illuminating hope

“And who is my neighbor?”
The Parable of the Good Samaritan

“And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied: “There was a man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell prey to robbers. They stripped him, beat him, and then went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; he saw him but continued on. Likewise there was a Levite who came the same way; he saw him and went on. But a Samaritan who was journeying along came on him and was moved to pity at the sight. He approached him and dressed his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. He then hoisted him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, where he cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request: ‘Look after him, and if there is any further expense I will repay you on my way back.’

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man who fell in with the robbers?” The answer came, “The one who treated him with compassion.” Jesus said to him, “Then go and do the same.”

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– Luke 10:37
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Without reservation, I can say these past seven years have been extraordinarily gratifying, and I feel deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Board. I am extremely proud of not only the accomplishments, but also the lasting friendships and partnerships that the Foundation has made.

The commitment of the board has been inspirational. Please accept my thanks for a job well done from the bottom of my heart for devoting so much of your time so freely to our organization. Service to others is the most noble work in life and provides a rich opportunity to extend our reach to members of the community who are in need. We believe our work is helping to Illuminate Hope for the often overlooked and vulnerable. Doing our best to care for our neighbors is something we hold dear.

Community West Foundation donors and volunteers are the most loyal and generous imaginable. To work alongside those who give of themselves in a spirit of compassion is an honor. They constantly remind us that people do care about each other and want to make a difference in their communities.

Successful organizations must continue to evolve over time, and new leaders must bring new insight to the vision and values of the organization. I am very pleased that the Board elected David Hessler as Chair, and I know that his skill and experience will be extremely valuable to the Foundation and community.

We are also fortunate to have a very dedicated President and CEO, David T. Dombrowiak, whose compassion for others is evident in so many ways including inspiring and leading his staff.

I look forward to watching Community West Foundation grow, change, and thrive over the coming years in the care of those who deeply value its mission and vision. And in the words of Walt Whitman, “The strongest and sweetest songs yet remain to be sung.”

I wish you health and happiness,

Theodore J. Castele, M.D.
Chair Emeritus
Message from the Chair of the Board

David J. Hessler, Esq.

Dear Donors and Friends:

As the newly elected Foundation Chair, it brings me great pleasure to report on the success of the work and vision of prior leaders. Sir Isaac Newton said, “We all stand on the shoulders of the giants that came before us.” That certainly applies to the leadership of the Community West Foundation. I am honored to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Ted Castele and commend him for his record of remarkable leadership. His faithful service, kind assistance to others, and spirit of generosity are attributes that have drawn him close to our hearts. He is indeed someone special.

Board members make the Foundation’s mission their own, volunteers offer precious time to our Foundation, and donors show confidence by their generous contributions.

With this affirmation of our work comes a heightened awareness of our obligation and responsibility to the community – to use our resources wisely and well.

We will continue to work in partnership with nonprofit organizations that provide compelling programs, initiatives and services to meet the ever increasing needs of our community. What is most inspiring to me is the strength and spirit of the people who support our efforts. The Foundation’s resources have been applied to problems of homelessness, poverty and human suffering. It is a very good feeling to know that we are making a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of families through our philanthropic efforts, ensuring a sense of community, and “Illuminating Hope.”

American philanthropy stands on the shoulders of the giants that came before us and helped to create stronger communities and a more giving and caring nation.

We look forward to working even more closely with our friends and colleagues to keep the needs of vulnerable people in our prayers and at the heart of our efforts.

Sincerely,

David J. Hessler, Esq.
Chair of the Board
Message from the President and CEO
David T. Dombrowiak

Dear Friends:

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to our beloved Chair of the Board for the past seven years, Dr. Ted Castele, who retired at the end of last year. His years of service were characterized by enthusiasm, energy, and most of all, exceptional efforts to promote philanthropy throughout our community. To our enormous benefit, Dr. Ted has accepted the invitation to serve as Chair Emeritus and Life Trustee in addition to remaining our official spokesperson, allowing us to continue to benefit from his knowledge and expertise.

Thanks to the generosity of our thoughtful donors and friends, in 2008 we raised over $3 million in donations, which is a great testament to the giving spirit of our community. While fundraising is important, grantmaking is at the heart of our work, and this past year we shared $5.6 million with charitable organizations and Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals.

One of our greatest assets is the passion our Board feels about the Foundation and the work we do together. The Board elected David Hessler as Chair, confident that he will continue to embrace the causes that will bring hope to others. From active volunteerism to monetary donations, our Board Members are truly inspiring examples of the Good Samaritan, demonstrating their generous spirit of giving through their overwhelming response of $3.1 million to the Millennium Fund. Such generous giving is a powerful example to those around us, our family, friends, and neighbors. Through their benevolence, they are the true caretakers of our community.

The Foundation motto is “Illuminating Hope,” and I believe we are called to bring light, warmth, and a spark of hope to others. We may never know how much the kindness we do will end up changing a life forever.

To all our friends and supporters who have made donations out of the goodness of their hearts, we thank you. We are blessed to have friends who care so deeply about the needs of others.

With warm and grateful regards,

David T. Dombrowiak
President and CEO
The 2008 Foundation Board of Directors
Thanks for a Great Year!

Community West Foundation is blessed by our Board of Directors whose leadership we highly value. We couldn’t ask for better partners that have shared generosity of resources, precious time, and thoughtful guidance.

The members of our Board truly exemplify the meaning of volunteerism, and over the past year these civic leaders provided countless hours of precious assistance and support. We can never say thank you enough for their hard work, genuine love, and concern for our community.

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Thank you to our Retiring Trustees!

We express especially warm thanks to friends Rev. Timothy Kesicki and James R. Kirk, who completed their Board service in 2008. In addition to being valued Board Members, they were a great resource to the Foundation, and we appreciate and applaud their steadfast commitment.

Admiration and affection describe the feelings of the trustees honoring Dr. Ted Castele, who also retired from his position this year. Chair of the Foundation Board for seven years, Dr. Ted, as he is fondly known, will remain active as Chair Emeritus and Life Trustee to the organization.

* An asterisk denotes our retiring Board Members.

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We are pleased to acknowledge our Life Trustees, who are superb ambassadors for the Foundation and continue to provide leadership, advice and counsel.

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The Benefits of a Donor Advised Fund

One of the many ways donors choose to give back to their community is through a Donor Advised Fund. A Donor Advised Fund makes donating to your favorite charities easy by centralizing your charitable dollars in one convenient account at the Foundation. This popular vehicle allows you to support your favorite causes while receiving the helping hand of our staff members and Board of Directors. Donors receive the simplicity and tax advantages of a private or family foundation, and benefit by our assistance. We take care of all the administration, accounting, management and grant making so you can focus on the best part, giving to causes close to your heart.

This year, donors expressed confidence in the Foundation and gave $177,995 in gifts for causes dear to them through Donor Advised Funds. We are sincerely honored by these donors who have chosen the Community West Foundation as their philanthropic partner.
Community West Foundation admires and supports the great work done by local nonprofits that are helping to make positive impacts in our communities. Their good work must continue.

We recognize that especially today, nonprofit organizations face an ongoing need for financial resources to meet their missions and goals. Our nonprofit partners are bearing the brunt of shrinking resources and growing need. Philanthropy and planned gifts can help nonprofit organizations build a solid financial future.

Community West Foundation reaches out to the nonprofit sector to play an active and visible role in offering our support. Through the Colleague Program, nonprofits can partner with us for the purpose of increasing support for their charitable missions. We provide expanded services to help organizations with planned giving resources, assistance and advice. By helping our colleagues to build endowments and boost major gifts through planned giving, the organizations benefit, donors benefit and our entire community wins.

A component of the Colleague Program includes a special co-operative advertising program to increase awareness of our Colleagues. This initiative provides a vehicle for the Community West Foundation to highlight all the good work local organizations are doing in the community.

Community West Foundation reaches out to the financial community through our Financial Advisor Program to work with professional advisors in order to find the best charitable giving options for their clients.

Through the Financial Advisor Program, we can help donors by providing information about types of funds available and gaining access to the most cost effective methods of giving in order to take full advantage of tax savings.

Whether donors are interested in developing a bequest, finding an alternative to a private foundation, or building a tradition of family involvement in charitable giving, we can help address their interests and goals.

Working with us offers real tax advantages, as well as the opportunity to leverage donations for the greatest charitable impact in the community. Donors can be assured that the spirit of their gifts will endure. We have a wealth of knowledge and materials on giving through Community West Foundation, including fund types, giving strategies and estate planning advice. By working together with advisors, we can help to increase charitable giving by informing donors about how best to include philanthropy in their financial plans. Our collaboration with professional advisors offers meaningful philanthropy for all.
### Donor Advised Funds

- William Winfield Baker Family Foundation
- Bobst Family Fund
- Brown Family Fund
- Lutheran Heritage Fund  
  *Established by Rev. David Buegler*
- Castele Family Fund
- Fred DeGrandis Family Fund
- Dombrowiak Family Fund
- Dr. J. Peter and Carol H. Fegan Fund
- Zone Fisher Family Fund
- Hagen Family Fund
- Harrington Family Fund
- David J. and Martha Hessler Fund
- Jacques Family Fund
- Jubilee Fund
- John W. Kemper, Sr. Fund
- James R. and Jean E. Kirk Fund
- Dr. James A. and Lois Magisano Fund
- Memory Care Fund  
  *Established by Kemper House*
- The Namaste Fund  
  *Established by Peter J. Schindler*
- Lynn L. Nosse Fund  
  *Established by William Nosse*
- Oatey Fund
- O’Neill Management Donor Advised Fund
- The Joyesh Raj Foundation
- Amity Fund  
  *Established by William J. Reidy*
- James V. Scarcella, M.D. Foundation Fund
- Isabel and Dr. Wiley Schultz Fund  
  *Established by Dr. David Schultz*
- Sekhon Family Fund
- Lorraine and Tim Spiro Fund
- The Stewart Family Fund
- Robert Warren, Jr. Fund
- Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr. Donor-Advised Fund
- Wilde Family Fund
- R.J. and J.G. Yaroma Family Fund
- The Zangmeister Foundation
- Sharon and Harry A. Zilli, Jr. Fund

### Endowment & Scholarship Funds

- Francis C. and Jean A. Atack Nursing Scholarship Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Lauren Louise Atherton NICU Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Mark S. and Evelyn Hahn Conser Fund
- Amanda Crellin Memorial Scholarship Fund of Fairview Hospital  
  *Established by Tom Crellin*
- Joan K. Farr Endowment Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Founders Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Robert & Blanche Giesser Scholarship Fund
- Florence N. Gray Scholarship Fund
- Fred E. Hansen Memorial Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Hassler Family Practice Center Endowment Fund
- Jacob O. Kamm Educational Aid Fund
- Lutheran Hospital Nursing Education Fund
- Dr. William Mize Memorial Fund of Fairview Hospital  
  *Established by Fairview Hospital in honor of Janice Murphy*
- Dr. Frank Paino Endowment Fund of Fairview Hospital  
  *Established by Westgate Medical Anesthesia Group*
- Palomaki Library Fund of Fairview Hospital
- Jeanette B. Revock Scholarship Fund
- Edwin F. Ross Memorial Fund  
  *Established by Virginia Ross*
- Scott ICU Endowment Fund of Fairview Hospital  
  *Established by Viola Scott*
- Charlie Sumrada Fund  
  *Established by Charles A. and Tracy L. Sumrada*
- Vollmer Nursing Scholarship Fund
- “Spirit of Compassionate Care” Fund  
  *Established by Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr., Anne and Robert Warren, Jr. and Roger and Linda Stewart*

These thoughtful community members and organizations have established funds at the Community West Foundation. With each new fund, a variety of causes will receive support to meet a wide range of community needs.
Community West Foundation created The Legacy Society to honor the commitment of thoughtful philanthropists who established a planned gift or fund to benefit our communities in the future. Support of this nature may take the form of bequests, charitable remainder trusts, life insurance, real estate, or one of the many other types of charitable planned gifts.

We deeply appreciate the generosity and vision shown by our Legacy Members who honor the notion of helping others. In celebration, Legacy Society Members are recognized at an annual dinner reception acknowledging their spirit of benevolence.

The Legacy Society dinner also holds special significance — The Foundation presents the prestigious Art of Caring Award to representatives who inspire philanthropy in our community. One of Community West Foundation’s long-standing donor couples, Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr. received the 2008 Art of Caring Award honors.

In eight years, the Society's membership has grown to include 86 members, and we are grateful and blessed by their caring and giving spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Baker
Ms. Donna J. Ballantyne
Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Pamela E. Bobst
Mrs. Linda G. Brown
Dr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Castele
Dr. Neal C. and Susen Chadwick
Dennis A. and Paula J. Conrad
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Dannemiller
Fred and Nora DeGrandis
Mr. Frank A. DeMarco, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. David T. Dombrowiak
Mr. and Mrs. Hap Farr, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Farr
Dr. J. Peter and Carol H. Fegen
Mrs. Carol Webb Filak
Mrs. Alayne J. Fodor
Mrs. Erna L. Guia
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hagen
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Judy and John Zangmeister, M.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Zilli, Jr.
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Celebrating Philanthropic Leadership

The Art of Caring Award

Amidst a gathering of family, friends, and community leaders, Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr. received the 2008 Art of Caring Award, presented by Community West Foundation to individuals who have provided philanthropic leadership.

The Warrens are role models of philanthropy and have honored the Community West Foundation and Fairview Hospital for many years with their generosity.

Robert Warren has motivated others by example through his volunteer activities. During his 20 years of dedicated service on various boards, he held the office of President of the Fairview/Lutheran Hospital Board, the Fairview Health System Board and Fairview/Lutheran Foundation Board. He is a treasured Life Trustee of the Community West Foundation and Western Region Boards.

Lorraine Warren’s career as a nursing educator inspired many nursing students at Fairview Hospital. The Warrens established the Spirit of Compassionate Care Fund, a thoughtful commitment to the healthcare of our community.

They also have established the Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr. Family Donor Advised Fund, benefitting many programs and services for cancer and heart patients. Our highest calling is service to others. Robert and Lorraine have answered that call. It is clear the Warrens have left a legacy of warmth and generosity in the minds of all who attended the event.
The Foundation has enjoyed outstanding support from some of our community’s finest individuals —

Our Legacy Society Leaders
Caring for Our Community

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Perhaps no other story in the Bible is more recognized than that of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10: 29-37). A man, at his most critical need, who was overlooked and left to die, received help from the Good Samaritan.

Jesus issued a strong challenge to those who heard the parable of the Good Samaritan: “Then go and do the same.” Our Board Members live out the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan, eager to show compassion for others through their works and actions. They visit community agencies, such as our grantees, that care for the hungry, the sick, the poor, the homeless, the elderly, and people living with AIDS. They are modern day Good Samaritans that show God’s love at work.

“And who is my neighbor?”

Welcoming the Stranger

Homelessness is an issue that strikes at the very core of Christian beliefs, and we keep the needs of the poor in our prayers and at the heart of our efforts. Two years ago, the West Side Catholic Center took a bold step and launched the Zacchaeus Project, based on the model of Permanent Supportive Housing.

Community West believed in this model and was the first major partner in a program that has proven to be a great success, by providing a grant of $100,000 in 2007. With our support and a second grant of $100,000 in 2008, West Side Catholic Center was able to ensure that 48 households – a total of 154 men, women and children were housed. Working together, we did advance the health and well being of individuals and families in our community. One client, known as Sarah, represents the success of this program. Formerly homeless, Sarah was enrolled in the Zacchaeus Project and is now, two years later, reunited with her children and living in an apartment obtained with help from her case manager, paying her own rent, working, and enrolled in a nursing program.
Meeting Basic Needs

Every week, hundreds of people arrive at West Side Catholic Center with a variety of needs – some in need of a warm meal. Some are looking to get out of the cold even for a few hours. And others are looking for help to rebuild a life shattered by life’s harsh circumstances. West Side Catholic Center is known for feeding souls while nourishing bodies. While many of these unfortunate persons may not be ready to take the steps necessary for permanent housing, the West Side Catholic Center still meets their basic needs of food, temporary shelter, “survival packs” of necessary items, basic medical care, and most important, empathy, compassion, and respect. Our grant of $25,000 had an actual value of $40,581 and provided 1,793 meals; 2,090 bags of clothing; 438 street survival services; and 346 nights of shelter.

“Community West Foundation has our deepest gratitude for caring and helping our homeless. Many clients come in tears and leave knowing that someone cares. If we can change the life of just one person, there’s not much more rewarding than that.”

Gerald Skoch, Executive Director, West Side Catholic Center, leads the organization where the homeless and poor find compassion and assistance.

Within the homeless in our community is a group that faces particularly difficult situations — homeless men.

Many of the services that may be available for women and children do not exist for single homeless men, a fact made even more disturbing by the fact that almost 15% of these men are among the most honored citizens, our veterans who have fought bravely for our country.

Community West Foundation was pleased to make grants to two organizations in our community which meet the needs of these men:

Joseph’s Home and Community Service Alliance

With strong partners like Community West Foundation, the people of our community are the beneficiaries.

Sr. Sandy LoPorto giving medication to one of the residents of Joseph’s Home.
Joseph’s Home Opens Their Door

Sometimes you need help to start over on a new path. Joseph’s Home provides a transitional facility for recuperating homeless men who have no other appropriate place to go for home health care and are in need of a place of healing. Since opening in June of 2000, over 300 homeless men have benefitted from the services provided by Joseph’s Home, which has 11 private rooms for transitional housing for homeless men in need of health care. Joseph’s Home accepts referrals from local hospitals, clinics, shelters and social service agencies throughout Greater Cleveland. 30% of the homeless men served are veterans. The organization is the only transitional housing facility in Northeast Ohio that provides home health care to homeless men. Residents stay for an average of 5 months, as they heal from their serious health conditions.

Without a facility such as Joseph’s Home, many hospitals would be faced with the difficult choice of discharging patients back to shelters or the street, or keeping them longer than medically appropriate or financially feasible. While recuperating from health challenges, the staff at Joseph’s Home also help the men to connect with other social service agencies to obtain employment and permanent housing upon leaving, allowing them to once again become independent and self-sufficient. Working with a modest budget, a small staff, and dedicated volunteers, Joseph’s Home has indeed achieved impressive results. Our grant of $15,000 is part of the local match which the organization must meet in order to continue to receive federal funding.

Counting Success at Community Service Alliance

Community Service Alliance is another organization dedicated to battling the issue of homeless men. This organization, created in 2004, works primarily with men at the City of Cleveland’s 2100 Lakeside Avenue Shelter. The structured recovery process demands that the men have both the desire and ability to make changes in their lives, to set and work toward goals, and to continue to develop skills and knowledge necessary to re-enter mainstream society.

Community Service Alliance is now housed in a former convent at St. Procop’s Church on the near west side, and can accommodate up to 22 men. To date, Community Service Alliance has helped over 600 homeless men to obtain employment and permanent housing. The agency truly brings a unique approach to homelessness by involving many sectors of our community: businesses, service providers, local government, neighborhood residents, and the help of the philanthropic community. The men who reside at the transitional shelter at St. Procop’s must actively seek employment and pay a portion of their rent. Our $30,000 grant will support the residents by providing rental subsidies to be used while they continue their journey towards independence and self-sufficiency.
Joining Hands and Hearts
to support the AIDS Taskforce

The AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland provides a compassionate and collaborative response to the needs of people infected, affected, and at risk of HIV/AIDS. Currently there are 4,500 persons in Cleveland with HIV/AIDS. Over 1,500 of those persons are clients of the AIDS Task Force, 76% of whom are living at or below the federal poverty level. The life expectancy for a person with HIV/AIDS has changed from months to years, but along with this extra time brings a whole new set of problems to be faced.

One of the major and most urgent issues is meeting the special nutritional needs of those suffering with the disease. The Nutrition Services Food Pantry is used by nearly 70% of the agency’s clients, both in the form of monthly food pick-up and home-delivered meals for those who are very ill. Last year, food was distributed for 141,000 meals, dramatically up from a figure of 89,000 in 1999. As a result of federal cutbacks, as well as price increases by the pharmaceutical companies, the Task Force has had to dramatically reduce its use of nutritional supplements such as Boost and Ensure to the 150 or more clients who depend on it for nutrition – especially since they often have additional health complications including hepatitis B or C, asthma, diabetes or heart disease as a result of their primary illness.

Community West Foundation responded to this critical need by providing $30,000 for the purchase of Boost and Ensure Products, as well as a significant amount to keep their food pantry stocked for the entire year.

Food pantries always find it a challenge to maintain consistency in serving the less fortunate. At our site visit of the AIDS Taskforce in August, we found the food cupboard was bare, and David Dombrowiak provided $6,000 in grant funding from his Presidential Fund to help replenish food for one month for clients – many of whom are single parents who are at or below the poverty level.

"And who is my neighbor?"

"We are moved and gratified by the generosity of the Community West Foundation. For the courageous families facing the daily uncertainties brought on by HIV and AIDS, Community West Foundation provides support today and hope for the future.”

Earl Pike, Director of the AIDS Taskforce
One area of grantmaking that Community West Foundation focused on in 2008 was support for agencies that provide service to the disabled – both children and adults. Three of those are:

Youth Challenge, LEAP, and Cornucopia

Youth Challenge Helps Kids Thrive

Perhaps no agency in our area is as dedicated to helping children with physical disabilities participate fully in life as is **Youth Challenge**. The agency offers recreational activities with an emphasis on fun to children with physical disabilities. In the process, not only are their health and fitness levels improved, but they gain self confidence and self esteem as well.

All of these positive effects have far reaching impact. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, without programs such as those provided by Youth Challenge, 4 out of 10 disabled children would not have the opportunity to participate in any social or community events. In 2008, the agency made the decision to eliminate all program fees for participating children, ensuring that no child with disabilities would be turned away because of financial need. During the year, Youth Challenge provided activities for 106 children, up from 84 the previous year. Our $35,000 grant supported the West Side Wellness Program, which included drama, dance, and music activities throughout the year, as well as sports programs during the summer that included tennis, baseball, gymnastics and swimming. The exciting summer recreational “Olympics” closing ceremonies made everyone a winner!

Another important part of Youth Challenge is their involvement with teen volunteers. Each participant is paired with teen mentors who provide friendship and encouragement. In 2008, the program employed 321 teen volunteers who provided a total of 5,407 hours of service.

“*The Community West Foundation plays a significant role to positively impact the overall health and welfare of all residents in the Greater Western Cleveland community, especially in these economically challenging times.*”

Mary Sue Tanis, Executive Director of Youth Challenge

As you can see from the smiles, something special is happening here. When we connect with others, we flourish!
Cornucopia, Inc

“Cornucopia provides vocational training and job placement services for people with a wide range of severe disabilities including mental retardation, developmental disabilities, autism, mental illness, visual and hearing impairment, and injuries resulting from accident or illness,” explained Scott Duennes, Executive Director of Cornucopia. Cornucopia operates Nature’s Bin, a full-service natural foods market located in Lakewood, as a vocational training site for people with disabilities. Cornucopia also has been fortunate to have training programs located at the Eliza Jennings Senior Care Network in Cleveland, and at the Target store in University Heights.

Cornucopia’s programs offer real-work learning environments where trainees face the challenges and rewards of competitive employment in a caring, supportive atmosphere, preparing each participant for the transition to employment in the community. By supporting Cornucopia’s vocational services, the $20,000 grant from the Community West Foundation is once again Illuminating Hope by directly impacting the lives of people with disabilities.

Funding from Community West Foundation of $50,000 helped support LEAP, a consumer-oriented agency whose mission is to ensure a society of equal opportunity for all persons, regardless of disability. Since its beginnings in 1981, the agency has empowered individuals with disabilities to make significant life choices and changes to enhance employment and independent living opportunities. In keeping with its philosophy, the majority of LEAP’s Board and staff are persons with disabilities.

LEAP provides independent living skills and job and technical training. LEAP also operates an Aging and Disability Resource Center, an Assistive Technology Center, a Public Policy Center, Youth Transition Programming, as well as Community Employment Programs.

In 2008, the agency served over 1,500 individuals with disabilities through its various programs, all of which support its main purpose: to advance the dignity, equality, self-determination and choices of individuals with disabilities.

“Support from the Community West Foundation allows us to provide persons with disabilities access to information and services that maximize their opportunities to live independently, go to work, and become fully engaged in their community. We are grateful for the Community West’s partnership in furthering the independence of persons with disabilities.”

Melanie Hogan, Executive Director, LEAP

Cruising the Cuyahoga! The LEAP Program also provides evening and weekend recreational activities.

A trainee works with a retail staff member to stock shelves at Nature’s Bin in Lakewood.
## 2008 Fairview and Lutheran Hospital Gifts

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**Total 2008 Fairview and Lutheran Hospital Gifts**: $3,681,405

“Life’s most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

— Dr. Martin Luther King
2008 Community Grants

Orthopaedic Residency $210,000
North Coast Health Ministry 200,000
West Side Catholic Center 125,000
St. Augustine Health Campus 74,459
Neighborhood Family Practice 55,000
Linking Employment, Ability and Potential for the Disabled (LEAP) 50,000
Visiting Nurse Association 50,000
Inner Health Ministries 35,100
Youth Challenge 35,000
AIDS Taskforce 30,000
Community Service Alliance 30,000
May Dugan Near West Side Service Center 30,000
Beck Center for the Arts 25,000
Domestic Violence Center 25,000
Merrick House 25,000
Murtis Taylor Human Services Center 25,000
Our Lady of the Wayside 25,000
Transitional Housing 25,000
Parish Nurse Church Grants 22,700
Far West Center 22,000
Cornucopia, Inc. 20,000
Women’s Center of Greater Cleveland 20,000
Cleveland Mediation Center 19,500
St. Paul’s Community Church 19,500
Berea Children’s Home 18,441
Cogswell Hall 15,000
Joseph’s Home 15,000
Mental Health Advocacy Coalition 15,000
Salvation Army 15,000
West Side Community House 15,000
Denison Avenue United Church of Christ 12,800
Stephen Ministries 5,000
Other Gifts and Grants 644,802
Total 2008 Community Grants $1,954,302
Gifts and Grants Total $5,635,707
A Year of Remarkable Fundraising Events

At the heart of volunteer activity is the desire to give back and create a better community. Community West Foundation could not succeed without the partnership of everyone who has graciously shared their support – be it with time, money or prayer. Our volunteers are absolutely vital to the work we do and bring the very best of themselves to our community. Their energy, efforts, and creativity help to make our events meaningful and successful. They remind us what working together really means and we are honored to celebrate their contributions!

Straight from the Heart is a Cardiac Classic!

What’s not to love at the Straight from the Heart Red Tie Gala? Over 700 guests were treated to a great dinner, spectacular music entertainment, and the opportunity to win one of forty fabulously fantastic raffle prizes. The true highlight of the evening was the expression of generous philanthropy by guests and sponsors that raised over $200,000 to support the Heart Centers at Fairview Hospital, Lakewood Hospital, and Lutheran Hospital. This large and enthusiastic audience of supporters illustrates the community’s commitment to quality heart services, elevating care to a new level in our community.

There was great encouragement from all of the dedicated support of sponsors, patrons and the fantastic Committee Members. We are so grateful.

Toy Run is a Roaring Success!

What a great turnout at the 13th annual Lake Erie Harley-Davidson Toy Run that is a summer favorite. Over 700 faithful riders united in support of Fairview Hospital’s Pediatric Unit and delivered hundreds of toys, cash, and lots of joy and smiles to the kids!

The Toy Run parade covered 15 miles, starting at Lake Erie Harley-Davidson in Avon and ending at Fairview Hospital’s front door. There was fun for everyone, including food, refreshments, live music, a raffle and more. Special thanks to the Lake Erie Harley-Davidson group, who continue to overwhelm us with their generosity!
Two Golf Outings Double the Fun!

What a Triumph!

We couldn’t have asked for better weather, better golf, or a better event at the 15th annual Triumph for the Cure Outing. Nearly 120 golfers teed it up, and thanks to the amazing support from our sponsors, golfers and friends, over $38,000 was raised to benefit the WISH Program (Women into Saving their Health), which provides free breast examinations, mammograms and education to women who are underinsured.

Drive for Life is a Swinging Success!

Great weather greeted the 168 golfers at the 7th Annual Drive for Life outing with two fabulous flights. As always, Red Tail Golf Club provided a perfect setting for the event and everywhere you went on the course you could see foursomes having fun. The golf classic raised $60,000 to benefit the Caring Continues Fund and the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion. With this assistance, neighbors will benefit from the technology and treatments of the future.
And They’re Off!

Runners and walkers put their best foot forward at the Reach Out and Run 5K race that continues to be a favorite event for area friends. More than 250 community members enjoyed the morning run that promoted fitness and well-being. We are delighted that $18,000 was raised to benefit the Community Care Fund to aid patients and their families in emergency situations.

We are tremendously grateful to our participants for their great support and energy and hope to see you at the starting line for next year’s Reach Out and Run!

The Caring Continues

Thanks to Bill Cochrane, The Caring Continues event has garnered support to raise resources to help people facing hardships while undergoing treatment for cancer. Bill lost his wife to cancer in 2004, and the event continues to honor her spirit.

Over 200 people from the community turned out to show their support and enjoyed dinner, a reverse raffle, and some great silent auction items generously donated by local businesses. Good works bring good results, and the fundraising efforts of the night raised $17,000. The Caring Continues Fund extends a helping hand to people affected by cancer. In 2008 over 200 patients received help with rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.
Moonlight in the City —
A Dazzling Success!

The Moonlight in the City never shined brighter than at the fundraising event that raised over $70,000 for the Unrestricted Fund at Lutheran Hospital. Master of Ceremonies Dr. Ted Castele greeted the 330 guests with his usual enthusiasm, energy and exuberance.

Attendees, community members, physicians, and staff enjoyed the sumptuous Asian foods while mingling at festive Saigon Plaza.

Sponsors were central to the success of the Moonlight evening, including Cleveland Clinic Department of Regional Anesthesia at Lutheran Hospital, Mark Frankel, M.D., Chief of Staff, Lutheran Hospital and the Lutheran Hospital Medical Staff, Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Muhammed Zahra, Fairview Hospital, and National Healing.

Everyone was excited to join the celebration for Lutheran Hospital, which has a long history of serving the needs of the community.

“We cannot hold a torch to light another’s path without brightening our own.”
— Ben Sweetland

The committee thought the generosity of attendees, sponsors and auction donors was tremendous.

Drs. Ted Castele and David Perse, President of Lutheran Hospital, enjoyed the success of the event.

Lynne and Hugh Pearson enjoy the magical evening.
The 8th Annual Gift of Life Gala was a true celebration in every sense of the word and emphasized a remarkable spirit of hope. More than 310 guests attended the gala, and proceeds of more than $103,000 reinforced just how valuable the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and OB Departments at Fairview Hospital are to the community. This achievement and success were the result of the hard work, dedication and passion of many people.

Event Chairs Debbie and Brad Norton and their terrific Committee members represent a growing number of younger people engaged in altruistic endeavors. We are extremely proud of their community spirit, illuminating the best in our friends and neighbors while helping the youngest patients.

One of the special highlights was a slide show presentation titled, “Faces of the NICU,” a tribute to the miracle NICU patients that sparked tears and smiles. Dr. Jeffrey Pietz, Director of Neonatology at Fairview Hospital, spoke passionately about the babies that overcame such great hurdles, and was so moved by the outpouring of support that he had tears in his eyes.

For their generous support, kind thanks are extended to Crystal Star Sponsors, Pediatrix Medical Group, Fairview OB/GYN Physicians, Fairview Hospital, Mr. Michael Jordon and Mrs. Linda Brown; and Platinum Star Sponsors, Westgate Medical Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and The Stocker Foundation. We are truly blessed and benefit from a level of support from the community that few could hope to match.

When it comes to generosity and kindness – no one does it better than the incredible Gift of Life Committee!
Good News — Good Deeds!

We are grateful to the many individuals who have embraced the foundation by their endearing acts of goodwill.
Meet a few of our inspiring Good Samaritan friends!

**Wedding Wishes**

At the wedding of Dana Kubene and Kevin Kuhn, guests were presented with a card that explained in lieu of party favors, the bride and groom would be donating to the Caring Continues Fund to provide financial support for cancer patients during treatment. The donation was made in loving memory of Dana’s dad, Gary Kubene, who passed away of cancer in 2004.

**Volunteer Knits for Newborns**

Fairview Hospital will always remain special to Ilona Benzel, a retired member of the Fairview Hospital family, who now resides in Orlando, Florida and works for The Walt Disney Company. Employees at Disney are encouraged to give by participating in service projects. Through the EARS program, employees can apply for a matching gift based on the number of volunteer hours throughout the year. Ilona lovingly knits hats and blankets for the special infants delivered at Fairview Hospital and chose Community West Foundation to be the beneficiary of a $1,000 grant from Disney in recognition of her volunteer service accomplishment for 2008!

**Building on a Tradition of Giving**

Community West Foundation is delighted to announce the establishment of the O’Neill Management Donor Advised Fund, promoting education and training for people in nursing or one of the allied health professions. John T. O’Neill of O’Neill Management, represents the second generation of the O’Neill Family which has served residents of the West Side since 1962. Mr. O’Neill contacted the Community West Foundation because so many residents and family members had asked him how they could express their gratitude for excellent care provided at Bradley Bay Health Center, Wellington Place, Center Ridge Health Campus, or Lakewood Senior Health Campus. Believing in the value of “paying it forward,” Mr. O’Neill can now encourage residents and family members to invest in people who care by making additional contributions to this Fund.

**Quilters add their special touch**

There is nothing better than the warmth of a lovingly created handmade quilt. Former cancer patient, Barbara Schermer, used her own funds to purchase pieces of fabric and then worked with the Amish community to hand sew and assemble this beautiful quilt donated as an auction item for the Caring Continues event. The stitches formed hearts that represent the love and kindness that went into creating the quilt that symbolizes hope and courage of cancer patients.

**Run for the Young was a Start to Finish Success!**

In 2008, Community Leader Dave Lesjak created the Run for the Young event, a 5K run, 3K walk, and 1 mile kids fun run at Crocker Park in Westlake. Over 524 people participated in the run/walk and raised over $68,000. A fund has been established at Community West Foundation from the proceeds to support Community Challenge, Fairview Park Recreation Department, Lakewood YMCA, Rocky River Recreation Department, and Westlake Recreation Department, for youth wellness programs.

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May the blessing of light be with you always – light without and light within.
— An Irish Blessing
Awards and Honors
Celebrating our Civic, Community and Charitable Works

David T. Dombrowiak, Lee Elmore, Executive Director, North Coast Health Ministry, and David J. Hessler at the Award Ceremony.

2008 Partner Award
Community West Foundation received the 2008 Partner Award from North Coast Health Ministry in recognition of long-standing and valued partnership with North Coast Health Ministry.

Rev. Richard D. Warger, Harry A. Zilli, Jr., Dave Lesjak, Shari Caruso, Thomas J. Gable and James Skerl.

Putting Community Above Self
Community West Foundation Trustee Harry A. Zilli, Jr. was one of the recipients of the 2008 Community Service Awards presented by Fairview, Lakewood and Lutheran Hospitals recognizing outstanding leadership through community service.

For the past eight years, Harry has lent his exceptional leadership to guiding the efforts of the Grants Committee of the Community West Foundation. We thank Harry Zilli for his compassionate and caring spirit that is Illuminating Hope and opportunity to brighten the lives of our neighbors in need.

The honorees reflect “the change that we wish to see in the world,” making our communities stronger. As part of their award, Community West Foundation presented a $500 donation to a charity or organization of each recipient’s choice.

Rini Plaque Rededicated
The Fairview Hospital Rini Cardiac Diagnostic Center is named in honor of the late Martin, Anthony and Michael Rini, and the entire Rini Family. One of the largest charitable contributions ever received by Fairview Hospital was donated by the Rini Family to support this vital diagnostic facility to provide services for thousands of heart patients each year. The plaque commemorating their contribution was rededicated, honoring their philanthropy.

Carol and Charles A. Rini, Sr.

Exemplary Support
Community West Foundation Trustee Pamela Bobst received the 2008 Exemplar Award from Community Challenge honoring her dedication to the health, education and wellness of families. As the Mayor of Rocky River, Pam’s leadership is meritorious, and she is described by her peers as an inspiring humanitarian.

Pam has selflessly given of her time and talent to support the success of the Community Challenge agency, whose mission is to prevent the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by Cleveland’s West Side youth, with community programs promoting healthy life choices.

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Inner Health Ministries
Community West Foundation was recognized for our grant support and community commitment at the Inner Health Ministries Open House. The Foundation was presented with a plaque commemorating our help in providing scholarships for many needy families. Inner Health Ministries is one of the only agencies on Cleveland’s west side that delivers behavioral programs for children with autism and other related mental disorders.

Peter Schindler and Dr. Cara Marker Daily, Executive Director, Inner Health Ministries.
## 2008 Donations Report

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![Pie chart showing distribution of fundraising activities](image-url)

- **36%** Annual Giving
- **24%** Education (Conferences, Seminars)
- **12%** Trusts & Foundations
- **18%** Memorials/Tributes
- **5%** Major Gifts and Planned Gifts
- **3%** Grants
- **<1%** Special Events