CELEBRATING A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER!

It’s been a successful summer for the Community West Foundation with a whirlwind of fundraising events over the last few months. The support we received is an expression of the caring community of which we are all a part.

As the Foundation’s momentum continues to build, we find that we have supporters in every age group! Here are just a few of our generous local children who donated gifts and time to help others. We hope you find them as inspiring as we do!

Meet our littlest philanthropists…

At five years old, Charlie Mittendorf is already making a difference in the lives of others. Charlie decided to donate the toys he received during his 5th birthday party to the Pediatrics Unit at Fairview Hospital because he “just wanted to help others.” It was a wonderful idea and the toys will be a welcome comfort and lift the spirits of the children who receive them during their hospital stay.

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Helping others is a lesson that Charlie is learning early in life from his parents, Ginger and Charles Mittendorf of North Olmsted, who are teaching their son the importance of compassion and giving to others. Way to go Charlie!

Remembering Dr. Alan Wilde

Community West Foundation has lost a dear friend with the recent passing of Dr. Alan Wilde who served on the Foundation Board of Directors since 2006. Dr. Wilde and his wife, Merry, encouraged philanthropy in others by their own generous example. The Wildes were inducted into the Foundation’s Legacy Society in 2007. The couple established five Charitable Gift Annuities at Community West Foundation, and their generosity has made an indelible mark throughout our community.

Well loved and respected by patients and colleagues, Dr. Wilde touched the lives of many people. He was a leader in his field as an orthopaedic surgeon, noted for joint replacements. Until his death he practiced at Lutheran Hospital and was the former Director of Lutheran Medical Center’s Foot & Ankle Center. Dr. Wilde also served as Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Department of Orthopaedic Surgery for 15 years and was a member of the Cleveland Clinic Board of Governors.

We will miss Dr. Wilde’s kind and gentle spirit. His legacy will live on and benefit our community for generations to come through his many civic and community contributions. Our sympathies are with his wife, Merry, and his family whom he dearly loved.
More Support from Our Friends…

The spirit of giving to others and volunteerism run deep in the Reidy-Norton families. As loyal supporters of children’s health and well being, they have donated their time and helped raise funds for the needs of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Fairview Hospital.

Katie Reidy and Debbie Norton are a mother-daughter dynamic duo and are long time ambassadors of the Community West Foundation and Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals. Always willing to lend a helping hand, they are members of the Gift of Life Committee, where they served as co-chairs of the event for many years.

Debbie Norton and her husband, Brad, are parents of triplet daughters, Taylor, Sydney, and Anna, who were patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) twelve years ago and received the specialized care needed to get them through those early critical weeks. The Nortons are among thousands of families grateful for the NICU that provides the highest quality of care in our community.

Volunteerism has been an important part of the family’s values. The Norton trio Taylor, Sydney, and Anna are now tripling their efforts and contributing their time and talent to good causes. From volunteering at Westlake Safety Town, to Boy Scout Camp, to service on student council at St. Bernadette School, to setting up a craft station for kids to enjoy at A Day at the Zoo event for Fairview Hospital, the girls are donating their most precious of commodities – their time.

When we see such compassion and caring in our young people, we know our future will be in good hands when the time comes for them to assume leadership in our community.

And How About Our Special Canine Volunteers…

Patients, visitors, and staff at Fairview Hospital all look forward to pet therapy visits from The PAWS for Care Program.

Pet owners and their dogs are very dedicated volunteers who bring their special blend of healing powers to patients who respond enthusiastically to the comfort and healing of a therapy visit. This popular program gets smiles from everyone!

If you are interested in volunteering with your pet at Fairview Hospital, please contact 216.476.PAWS (7297).
PHILANTHROPY ON PAR

Iced tea, cookies and brownies were the recipe for fundraising success for eleven year old Lauren Hollis who hosted her own iced tea and treat stand to help raise funds for the Breast Health Center at Fairview Hospital.

Lauren set up shop on the golf course at Westwood Country Club during the 19th Annual Triumph for the Cure Golf Outing on June 25th. Her stand of homemade cookies with pink icing, brownies, and iced tea was a big hit and golfers gave generously to the cause. Lauren proudly delivered the $80 she raised at the Triumph for the Cure luncheon and she received applause and admiration from everyone there.

Lauren didn’t need to look any further than her mom and grandmother for inspiration. Her mother, Sharon Minnich Hollis, a golf pro, was a driving force in organizing the Triumph for the Cure Golf Outing from its early beginnings. And, her grandmother, Joan Minnich, is past president of Fairview Hospital Auxiliary Board and continues to volunteer her time at the flower shop at Fairview Hospital. This is a great example of intergenerational giving at its best! Thanks Lauren!

Big Hearted Riders Roll Out the Toys

Motorcycles overflowed with toys on their way to Fairview Hospital for the 19th Annual Toy Run. The event was a roaring success, with over 500 bikers that set out to deliver hundreds of toys and $6,500 in donations for the children in the Pediatrics Unit.

There was not a glitch or speed bump in the planning and execution of this event. We are delighted by the outpouring of generosity from our friends at Lake Erie Harley-Davidson! We couldn’t be more proud of all the riders, supporters and volunteers who helped to make this event a great success.
Triumph for the Cure - 18 holes - 19 years of support for cancer patients!

The 19th Annual Triumph for the Cure Golf Outing was a terrific success thanks to the support of 160 golfers and generous sponsors! The tournament raised nearly $20,000 to benefit our breast cancer patients at Fairview Hospital.

This annual event helps to raise awareness of breast cancer and serves as an important reminder of the life saving message of early detection with annual screenings.

In a true community partnership, there was strong support from our sponsors, golfers, donors and friends! A special note of gratitude goes to our Chair of the Event, Dr. Debra Pratt, and the golf committee for another outstanding tournament!

Jillian Wojtila, Carol Adkins, John Thain and Kathy Wegryn took the low net honors with a score of 42. The low gross team winners Damon Troyan, Suzanne Saganich, Gwen Montgomery and Vincent Sack scored 36.

Marla Gansor, daughter Grace, Dr. Debra Pratt, Medical Director of the Breast Center at Fairview Hospital, and John Gansor.

Mr. Gansor, an Avon firefighter, was the guest speaker at this year’s Triumph for the Cure golf outing. When his wife Marla was diagnosed with breast cancer, he was profoundly moved by her courage through the surgery and the treatment she received at Fairview Hospital. It was clear that John Gansor’s immeasurable love and support throughout Marla’s battle with breast cancer gave her strength and optimism.

It was Marla’s treatment at Fairview’s Breast Health Center that motivated them to become supporters of the Moll Center’s efforts.

Poised to keep it fun, Susan Favorite, Carol Mozny, Pat McNamee and Pam Wright were voted the most fun team!
The 11th Annual Drive for Life tournament celebrated another successful outing, with an outstanding turnout of 36 teams participating in the morning and afternoon scrambles. This year’s golfers enjoyed a beautiful, sunny, steamy HOT day while helping to raise funds to benefit the Cancer Center at Fairview Hospital.

We are extremely grateful for the leadership and support of our event Co-Chairs, Bill Reidy and Chuck Rini. Many thanks to the wonderful golf committee, our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers, many of whom have supported the event since our first year.

Once again we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support by the community for this event. A fantastic $50,000 was raised to benefit the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion. What a great day!
Auxiliary Board Pledges Support to Fairview Hospital

The Fairview Hospital Auxiliary Board has made its mark once again on Fairview Hospital. The organization’s most recent contribution in the amount of $63,500.00 will be used for a Pediatric Room in the new Emergency Room/Intensive Care area that is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2013. A portion of the funds will also be used to install two flag poles at the hospital to recognize our local public protectors, the Fire and Police Departments.

The Auxiliary Board was established in 1953 and is one of Fairview Hospital’s oldest volunteer organizations. The Auxiliary has demonstrated their love and commitment to the hospital by raising millions of dollars in funding and providing thousands of volunteer hours over many years. Last year, 90 marvelous members logged 10,790 volunteer hours of service to the hospital! This outstanding service was acknowledged at a recognition luncheon in May. Year in and year out, these ladies have provided a rich tradition of service and financial commitment to the hospital and they are still going strong!

Summer Meals for Those Facing Hunger

The Cleveland Foodbank is well on its way to raising $1 million this summer, a goal that will deliver food to those who need it most. This is the largest matching gift campaign in the history of the Cleveland Foodbank, and Community West Foundation has once again stepped forward to help with a $100,000 grant. This dollar-for-dollar matching gift challenge means that every dollar donated from now until August 31 will be DOUBLED until the match total of $1 million is met.

A large component of the challenge is for the summer meals for kids program so that children don’t go hungry when school is out. The campaign raises awareness about the problem of hunger in our communities. Unfortunately, the number of people turning to hunger centers for food continues to rise with one in four children and one of every five adults at risk of hunger.

This summer the Cleveland Foodbank plans to serve 146,000 meals to children, a 14 percent increase over the previous year. The Foodbank needs our help and we hope you join our efforts to eliminate hunger in our communities.

Jane Davenport of Grace Church; Kristin Warzocha, Vice President Cleveland Foodbank; Peter Schindler, Senior Program Officer Community West Foundation; Anne Goodman, President & CEO Cleveland Foodbank; and Patrick Graf, Cleveland Metropolitan School District kick off this summer’s Cleveland Foodbank campaign.
For David T. Dombrowiak, it all begins with a spark. “Everyone has within them the spark of the Divine,” he explains. “God exists in every individual. Once you see that, suddenly it all makes sense — why you need to give back to the community, why you need to care for your fellow man as a human being.”

Since 1999, Dombrowiak has been giving back to the western Cleveland community as president and CEO of the Community West Foundation. It’s a role that allows him to fulfill his mission to live “a right livelihood,” as he puts it.

The foundation’s mission of advancing the health and well-being of the community is put in practice by encouraging philanthropic giving and supporting grants, specifically in the areas of food, clothing, shelter and medical care for the needy.

Last year, while contributions reached more than $11 million — an alltime high for the organization — the down economy resulted in greater need. Grant requests were up 20 percent and dollars needed increased 35 percent.

Dombrowiak’s background places him in an ideal position to tackle the challenge of growing need in a shrinking economy. Prior to joining the foundation, he was in charge of fundraising and marketing at the nonprofit St. Francis Health System in Pittsburgh. Plus, he’s got a master’s degree in philosophy. This unusual combination allows him to come up with — and be open to — new ideas to encourage philanthropy.

Dombrowiak proudly points to some of the initiatives that have made a difference in the community.

“We do co-op advertising,” he says. “We partnered with the FoodBank to get the word out to people that one in five children goes hungry during the summer without school-subsidized lunches. We got kids fed.

“If a small agency can’t afford a planned-giving officer [for its employees], we will provide one for them — free of charge,” he adds. “And instead of the usual galas, golf outings and auctions, we’ll approach people directly about major gifts. We try to raise the overall level of philanthropy in the community, and we try to be creative in our use of resources.”

-David T. Dombrowiak

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**Community West Foundation Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 11th**

**Marriott Cleveland Airport**

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen G. Post, Wall Street Journal best-selling author of The Hidden Gifts of Helping, who will present a colorful overview of why people feel good about giving.

Dr. Post will talk about his 20-year friendship with philanthropist John Templeton, who devoted his resources to the scientific study of great human assets such as generosity, kindness, philanthropy, thrill, gratitude, forgiveness, and awe. With Sir John’s help, Dr. Post will present some history of the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, founded in June 2001 at a coffee shop on Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights - which has gone on to become one of the leading programs in investigating why people give and how it impacts their lives. Reservations needed. Please call 216-476-7060.

**12th Annual Gift of Life event**

**Sunday, September 16th**

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Celebrate the birth of your children born at Fairview Hospital and experience the Zoo like you’ve never seen it before. A variety of education and entertaining activities have been scheduled throughout this fun-filled day. Radio Disney will be there with Clowns, Face Painting, Fingerprinting, Magicians, Jugglers, Childhood Nutrition Experts, Demonstrations and much more! All proceeds will provide every baby born at Fairview Hospital the opportunity to take home a Sleep Sack to promote peaceful and safe sleep.

**Moonlight in the City**

**Saturday, October 20th**

Westwood Country Club in Rocky River

A party to celebrate Lutheran Hospital’s commitment to the neighborhood and healthcare excellence. Enjoy a wonderful evening complemented by distinctive food, music, cocktails, and auctions. Proceeds benefit Lutheran Hospital.

**The Caring Continues**

**Saturday, November 10**

Wagner’s Country Inn in Westlake

Tasty buffet dinner, “Night at the Races,” 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.
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