The Community West Foundation hosted the special Legacy Society Dinner on October 3rd for its most generous benefactors, members of the Legacy Society. The annual event provides a wonderful opportunity to thank the Foundation’s strongest financial supporters for their investment in the future through a planned gift or Donor Advised Fund.

At the dinner, the Art of Caring Award, the Foundation’s highest honor, is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding philanthropic leadership. It was an especially momentous occasion as this year’s award honors went to the Foundation’s Millennium Fund participants, a group of 20 dedicated Community West Foundation Board members who have shown to be true patrons of their community by their generosity. These members contributed an astounding $3.1 million for the future beneficiaries of the Foundation’s work. The award was a complete surprise to the honorees and guests, typical of the creativity and innovative spirit that characterizes Community West, and very evident in every part of the evening’s festivities.

The Millennium Fund originated with an idea from Dr. Ted Castele, Community West Foundation Chair Emeritus. “Dr. Ted injected new excitement and momentum with the idea of the Millennium Fund,” said David T. Dombrowiak, President and CEO, Community West Foundation. “Even though economic conditions were a challenge,
and the downturn in our economy affected so many families, friends and neighbors right here in our community, Dr. Ted had the courage to forge ahead with his idea to raise as much as we could to ensure that our communities stay strong and vibrant for generations to come.”

Each Millennium Fund member received The Art of Caring Award, a lithograph titled, “Jesus in the Breadline,” an image of social realism created by noted Cleveland artist Christi Birchfield. Her portrayal was inspired by the Biblical passage from The Gospel of Matthew 25:40, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“The artwork speaks to the fact that Jesus walked with the ‘least of these,’ said David Dombrowiak. “This passage conveys a message that we take to heart at the Community West Foundation, to take care of the least among us.” Those words were brought to life in a moving video tribute (visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcZHPNtqEg to watch the video that was shown to our Legacy Society guests) with testimonials from Community West Foundation grant recipients. It is “recognition of the profound impact of our award winners’ achievements on the community, the caregivers, and the people helped by the donations,” said Mr. Dombrowiak.

In the last year alone, Community West Foundation provided funding for 1,720,000 meals for the hungry, 610,000 nights of shelter for the homeless, 570,000 instances of medical and mental health care, 56,000 days of education and recreation for the disabled, 34,000 showers and other basic needs for the homeless, and 365 days of compassionate care for the dying.

Mr. Dombrowiak paid tribute to the members, “It has been said, what we are is God’s gift to us; what we become is our gift to God. Each of you as Millennium Fund donors has indeed become a gift to God, our Foundation, and our community.”

The Art of Caring Award recipients are the pride of the Community West Foundation and our community!

We are continuously impressed by our philanthropic Hall of Fame.

2013 – Bill Baker, Pamela Bobst, Rev. David Buegler, Dr. Ted Castele, Fred DeGrandis, David Dombrowiak, Christopher Harrington, David Hessler, Henry Jacques, John Kemper, Dr. Steven Lamb, Dr. James Magisano, William Oatey, William Reidy, The late Charles Rini, Dr. Timothy Spiro, Robert Warren, Jr., The late Dr. Alan Wilde, Robert Yaroma, Harry Zilli, Jr.

2012 – Dr. Joyesh Raj
2011 – Carol and Charles 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

Linda and William Baker. The event was emceed by Mr. Baker, who is the Community West Foundation Chair of the Board.

Dr. Ted Castele, Chair Emeritus, Community West Foundation and his wife, Jean, with daughter Mary Kay Binder and her husband, Jack Binder. Dr. and Mrs. Castele received the 2007 Art of Caring Award honors.
Daniel Roth, Director of Accounting, Community West Foundation, and newest Legacy Society member Liza Oaksford.

Dr. Purnima Kothari with Drs. Chandra and Prasanta Raj. Dr. Purnima and her husband, Dr. Ajeet Kothari, were welcomed into the Legacy Society Family.

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Warren Farr, Jr., Carol Webb Filak, Victor Farr The Joan K. Farr Memorial Fund
Marge Emblom and Milan “Mike” Busta.

Janet and Robert Yaroma. Mr. Yaroma serves on the Community West Foundation Board.

Harry and Sharon Zilli were the 2009 Art of Caring Award recipients.

2012 Art of Caring Award recipient, Dr. Joyesh Raj. Dr. Joyesh Raj serves on the Community West Foundation Board.

Community West Foundation Board member Dr. James Magisano and his wife, Lois.

Michael Romanello, Community West Foundation Board member and Dr. Neil Smith, President, Fairview Hospital.

Dr. Kathleen Franco and her husband Dr. David Bronson, President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals.

Marge Emblom and Milan “Mike” Busta.
Community West Foundation Board member William Oatey and his wife, Jill. The 2006 Art of Caring Award recipients, John and Betty Kemper. Mr. Kemper serves on the Foundation Board.

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E. Robert Hawken, Jr.
and Marilyn J. Hawken
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Moonlight in the City Gala was a great success!

With the moonlight making its shining appearance, Community West Foundation and Lutheran Hospital welcomed over 250 guests at its annual Moonlight in the City Gala on October 19th at Westwood Country Club.

The ever popular Dr. Ted Castele set the tone for the fun-filled evening as he greeted attendees and gave an official welcome during the program. Dr. Ted has a decades-long affiliation with Lutheran Hospital, where he served for nearly 45 years as a physician leader, clinician, and committed member of many Boards.

Guests were also thrilled to welcome the new Hospital President, Dr. Donald Malone, Jr. to the Lutheran Hospital Family. Dr. Malone offered words of gratitude to the entire staff for all they do to support Lutheran Hospital.

The event included a delicious dinner, music by local jazz favorite, Evelyn Wright, silent and live auctions, and a raffle, with proceeds to support Lutheran Hospital to ensure families have access to outstanding quality care, close to home.

The Lutheran Hospital Medical staff graciously donated fantastic travel packages. Special thanks to the Moonlight Gala Committee, donors, sponsors, volunteers, and guests who contributed to the success of this event.

To see more photos from this fun event visit http://www.flickr.com/photos/communitywestfoundation/sets/72157636905564646/.

We could not have asked for a more beautiful night or a more wonderful crowd to share it with! Thank You!
The Community West Foundation held its Annual Meeting on September 11th, welcoming nearly 200 people from the philanthropic, nonprofit, and business communities.

Foundation Board Chair William W. Baker reported on the activities and performance of the Foundation over the past year. Among the exciting announcements: $6,138,000 in grants have been distributed to 41 nonprofit organizations and Fairview and Lutheran Hospitals through the Foundation, helping to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for the sick and suffering.

David T. Dombrowiak, Foundation President and CEO, said, “In our work, we see that there are far too many people for whom homelessness, hunger, poverty, and indignity are the day to day experience.” He noted that almost 90% of the Foundation’s grantmaking is to agencies that support and meet the needs of marginalized communities. The other 10% is devoted to direct advocacy, particularly for those affected by mental health issues.

The Foundation's continuing contribution to positive social change through its grantmaking and collaboration augmented the keynote address delivered by Christine Reeves, Senior Field Associate and nationally-known speaker for the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy. Christine's presentation, “Navigating the Philanthropic Landscape: Nationwide and in Ohio,” which emphasized that foundations must give general operating support, multi-year funding, grants that explicitly benefit underserved communities, and funding for social justice strategies, was well received.

Christine Reeves wrote a wonderful blog following her visit, saying she was, “terribly impressed with the Community West Foundation, as well as their dedicated staff and board. The Community West Foundation is doing tremendous work as both a grantmaker and foundation dedicated to building strong, trustworthy partnerships with their nonprofit partners and communities. I am excited to see all the great work they will continue doing in the future.” See the full text of Ms. Reeves comments at http://blog.ncrp.org/2013/09/a-foundation-walking-walk.html.

Visit www.communitywestfoundation.org to learn more.
Rick Kemm, Executive Director, May Dugan Center, Anne Goodman, President and CEO, Cleveland Foodbank, Dominick Grassi, Development Coordinator, May Dugan Center, and Andy Tares, Executive Assistant, May Dugan Center.

Jason Weiner, Director of Development, Beck Center for the Arts, and Lee Elmore, Executive Director, North Coast Health Ministry.

Peter Schindler, Foundation Senior Program Officer, with Michael Sering, Vice President, Housing and Shelter at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, Jim Schlecht, Care Alliance, and Tim Walters, Executive Director, The Metanoia Project.

Dawn Meyer, Vice President, Neighborhood Alliance, and Christopher B.H. Harrington, Community West Foundation Board Member.

Rev. Bob Begin, St. Colman Church, and Judy Peters, Executive Director, The Centers for Families and Children.

Juliana Chase-Morefield, Executive Director, Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, with Brian Sooy, who serves as Vice President of the Second Harvest Board of Directors.

Brian Upton, Assistant Director, Building Hope in the City, and Community West Foundation Trustee David Hessler.
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