

**IT WAS A PRESIDENTIAL MOMENT FOR  
DAVID T. DOMBROWIAK, AS  
COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PRESENTED HIM  
WITH THE 2009 EXEMPLAR AWARD.**



*David T. Dombrowiak is a passionate leader who brings his talent and innovation to the Community West Foundation. The Exemplar Award is a great recognition of David's service and unwavering commitment to the community.*

**D**avid T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO of the Community West Foundation, received the 2009 Exemplar Award from Community Challenge at an intimate event held on June 10th at Westwood Country Club. The Exemplar Award was established to honor individuals who have distinguished themselves in service to our community.

“We are privileged to honor David Dombrowiak for his long-standing commitment to the mission of Community Challenge,” said Debora A. Rodriguez, President and CEO of Recovery Resources. “Mr. Dombrowiak’s thoughtful nature and entrepreneurial spirit have had a profound impact on the non-profit community in this region”.

The emotional and spiritual content of David’s acceptance speech was inspiring as he said, “My wife Mary Ann and I believe that each of us has ‘that of God within us,’ the ‘Spark of the Divine’ which makes us different from every other species that ever walked on this planet. We are different from everything else because we share that ‘Spark’ which gives us our capacity for Compassion, Forgiveness, and Mercy. We look for that of God in each person we meet, and how we approach other people is dramatically affected by that.”

David then paraphrased a Vietnamese folk tale about heaven and hell. In hell, everyone is given all the food they want with a pair of chopsticks a yard long making it impossible to feed oneself; In heaven the same applies, but people use the chopsticks to feed each other, their neighbors! The moral of the story, he said, guides his

leadership and the mission of Community West Foundation. “We have enough rice, enough food, enough housing, enough medical supplies, enough of everything to make sure that no one is without food, shelter or medical care. We just need to share.”

Many Community West Foundation Trustees joined in the award celebration including Dr. Ted Castele, Linda Brown, William Baker, Fred DeGrandis, Dr. James Magisano, William Oatey, Charles Rini, Sr., Robert Yaroma, and Robert Warren, Jr. Recognizing the special

commitment of the Board members that are so giving of their time, talent and treasure, David said that, “Our Grants Committee distributes Treasure, but that is not enough. The Committee’s Time is used in site visits to the agencies in our area, managing our assets, and becoming involved in community organizations and initiatives. Our Talent can be used by our Colleagues Program to help smaller agencies receive planned gifts. We use all our resources to make the Community West Foundation *the* Community Foundation for the West Side. We are locally owned and locally operated. It’s about neighbors helping neighbors and using our chopsticks wisely and feeding each other.”



*A standing ovation from all in attendance accompanied David Dombrowiak as he received his award. Ray Marvar, President of Community Challenge Board, Debra A. Rodriguez, President and CEO of Recovery Resources, David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO of Community West Foundation, and Fred DeGrandis, President and CEO of Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals.*



*Sharing in the happy moment, Mary Ann Dombrowiak congratulates her husband, David.*



*Judge Donna Congeni Fitzgibbons visits with David Dombrowiak and William Baker.*

## Community West Foundation Trustees gathered in celebration...



*Robert Yaroma with his wife, Jan.*



*David Dombrowiak with Dr. Ted Castele.*



*Charles Rini, Sr. and William Baker.*



*Linda Brown and her husband, Michael Jordan.*



*Bill Oatey offers congratulations to David Dombrowiak.*



*Robert Warren, Jr. visits with Dr. James Magisano and Ray Marvar.*

## More highlights...



*Kristen Broadbent, Kris Griesmar, Peter Shimrak, Pat Kubene-Simacek, and Carole Curtin mingle during the cocktail hour.*



*Kathy and Ray Turk join David T. Dombrowiak, and Mark and Karen Stevens at the celebration.*

## Community West Welcomes Martin J. Uhle to the Board

Community West Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Martin J. Uhle to the Board of Directors. Martin has joined the Community West Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term. An active member of the business community, Martin is the Chief Executive Officer of the Vantage Financial Group, one of the area's largest independent insurance and financial services companies.

Passionate about the well being of the community, Martin is the incoming President of the Urban Community School Board, a 40 year old school serving over 450 students from the near west side of Cleveland. He is also an active member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fairview Park.

"Martin has a long history of personal and professional experience that will make him a strong addition to the leadership of our Foundation," said David J. Hessler, Chair of the Foundation Board. "Our trustees are incredibly talented and respected individuals who bring new ideas to our important work, and Martin most certainly reflects those qualities." His financial expertise will be put to good use benefitting Community West Foundation.

David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO of the Community West Foundation, noted that, "Martin possesses a level of experience that we greatly value and I am delighted that in addition to serving as a member of the Board, he has also agreed to serve on our Finance Committee."

Mr. Uhle earned a B.A. in Business Administration from Wittenberg University and an M.B.A. from Baldwin Wallace College. The proud dad of two sons, he and his wife, Laura, reside in Rocky River. We are delighted to welcome Martin Uhle to our Board and the Community West Foundation.



*We welcome our new board member, Martin J. Uhle.*

# 2009 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. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these upcoming events!

## Moonlight in the City

Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Silver Grille

This fundraiser highlights Lutheran Hospital's commitment to the neighborhood and healthcare excellence. Take a step back in time and enjoy the ambiance of the Silver Grille, complemented by distinctive food, music, cocktails, and auctions. Proceeds benefit Lutheran Hospital.

## Reach Out and Run - Community Care Charity 5K Race/Walk

Sunday, October 4, 2009

Race Begins at 9:00 a.m. 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. Lace-up your sneakers and join the fun. Awards given to all age groups.

## The Caring Continues

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Lakewood Elks Lodge

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.

## 9th Annual Gift of Life Gala

Saturday, November 14, 2009

LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility

A festive evening of dinner, dancing, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds benefit the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of Fairview Hospital. Celebrate the NICU team who take God's tiniest miracles and give them a chance at life.

## 9th Annual Legacy Society Dinner

Thursday, October 1, 2009

*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 2009 "Art of Caring" award recognizing philanthropy and outstanding citizenship.

*Please note, events may be subject to change if necessary. Changes will be published in forthcoming newsletters. For more information, reservations, and sponsorship opportunities for these events, contact Pat Kubene-Simacek, Special Events Coordinator, Community West Foundation, at 216-476-7060.*

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



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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 with Community West Foundation.*

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

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