NAMI Summit County, to provide basic household items to people with mental illness who are transitioning to independent living, \$2,500
- OPEN M, to support the free clinic, \$15,000.
- Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, to provide low-income women at the Akron Health Center with long-acting reversible contraception, \$15,000.
- Portage Path Behavioral Health, to renovate a group treatment room at the outpatient clinic with new furniture and technology, \$10,000.
- Pregnancy Care of Summit County Inc., to provide safe sleep education and portable cribs to low-income parents, \$5,000.
- Prevent Blindness Ohio, to provide vision screenings and eye-care products to at-risk individuals, \$5,000.
- Summa Health System, to help at-risk individuals manage their chronic conditions by identifying and overcoming nonmedical barriers to health care, including transportation and literacy, \$5,000.
- Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, to help men become better fathers through education and mentoring programs, \$20,000.
- United Disability Services Inc., to help people with severe disabilities secure employment, \$15,000.
- Victim Assistance Program Inc., to provide 24-hour support and advocacy for victims of crime and sudden trauma, \$20,000.
- Women's Auxiliary Board of the Summit County Children's Home Inc., to purchase beds for kids in the care of Children Services, \$5,000.

In 1955, a \$1 million bequest from the estate of Edwin Shaw established the Akron Community Foundation. For more information, call 330-376-8522 or go to www.akroncf.org.

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