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Foundation Matters shares the latest news about Toledo Community Foundation, and how we achieve our mission of creating philanthropy and making our community a better place for everyone to live and raise a family.

Toledo Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation serving northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

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Toledo Community Foundation



John, Ted, Bryce, Kay and Ross Harbaugh

Kay and Ted Harbaugh Charitable Fund Continues its Legacy

Bryce Harbaugh is absolutely certain that his parents would be pleased with how the fund named for them is providing significant support to the causes that they supported throughout their lives.

The Kay and Ted Harbaugh Charitable Fund, established in 2010 with a distribution from the estate of Kay and Ted Harbaugh, is a donor advised growth fund for which Bryce is the primary advisor. His brothers John and Ross, who reside in Florida, are also fund advisors.

Ted Harbaugh was a Product Development Manager for Libbey

“With Toledo Community Foundation, you get all the joy of philanthropy without any of the headaches of overseeing a fund.”

— Bryce Harbaugh

Glass Company and Youth Concert Manager of the Toledo Symphony, helping to arrange the popular Young People’s Concerts over a 25-year period. Ted was also a Japanese language specialist during World War II and helped to arrange the surrender of Captain Masao Honda and his company within 24 hours after the Japanese Emperor

Hirohito surrendered. His efforts led to one of the first formal surrenders of Japanese Imperial Army troops on Okinawa.

Ted’s commitment to Toledo’s central city, the symphony and foreign language helped guide the direction for the Kay and Ted Harbaugh Charitable Fund.

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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

In our recent Annual Report, *Building Connections*, it's amazing, rewarding and inspiring to see in print what area individuals, families and businesses have created all in the name of supporting the northwest Ohio community.

With the common goal of meeting the diverse needs of our community, along with the confidence in the Foundation's commitment to managing funds, Toledo Community Foundation was able to award grants totaling more than \$13 million in 2016.

Regardless of the size of the fund or the area of interest, we are proud to partner with such a committed group of individuals and businesses to support their missions while addressing the critical needs of our community.

Over the years we have found that individuals, families and businesses turn to us for a variety of reasons, from the expertise and knowledge of our staff, to the legal and administrative assistance that takes the burden off managing a fund, to the maximum tax benefits our giving options provide, to the far-reaching impact their gifts provide. But the overall driving force behind philanthropy is the satisfaction of giving back and connecting with our community.

We appreciate your trust and are honored to be the vehicle that helps to make our region a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. Thank you all for helping us to build those connections.

Sincerely,

Keith Burwell, President



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Harbaugh Charitable Fund *continued*

"This year, a majority of the distributions from the fund are being used to support the Grace Community Center," said Bryce. "My father grew up right down the street from where the Community Center is located on Delaware Avenue. He graduated as valedictorian from Scott High School. He was instrumental in setting up the Grace Community Center to help change the trajectory of the problems associated with poverty in that area."

Distributions are also used to support the Toledo Symphony and scholarships for foreign language study awarded to deserving students at Toledo Public Schools.

"The quality of our experience in working with Toledo Community Foundation has been amazing," he said. "Bridget Brell Holt not only does an extraordinary job in assisting with distributions, her customer

service skills in dealing with clients are wonderful. The Foundation understands that our parents wanted to support causes in the Toledo area and they have done everything possible to help us do that."

"The Foundation keeps us notified of everything associated with our Fund and we can choose how often we meet with them," he said. "Although my brothers live in Florida, they receive communications regarding the Fund so they, too, are well informed."

"With Toledo Community Foundation, you get all the joy of philanthropy without any of the headaches of overseeing a fund," he added. "We are confident that the investments are handled well and that we are receiving expert advice."

"I think our parents would be very satisfied knowing their legacy has been handled so well." 



The Big Picture Approach to Afterschool Tutoring

A new umbrella organization to oversee afterschool tutoring programs in the community is planned for Fall 2017. Creation of the organization follows a seven-month study the Toledo Community Foundation undertook with Lourdes University to determine best practices and business models for results-driven afterschool tutoring programs.

“The Foundation held and participated in several events in May to share the tutoring study with public and private funders and nonprofit organizations,” said Anneliese Grytafey, J.D., Vice President, Strategic Initiatives & Grantmaking. The Afterschool Alliance also hosted nonprofit organizations at Lourdes University in which about 85 attendees learned more about the study from its authors: Ryan Butt and Dr. Patrice McClellan of Lourdes University.

“Based on the positive feedback received from the funder and practitioner communities, an initial board of directors has been formed and paperwork has been filed to create a new umbrella organization for afterschool tutoring programs,” she said.

The board will focus on designing a model that offers opportunities for nonprofits to partner with the umbrella organization. In late 2017 or early 2018, the umbrella organization will invite nonprofits to join as formal partners, with options for levels of partnership.

“We know large national funders are more likely to invest in a community when they see collaboration,” said Anneliese. “They prefer to fund one collaborative body as opposed to many smaller organizations.”

“An umbrella organization will help us to see gaps, where we need to grow services, and if there are any overlooked geographic areas,” said Anneliese. “This information will allow the umbrella organization to better position the entire network of afterschool providers in Toledo to become stronger, improve their impact, and ultimately reach more children in need of support.”

“The umbrella organization will work to imbue the following best practices into all programs in the community through training, technical support and funding:

- Professionally trained tutors
- Documented performance goals and activities designed to help reach them
- Consistent, regimented data collection
- Parent engagement
- Classroom alignment

Nonprofits can stay up to date on the process by participating in the Afterschool Alliance, convened by Partners in Education, and by subscribing to The Center for Nonprofit Resources e-newsletter. 

The Center

for nonprofit resources



Heather L. Bradley
Director
The Center for Nonprofit Resources



Toni Shoola
Associate Director
The Center for Nonprofit Resources



Lona Lakatos, Social Services for the Arab Community, and Tonya Scherf, Camp Courageous & The Arc of Northwest Ohio, are two of 73 members of the C4NPR Alumni community.

Opportunities Abound for C4NPR Alumni

Professional development is one of the cornerstones of capacity building supported by The Center for Nonprofit Resources. Cost-effective workshops are offered throughout the year by thought leaders across six core tracks. Interested nonprofit staff, board members, volunteers and community members convene to acquire new skills and competencies, and to connect with like-minded individuals.

For those who desire to deepen their contribution in their organization and to invest in the advancement of their career, The Center administers and manages three signature certificate programs:

- Nonprofit Management Certificate
- Nonprofit Minority Executive Leadership Certificate
- Nonprofit LEAN Six Sigma Green Belt Certificate

“In 2017 the number of professionals holding one or more certificates reached a significant body,” says Heather Bradley, Director of The Center. “In an effort to assist individuals and nonprofit entities to build ongoing relationships for the benefit of those they serve, the C4NPR Alumni community was created.”

On July 12, 2017 the C4NPR Alumni community was officially launched. Designed to bring together alumni across all programs, membership is extended at no cost when a certificate is awarded. By participating in the alumni community, members have access to exclusive opportunities including:

- Networking with peers
- Sharing best practices
- Continued professional development
- Applying what was learned
- Access to tools and resources

To learn more about The Center's offerings, visit www.c4npr.org.



To inquire about certificate programs or discuss your professional goals, contact Toni Shoola at 419-241-9513 or toni@c4npr.org.

To inquire about the C4NPR Alumni community, contact Heather Bradley at 419-241-9513 or heather@c4npr.org.

Generations of Giving

The Oswald Supporting Organization

We hear a lot today about the differences in giving among millennials, baby boomers, and Generation X. However, for the Oswalds, the tradition of giving has remained strong in their family for generations.

Since the late Chuck and Joan Oswald created the Oswald Supporting Organization through the Toledo Community Foundation in December 2000 with \$1 million in Appliance Center stock, someone from the family has always been intrinsically involved with the organization. The Oswald Family Foundation has provided more than \$1.2 million in funding to 56 nonprofit organizations in northwest Ohio since its inception.

Today, daughter Julie Oswald Abbey, one of Chuck and Joan's six children, and granddaughter Sarah Oswald both serve on the board of the Oswald Supporting Organization. Until her passing last year, daughter Jennifer Oswald also served on the board, as have daughters Bonnie Oswald and Theresa Ahrens.

"My parents were great humanitarians," said Julie. "Even though they had six children they always made room for one more at the supper table. Mom and Dad grew up with very little so they were both aware that they should share all the material blessings that had been bestowed upon them."

Well-known as the owner of the Appliance Center, Chuck and his wife were particularly interested in helping women and children in northwest Ohio.

"They knew the Oswald Family Supporting Organization could live on for them and help to take care of some of the neglect and abuse in the community that they were not able to do on their own," said Julie. "And with the Toledo Community Foundation administering the fund, they knew there would be clear oversight."

Music was another area of interest for the Oswalds. "My mom loved the Toledo Symphony," said Julie. "She 'felt' the music because she was very close to being deaf. The Ability Center of Greater Toledo, which provides numerous programs for persons with disabilities, was another Oswald favorite.

The Oswald's legacy of giving is evident today in the work and commitment of the Oswald children.

"Our parents taught us to work for what we wanted," Julie said. "I am very proud that I worked and paid for my own education all the way through law school."

"My brother John Oswald and I purchased the family business from my father at an arm's length transaction. This enabled my parents to fund the Oswald Family Supporting Organization."

Along with their children, Chuck and Joan's grandchildren also "walk the walk" in the philanthropy world.

Julie and her husband John have travelled to Vietnam 21 times to work with the D.O.V.E. fund, a Toledo based charity that provides humanitarian assistance to the poorest of the poor in rural Vietnam.

"We have also taken our three children, three nieces and one granddaughter with us. They have all been changed by that experience. We have built schools, water projects, funded micro finance for women, funded hundreds of scholarships, delivered aid to people with leprosy and many dozens of projects."

To learn more about establishing a fund, making a gift or having a greater impact with your philanthropy, please contact Mike George or Bridget Brell Holt in our Philanthropic Services department at 419.241.5049 or email Mike@toledocf.org or Bridget@toledocf.org. 



Oswald Supporting Organization funds have supported The Ability Center's Next Steps Summer Program, which is designed to prepare students with disabilities for college and post-secondary training. Students enter the program ready to increase their independence and foster leadership abilities. Community partners and a team of Ability Center staff create an environment full of hands-on learning, facilitated on the campus of The University of Toledo.

Foundation Dollars at Work

With \$13,325 in funding from the Toledo Community Foundation's Community Funds, the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board will initiate a coordinated system for providing homeless persons with personal identification documents. The mission of the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board is to provide leadership for the elimination of homelessness in Lucas County. It serves as the governing body of the Toledo Lucas County Continuum of Care and is composed of 17 representatives of the local community including; public sector, private sector, business sector, faith-based organizations, funders and the Toledo Area Alliance to End Homelessness. Its vision is for "All Toledo/Lucas County citizens desiring to be "homed" will be. "Homed" is living in safe, affordable permanent housing with adequate resources and support systems to achieve one's potential and contribute to the well-being of one's household and community."

The Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board was one of seven organizations that received grants totaling \$142,182 from the Foundation's Community Funds.

Other grants were awarded to:

- **Connecting Kids to Meals** – \$15,000
Support the 2017 summer meal program.
- **Friendship Park Community Center, Inc.** – \$23,759
Support an intergenerational civic engagement and youth leadership development program.
- **Imagination Station** – \$15,698
Awarded through the Community Funds Accelerator program to evaluate the new Idea Lab exhibit and its educational impact on family visitors.
- **Social Services for the Arab Community** – \$13,300
Expand a financial education program serving Arab immigrants and refugees.
- **US Together** – \$34,739
Implement programming designed to help refugee children more easily integrate into Toledo's educational systems.
- **YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo** – \$26,361
Expand the walking and biking to school programs at Toledo Public Schools.

The Lovell Fund

A \$20,000 grant from the David C. and Lura M. Lovell Foundation Designated Fund ("The Lovell Fund") will allow the Thomas M. Wernert Center to expand peer-led advocacy and support for individuals living with mental illness. The Wernert Center believes that no one understands what it's like to live with mental illness more than those who have experienced it themselves. The majority of the staff at the



Serenity Farm

Wernert Center are on their own journey of mental health recovery and wellness. This unique peer-to-peer support provides a safe, welcoming and encouraging environment for those living with mental illness.

This grant was part of the \$97,655 in funding which The Lovell Fund provided to four area nonprofit organizations. Grants were also awarded to the following organizations:

- **NAMI of Greater Toledo** – \$35,000
\$30,000 to support the Education program and \$5,000 to support the Kidshop program, both of which assist individuals and families affected by a mental health diagnosis.
- **A Renewed Mind** – \$30,800
Support collaboration between A Renewed Mind, Animal House

Glass and Toledo Streets Newspaper that uses art as a means to engage homeless individuals, teach workforce skills, and provide linkages to mental health services.

■ **Imagination Station** – \$11,855

Support Building Confidence, a collaboration with the Zepf Center Teens program that uses STEM learning experiences to build resiliency amongst youth participants.

Andersons Fund Supporting Organization Supports Capital Projects for Area Nonprofits

The Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center was one of seven area nonprofit organizations that received grants totaling \$98,962 from the Andersons Fund Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation.

With a \$8,000 grant from the fund, the Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center will renovate a building that will serve as the ceramic and screen print shop art studio.

Grants from the Andersons Fund Supporting Organization support organizations with programs in the areas of education, social services, physical and mental health, neighborhood and urban affairs, natural resources and the arts.

Other recipients receiving funding are:

■ **Cherry Street Mission Ministries** – \$12,000

Support the roof replacement project of the Life Revitalization Center.

■ **Mobile Meals of Toledo** – \$10,000

Purchase a refrigerated delivery truck.

■ **Sunshine Foundation, Inc.** – \$10,000

Purchase two accessible vehicles.

■ **Thomas M. Wernert Center** – \$18,000

Purchase fixtures and equipment for the kitchen renovation project.

■ **Toledo Cultural Arts Center at the Valentine Theatre** – \$20,000

Install a new sound system.

■ **YWCA of Northwest Ohio** – \$20,962

Renovate the kitchen of the domestic violence shelter.

Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund Awards Grants

Serenity Farm Equestrian Center was one of five area nonprofits to receive grants totaling \$12,000 from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of

young people under the age of 18. Serenity Farm will use the \$1,800 grant it was awarded to support an equine-based experiential learning program for youth.

Other recipients of the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund grants were:

■ **Ability Center of Greater Toledo** – \$3,000

Support a program that teaches independent living and workforce skills to youth.

■ **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center** – \$1,200

Support the delivery of child abuse awareness and prevention training.

■ **Girl Scouts of Western Ohio** – \$3,000

Support girls from Lucas and Wood County to attend camps.

■ **Zepf Community Mental Health Center** – \$3,000

Support the construction of a basketball court at a youth runaway shelter.



Connecting Kids to Meals

Oswald Supporting Organization Grants \$122,841

A \$20,000 grant from the Oswald Supporting Organization will assist Feed Lucas County Children (now known as Connecting Kids to Meals) with its afterschool and summer meal services for children. Last year, Feed Lucas County Children provided more than 5,000 children with free hot, nutritious meals at 105 different locations during the summer months. During the academic year, it provides nearly 1,000 meals to children in low-income areas enrolled in 26 afterschool programs.

It was one of seven grants totaling \$122,841 awarded to seven nonprofit organizations from the Oswald Supporting Organization, which was created by the late Joan and Chuck Oswald in 2000. The Fund was

designed to support projects in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan that enable families to develop skills to nurture each other and to promote the advancement, self-sufficiency and intellectual, social, emotional and cultural growth of woman and children.

Other grant recipients included:

- **Ability Center of Greater Toledo** – \$20,000
Support the Center Life Skills Youth Program and the Programs to Educate all Cyclists 2017 – Summer Cycling Program.
- **Adopt America Network** – \$25,000
Support adoption services for families and children.
- **Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Toledo** – \$11,000
Support the Old West End Neighborhood Initiatives 2017 Summer Leadership Initiative project.
- **Partners in Education** – \$25,000
Support the Afterschool Tutoring Project.
- **Toledo Orchestra Association, Inc.** – \$10,000
Support the Community Music Lessons program.
- **Water for Ishmael** – \$11,841
Support the American School for Children preschool education program.

2017 YIPEE Grants

The Children's Theatre Workshop (CTW), one of the oldest in the country, is a recipient of a \$1,000 grant from Youth in Philanthropy Encouraging Excellence (YIPEE). Founded in 1954, CTW provides classes and theatrical productions involving young people in all areas of theatre, from acting to directing to playwrighting to technical crew. Its inclusive environment provides youth of all backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles the opportunity to study many aspects of theatre arts, develop valuable life skills, and produce quality plays.

YIPEE, which was comprised of 28 students representing 19 area high schools this past year, held six fundraisers to help raise money to distribute to 12 area nonprofit organizations selected by the youth. They distributed \$19,733 in funding to these others organizations, in addition to the Children's Theatre Workshop:

- **Autism Model School** – \$1,550
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo** – \$2,000
- **Children's Rights Collaborative** – \$500
- **Dental Center of Northwest Ohio** – \$1,000
- **Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo** – \$1,500
- **Erie Shores Council Boy Scouts of America** – \$2,533
- **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center** – \$1,000
- **Madd Poets Society** – \$2,400



Children's Theatre Workshop

- **Serenity Farm Equestrian Center** – \$2,500
- **The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio** – \$1,500
- **YWCA of Greater Toledo** – \$2,250

GRANTS FROM CORPORATE FUNDS

First Solar Corporate Charitable Fund

The First Solar Corporate Charitable Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation provides support to projects and services that make a meaningful impact on "green" education initiatives, access to clean energy and water in underserved areas, and further the development of innovative and sustainable technologies. Over the past two years, the First Solar Corporate Charitable Fund has approved module

donations and grants totaling \$185,500 to support programs that improve the quality of life in communities around the world.

The recipients were:

- **ASU Foundation** – \$50,000
Support the international fellowship program in conjunction with USAID.
- **Friends of Cave Creek Canyon** – Module donation and \$15,000
Support the Willow Tank Restoration project.
- **Global Greengrants Fund** – \$50,500
Support grass-roots environmental projects throughout the world.
- **National Park Trust** – \$20,000
Support the Kids to Parks Day school contest.
- **Read for Literacy** – \$10,000
Support green educational activities at the annual Claire's Day Festival.
- **RE-volv** – \$10,000
Support the Solar Ambassador program that connects university students with local nonprofits to complete renewable energy installation projects.
- **Toledo Museum of Art** – Module donation and \$30,000
Support the Sensory Garden Initiative.

Helping Hens Fund

The Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club's Helping Hens Fund provided \$58,400 in grants to eight area nonprofit organizations. Funds are made to nonprofit organizations providing sports and recreation services to youth enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Grants were made to:

- **Anne Grady Corporation** – \$3,000
Support summer camp programming for participants with developmental disabilities.
- **Believe Center** – \$10,000
Purchase supplies for the baseball, basketball, boxing, soccer and football programs.
- **Girls on the Run of Northwest Ohio** – \$2,700
Support the running program.
- **Grace Community Center** – \$2,500
Purchase supplies for weekend youth programming.
- **The Miracle League of Northwest Ohio** – \$30,000
Support the resurfacing of an all-inclusive baseball field and to construct a new restroom and concession building.
- **Padua Center** – \$1,800
Support costs for a summer camp program and to purchase recreational equipment.

- **Toledo-Lucas County Police Athletic League** – \$5,000
Support the youth baseball league.
- **The Sight Center** – \$3,400
Support a Goalball competition in 2017.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

August 15: Community Funds and Community Funds Accelerator

August 15: Anderson Foundation Funding for Early Childhood Development (Provides support to programs that articulate a plan to improve outcomes in early childhood development.)

September 1: Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund

September 15: Strategic Alliance Partnership

For more information about various grant opportunities and to view grant guidelines, go to www.toledocf.org and click on Grant Opportunities.

Call Us Before Submitting

The Toledo Community Foundation staff is happy to meet with you and is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the grant application process. We encourage you to call us at 419.241.5049 before submitting a proposal. 

Did You Receive the Foundation's Annual Report?



"Building Connections," the Toledo Community Foundation's Annual Report, was mailed in June. If you did not receive a copy or would like an additional copy, please contact Laura Sams, administrative assistant, at 419.241.5049 or Laura@toledocf.org. 



BCSN 2017 Scholar and Teacher of the Year

Toledo Community Foundation and Buckeye Broadband/BCSN named Carley Wymer of Central Catholic High School Scholar of the Year and Ryan Creech, art instructor at Sylvania Northview High School Teacher of the Year. Carley and Ryan were chosen from sixteen nominees by a committee of community leaders and educators as the BCSN Scholar and Teacher of the Year.

Carly received a \$10,000 scholarship to be awarded in increments of \$2,500 annually. She will attend Miami University where she will pursue her interests in Zoology and Film.

Ryan has taught in the Sylvania School District for 21 years. As an outstanding art teacher and soccer coach, his most admirable work was creating the Northview Leadership Academy, the only one of its kind in northwest Ohio to focus on Service-Leadership. The Teacher of the Year receives a \$1,000 cash award and a \$10,000 endowed scholarship fund in their name from which one scholarship will be awarded through the school on an annual basis in perpetuity. 🙌

New Foundation Staff Positions

Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to announce the following staff positions:

Robbin Moser · Accounting Assistant

Robbin joined Toledo Community Foundation as the Accounting Assistant in June, 2017. Robbin brings over 27 years of accounting experience in the nonprofit sector, primarily in the Toledo area.

Joanne Olmhausen · Director of Marketing & Communications

Joanne was recently named Director of Marketing & Communications for Toledo Community Foundation. Joanne joined the Foundation in 2000 as the Scholarship Coordinator and added the responsibility for Marketing/Communications shortly thereafter. Joanne previously

worked at KeyBank in Toledo in the Marketing/Public Relations area. She has over 17 years of philanthropic experience, including coordinating the Foundation's scholarship program which now numbers nearly 200 funds.

Toni Shoola · Associate Director of The Center for Nonprofit Resources & Scholarship Officer for Toledo Community Foundation

Toni joined The Center in 2016 to manage professional development and several of the resources The Center offers. She is assuming the additional responsibility of Scholarship Officer for the Foundation. Toni previously was the Program Manager of the United Way's Free Tax Preparation Program and the Investment Reporting and Data Lead. Toni will complete her Master of Public Administration from BGSU in August 2017. 🙌

Toledo Community Foundation Elects 2017 Officers; Welcomes New Trustees

Toledo Community Foundation elected the following individuals as officers at their annual meeting:

Scott A. Estes, Chair (EVP/Chief Financial Officer, Welltower, Inc.); Michael J. Anderson, Vice Chair (Chairman of the Board, The Andersons, Inc.); Zac Isaac, Treasurer (Executive Officer, State Bank & Trust Co.); and Susan F. Palmer, Secretary (Development Fundraising Consultant).

The Foundation named the following four area civic leaders as new Trustees to replace board members Jim Hoffman, Rita Mansour and Dave Waterman, who retired from the Board at the end of 2016.



Richard L. Arnos

President, Republic Development, an Ohio-based real estate development company

Rick has been involved in professional, educational and community activities, and currently serves on the Lourdes University Investment Committee; member of the Harvard Northwest Ohio Schools and

Scholarship Committee; and member of a midwest Ohio angel venture capital fund and of Plymouth Ventures, a southeast Michigan later stage venture capital fund.



Richard J. Brunner

Chairman & CEO, Signature Bank, N.A.

Rick is also one of the bank's original founders, helping start the bank in 2002. Prior to the formation of Signature, Rick was a commercial lender with Capital Bank from 1992-2001. Rick has served on several community boards including

Make-A-Wish Foundation, Central Catholic High School, Flower Hospital and ProMedica Health System.

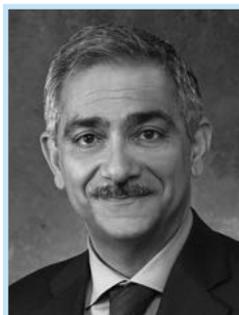


Michael C. Gibbons

President and CEO, Mainstreet Ventures, Inc.

Mike is a successful restaurateur operating businesses in 12 cities across five states as the President and CEO of Mainstreet Ventures. Active in and an advocate for the restaurant industry, he has received many past and present positions at the state

and national level and through his philanthropic efforts. At the local community level, Mike serves on several boards including the Finance Committee for ProMedica and the Board of Lourdes University.



Hussien Y. Shousher

Retired CEO of GEM and GEM Energy

Hussien worked with the Rudolph Libbe Group for 25 years. Among his community service activities, Hussien is Chairman of PROPEL Youth Mentoring Organization; member of Vistage (World's largest CEO Organization), Cleveland/Akron region;

Chairman of Center for Arab American Philanthropy; member of The Peer Group (National Benchmarking Group); United Way cabinet member; member of HearCare Connection, Global Medical Missions; and board member of Rudolph Libbe Companies, Lourdes University, ACCESS Detroit and Sunshine Community. 

Save the Date

Innovation & Excellence Awards

Mark your calendars for the Annual Nonprofit Innovation & Excellence Awards breakfast to be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 8:00 am at The Premier, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo.

The Awards are designed to honor and recognize outstanding nonprofit organizations and their achievements in our community.

Awards will be given to three nonprofit organizations, one in each of the following categories:

- Nonprofit Innovation Award
- Nonprofit Excellence Award – Small Organization (Budget less than \$500,000)
- Nonprofit Excellence Award – Large Organization (Budget more than \$500,000)

The Annual Nonprofit Innovation & Excellence Awards are sponsored by The Blade and Toledo Community Foundation, in partnership with The Center for Nonprofit Resources.

RSVP to attend this event at www.toledocf.org starting August 15. 



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Aspire Toledo Releases Chapter 2 Report

Aspire Toledo, an initiative created in 2012 to serve as a convener and change agent for organizations dedicated to helping families in Lucas County, recently released its *Chapter 2 Report* to the community.

Aspire's vision is to "create a cradle to career support structure for children and families in Lucas County that will prepare them for success in life."

According to Aspire's Executive Director, Katie Enright, Aspire has built a broad-based foundation of stakeholders, including 300 parents, 120 students, 45 teachers, and 143 service providers and community partners who have been instrumental in helping Aspire to gather and analyze qualitative and quantitative data.

The Chapter 2 report focuses on two primary areas: helping ensure children who enter kindergarten are ready to learn, and that high school graduates are prepared for their next step in life.

"Aspire's four areas of work are community level data, community conversations, program assessment, and student level data," said Katie. "We have finished piloting the program assessment instrument and are rolling this out broadly in the community."

"Next, our Aspire networks will invite leaders from programs that are



► Success For Every Child: Cradle To Career

very successful with these indicators to share their best practices and identify resources that will help other programs improve in this area and, ultimately, provide better outcomes for children in Lucas County."

To read the full report, go to:
<http://www.aspiretoledo.org/blog/>.

Aspire is a collaborative effort of the United Way of Greater Toledo, Toledo Community Foundation and the Lucas County Commissioners. 

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