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Community West Foundation
to advance the health and well being of our community.

Community West Foundation Honored on National Philanthropy Day

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Cleveland Chapter honored Community West Foundation with one of its highest recognitions – The Foundation Leadership Award – at its 2010 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon held at LaCentre Nov. 5.

David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO Community West Foundation, joined an honor roll of northeast Ohio civic leaders dedicated to serving the community by promoting professional practices in philanthropy.

Nominated by Malachi House and Community Challenge, Community West Foundation was recognized for their creative approach to philanthropy.

“*Illuminating Hope*, the Foundation’s motto, sheds light on the needs of our communities with particular attention to the poor, the hungry, the homeless, those fighting addiction and mental health issues, and comfort to the suffering and dying. Over \$5.2 million in grants was shared with 46 agencies,” reports the AFP. “Under the leadership of David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, the Foundation has become a true visionary in providing support in addressing the most critical of our health and welfare needs. They have

spearheaded several entrepreneurial initiatives to implement prudent and diverse strategies to increase the pool of funds in a challenging economic climate.”

The Foundation has created the *Invest West Program* that provides donors with several giving vehicles which allow gifts to have an even greater impact. *Invest West* has a financial advisor program so donors can have their own financial advisor continue to manage their own funds. And, the Foundation has created a *Colleagues Program* that provides expertise to assist nonprofits with creating, initiating and improving their planned giving programs.

“On behalf of the Community West Foundation Board of Trustees and the staff, we are thrilled to be selected as this year’s recipient of the AFP’s Foundation Leadership Award,” said Dombrowiak. “It is an honor to join a list of past recipients that contains so many of our area’s respected organizations and philanthropists.

“Community West Foundation has been approaching philanthropy with imagination; and encouraging efforts to strengthen the health and well being of our community. We have taken a proactive position in helping those who need it most – We have all asked our Trustees to share their time, talent and treasure.



David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO Community West Foundation, accepted the 2010 Foundation Leadership Award from Carol Carbar, CFRE, President, AFP Greater Cleveland Chapter.



Present to celebrate Community West Foundation’s Leadership Award at the recent National Philanthropy Day luncheon at LaCentre were Trustees (from left) Rocky River Mayor Pamela Bobst, William Oatey, President & CEO David T. Dombrowiak and his wife Mary Ann, Rev. David Buegler, Dr. James Magisano, Dr. Ted Castele, Charles A. Rini, Sr., William Baker, Fred DeGrandis and event emcee Larry Morrow.

“Our 23 Trustees have set the standard for the Foundation’s work and they are the driving force behind Community West Foundation’s success. Their passion is making a significant difference.

“The second thing we ask for is Treasure, and by establishing The Millennium Fund, they have pledged over \$3 million to show their support of Community West Foundation and to care for the community now and into the future.

“And we were not afraid to take risks and to share our talent so we launched our Invest West Program that offers creative and collaborative ways to promote philanthropy and to encourage the spirit of giving.”

Dombrowiak concluded his remarks by quoting Gandhi: “There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”

“Let us as fundraisers and philanthropists be strengthened in our efforts to share Our Bread, in Communion with those who have not. So that by our work God will be made visible to them. God Bless you in your work.”

Other winners of this year’s AFP awards included Third Federal Savings & Loan for Corporate Leadership, Deborah Ratner for Philanthropist Leadership, Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer William Ginn and Youth in Philanthropy Leader Shannon Visconsi, a Magnificat High School student.

Join the mission of The Community West Foundation to advance the health and well being of our community. At a time when there is so much need, the Foundation is helping others through grants, donations and service. Won’t you join us and help those less fortunate. A donation to the Community West Foundation stays right in our community and helps our neighbors most in need. Contact the Community West Foundation at 216-476-7060 or visit www.communitywestfoundation.org for more information.