

THE GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

A FUND OF AKRON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2010



A MESSAGE FROM THE GCEF ADVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN

“I’ll Be Your Friend, I’ll Be Your Love, I’ll Be Everything You Need” is the title of the work by James Gobel featured in this annual report and recently acquired by the Akron Art Museum with partial funding from the Gay Community Endowment Fund. At first glance you may think, “What’s so gay about a robed and bearded lounge singer in an Iron Maiden T-shirt?” That was my first question, too.

But Gobel depicts (and is an advocate for) a facet of gay identity known as the ‘bear,’ and his portraits celebrate the otherwise unappreciated sexuality and sensuality of husky, hirsute he-men. He has achieved international acclaim for portraits created through meticulous collage of felt, yarn, fabric, paint and rhinestones—with subtle visual clues about identity layered like patchwork.

Last year, GCEF again provided grant funding to Fusion, the student-driven magazine that explores wide-ranging facets of gay identity: from transgender college students and openly gay clergy to women rugby players and bisexual coming out stories. We funded HIV/AIDS outreach for Asian Americans and underwrote the performance of a play about a gay English mathematician and cryptographer. We made grants to better respond to addiction and mental health challenges and to assist LGBT youth in the court system. And that’s only a sampling of the grants we awarded for programs in the LGBT community.

Many of us are fond of that term: LGBT community.

But are we one community? And is our community big enough to accept bears; bisexuals; lesbian moms; racial and economic differences; our trans men and women; our sisters and brothers who are HIV-positive or have AIDS; our next generation and the one that came before us; our math geeks, rugby players and theater queens; and the many allies who support us?

We talk a great deal about our quest for full equality, and as our donors know, the primary mission of the Gay Community Endowment Fund is to encourage philanthropy that will fund programs and services to further full participation of LGBT people in our society.

For us to achieve these lofty goals, we must work to be one community, and we must respect and, dare I say, “appreciate” our differences. Our fifteen member volunteer board faces this challenge each year at our grant review meeting, where we consider, discuss and decide each funding request on its merits, while respecting that it is your money that we reinvest in the community.

Chances are, we’ll eventually fund a project with which you don’t agree, and we’ll periodically make a grant that some will find controversial. Most of our funding will lead to

success stories, but sometimes a program will fail. But we hope you’ll trust that each of these grants helps grow the patchwork of community, and of equality, for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

In addition to grant-making, the GCEF enjoyed a year of economic recovery, new investment and fresh outreach opportunities. Our investments returned over 12%, and over \$51,000 in new contributions, pledges and fundraising income was added to the fund corpus. By year’s end, the fund balance was over \$667,000.

Over 130 guests at our annual meeting welcomed United States Senator Sherrod Brown, who offered an impassioned keynote address about our path to equality. Later in the year, we celebrated “A Different Kind of Mother’s Day” for lesbian moms and took our first donor field trip to explore “I Feel Love,” an LGBT art exhibition at Progressive Corporation. We participated in CANAPI’s casual Day in the Sun pride event and Akron Community Foundation’s more buttoned-up affiliate fund educational session. In December, the ninth annual Sugar Plum Tour spread our message to nearly 600 attendees—a new tour record!

The holiday season and year wrapped up with the generosity of over 40 donors who responded to Dr. Patricia Rubin’s extraordinary \$10,000 challenge gift, made in her mother’s memory. In just six weeks, the 1:1 challenge was met.

Collectively, as a community, we achieve so much more than we ever could individually. But many individuals deserve our thanks: Mary Kay and John Chlebina, for hosting and underwriting the magnificent Sugar Plum patron party; Kris Mikolajczyk and Mary Helen Wright for co-chairing; the other homeowners, sponsors, volunteers and attendees who played equally important roles; the GCEF board of trustees and the staff of Akron Community Foundation; the hard-working professionals and volunteers who run the organizations and programs we fund; and each and every donor to the GCEF. Thank you for being the fabric, felt and rhinestones of our community.

Sincerely,
Christopher Hixson
Chair, GCEF Advisory Board



“What’s so gay about a robed and bearded lounge singer in an Iron Maiden T-shirt?”

THE GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

Founded in 2001, the Gay Community Endowment Fund is a permanent philanthropic fund of Akron Community Foundation. The fund provides grants to organizations and agencies in the greater Akron area that initiate and/or conduct programs or services that support or positively impact lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and serve as a catalyst for full participation of LGBT people in our society.

The fund promotes philanthropy within the LGBT and allied communities.

In 10 years, the fund has grown to nearly \$700,000 through gifts, fundraising and bequests. The earned income from this balance is distributed through annual grant-making.

The interest areas of the fund include organizations, programs and services benefiting LGBT youth, the arts, health issues, operational needs and programming with a connection to the mission of the fund. The fund prefers to support organizations in which a small grant can make a big difference.



In May, GCEF co-sponsored "A Different Kind of Mother's Day" with writer Amy Miller at Weathervane Community Playhouse.



In January, GCEF donors welcomed United States Senator Sherrod Brown as guest speaker at the 2010 Annual Meeting.



In December, GCEF presented the ninth annual Sugar Plum Tour of Gracious Homes, including a patron party at the home of Mary Kay and John Chlebina.

2010 FUNDRAISING: SUGAR PLUM TOUR

The Ninth Annual Sugar Plum Tour of Gracious Homes welcomed 575 tourgoers and 187 Patron Party attendees into some of the area's finest homes, lavishly decorated for the holidays. Thanks to the generosity of tourgoers, sponsors, homeowners and volunteers, the 2010 Sugar Plum Tour raised \$30,811 after expenses.

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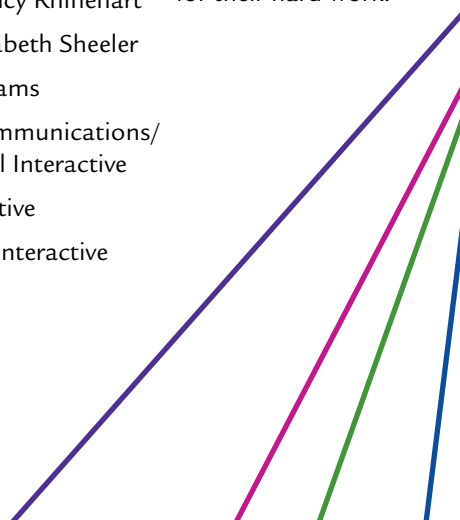
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Special thanks to Sugar Plum Tour co-chairs Kristine Mikolajczyk and Mary Helen Wright, home selection chair Eric Jones, and the 50+ volunteers and committee members for their hard work.

Tour Sponsors:

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- Fifth Third Bank
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- Summa Foundation





In August, GCEF donors enjoyed a private tour of the Progressive Insurance Corporation's LGBT-themed art exhibition "I Feel Love," followed by a casual dinner at Paladar Restaurant.



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GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND ANNUAL ACTIVITY STATEMENT

REVENUE		For the Period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010	
Sugar Plum Tour (net of expenses)	30,811.90		
Contributions, pledges, annual mtg tickets*	20,809.59		
Gain on investments	70,854.88		
Total revenue	\$122,476.37		
EXPENSES			
Grant awards - net	(26,435.00)		
Misc. fund expenses (annual mtg, printing/promotion, website)	(5,272.57)		
ACF administrative fees	(7,868.29)		
Total expenses	(\$39,575.86)		
Net change in fund balance	\$82,900.51		
ADD: January 1, 2010 beginning fund balance	\$584,380.58		
Ending December 31, 2010 fund balance	\$667,281.09		

*Some contributions associated with the December 2010 Rubin Challenge Gift arrived in early January 2011 and are not reflected in this total. These numbers are unaudited.

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Rubin Challenge

Our gratitude to Dr. Patricia Rubin for her \$10,000 challenge gift in December 2010 and to the following donors who stepped up to the challenge:
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The Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation welcomes gifts in any amount from individuals, families, businesses and organizations. Consult your tax advisor to determine the best method of giving for you.

Cash

Cash gifts generally qualify for the maximum allowable income tax deduction. Checks should be made payable to the Gay Community Endowment Fund.

Recurring Credit Card Donation

Ongoing credit or debit card donations billed either monthly or quarterly make giving easy and automatic.

Securities or Real Estate

When securities or real estate have been held for the required long-term capital gains holding period and then are gifted to the fund, the donor can usually deduct the full fair market value as a charitable contribution and avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation.

Charitable Remainder Trusts

Deferred gifts may be made to the fund in the form of charitable remainder trusts that pay a lifetime annuity to the donor, with all assets and income going to the fund at the donor's death.

Charitable Lead Trusts

Conversely, a donor may create an immediate annuity interest for the fund for a period of years, with the remainder interest returning to the donor or (with the proper estate planning) passing to children or grandchildren.

Life Insurance

By assigning ownership to the fund, the donor may receive an immediate charitable income-tax deduction in the amount of the policy's present value. All premium payments made by the donor thereafter will also be deductible, and the full face value of the policy will be removed from the donor's estate.

Bequests

This is probably the simplest and most common form of planned giving. Bequests to the fund are entirely free from federal excise tax and can, therefore, offer substantial estate savings.

Pooled Income Fund

A donor may make a minimum contribution of \$5,000 and receive a pro rata share of the fund's income. Upon the death of the donor or other designated beneficiary, the remainder of the charitable gift is transferred to the fund.

IRA Rollover

Through Dec. 31, 2011, seniors age 70 ½ and above can transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRAs to GCEF without it first being counted as income. Not only does this benefit the fund, but it may also decrease the donor's state and federal taxes. Call Suzanne Allen at 330-376-8522 to learn more.

2009 GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND ADVISORY BOARD

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Dr. Patricia Rubin	2013

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Dr. Patricia Rubin	2013
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Eric Jones	2014
Jim Pickard	2014
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*John Grafton will complete the remaining term of Kris Mikolajczyk. One seat is currently unfilled.

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James Gobel

I'll Be Your Friend, I'll Be Your Love, I'll Be Everything You Need, 2009

Felt, yarn, acrylic and rhinestones on canvas

Collection of the Akron Art Museum, purchased with funds from the Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation, Steven P. Schmidt and Richard J. Krochka, and Museum Acquisition Fund



2010 GRANTS OF THE GAY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation awarded grants totaling \$26,435 to 11 greater Akron nonprofit organizations. This latest round of grants was ratified by Akron Community Foundation's board on Friday, Nov. 19, 2010 at its quarterly meeting.

"Our fund put a special emphasis on media and arts programs this year," said GCEF Chair Christopher Hixson. "We feel that accurate depictions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in the media help combat bullying, bigotry and intolerance."

Grants were awarded to projects promoting tolerance and equality in public radio and television, as well as print media, theater and the visual arts. Other grants focused on youth, social services and HIV/AIDS prevention.

Since awarding its first grants in 2005, the Gay Community Endowment Fund has reinvested \$127,377 into local nonprofit initiatives that promote the well-being and full inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens in the greater Akron area.

Currently, one cycle of grants is awarded annually with applications due Sept. 16.

Akron Art Museum
\$3,000

for a James Gobel painting that illustrates the pitfalls of stereotypes

Asian Services in Action Inc.
\$2,000

for an HIV/AIDS prevention program for Asian Americans

CASA Board Volunteer Association Inc.
\$1,790

for a training seminar for court advocates working with LGBT youth

Community Health Center
\$965

for staff training in identifying and treating addiction and mental health issues in the LGBT population

First Grace United Church of Christ
\$2,500

for Project CommUnity, an art project that records the personal narratives of LGBT individuals and then translates them into live theater performances

Friends of 91.3
\$3,500

for KIDJAM!, a children's radio program that emphasizes anti-bullying messages



Fusion Magazine
\$3,000

to support the magazine, which strives to unify people of different backgrounds and orientations

Mobile Meals Inc.
\$1,250

for meals and supplements for LGBT individuals in greater Akron

Violet's Cupboard Inc.
\$1,250

for safer sex packets for people with HIV

Weathervane Community Playhouse Inc.
\$3,500



for the production of "Breaking the Code," a play about Alan Turing, who helped secure a victory in World War II but was later prosecuted for his homosexuality

Western Reserve Public Media
\$3,680

to broadcast "In The Life," a monthly television series documenting the LGBT experience

GRANT AWARDEES PRIOR TO 2010

2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Battered Women's Shelter	Akron Area Pride Collective	Akron AIDS Collaborative	Fusion Magazine	Battered Women's Shelter
CASA Board Volunteer Association	Akron Art Museum	Akron Area Pride Collective	Portage Path Community Mental Health Center	Child Guidance & Family Solutions, Inc.
Child Guidance & Family Solutions	Akron PFLAG	Fusion Magazine	Violet's Cupboard/Community AIDS Network	The University of Akron Foundation
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Fusion Magazine	Community AIDS Network	The University of Akron, Archives of American Psychology		
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