Live by Faith
Illuminate Hope
Practice Charity
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The Mission of the Community West Foundation is to advance the health and well being of our community.
In a celebration vibrant with excitement, the Community West Foundation held its Illuminating Hope ceremony to introduce the 2013 officers and welcome several new members to the Board.

Leading the Foundation’s efforts in 2013 include the combined talents of William W. Baker, Chair Elect of the Board; Henry T. Jacques, Vice Chairman; David J. Hessler, Secretary/Treasurer; and Dr. Ted Castele, Chair Emeritus.

The Board’s newest appointments, Daniel P. Filippi, Patrick J. Mulloy, Dr. Joyesh Raj, and Michael G. Romanello, each bring significant experience in finance, business, healthcare, and community service. The combination of their expertise will add to the efforts of the Foundation’s already extraordinary board!

Special recognition was given to the Foundation’s immediate past Board Chairmen, Henry T. Jacques and Charles A. Rini, Sr., revered for their exemplary service and dedication. We are honored they will both remain active through their continued board participation.

Colleagues also paid tribute to retiring Board member, Harry A. Zilli, Jr., whose leadership as Chair of the Grants Committee and his dedication and advocacy on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged in our community has truly Illuminated Hope. Mr. Zilli was elected by the board to serve as a life trustee, an honorary position that recognizes his many years of leadership and passionate support.

Certainly 2013 is set to be another notable year as our new Chair of the Board, William W. Baker, gets the Foundation off to a great start, leading with courage, competence, and vision. We are pleased to have Mr. Baker serve in this role, and we know that working with our President and CEO, David T. Dombrowiak, they will continue to do great things for our community.

We believe that the most worthy organizations are those that exist to serve their communities. At the Community West Foundation, we will continue our mission to advance the health and well being of our community so that we will remain worthy of the support of our generous benefactors.
A Message from the President and CEO
David T. Dombrowiak

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.”
1 Corinthians 13:13

Dear Friends,

This year’s annual report focuses on the stirring message of faith, hope, and charity, a glorious phrase written by St. Paul in his Letters to the Corinthians.

It is an act of faith that every donor who gives to a cause has a shining wish for their gift - a wish to put food on shelves at local pantries, a wish to provide basic medical care to local clinics, a wish to heat the homes of seniors during winter months, a wish for those suffering with addiction and mental health issues to receive the treatment and support they need.

I value the hope of all of the nonprofit organizations that we funded this past year. The $1,248,000 in grants to 41 local organizations provided for the most basic of necessities – food, shelter, healthcare, and emergency assistance, helping many through their difficulties and hardships. In our commitment to meet the health care needs of the community, the Foundation also shared $1,062,000 with our treasured community assets, Fairview Hospital and Lutheran Hospital.

I have always admired the words of Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen, who said that, “All the great spiritual leaders in history were people of hope. Abraham, Moses, Ruth, Mary, Jesus, Rumi, Gandhi, and Dorothy Day all lived with a promise in their hearts that guided them toward the future without the need to know exactly what it would look like. Let’s live with hope.”

Illuminating Hope has been the unwavering motto of the Community West Foundation. We have benefited from the exceptional leadership and commitment exhibited by our Board and staff, helping us in our efforts to live with and Illuminate Hope.

True charity is love in action. Our supporters demonstrated their love in the mission of the Community West Foundation by charitable giving of $4,126,160 in donations to help our community. We value the trust of our Donor Advised Fund holders, who showed their willingness to support the causes they care about by giving $862,000 to benefit a wide range of charities.

Our desire at Community West Foundation is to continue to help our brothers and sisters in need, because behind every gracious gift we receive are stories of faith, hope, and charity.

Sincerely,

David T. Dombrowiak
President and CEO
Dear Neighbors,

At the Community West Foundation, we are blessed to have a large family of donors joined together in a spirit of care and concern for the health and well being of our community. Through their support and encouragement, the Foundation has become a responsive and reliable resource for the people of this place we call home.

The Foundation is also fortunate to have a staff with remarkable dedication to our mission. Our President and CEO, David T. Dombrowiak, and his staff carry out the work of the Foundation with compassion and concern. Because of them, our motto, Illuminating Hope, comes alive for our neighbors in need day in and day out.

Equally gratifying to me has been the opportunity to work with Charles A. Rini, Sr., a caring and philanthropic leader with whom I shared the duties of the Chairmanship of the Foundation’s Board of Directors during the past year. I was honored to serve in that post through the end of 2012, and now offer my congratulations to William W. Baker, our new Chair and a leader whose experience and expertise will serve the Foundation well in the days ahead.

There are many concerns facing our community in the coming year, perhaps none as dire as ill health, hunger, and homelessness. The pressing and persistent problems of sickness, poverty and hardship continue to plague many families throughout our area. Never has the promise of philanthropy been more important.

Thanks to the nature of our work, Community West is blessed with positive stories about good things happening all around us as a result of philanthropy. Members of our Board and our staff visit the agencies we support to get first-hand knowledge of their efforts, and we always come away with admiration for their work and the dedication with which they do it. It is through these agencies that our grantmaking continues to have a dramatic impact on the lives of people during their darkest of times.

The guest speaker at our annual meeting, Dr. Stephen Post, pointed out that charitable contributions also have a side effect of positive health benefits for the donor. He spoke of a special glow, “a giver’s glow,” that comes upon us when we give of ourselves to help others.

Our fondest wish is that all of our donors might experience that “giver’s glow,” creating a light that pierces the darkness of despair of the lives of those we seek to serve, Illuminating Hope for them, and producing a better community for us all.

Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your goodwill. Thank you for your prayers.

With warm and grateful regards,

Henry T. Jacques
Chair of the Board
As we look back at 2012 and count our many blessings, the volunteer service, support, and prayers of our Board of Directors are at the top of our appreciation list.

Thank you to our Retiring Trustees!

Special thanks to our retiring Board Members, Dr. Timothy P. Spiro and Harry A. Zilli, Jr., for their strong and thoughtful leadership and dedicated service to the Foundation. We value the hundreds of hours of volunteer time they gave to this organization.

Mr. Zilli received the special recognition of being awarded Life Trustee status and we look forward to his continued participation.
In Memoriam: Remembering Two Shining Lights

Community West Foundation lost two cherished friends and irreplaceable community champions this past year, Life Trustee, Robert Warren, Sr., and Board Member, Dr. Alan H. Wilde.

As a long-standing member of the Foundation and Hospital Boards, Mr. Robert Warren served over 20 years, including a term as Chair of the Foundation Board from 1999-2001. Dr. Alan Wilde joined the Foundation Board in 2006 and was a valued member of the Medical Staff at Lutheran Hospital for many years. Both men were well known for their public service, legacy of accomplishments, and devout support of the Foundation and many other community organizations. They were also cherished members of our Legacy Society.

Mr. Warren and Dr. Wilde are lovingly remembered as bright shining lights touching the lives of many. May they rest in God’s peace.

Life Trustees

We are pleased to acknowledge our life trustees, who are superb ambassadors to the foundation and continue to provide leadership, advice and counsel.
Community West Foundation had a great turnout of donors, colleagues, and friends at our annual corporation meeting that contributed to the overall success of the day.

We especially enjoyed the dynamic message from Dr. Stephen G. Post, a gifted speaker and writer on the benefits of altruism and compassion. Dr. Post is a professor and researcher at Stony Brook School of Medicine and is President of the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love. He emphasized that by sharing our gifts of compassion and love with others, we receive much more in return.

There is known to be a special glow, a “giver’s glow,” when we give of ourselves to others. Dr. Post possesses this special glow that is indeed shining brightly in his life!

We are deeply moved by Dr. Post’s insights and encouragement of our work as we engage our hearts and minds to live by faith, Illuminate Hope, and practice charity within our community. It is very reassuring to be recognized as a leading community resource promoting collaboration, innovation, and philanthropy. There is no higher form of compliment this Foundation could receive than these words from Dr. Post.

“I find the Community West Foundation to be greatly refreshing and uplifting. Its focus on supporting local grassroots neighborhood programs is terrific because such programs are helping others concretely in these hard times when so many people are homeless, hungry, unemployed, ill, and without much hope. The motto of the Foundation is Illuminating Hope. Hope, by one definition, is remaining open to surprises. The Foundation keeps such hope alive in small actions done with great love. Board members do not worry about matches and leveraging dollars – a current philanthropic obsession – but instead personally visit and take interest in the sites where the love miracle of real face-to-face helping is going on. The deep personal connection between the leadership and dedicated staff of the Foundation, and those many good salt-of-the-earth helpers who devote their energies daily to doing unto others, is palpable and deeply genuine. If anyone wants to see faith active in love, the Community West Foundation and the programs it supports are the place to go. In being honored to speak at the annual meeting, I was grateful beyond words, and felt reconnected with that quality of doing unto others that makes the people of Greater Cleveland so special. The Community West Foundation is all about give and glow, give and grow. It is making a huge difference in helping out passionaries who ask nothing for themselves other than the opportunity to help others one needy individual at a time, and to thereby sway the balance from despair to hope. You are doing an awesome job.”

David T. Dombrowiak, President & CEO, Community West Foundation; Dr. Stephen G. Post, Professor of Bioethics, Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics, Stony Brook Medicine; and Henry T. Jacques, Chair, Community West Foundation.
Good works always find funds!

As a grant funder, we see that the needs of our communities continue to increase—hunger, homelessness, disability, unemployment, and lack of health insurance are some of the problems and difficulties more of our fellow citizens are experiencing. We also continue to learn that our neighbors suffer with many needs, not just one. These are issues worthy of our attention, our concern, and our charity.

At the heart of our work is the belief that individuals and families in crisis must have access to a comprehensive array of supportive services, programs, and resources. We will continue to reach out our steady helping hand to the agencies that support our most vulnerable community members in their times of great need—those who are hungry, the homeless, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. The agencies and the people that devote their time to tackling these challenges do so with grace, sensitivity, and great dedication.

We are gratified that Community West Foundation was able to provide support in some important ways and were delighted with reflections of hope and encouragement from others. It is with generosity, compassion, and determination that we share our message of Illuminating Hope to those in need of our help, support, and love.

The Value of Collaboration – It’s All About Hope

We believe in innovative approaches and collaboration with strategic partners to combine our strengths and achieve greater results for our community. It is our hope that this annual report not only leaves a lasting impression on the generosity of our donors and nonprofit organizations that bring philanthropy to life every day, but that it will also inspire you to action.

We celebrate the collective efforts of our local nonprofit organizations and all the people who work every day on the front lines to serve, protect, and seek the very best for our neighbors in need.
16.4% of all Ohio residents are hungry – that is 1 in 6 people

Over 25% of Cleveland residents live with hunger

1 in 4 children faces hunger on a daily basis

Imagine not knowing where you will get your next meal. It is shocking to learn that one in six people in Cleveland can’t afford to buy food and that one in four of our precious children faces hunger on a daily basis.

So many people struggle with unimaginable financial constraints, often forcing difficult choices between rent, food, and medication. Many are just one illness, injury, job loss, or one prayer away from needing assistance.

These statistics provided by the Cleveland Foodbank are telling; however, they don’t reflect the severity of the daily toll that hunger takes on the health and well being of our residents. No one should go hungry, especially our children.

Feeding People for 34 years!

Community West Foundation feels very strongly about the Cleveland Foodbank’s work, and we were very proud to continue our ongoing partnership for the second year in a row.

We joined the Cleveland Foodbank in their efforts to provide food to our neighbors who continue to struggle, because we know the impact that a meal can have not only on the health, but also on the spirits of those who have so little.

With a goal of raising $1 million to serve our community’s most vulnerable residents, the Cleveland Foodbank launched a matching gift campaign in 2012 to assist those at risk of hunger, especially during the challenging summer months when school is out and many children don’t have a dependable source for regular meals. With early support of the challenge with a $100,000 grant from the Community West Foundation, the Foodbank was off and running to a great start towards their goal, the largest undertaking since its founding 34 years ago.

Record-breaking results brought in over $1 million, an inspiring example of the overwhelming generosity and engagement of individuals, businesses, and many corporate partners. This outpouring of love is meaningful and sends a powerful message of what can be accomplished in the community when we all work towards a common goal.

The Cleveland Foodbank is a beacon of hope for a growing number of Clevelanders who find themselves seeking the services of the Foodbank, many for the first time in their lives.

“Well done, good and faithful servant!”

– Matthew 25:23
The Gift of Food

Another agency playing a vital role in making sure that our neighbors in Lorain County don’t go hungry, especially our children and senior citizens for whom nutritious meals are especially important, is Second Harvest Food Bank. It is the largest regional hunger relief organization in Ohio and supplies important grocery staples and produce throughout its network of 110 partner agencies and programs in North Central Ohio.

Our grant of $50,000 will help Second Harvest continue to provide food to over 100 pantries and kitchens, as well as special children’s programs, to feed those residents of Lorain County who would otherwise go hungry. The good work at Second Harvest is restoring hope to the lives of those in need of food.

Nutritional Support to Survive and Thrive

Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center offers a variety of programs, including a nutritional support program for those in the Latino community who have been diagnosed with the life-threatening illness of HIV/AIDS. Good nutrition is the vital ingredient that is essential to improve the quality of life for those suffering the effects of this disease.

Our grant of $24,000 will allow the Nutrition Program to continue to serve participating clients, most of whom are living at or below the poverty level, for one year. This is our third year of supporting this unique program that serves approximately 150 persons with HIV/AIDS through in-home delivery or pick up sites. The food is culturally appropriate and constitutes a complete nutritious and delicious menu that is delivered by dedicated volunteers accompanied with a warm smile.

New Beginnings at The Centers/WSEM

In 2011, two leading social service agencies - WSEM (West Side Ecumenical Ministry) and The Center for Families and Children - merged and changed their name to The Centers. By combining their talents and resources, they are able to provide a broader range of services more efficiently.

Although we have sponsored WSEM events for many years, this is the first time that we have given grant funding directly to the agency for its food centers. One of the programs that will remain as a separate and distinct WSEM Program is their Food Centers at three locations on Cleveland’s west side. Community West Foundation offered $25,000 to cover operational expenses for all three centers. In 2012, WSEM served more than 30,108 people with three days of meals, for a total of 270,972 meals! And, WSEM also delivered hundreds of meals to homebound and disabled and/or elderly individuals throughout the city. We are pleased that our funding will help keep this much needed WSEM program vibrant.
According to the 2011 Ohio Homeless Report

More than 13,000 Ohioans were homeless on a single day in 2011 – up 4.8 percent from the previous year.

More than 5,000 families with children were homeless in 2011, an 8.4 percent increase over 2010.

More than 11,000 Ohioans sought shelter or transitional housing in 2011, the highest number since the start of statewide reporting.

Imagine not knowing where you will sleep tonight. Well, that is what over 20,000 men, women and children in Cuyahoga County worried about at some point last year. The increase in homeless families results in more homeless children.

Homelessness in Ohio is not only an ongoing problem, it’s a growing one.

We believe that everyone should have a place to call home.

A Shelter of Hope and Compassion

Ohio’s largest men’s shelter, Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s 2100 Lakeside, is a beacon of light and a source of hope to the nearly 4,000 homeless individuals served over the past year. The heart of this compassionate ministry is to provide safe lodging, meals, and faith-based life recovery programs.

Community West Foundation awarded a $40,000 grant, for the fourth year, towards the continued success of the Work Initiatives Program to provide resources and assistance needed for men facing obstacles that prevent them from breaking the cycle of homelessness. The men accepted into the program lack skills, education, and experience – barriers that are often insurmountable without support. Over 200 men participated in the work program to gain marketable skills, job training, educational initiatives, and counseling to help them on the road to permanent transformation. Our funding also provided general Operating Support so crucial to the agency’s mission.

God’s love is in action at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, offering hospitality and hope for a new beginning to every person that comes to their doors.

Keeping A Roof Over Their Heads

Homeless women make up an increasing proportion of the homeless population. Transitional Housing provides a loving, secure environment for women and their children in transition from homelessness to stable, independent living.

Community West Foundation provided $20,000 for Operational Support to help address increased needs within the agency. The majority of clients, some with children, remain in the program from 6 to 9 months and use the time to focus on their education, life skills, and job training programs. Many of the women suffer with addiction problems and must remain substance free during their stay. The agency works closely with the clients, offering ongoing support to help set goals, reunite broken families, help secure employment, and achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and well being.

Transitional Housing has some great success stories which reiterate the importance and relevance of the agency.

“Homelessness is a weapon of mass destruction.”

Dennis Kucinich
Veterans settle into their new home at Fulton House.

Housing for our Homeless Heroes

A significant percentage of people who are homeless have served in the military. There are more than 6,700 veterans that are homeless throughout Cuyahoga and Lorain Counties, and those veterans represent nearly 20% of the homeless.

It is heartbreaking to know that so many of those who courageously served our country suffer from post-traumatic stress and other mental illnesses, and alcohol and drug addictions. Now more than ever, veterans need the support they deserve and have earned. Our grant of $35,000 to Community Service Alliance will directly benefit approximately eight men living at Fulton House, the former Blessed Sacrament convent, as they transition from homelessness to independence.

Community Service Alliance has set a great precedent of achievement by developing a successful program at its sister house, Procop House, in transitioning nearly 80% of its residents into permanent housing and full or part-time employment. We are glad to play a role in the vital outreach that provides stability, encouragement, and hope to our veterans.

The Promise of a Helping Hand for Homeless Families

Family Promise is the only agency in our area that provides services to keep homeless families together. In 2011, our area had 588 homeless families, which included 1,144 children, an increase of 21% over 2010. Many of the families are comprised of single parent or single grandparent and children. Last year Family Promise was able to serve 20% - or 118 - of these homeless families by providing emergency housing in area churches. The average stay of the families is 46 days.

In addition, parents are very grateful to learn that the agency will transport their children to the schools in which they are currently enrolled, thus causing less trauma to the children. The program has a success rate of 86% in keeping the families intact and placing them in permanent housing, as well as helping parents find full or part-time employment. Our third year of grant funding of $25,000 will be used for the costs of housing and feeding families, particularly at the Family Center located at Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Through a network of nearly 80 host and support congregations throughout our area, accommodations and hospitality are provided to families in need that help to make this program a success.

Transformative Change at Metanoia

A very special organization in our area is the Metanoia Project. Dedicated volunteers under the leadership of Executive Director, Tim Walters, work with a group of people who are often forgotten in our community – the chronically homeless. These are people who for a variety of reasons have chosen to live in the street, in abandoned buildings, in cars, and under bridges.

The Metanoia Project is open during the months of November through April at St. Malachi School from Thursday to Sunday evening to provide shelter and food and other services to assist these forgotten members of our community. Were it not for this program, many of these unfortunate people would be without any place to go to escape the frigid winter weather. Our $16,000 grant will support the Metanoia Project that continues to see growing numbers, and many nights this past winter nearly 100 people were grateful for the warmth and meals at St. Malachi’s. The Metanoia Project also opens its doors if the weather is particularly cold, even if not during their regularly scheduled times. The meaning of Metanoia is transformative change of heart. We have the highest respect for the people who are involved with not only this organization, but all the agencies serving the community. It is our hope that we can be a catalyst to help more people have transformative changes of heart which comes from living by faith, illuminating hope, and practicing charity.
We see the power of God at work every day in churches ministering to our neighbors in need of food, clothing, and most of all, prayer. Congregations in the heart of our community are reaching out to help those who seek comfort and refuge. Taking care of our neighbors who have very little has been a collaborative effort of the outreach programs at St. Paul’s Community Church, Denison Avenue UCC, and St. Colman’s. These local ministries do a tremendous job of extending God’s love and they are truly performing God’s work.

Community West Foundation provided $50,000 in grant funding to help our faith community continue their good works in the neighborhood, including emergency food assistance, help with rent, utilities, prescription co-pays, bus tickets, and much more. They have become centers for children to gather after school, for seniors and the homeless to meet during the day, and a source of constant support against life’s struggles.

The inspirational motto at St. Colman’s Church is, “We always open our door.” And, this motto can be applied to all of the churches listed here – they always open their doors. We find that all the churches and community centers we funded this past year share this commitment and dedication to our community. They open their doors and hearts to anyone in need in faith, hope, and love - the mentally ill, the homeless, and even people like you and I that may need assistance from time to time.

Our neighborhood congregations continue to be a vital and important part of our community, especially for those who are vulnerable and often too easily overlooked in our society.

“A New Beginning”

We continue to see many people in our community experiencing the turmoil of homelessness, addiction, mental illness, and lack of any support system. Community West Foundation provided $117,000 in grants to five major centers in our community to improve health and well being.

Our funds helped West Side Catholic Center deliver services for their basic needs program – food, shelter, and emergency assistance helping so many to overcome difficulties and hardships; The May Dugan Center for the immediate needs of clients coping with a host of problems needing attention, including mental illness; Avon/Avon Lake Community Resource Services for those in need of assistance with food, utility bills, foreclosure prevention, and emergency assistance; Merrick House MomsFirst Program for the health of new moms and their babies as well as immediate needs of cribs, formula, and baby items; and St. Malachi Center’s Shower Program so that homeless men and women can have access to a hot shower, laundry facility, and other basic essentials. We are touched by the efforts of these wonderful organizations positively affecting the lives of so many in our community.

“One who has hope lives differently.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

“For the past 43 years, The May Dugan Center has been providing critical programs and services to thousands of low income individuals and families living in the near west side and surrounding communities. Just in the past five years, our food and clothing distribution program had more than a 70% increase in the number of visits. With the support from the Community West Foundation, May Dugan has been able to meet the growing needs of the Westside communities that we serve.”

-Rick A. Kemm, MNO
Executive Director
Support for people with disabilities

Another area of grantmaking Community West Foundation focused on includes some wonderful local programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Youth Challenge provides year round recreational and social programs for youth with disabilities and special needs. Their programs provide the perfect environment for having fun, making new friends, and experiencing success! In 2012, more than 160 disabled children took part in more than 225 sports and rewarding activities, with the assistance of more than 340 teen volunteers. Community West Foundation granted $40,000 for this exciting program – keep up the great work, Youth Challenge!

Learning New Skills

Cornucopia, Inc. provides vocational training, support, and placement services for adults with developmental disabilities. It’s been an exciting year for Cornucopia as they began an aggressive expansion of their catering services, which will allow for more disabled adults to be trained and employed when completed. We were pleased to provide $50,000 in funding for the expansion of this successful program that is a win for everyone involved. In 2011, Cornucopia provided 281 vocational services to 158 adults, and placed 33 adults in full and part time employment at Nature’s Bin, Eliza Jennings, and TJ Maxx. We applaud these local businesses for their outreach efforts and opportunities to people with disabilities, and Cornucopia for its service to the disabled in helping them to achieve independence.

A True Community Asset for Our Region’s Uninsured

North Coast Health Ministry is a tremendous resource to our growing population of uninsured residents that desperately need assistance but can’t afford it. Most of the patients helped by the ministry are hardworking, low-income individuals and families without insurance benefits who do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare.

Community West Foundation has been a major supporter of North Coast Health Ministry since 2006, and this past year we provided a $100,000 grant for medical care services. The number of uninsured coming to the clinic is increasing and in 2011, the ministry provided care to 2,740 patients.

The ministry has a well established network of collaborations and partnerships including Fairview and Lakewood Hospitals and St. John Medical Center, which generously donate their medical services. Pharmaceutical assistance from Astra-Zeneca helps patients obtain free or low cost medicine.

Few things are more important to a family’s well being than the health of its members. North Coast Health Ministry’s faith based clinic brings hope and healing to our uninsured neighbors. They are doing merciful work serving the health care needs of the “least among us,” and Community West Foundation can’t think of a worthier program to help fund.
Community West Foundation provided grants to a number of local nonprofit groups delivering exceptional programs and services to support people with mental illness and substance abuse disorders. We acknowledge the work of these agencies that have been a saving grace to so many on their brave journey to recovery. Meet some true mental health champions sharing the message of treatment, hope, and recovery.

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Cleveland, has developed an exceptional reputation for providing vital services and support to people who face some of our community’s greatest challenges. NAMI received $25,000 for their Family/Consumer Education Programs, offering resources, education, and information for individuals with mental illness and their family members. Many studies have shown that the value of peer support groups is of the utmost importance on the road to recovery from mental illness. These support groups are among the many services that NAMI provides to help clients and their families manage symptoms, obtain stability, and strive for well being.

Another example of the value of peer support groups is the Living Miracles Peer Empowerment Center, which promotes mental health recovery by providing a safe space where people diagnosed with mental illness and often released from a hospital stay, can share their experiences and support each other as they move forward in reclaiming jobs, family, and their independence. Our $10,000 grant assistance will allow the center to extend its hours so the members will have more access to the support they need as they continue their recovery.

An exciting new partnership that we funded in the amount of $75,000 was for the collaboration of the Lakewood Community Services Center and Murtis Taylor Human Services System to provide mental health services!

Alarmed by the number of clients visiting the Lakewood Community Services Center for food and other basic necessities who were exhibiting obvious signs of mental illness, Executive Director Trish Rooney felt that there had to be a way to assess and hopefully get these clients the treatment they needed. Working with Lovell Custard, Executive Director of Murtis Taylor, she proposed a collaboration to have a Mental Health Services Provider on site that clients would meet with immediately. Murtis Taylor provided the on site mental health professional. We were proud to fund this innovative collaboration that not only made access to mental health services much easier for clients than ever before, it also brought severely needed mental health services to Lakewood.

“This is the most meaningful and exciting collaboration in Lakewood Community Services Center’s 30 year history and we are deeply grateful to Community West Foundation for your support and trust in us and in Murtis Taylor.”

Trish Rooney, Executive Director, Lakewood Community Services Center

The 2011 report issued by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) indicates that 25% of all American adults have some sort of mental illness. This includes a wide spectrum, from the chronically mentally ill suffering from schizophrenia, to our neighbors suffering from anxiety and depression. But, of all of those, only 39% of these 45.9 million individuals are receiving any kind of treatment. Government funding cuts have resulted in the need for more support from Foundations and donors.
2012 Donations Report

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2012 Fairview and Lutheran Hospital Gifts

Castele Learning Center - Lutheran Hospital .............................................................................................................$179,819
Moll Cancer Center - Fairview Hospital ..................................................................................................................165,510
Education & Scholarships - Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals ..................................................................................138,163
Department of Radiology - Video Processor/Light Source - Fairview Hospital .........................................................96,386
Pregnancy & Cardiovascular Outcomes Registry - Fairview Hospital ........................................................................66,172
High Fidelity Simulation Mannequin - Fairview Hospital .........................................................................................39,000
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Transport Isolette Incubators - Fairview Hospital .....................................................38,831
SYNGO Reading Stations - Fairview Hospital ...........................................................................................................34,711
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Sleep Sacks - Fairview Hospital ..............................................................................32,413
Philips Automated External Defibrillator Units - Fairview Hospital .......................................................................31,650
Council for Health & Human Services Ministries - Fairview Hospital ..................................................................20,000
Open Heart Surgical Program Patient Video - Fairview Hospital .........................................................................16,360
Outreach Programs - Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals .........................................................................................13,000
Magnet Conference - Fairview Hospital ..................................................................................................................7,500
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit - Fairview Hospital .................................................................................................7,239
Grief Recovery Outreach Program - Fairview Hospital ............................................................................................7,000
Pediatric Suite Stryker Cart - Fairview Hospital ......................................................................................................3,400
Other Gifts and Grants ............................................................................................................................................164,871

Total 2012 Fairview and Lutheran Hospital Gifts $1,062,025

Donor Advised Funds are a Favorite!

Donor Advised Funds are a favorite amongst our philanthropists. We wish to extend a special thank you to our fund holders for supporting 119 charities while also extending the reach of the Foundation.

119 Agencies $862,058

Grants and Gifts Total $3,638,751

“Practice hope. As hopefulness becomes a habit, you can achieve a permanently happy spirit.”

Norman Vincent Peale
Community West Foundation created the Legacy Society in 2001 to honor our most generous donors who believe so strongly in the Foundation’s mission that they have supported our work by making a planned gift or opening a Donor Advised Fund.

To celebrate their spirit of benevolence, Legacy Society Members are recognized at an annual dinner reception. Those who attended the dinner enjoyed meeting with other Foundation donors and receiving our appreciation for their charitable giving.

The Legacy Dinner also holds special significance and features the presentation of the Art of Caring Award, the Foundation’s highest honor, to members whose altruism and leadership have made a lasting difference. The 2012 Art of Caring Award was presented to Dr. Joyesh Raj for his many philanthropic endeavors and outstanding service.

In twelve years, the Society’s membership has grown to include 109 members, and we are blessed by the continued growth of philanthropy at the Foundation. The giving glow of these philanthropists is shining bright and Illuminating Hope for all to see.

From the little spark, may burst a mighty flame.”

- Dante

Members of the 2012 Legacy Society

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Baker
Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Pamela E. Bobst
Mrs. Linda G. Brown
Mr. Milan “Mike” Busta
Mr. and Mrs. Rob Capretto
Dr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Castele
Mrs. 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. Victor K. Farr
Dr. J. Peter and Carol H. Fegen
Mrs. Carol Webb Filak
Mrs. Alayne J. Fodor
Susan Landau Golden
Gary M. Grosel, M.D.
Mrs. Erna L. Guia
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hagen
Christopher B.H. Harrington
and Stephanie W. Harrington
E. Robert Hawken, Jr. and
Marilynn J. Hawken
Mr. and Mrs. David J. Hessler
Charles N. Hirsch
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hitchcock
Ms. Stephanie A. Humphrey
Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hunziker
Henry and Betty Jacques
Betty J. and John W. Kemper, Sr.
James R. and Jean E. Kirk
Drs. Purnima and Ajeet Kothari
Patricia M. Kubene-Simacek
Dr. Steven A. and Beth Lamb
Dr. Mary E. LaPlante
Jeffrey A. and Patricia Leimgruber
Dr. James and Lois Magisano
Dr. Saroj Mahalaha
Raymond J. and Diana G. Marvar
Mr. William R. Nosse
Ronald L. and Elaine W. Phillips
Dr. Joyesh Raj
Drs. Chandra and Prasanta Raj
Jean Reinhold, M.D.

Robert J. Rice
Susan Mesmer Rice
Carol and Charles A. Rini, Sr.
Ms. Emily Ann Sapacianu
James V. Scarcella, M.D.
Peter J. Schindler
Dr. Dan and Barbara Shamir
Lorraine and Tim Spiro, M.D.
Dr. Rebecca N. and Mr. Joseph P. Starck
Dr. Amy L. Stephens and Mr. Robert G. Perry
Roger and Linda Stewart
James R. Stone
Charles A. and Tracy L. Sumrada
Marty and Laura Uhle
Mrs. Beverly A. Urban
Donald B. Urbancik
Mrs. Lorraine M. Warren
Anne J. and Robert Warren, Jr.
Marilyn M. Wilde
Robert J. and Janet G. Yaroma
Judy and John Zangmeister, M.D.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Zilli, Jr.
Anonymous(5)
Mr. Rini and his wife, Carol, received the 2011 Art of Caring Award.

Lorraine Warren and Jan Murphy, President of Fairview Hospital. Lorraine and her late husband, Robert Warren, Sr. were the 2008 Art of Caring recipients.

Jack Filak and his wife, Carol Webb Filak, a member of the Farr Family – 2001 Art of Caring Award recipients.

Harry A. Zilli, Jr. congratulates Dr. Joyesh Raj. Harry Zilli and his wife, Sharon, received the 2009 Art of Caring honors.

Walter and Mary Jean Hagen with Mary and Warren (Hap) Farr. The Farr Family received the Art of Caring Award recognition in 2001.

Previous Art of Caring Award Winners

2012 – Dr. Joyesh Raj

2011 – Carol and Charles A. Rini, Sr.

2010 – Linda Gross Brown

2009 – Sharon and Harry A. Zilli, Jr.

2008 – Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr.

2007 – Dr. Ted and Jean Castele

2006 – Betty and John Kemper, Sr.

2005 – Fairview Hospital Medical Staff

2004 – Barbara Jacobs

2003 – Ronald and Elaine Phillips

2002 – Jack and Jean Dannemiller

2001 – The Farr Family
Warren Farr, Jr., Carol Webb Filak, Victor Farr
The Joan K. Farr Memorial Fund
Dr. Joyesh Raj was presented with the 2012 Art of Caring award by the Community West Foundation at the 12th Annual Legacy Society Dinner reception in October. His spirit of benevolence, service to others, and philanthropic excellence made him an ideal recipient of the award.

A skilled surgeon, author, leader, lecturer, philanthropist, loving husband, and son—all equally describe Dr. Joyesh Raj.

Inspired by examples of charitable giving and acts of kindness to others by his parents, Drs. Prasanta and Chandra Raj, Dr. Joyesh Raj now carries on the tradition through his own acts of charity and service. Philanthropy has indeed been a family affair for the Rajs, as they are all members of the Foundation’s Legacy Society.

Dr. Raj graduated with honors from the University of Chicago and earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati. His post-graduate years in general surgery residency at Fairview Hospital were followed by a plastic surgery residency at the University of Colorado. He started the habit of giving to others early in his career. While on staff at Denver Children’s Hospital, Dr. Raj encountered many children suffering with congenital deformities, which prompted him to found the Berkshire Advisory Resource Children’s Foundation (BAR) to raise funds to help pay for reconstructive surgical care for those who cannot afford treatment.

And, as a humanitarian, Dr. Raj found more opportunities to make a difference in global well being. He joined other volunteers on a mission of service to Mexico through LIGA International, the Flying Doctors of Mercy. He is also the co-founder of the Sushruta Society of Plastic Surgery, a national coalition of Indian plastic surgeons who are committed to providing care to people in need in rural villages in India. His service has sent a powerful message of responsibility and obligation to others.

Even with a thriving career, and his appointment as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Fairview Hospital, Dr. Raj still finds time to use his talent and skills at North Coast Health Ministry, an agency dedicated to caring for the medically underserved.

As a generous patron, Dr. Raj opened a Donor Advised Fund in 2007 at the Community West Foundation and provides a meaningful benefit to local, national, and international charities.

The Art of Caring Award was designed especially for Dr. Raj by noted glass artist, Eóin Breadon. Etched in the glass is the Peacock, India’s National Bird, and represents benevolence, kindness and compassion. The award recognized the compassionate presence of Dr. Raj’s divine inner light that is shining bright and Illuminating Hope for all to see.

Philanthropy is a family affair for the Rajs. They Illuminate Hope with a brilliance expanding from generation to generation. Dr. Joyesh Raj is joined by his wife, Dr. Kelly Raj, and his parents, Drs. Prasanta and Chandra Raj.
A NIGHT OF CELEBRATING!

Newest Legacy Society member, Milan “Mike” Busta with Carol Lathan.

Jim Stone and Dr. Susan Golden.

Robert and Marilyn Hawken.

Dr. David Bronson, President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals, and his wife, Dr. Kathleen Franco.

Carol Fegen and her husband, Dr. J. Peter Fegen.

Tom and Ruth Hitchcock.

Katie and William Reidy, with Susen Chadwick and her daughter, Caitlin.

Dr. James and Lois Magisano.

William and Linda Baker and their son, Biff.
Specific Purpose Funds

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.

- Francis C. and Jean Atack Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Lauren Louise Atherton NICU Fund
- Amanda Crellin Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Joan K. Farr Fund
- Founders’ Fund
- Florence N. Gray Scholarship Fund
- Fred E. Hansen Memorial Fund
- Hassler Family Practice Center Endowment Fund
- Lutheran Hospital Nursing Education Fund
- Dr. William Mize Memorial Fund
- Janice G. Murphy Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Frank Paino Endowment Fund
- Palomaki Library Fund
- Scott ICU Fund
- Charlie Sumrada Fund
- Vollmer Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Robert and Lorraine Warren “Spirit of Compassionate Care” Fund

“Every good act is charity. A man’s true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.”

Moliere
Community and Donor Advised Funds

Amity Fund  
William Winfield Baker Family Foundation Fund  
Bobst Family Fund  
Brown Family Fund  
David and Susan Buegler Fund  
The Capretto Family Fund  
Castele Family Fund  
Fred DeGrandis Family Fund  
Dombrowiak Family Fund  
Domestic Violence Fund  
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Dr. J. Peter and Carol H. Fegen Fund  
The Giving Forward Fund  
Susan Landau Golden Donor Advised Fund  
The Gary M. Grosel M.D. Family Fund  
Hagen Family Fund  
Harrington Family Fund  
David J. and Martha Hessler Fund  
Thomas S. & Ruth G. Hitchcock Charitable Fund  
Jacques Family Fund  
The Jennifer Fund  
Jubilee Fund  
Purnima Kothari, M.D. and Ajeet Kothari, M.D. Fund  
John W. Kemper, Sr. Fund  
James R. and Jean E. Kirk Fund  
Lamb Family Fund  
Dr. James A. and Lois Magisano Fund  
Mahalaha Chandrawal Fund  
Ray and Diana Marvar Charitable Fund  
Memory Care Fund  
Rev. William Murphy, S.J. Fund  
The Namaste Fund  
Lynn L. Nosse Fund  
The Charles E. Nye Family Foundation Fund  
Mr. and Mrs. William R. Oatey Fund  
O’Neill Management Fund  
Jack and Anne Huxtable Palomaki Charitable Fund  
The Joyesh Raj Foundation Fund  
P.K. Ranney Fund  
Jean S. Reinhold Family Fund  
Run for the Young Fund  
James V. Scarcella, M.D. Fund  
Sekhon Family Fund  
Dan and Barbara Shamir Fund  
Lorraine and Timothy Spiro Fund  
The Starck Family Fund  
Amy Stephens, M.D. Family Fund  
The Stewart Family Fund  
Uhle Family Fund  
The Urbancsik Family Fund  
Robert Warren, Jr. Fund  
Lorraine and Robert Warren, Sr. Fund  
Westside Family Resource Network Fund  
Wilde Family Fund  
R.J. and J.G. Yaroma Family Fund  
The Zangmeister Foundation Fund  
Sharon and Harry A. Zilli, Jr. Fund
Community West Foundation has a history of charitable endeavors and has enjoyed great support from our community. We are grateful for every dollar, every minute volunteered, and every item donated. From golf classics to galas to motorcycle rides, the value of our volunteers remains remarkably and proudly consistent. Perhaps the most precious gift of all is the gift of time.

Our work is shaped by some of the very best volunteers, like the members of our Board of Directors, committee groups, and friends that support our special events during the year and inspire a commitment to philanthropy. We are so thankful.

A Cardiac Classic!

The 8th Annual Straight from the Heart Red Tie Gala kicked off the 2012 calendar of special events and was one of the best parties in town. Over 500 friends and benefactors gathered at LaCentre to enjoy a great evening of dining, dancing, and awesome raffle of great prizes.

Congratulations to event chair Victor Hall and the entire committee on the success of the event, which raised more than $240,000 to benefit cardiac services, programs, and technology at Fairview, Lakewood, and Lutheran Hospitals, and in our community. These funds ensure that the very same people who made a donation or purchased a gala or raffle ticket can get the care they need, when they need it, close to home.

We are overwhelmed by the support and generosity of all of our sponsors and donors, especially the Signature Sponsorship of Fairview, Lakewood, and Lutheran Hospitals. Thank you to everyone who helped to ensure the success of this wonderful event in support of cardiovascular health! The gala was nothing short of spectacular and speaks to the community’s commitment to heart health care.

Toy Run Fun

About 500 motorcyclists strapped stuffed animals and toys to their bikes and rode to Fairview Hospital last June in the 17th Annual Toy Run. Sponsored by our friends at Lake Erie Harley-Davidson, the Toy Run raised $6,500 in donations and provided hundreds of toys for the Pediatrics Unit. Special thanks to our great neighbors at Lake Erie Harley-Davidson, who continue to overwhelm us with their generosity. Thank you to all who participated in the Toy Run for helping us to Illuminate Hope in the community!
Two Golf Classics – Double the Fun and Success!

Golf enthusiasts had a couple of reasons to hit the courses this summer in support of treatment, education, and outreach for the patients at Fairview Hospital’s Moll Cancer Center. Two outings provided opportunities to make a difference and spend a memorable day with a lot of wonderful people.

Success at Triumph for the Cure

The 2012 Triumph for the Cure Annual Golf Scramble in June kicked off its 19th season with 120 participants at Westwood Country Club. Thanks to the combined efforts and generosity of many, the outing raised $20,000 to benefit breast cancer patients at Fairview Hospital.

The golf classic would not be possible without the help of generous sponsors including RPM International, Inc, who has been a great partner of ours and one of the tourney’s longest running Signature Sponsors. We appreciate the faithful support of RPM and their dedication to this important cause.

After a great day of golf, players and guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, lunch, team prizes, silent auction, and guest speaker John Gansor, who delivered a heartfelt tribute to his wife, Marla, a breast cancer survivor. His words and reflections were a mark of love and respect to his wife’s strength, hope, and courage.

Thank you to our chair of the tournament, Dr. Debra Pratt, and to the committee members, golfers, sponsors, and volunteers for another outstanding day. Way to Go!

The 11th Annual Drive for Life was the “Hottest” Golf Outing of the Season!

We entered the heart of the golf season on July 17th and Cleveland was experiencing one of the hottest days that many can remember. But even in the extreme heat of it all, nearly 150 golfers enjoyed the popular Drive For Life outing at Red Tail Golf Club. To accommodate player preference, two shot gun starts were offered and each flight was followed by a delicious meal and prizes for the tournament participants.

Helping to drive the success of this golf classic were our event Co-Chairs, Bill Reidy and Chuck Rini, and the committee members. The first class event raised $50,000 to benefit the Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center, Fairview Hospital, Moll Pavilion. We owe this great success to the support of our Signature Sponsor, Fairview Hospital, tournament sponsors and to the many patrons, guests, golfers and volunteers who participated. Even more grateful however, are the patients of the Moll Cancer Center.
More 2012 Special Community Events and Celebrations...

A Wildly Fun Day at the Zoo

For the second year in a row, children born at Fairview Hospital and their families joined together for a fun filled reunion at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in September: What was obvious was the fun that kids of all ages were having for a good cause. Over $25,000 was raised to give each baby born at Fairview Hospital a Sleep Sack to help provide better and safer sleep through the night.

There were lots of great animals to see at the zoo, and everyone enjoyed many activities, demonstrations, and special performances.

The Foundation Board members and staff have come to know and cherish the dynamic-duo mother-daughter team of Katie Reidy and Debbie Norton, who co-chair the Gift of Life event. This celebration was a great hit and represents the interest and generosity of a new generation of Foundation and hospital supporters. It is a great example of the innovative growth and support we enjoy.

Debbie Norton and Katie Reidy, co-chairs of the annual Gift of Life celebration, with Debbie’s daughters, Anna, Sydney and Taylor.

Kids were thrilled to see Spiderman and spend an exciting day at the zoo.

Rally in the Alley Supports Two Worthy Causes

The Second Annual Rally in the Alley on July 29th was a great success and benefited two local charities - the Caring Continues Fund held at Community West Foundation and Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach.

The Caring Continues Fund provides help to cancer patients receiving treatment at Fairview Hospital with expenses such as rent, groceries, utilities, and medications. Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach provides four hot meals a month and a grocery pantry for those in need of food.

Thank you to the 2012 Rally in the Alley sponsors who lent their financial and in-kind support including Around the Corner, Dewey’s Pizza, Jammy Buggars, and the Root Café. Over 200 people participated in this street festival held directly behind Around the Corner and Dewey’s Pizza in Lakewood. The casual summer event included music, food from local restaurants, and fun for two great causes to help support some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

It was a fun day at Rally in the Alley.
Moonlight in the City Dazzled!

The moon shined brightly at the Moonlight in the City gala event held at Westwood Country Club in October. The delightful evening was filled with good friends, fabulous food, tempting auction treasures, and the cool jazz sounds of the Evelyn Wright Jazz Quartet. The annual gala has become the signature event for Lutheran Hospital and received great support with over 300 guests in attendance and $70,000 raised.

Adding his special brand of warmth as he welcomed guests to the gala was Lutheran’s beloved Dr. Ted Castele, who served for nearly 45 years as a member of the hospital’s medical staff. Lutheran Hospital’s President Dr. Brian Donley also helped to get the celebration off to a great start and energized guests by announcing that the hospital will break ground for a new emergency room facility in 2013. Lutheran Hospital is well known for its long standing tradition of improving the health and quality of life for Ohio City and area residents.

A big thank you to all of the local businesses and merchants that graciously donated items for the silent auction, and to the Lutheran Hospital Medical Staff for donating the exciting all expense paid travel packages to New York, New Orleans, Las Vegas, and a Caribbean Princess cruise! We thank every donor, volunteer, guest, sponsor, and committee member for their wonderful support. Thanks for the great party!

The Caring Continues in our Community

The Caring Continues event is always a crowd pleaser as well as a great fundraiser for the Caring Continues Fund of the Community West Foundation. The special Kentucky Derby themed benefit provides a boost of fun and moral support for cancer patients treated at Fairview Hospital’s Moll Center. The Fund offers cancer patients financial assistance for everyday necessities like rent, utilities, medication, and other needs associated with their treatment.

More than 200 people turned out to show their support at Wagner’s Country Inn in November and enjoyed dinner, raffles, and great silent auction items generously donated by local businesses. The inspiration for the event originated with Bill Cochrane, who lost his wife to cancer in 2004. We are moved by the generosity and passion for this cause, and are happy to see this tradition continuing. This year’s event raised $21,000, and the truly rewarding part is knowing that each dollar raised is going to help cancer patients right here in our community!
In 2012, Community West Foundation earned an induction into the most prestigious philanthropic group at the Cleveland Clinic, the 1921 Society. Community West was recognized as a major charitable force on the west side having disbursed over $70 million in grant funding to Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals over the past decade to support the health of our community.

It was not only an honor to be recognized by the Cleveland Clinic, but it is also added validation of our hard work as we continue to advance the health and well being of our communities and Illuminate Hope for the future. Congratulations to the Board and Staff for a job well done!

Community West Foundation joins an impressive list of other 1921 inductees, past and present, in this special recognition of philanthropy and leadership in our beloved hometown. We are very grateful!

The Cleveland Clinic recognized the Foundation's supportive and generous presence in our community. Dr. Delos Cosgrove, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cleveland Clinic; David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation; Charles A. Rini, Sr., Chair of the Board, Community West Foundation; Dr. David L. Bronson, President, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals.

Community Service Awards – The Winners!
Doing Well by Doing Good

The Community Service Awards at Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals recognize and celebrate the spirit of service and volunteerism by honoring those who have made significant and positive impacts in our community through their efforts.

The 2012 list of honorees is as impressive and inspiring as any we’ve seen. The awards stand as a tribute to all of their individual efforts and contributions to community service. It’s been our tradition at Community West to honor all the award recipients by donating $500 to their respective charities of choice. Congratulations to all!

Two members of the Foundation family, Dr. James Magisano and Linda Stewart, were among the five recipients of the 2012 Community Service Awards from Fairview Hospital. Linda Stewart’s smiling face, working hands, and generous heart are cherished at Fairview Hospital as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Board.

Dr. James Magisano is very much respected for his many achievements and contributions to medicine and our community, and we are very fortunate to be the beneficiary of his continuing dedication and leadership as a member of the Foundation Board. We have always known that Linda Stewart and Dr. James Magisano were city treasures, and now the rest of our community knows too!

The Fairview Hospital Community Service Awards were presented on November 1st at the Marriott Airport to Robin Love, Dr. Raymond Horwood, Dr. James Magisano, John O’Neill, and Linda Stewart.

Lutheran Hospital’s Community Service Awards were presented November 5th at the Market Garden to Eric Wobser, Executive Director, Ohio City Near West Development and Councilman Matt Zone, pictured with Dr. Brian Donley (center), Lutheran Hospital President.
Join Our Mission...

These are great days of opportunity and advancement for the Community West Foundation, and our message of Illuminating Hope is being recognized throughout our communities. This year has been one of positive progress, and we warmly thank our donors and friends who have contributed to our work.

We see a bright future for Community West Foundation as a leading force in encouraging philanthropy, collaboration, and embracing opportunities.

Please continue to Illuminate Hope within your communities – to give of your time, talent and treasure – and encourage others to join our mission and support our community through resources, friendship, and especially, prayers.