

Grants Fund Innovative Projects



**Community
West
Foundation**
Illuminating Hope

*The Mission
of the
Community West
Foundation
is to advance the
health and well being
of our community.*

Grant making is an important responsibility of the Community West Foundation. Grant funding of **\$204,500** has been awarded during the first quarter of this year to benefit our community. These grants represent a broad spectrum of programs and services to support the needs of our neighbors, especially those who fall outside the traditional healthcare system.

“I can’t help but be impressed by our Grants Committee and other Board members who gain first hand knowledge of local needs through site visits. We are pleased to provide support for so many organizations that contribute to the health and well being of our community,” said Dr. Ted Castele, Chair of the Board. “Please take a moment to read about the work of area organizations. We look forward to their success.”

Youth Challenge offers a Celebration of Creativity

Community West Foundation supported the **Youth Challenge Recreation and Arts Program** with **\$35,000** to give children with disabilities the opportunity to learn, participate in, and enjoy a variety of artistic and recreational experiences.

Youth Challenge is extraordinarily devoted and dedicated to the well being of severely physically challenged children that suffer from a variety of diseases including multiple sclerosis, spina bifida, and cerebral palsy, among others. Their program offerings include access to music, art, dance, drama and storytelling.

The grant funding will be used to develop a new peer partnership program that will promote friendship, acceptance, and understanding by connecting youth with developmental disabilities to their non disabled peers. The children will enjoy recreation and art programs while building friendships and having fun!

“We are proud of our partnership with Youth Challenge, which has led to wonderful opportunities for children that will enrich their lives now and in the future,” said Harry A. Zilli, Jr., Chair of the Grants Committee.



The smile of satisfaction and achievement is apparent on this child's face!

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The joy is evident in creating their masterpieces while having fun and cultivating new friendships.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, without programs of this type, 4 out of 10 children with severe impairments would not participate in any social or community events. Currently, 112 children are enrolled in the program, and 250 teen volunteers work year round to provide 110 days of programming for the children. Our grant funding will cover the costs associated with 26 programs and 2 volunteer trainings.

We congratulate our colleagues at Youth Challenge for its continued support and dedication to promoting outstanding opportunities for youth with disabilities.

Care in the Neighborhood

Neighborhood Family Practice is known for the quality health care services they provide to patients of all ages on the West Side of Cleveland. We provided a second year of grant funding for **\$55,000** for support of the **Patient-Centered Model of Care Project**. This health care initiative brings patients, physicians and other health professionals together to collaborate on solutions and services for good health, particularly management of chronic illness such as diabetes and depression. The program is expanding to include cardiovascular disease.



"We are so grateful for the funding provided by the Foundation for this program that is part of a national project benefiting so many." Ann Reichsman, M.D., Medical Director, Neighborhood Family Practice.

"...the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

Hubert Humphrey

This project illustrates how our grants serve as a catalyst to support a creative ground breaking initiative to offer good medicine for all members of our community. Our funding also helps the Westside Women's Health Consortium, an outreach program supporting many aspects of women's health.

Fulfilling our mission to advance the health and well being of our community, what better way to express its meaning than to provide assistance to an organization that will help to make a positive impact on our community.

Care for the Underserved

A grant of \$30,000 was given for another new colleague, the **May Dugan Center** to create a position of **Administrative Assistant/Receptionist** to help intake workers and case managers who currently handle the duties of meeting the nearly 200 people who come to the center each week.

Clients, all of whom have no income or incomes below the poverty line, contact the Center for assistance. Typical requests for help relate to unemployment, housing, food, family problems, medical needs and mental health issues.

The many on-going services at May Dugan Center include Housing, Counseling and Employment Assistance, Community Outreach, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Food and Nutrition Advice, and Adolescent Moms, and new (teen) Father programs. The center is open and programs are offered 13 hours per day, Monday through Friday.

The Foundation is proud to provide funding for the May Dugan Center to help those with the greatest need and fewest resources.

Community Assistance

St. Paul's Community Church received \$19,500 from the Community West Foundation for its **Outreach Center/Emergency Assistance Program**. The Church works directly with the poorest of the poor in providing food, clothing, and other emergency needs for those who are homeless and/or mentally ill. A portion of our grant will fund the part-time coordinator for the program.

There are dramatic increases in the number of individuals and families seeking assistance as a result of our struggling economy. The Foundation feels very strongly about supporting organizations that provide services to disenfranchised individuals.



St. Paul's Community Church is especially committed to the poor, hungry, and unemployed. Most importantly, the Church is a caring neighbor where people find friends and opportunities to serve God and the greater community.

Housing for the Homeless

Transitional Housing is a well respected organization that provides homeless women with a safe environment and programs and services to help facilitate the transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic stability. Women are referred to Transitional Housing by homeless and domestic violence centers, drug and alcohol treatment programs, and the women's prison system.

We are happy to assist Transitional Housing by providing \$25,000 to help with **operating support**. The agency has had remarkable success in helping at risk women thrive and be successful. We are encouraged by the inspiring and plentiful accomplishments of the clients served by Transitional Housing.

Wellness Resources for Seniors



Merrick House provides programs to keep seniors healthy and active.

The Community West Foundation gave a grant of **\$25,000** for **Merrick House** for their expansion of its **senior wellness programming**. Merrick House is one of the oldest social service agencies in Cleveland. Primarily a nursery and child care facility for many years, the organization has now seen senior citizens become the major focus of much of their work, serving 254 seniors per year. Merrick House plans to expand its wellness programs to all seniors by increasing hours with a Registered Nurse from Neighborhood

Family Practice for cursory medical evaluations, continuing and expanding its nutritional programs with Ohio University Extension and its wellness programs with Lutheran Hospital, as well as developing new programs to meet the healthcare needs of their clients.

Merrick House is now able to add this health and wellness component to their services, thanks to our support and their new partnership with the Neighborhood Family Practice Tremont Office.

Opening Doors to Better Care

The Foundation provided **\$15,000** to **Cogswell Hall** for expansion of a **women's wellness program**. This residential home for women, located on Franklin Boulevard, provides safe, affordable housing with compassionate care for vulnerable women who experience homelessness, and chronic health and/or mental health challenges. Cogswell Hall currently serves 30 clients each month, ranging in age from 26 to 92. Although the women do pay a portion of their rent, many are on fixed incomes or disability.

The Foundation is particularly mindful of the special concerns associated with ensuring quality wellness programs for vulnerable populations. One of the main goals of the program is to help women connect with services that can help their overall health. This will be accomplished through collaboration with the wealth of community agencies, including Lutheran Hospital.



Cogswell Hall has been a beacon of hope for women since 1889.

2008 Special Events, Activities, & Opportunities

We continue to experience wonderful support from our Board of Directors, volunteers, donors, and all of the people who attend and support our fund raising efforts! Join in the fun! Participate! Contribute!

Lutheran Hospital Ohio City Art Show

Saturday, May 17, 2008 • 7:30 pm

Lutheran Hospital Atrium Lobby

Sneak preview of Northeast Ohio's most prominent artists. Enjoy a casual night of art displays, food, music, wine and beer tasting catered by the best local restaurants.

\$75 per person which includes a ticket to the Ohio City Home Tour on Sunday May 18, 2008.

SAVE THE DATES FOR GOLF • TWO OUTINGS DOUBLE THE FUN!

15th Annual Triumph for the Cure Golf Outing

Monday, June 16, 2008

Westwood Country Club in Rocky River

Shot Gun start 9:00 am

The format is a four-person scramble. The \$175 fee includes green fees, cart, food, refreshments, giveaways, prizes, and fun!

Proceeds benefit the Breast Health Center at Fairview Hospital.

7th Annual Drive For Life Golf Outing

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

Red Tail Golf Club in Avon

Two Shot Gun starts at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30

Bring your foursome for a fun day. The \$375 fee includes green fees, cart, food, refreshments, giveaways, and prizes. All morning golfers will start the day with breakfast and at the end of play enjoy lunch.

The afternoon golfers will enjoy lunch, play golf and finish the day with delicious hors d'oeuvres.

Proceeds benefit the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion.

The 13th Annual Harley-Davidson Toy Run

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Members of the Lake Erie Harley-Davidson Owners Group in Avon organize the 15 mile ride. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. with food, music and games. The ride begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the new location at Lake Erie Harley-Davidson, 38401 Chester Road in Avon and continues to Fairview Hospital. Bring a toy or monetary donation and ride for the kids!

Proceeds benefit the Pediatric Emergency Room and Pediatric Unit at Fairview Hospital.

Lutheran Hospital Fundraiser

Saturday, September 13, 2008 • 6:00 pm

Saigon Plaza, 5400 Detroit Avenue

Fundraiser highlights the hospital's commitment to the neighborhood and healthcare excellence. Enjoy a fall evening of distinctive food, music, cocktails and auctions.

All proceeds to benefit Lutheran Hospital.

Reach Out and Run

Community Care Charity 5K Race/Walk

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Race begins at 9:00 am at Fairview Hospital.

Proceeds benefit the Community Care Fund which allows the Case Management Department at Fairview Hospital to aid patients and their families in emergency situations. Awards given to all age groups.

The Caring Continues

Saturday, November 1, 2008

Elks Lodge, 24350 Center Ridge Road

Tasty buffet dinner, reverse raffle, and sideboards are sure to make this event fun and entertaining.

Proceeds benefit the Caring Continues Fund which provides financial aid to adult cancer patients in their time of need receiving treatment at the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion.

8th Annual Gift of Life Gala

Saturday, November 15, 2008 • 6:00 pm

LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility

A festive evening of dinner, dancing, and live and silent auction.

Proceeds benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Fairview Hospital. Celebrate the physicians and nurses in the NICU who take God's tiniest miracles and give them a chance at life.

8th Annual Legacy Society Dinner

Thursday, October 2, 2008 • 6:00 pm

By Invitation Only

LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility

The Foundation invites our special donors and leaders to a gala dinner celebration of philanthropy and the spirit of benevolence.

The reception honors members of our esteemed Legacy Society and will feature the presentation of the 2008 "Art of Caring" award recognizing philanthropy and outstanding citizenship.

For more information, reservations, and sponsorship opportunities for these events, contact Pat Kubene, Special Events Coordinator, Community West Foundation, at 216-476-7390.

Straight from the Heart

Straight from the Heart Event a Big Hit!

The 4th Annual Straight from the Heart Gala was another standout fundraising event. The capacity crowd of 720 guests filled the ballroom at LaCentre to party the night away! With the generous support from our sponsors, donors, and the evening's guests, the successful benefit raised over **\$200,000** for the heart centers at Fairview and Lakewood Hospitals and heart services at Lutheran Hospital. Our community members truly have hearts of gold!



Dr. David Perse, President of Lutheran Hospital.



Jan Murphy, President of Fairview Hospital and Fred DeGrandis, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals President and CEO welcomed guests.



Everyone enjoyed meeting co-chairs of the successful event Chris Schwanenberger and Victor Hall.



Congratulations to representatives of Monteleone Landscaping who were feeling great after winning the Grand Prize of \$100,000! Lisa, Pasquale and Vito Monteleone accept the ceremonial check from Fred DeGrandis, with Kimberly, Karen and Frank Monteleone.



Dr. K.V. Gopal had a lot to feel good about. He won a great golf package at the side board raffle!

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**The good times kept on rolling!
Everyone enjoyed dancing to the
spectacular music of Shout...**



It was a cold February night, but inside LaCentre the atmosphere was red hot!



Jan and Jack Gustin, President of Lakewood Hospital, with Ken and Kathy Laino.



Lois and Dr. James Magisano and Sharon and Harry Zilli, Jr. were delightful dancing couples.



Donna and Brian King, Lakewood Hospital Foundation President.



Dr. Alan Wilde and his wife, Marilyn, were enchanted to be a part of the festive evening.



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We offer a variety of philanthropic services from Donor Advised Funds to Charitable Remainder Trusts.

The flexibility of giving options afforded by the Community West Foundation assures your money will be utilized in a manner dear to your heart.

Contact the Community West Foundation to learn how you can participate in unique efforts to distribute philanthropic resources throughout the community.

216-476-7060

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– The Legacy Society –

The Legacy Society is comprised of individuals who know the value of leaving a legacy through setting up a fund or planned gift. Did you know that if you left a gift in your will, of any amount, to the Community West Foundation or to Farview or Lutheran Hospital, you are eligible to join the Legacy Society?

For information, please contact the Foundation at 216-476-7060.

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