

## 2012 Voices of Giving Award Recipients

Joseph and Joan Dempsey

Athenaeum of Ohio and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West

A graduate of St. Gregory's High School and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, the Dempsey's have supported the Athenaeum since 1993 and have been active in countless leadership, advisory, volunteer and fundraising roles. In addition, their planned gift will be used to establish a scholarship for seminarian education.

"When a young man is accepted as a seminarian, his graduate degree is provided at no cost upon ordination. Endowed scholarships, like the one established by Mike and Joan, are crucial to our mission of preparing priests, deacons, and lay ministers to serve the Church," said Kathy Kaelin Symons, director for estates and trust services for the Athenaeum.

Trudy Bernet

Life Enriching Communities Foundation.

Since moving into Twin Towers in 2004, Mrs. Bernet has given of herself through volunteerism, residential leadership, participation in community events, and financial support. In addition to giving annually, she has also made important legacy gifts to Twin Towers' Benevolent Care Fund which provides operating funds when a resident has out-lived his/her financial resources, and to the Pastoral Care Fund because she has seen the positive impact of chaplains and spiritual support staff. "Trudy's joy of life, her care for others, and her generosity are an inspiration to all of us at Twin Towers," said Molly Talbot, Vice president of Life Enriching Communities Foundation.

Patty and Nancy Wagner

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra (CSO) and CET

Patty and Nancy have given of their time and resources to both organizations. Action Auction volunteers for over 20 years, the Wagner sisters now have the important responsibility of scheduling over 1,500 donations to CET's largest fundraiser. Additionally, Patty and Nancy hold leadership roles for CET's Gala, and joined its legacy society (CET Visionaries) with generous bequests. The CSO values the sisters for serving on Gala and Parties of Note committees, contributing bequests and having joined its Thomas Schippers Society; and Nancy serves on CSO's board of directors.

Late Dr. Frank and Virginia Stallings

Northern Kentucky University (NKU)

The Stallings were highly esteemed faculty at NKU. During Frank's tenure, he served as the chairman of the Literature Department, president of the Friends of Stealy Library, and faculty regent. Virginia taught in the Communication Department, served as president of the Staff Congress, and made it her mission to ensure staff be represented as voting members on the Board of Regents. The Stallings established the Virginia and Frank Stalling English Scholarship several years ago with proceeds from a bequest they received; and later added to it after Frank's passing.

Marion Wuest Fanning

Bayley

Throughout her life Ms. Fanning has been a champion of philanthropy, establishing the Wuest Family Foundation to carry on that legacy. A member of Bayley's Mother Margaret George Memorial Society, her bequest to its Pastoral Care Endowment Fund has particular meaning. As her own life and abilities have changed, she has benefitted from Bayley's holistic approach that has nurtured her spirit. Her gift will help ensure future generations of older adults and their families the same compassionate care.

Late Anthony and Regina Reis

Santa Maria Community Services and Catholic Inner-City Education Fund (CISE)

Tony and Regina Reis helped others simply because it was the right thing to do. Since Regina helped found Santa Maria's Meals-on-Wheels program, Tony was a dedicated volunteer for nearly 15 years – up to the age of 92, delivering meals to the homebound with compassion and enthusiasm. The couple has also helped give hundreds of kids in urban neighborhoods the opportunity for a solid education and spiritual foundation at Catholic schools through increasing involvement with CISE that continues today. After Tony's passing last year, both Santa Maria and CISE received bequests from the Reis Charitable Remainder Trust, helping the organizations sustain their important work for years to come.

Late Patricia Duwel Nobis

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Ms. Nobis spent her career as a teacher in the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur schools, and when she retired, she remained closely connected. Her planned gift of life insurance will help the congregation's efforts to provide for more than 80 sisters who now reside at the Notre Dame de Namur health care

facility. Like Ms. Nobis, the sisters who are benefitting from her gift share her passion, having committed a lifetime to teaching and making a meaningful and profound impact on young lives.

Joe and Kathy Zielinski

People Working Cooperatively (PWC)

Community service began for this couple as career choices. For over 30 years Joe was an Ohio parole and probation officer while Kathy worked at Talbert House and then as community relations director at PWC. During that time, they were also tireless volunteers. Joe has given of his time to PWC's field service since 2002. Kathy has been a board member of Cincinnati Affordable Housing Advocates, and has served Youth, Inc. Together they gave a bequest to PWC that has already been instrumental in launching the organization's Home Repair Bequest Society. "Their gift and their commitment to the future of PWC connects them to the lives of untold hundreds, even thousands of low-income, elderly adults and individuals with disabilities," said Chris Owens, vice president of development for PWC.

Ken Kinder and Barry Cors

Marjorie P. Lee and Deupree Retirement Communities (Episcopal Retirement Homes – ERH)

Kinder and Cors are accomplished estate planning attorneys who encourage their clients to include charitable priorities in their estate planning. With numerous clients residing in one of the ERH communities – and Cors serving on the Deupree Residents Council – they have helped facilitate over \$200,000 in support of ERH's Good Samaritan Mission. The Mission funds spiritual care, wellness programs, life-enriching activities, and the promise that no resident will be asked to leave due to financial reasons. "Last year alone, we devoted over \$1.9 million above and beyond fees to enrich the lives of older adults living with us," said Lori Asmus, planned gift manager for ERH.

Brian Brinkmoeller

Children, Inc.

Brinkmoeller began his relationship with Children, Inc. as a single parent of three little girls attending Cathedral Child Development Center. When times were tough, the agency committed to serving his daughters when he couldn't afford tuition. Now a successful business owner, Brinkmoeller has remained steadfast to giving back to the agency that helped his family. In addition to serving on its board, Brinkmoeller established the Monica Hughes Children's Fund at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to support families who otherwise also wouldn't be able to afford Children, Inc. program tuition. The Fund commemorates a young teacher at the Cathedral Center who died suddenly at age 32, and the very

teacher who treated Brian and his girls as her own. "Brian's thoughtful gift will keep giving, ensuring that Children, Inc. will always be able to serve kids regardless of their family's financial situation," said Jordan Huizenga, director of development for Children, Inc.

Randy and Elizabeth (Penny) Wilkinson III and Sarah E. Wilkinson  
United Way of Greater Cincinnati

Randy and Penny's long commitment of giving to the United Way began in the 1950s with an annual pledge through their employer, Procter & Gamble. The years that followed have found Penny volunteering on committees and having served three terms on the United Way Foundation's Board, including six years on its Executive Committee. While spending much of their time now in Florida, Randy and Penny's legacy continues through their own IRA bequest commitment, and their daughter's equaled passion. A teacher who has worked on several United Way campaigns, Sarah also made a bequest provision in her will. "The Wilkinsons' planned gifts will enable United Way of Greater Cincinnati to partner with future leaders and invest in the most effective solutions for the times at hand," said Mary Ann Remke, United Way director of planned giving.

Barbara Fitch and her late husband, Stona

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati

Montgomery resident Barbara Fitch and her late husband, Stona Fitch were recognized for their generous gift to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati – the organization of which Stona was a founder and the first board chairman thirty years ago. Under his visionary leadership, the first capital campaign exceeded its goal allowing the House to build a 'home away from home' for parents of critically ill children, and start an endowment. Barbara helped found the House's Planned Giving Council and made a leadership planned gift. She is also an annual room sponsor and has permanently named a guest suite in Stona's memory. "I am particularly touched that our children and grandchildren find the House and all that it does so meaningful and inspiring," Barbara said.

Dianne Bohmer McGoron

Cancer Support Community of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

Dianne Bohmer McGoron was recognized for her contributions to the Cancer Support Community. A charter member of its Lynn Stern Planned Giving Society, Mrs. McGoron has been a board member of the Cancer Support Community (formerly The Wellness Community) since 1998, has chaired its Marketing Committee and volunteered in numerous ways. In 2011 the organization became part of a global cancer support network. Ms. McGoron's bequest has helped establish a fund to ensure that its valuable programming will be available far into the future.

"As one of our key leaders, Dianne is also setting an important and positive example for others to follow," said Betty Cookendorfer, Cancer Support Community director of development.

Charles Ellman

Cincinnati Public Radio – WGUC

A retired accountant and avid WGUC listener, Ellman is keenly aware of the station's need to be financially stable. He consistently contributes each year and has become an important volunteer in WGUC's Development Department. In 1999 he established a charitable trust that will provide a steady stream of annual operating funds.

Late Jim and Dorothy Gorman

Gorman Heritage Farm Foundation

Brother and sister Jim and Dorothy Gorman were the last surviving members of acreage farmed by one family since 1835, and they gave the farm outright to the community through a life estate. They also left an endowment for the farm's maintenance and educational programming. While they have both passed away, their legacy continues as the Gorman Heritage Farm hosts over 30,000 visitors annually and offers sustainably grown produce, honey, flowers, and meat.

Mary Ann Jacobs, Esq.,

American Cancer Society

Mary Ann was nominated for her professional leadership that has been instrumental in helping secure vital bequests to help fund life-saving research, patient programs, and other initiatives for the American Cancer Society. "By helping people get well and stay well, we are working to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. It is because of the generosity of people like Mary Ann and her own leadership role as a professional advisor that our important work can continue," said Michelle Mancini, director of estate and gift planning for the American Cancer Society.