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LIVE BETTER

2019 | ANNUAL REPORT
Why? Because now, perhaps more than ever, people are having open, honest conversations about issues affecting our county followed by collaborating on projects and initiatives to meet those needs. There’s talk and there’s action.

At Stark Community Foundation, we believe the shift in dialogue and increase in collaboration can be attributed to one powerful element: data. When people are armed with timely, reliable data on conditions in our community, it can drive better outcomes. Used well, data can identify needs and opportunities as well as track and measure progress. Without it, it’s difficult to make informed decisions.

Back in 2017, Stark Community Foundation along with other community partners saw a need to assess the current economic state of Stark County and released Strengthening Stark. The data-driven report revealed our county will continue to get smaller, older and poorer unless a major investment is made in economic development. While sobering at first, the deep dive into the data led Stark Economic Development Board to create and implement the first-ever, countywide economic development plan aimed at transforming Stark County into a larger, younger and more prosperous community. Armed with data and resources, the plan is underway and showing significant promise and progress.

Recognizing how the social fabric of our community plays a critical role in our economy, we partnered with United Way of Greater Stark County and The Center for Community Solutions to release the 2019 Stark County Community Assessment, a curated set of data on the health, social and economic conditions in Stark County. There isn’t a lot of narrative in this report, which is purposeful. We want the data to stand alone so that we have the opportunity to learn about how people interpret the findings. I encourage you to read the assessment online at www.starkcf.org and share your thoughts. What story does the data tell? Does anything surprise you? Which data points do we need to investigate further? Community feedback will help inform a companion piece to the 2017 Strengthening Stark report that will have a hyper focus on social conditions including next steps for our community to consider. The companion piece is expected to be released early 2020.

As your community foundation, we are fortunate to have the capacity to commission studies, analyze data, brainstorm how to combat community needs and effectively target resources in areas that call for our attention. We recognize all of this wouldn’t be possible without the support from our family of donors. It is because of your care for our community and confidence in us that we are able to use data and grantmaking to create lasting change.

Thank you for making our work possible. Together, we have the power to move our community forward.
A MESSAGE FROM
OUR VP OF ADVANCEMENT

Bridgette L. Neisel

SINCE STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION’S EARLY BEGINNINGS IN 1963 AND EVERY YEAR SINCE, WE’VE BEEN GRATEFUL FOR YOU AND THE POWER OF YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING.

Last year in particular was cause to celebrate. In 2018, you – our growing family of donors – gave more than ever before to organizations working to make our community stronger, more vibrant and prosperous for generations to come. An all-time high of $12.1 million in grants were awarded, ranging in size from $100 to $700,000 and were earmarked for causes that matter most to you like the arts, animal welfare, education and mental health. With that, it brings our collective grantmaking up to more than $170 million since inception. Also, thanks to you, $15 million was raised in new and planned gifts to support existing charitable funds and establish new ones. Our exceptional 2018 speaks to your care and commitment to our community and we couldn’t be prouder to help you make a difference.

While the Foundation has grown in size, services and reach, you remain our mission. For more than 55 years, we’ve helped you achieve your charitable goals, build a legacy for yourself and your loved ones, sustain the future of your favorite organizations and strengthen and improve your community. Our team is fortunate to assist you on your personal path of philanthropy and hear the inspiring stories of why you give.

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EDWARD A. LANGENBACH

NAMED IN HONOR OF EDWARD A. LANGENBACH, who was instrumental in the formation of Stark Community Foundation, the Legacy Society recognizes and thanks individuals and families who plan to leave a gift to the community through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable annuity. Members of our Legacy Society care about the future of the community and realize that their gifts will strengthen the projects and programs of local nonprofit organizations and the people they serve. We thank the following members for their foresight and generosity.

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Robert E.* and Mary B. Basta
Julia B. Belden*
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The Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation

Fulfilling a Promise

Organization Endowment Fund  ESTB | 2014

Angie Conley was first diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 27. Throughout the years, she never lost hope or allowed cancer to deny her of living life and giving life to two beautiful daughters, Sofie and Hannah. In 2014, at the young age of just 36, Angie lost the good fight.

Soon after, her husband, Dan, established a charitable fund through Stark Community Foundation to honor Angie and her dream – a dream she was working hard to make come true when she passed away from triple-negative stage 4 breast cancer.

After learning about toxic chemicals used in beauty products and their link to cancer, Angie started developing cosmetics using only organic and natural ingredients. She wanted to use the profits from the all-natural line to support women in her community impacted by the financial burden of cancer. While the cosmetic brand never hit shopping shelves, her lasting dream of helping local families did and continues to this day through The Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation.

“As a family, we felt the pain of financial hardship that comes along with being sick,” said Dan. “And, when you are fighting for your life, you’ll try just about anything anyone suggests – chiropractic care, acupuncture and other alternative treatments. That’s all out of pocket. Those expenses add up quickly, and unfortunately insurance typically doesn’t cover them.”

While Angie was living, fundraisers were held locally to support the Conley family. As a way of giving back to the community that showed so much support for them, their Foundation provides grants during the holiday season to area families affected by cancer. Holiday grants can be used to buy Christmas gifts, pay rent, purchase groceries – anything that would provide a sense of financial relief.

“If you have a stack of bills and it takes some stress off of you to pay some of those, then we want you to do that,” said Dan. “Or, if you want to use the money to buy gifts for your children, that’s fine too. We want these grants to provide hope and immediate support.”

Christmas was Angie’s favorite time of the year, so it came as no surprise that the family chose to award grants during the holiday season. Angie and Dan also received a similar grant from the Josette Beddell Memorial Foundation to make their last Christmas as a family of four special.

“When you are sick, you try so hard to normalize your life, especially if you have kids,” added Dan. “That grant made our last Christmas really memorable.”

The Foundation began awarding grants in 2015 and since then has provided nearly $10,000 in financial support to 13 families. One family in particular is a single mother whose son has cancer and is devastated by the financial strain caused by cancer. She could hardly talk when she found out they were receiving a holiday grant from The Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation. “She was sobbing, fumbling over her words,” recalled Dan. “It really meant a lot to her.”

Recipients who are impacted by cancer, demonstrate a need for financial assistance and live in or around Stark County can be nominated or can apply themselves through an online application at www.littlepinkribbon.org.

The Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation continues to grow with help from family, friends and the greater Stark County community. In fact, in lieu of Christmas presents each year, members of their extended family donate money to the Foundation. The community also rallied around Angie’s legacy in October at Eat, Drink and Give Hope, a cultivation event that raised more than money. It generated ideas and support for the mission of The Little Pink Ribbon Girl Foundation.

“This was Ang’s idea,” said Dan. “This Foundation – it’s us fulfilling a promise to her. She was our Little Pink Ribbon Girl and wanted more than anything to leave the world a little better than she found it.”
THE JAMES L. BRAY EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CELEBRATING A LEGACY
OF HONOR, KINDNESS

JAMES “JIM” BRAY WAS MANY THINGS – A HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER, SON, BROTHER, ENTREPRENEUR, REALTOR, ARMY VETERAN, LEADER, MENTOR AND FRIEND.

He also was an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts and one of his most treasured accomplishments.

After the loss of Jim in 2015, his company — Cutler Real Estate — who he often referred to as family, chose to honor his memory through an endowed scholarship. Jim served as a realtor with Cutler for 45 years and as Cutler’s president for more than 30 years. With the company’s vision and help from Stark Community Foundation, The James L. Bray Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund was created to provide scholarships for fellow Eagle Scouts graduating from Jackson High School.

“We (Cutler Real Estate) were thinking about a way to honor his memory and involvement in the community and supporting the Boy Scouts seemed to be a great way to do that,” said Jim Camp, partner of Cutler Real Estate. “Jim lived in Jackson Township practically his entire adult life and was heavily involved in the schools and community. Plus, he had a love for scouting. That’s where we came up with the idea to create a scholarship fund that would combine those three things — Jackson Township, Jackson High School and scouting.”

When Jim’s daughter, Amy, heard that a scholarship fund was established in her dad’s honor, she was overwhelmed and “so incredibly proud.” His wife, Penny, shares the same sentiment. “When my dad passed away, it turned our whole world upside down,” said Amy. “It’s nice now to tie something positive to something that was so gut wrenching. It really helped us to heal.”

His grandchildren, Brandon and Carrie, were the apple of his eye and he dedicated much of his time to them. In fact, Brandon joining Cub Scouts is what re-kindled Jim’s love for scouting. “My dad loved scouting,” said Amy. “Growing up, I’d hear tidbits about his experience in Boy Scouts. My husband was involved in scouting too. When my son became a Cub Scout, they both jumped right in. It was a great bond they shared.” Jim’s dedication earned him the 2015 Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association, which recognizes notable Eagle Scouts of distinguished service at the local, state or regional level.

Each year, a committee made up of local residents, realtors and scouts reviews scholarship applications. They take into consideration the students’ academic achievements, community involvement and commitment to scouting, including their Eagle Scout Service Project, a project that allows a scout to put all of his training into practice.

The applicants’ service projects have been diverse, ranging from building a bike repair station at a local park to constructing a pond at an area YMCA. Another project was geo mapping fire hydrants in Alabama — a project that proved to be lifesaving when a fire station was able to respond quicker to a fire because it had immediate access to where the closest fire hydrants were located.

“The quality of these young men who are getting my dad’s scholarship ... they are all philanthropic, outgoing and good people,” said Amy. “That’s really who my dad strived to be. He always looked for the good in people.”

The committee this year decided to allow children of Cutler Real Estate employees to apply, something they felt Jim would have wanted given his care and commitment to the Cutler family. Since the scholarship fund was established, $11,500 has been awarded to help 16 students pursue their educational dreams.

“I love that his name is still out there,” said Amy. Jim added, “His legacy will continue forever.”
SINCE THE LAW FIRM STARTED IN 1913, BUCKINGHAM, DOOLITTLE & BURROUGHS HAS BEEN EQUALLY COMMITTED TO SERVING ITS CLIENTS AS IT HAS BEEN TO GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. Its commitment to corporate responsibility is the driving force behind why Buckingham made it a priority to establish several charitable funds with Northeast Ohio community foundations to support communities in which the firm does business – Akron, Cleveland and Canton. For Buckingham, charitable funds provide a simplified, efficient and meaningful way to support local charities.

Shortly after the opening of Buckingham’s office in Canton, The Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs Charitable Fund was created through Stark Community Foundation. Since then, more than $80,000 has been awarded to local charities from the fund.

“We encourage our employees to identify and bring forth community needs and local philanthropic efforts that would benefit greatly from our support,” said Joe Feltes, the partner in charge of Buckingham’s Canton office.

One cause in particular that Buckingham’s employees are passionate about is breast cancer. After an employee was diagnosed with breast cancer, a group of employees created ‘Buckingham Angels’ – an internal volunteer initiative that raises financial support and awareness for breast cancer. It was a meaningful way for staff to show their support and hope for their colleague and others who have been impacted by the disease.

“Supporting charitable and philanthropic endeavors throughout Northeast Ohio, including causes that are important to our staff, have been a critical part of our firm’s culture for over 100 years,” said Dustin Vrabel, partner at Buckingham. “In Canton this past year, we are proud of the efforts of Diane Erickson-Eagan who led the Buckingham Angels group focused on cancer research fundraising and served as chair of Relay for Life of Stark County for the American Cancer Society.”

In addition to generously supporting the American Cancer Society, the firm recently invested in Aultman Hospital’s Timken Family Cancer Center, a state-of-the-art facility providing comprehensive care close to home. Buckingham also donated to Centennial Plaza, which aims to revitalize downtown Canton and connect downtown to the Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, and routinely contributes to client-sponsored events, such as Kenan Advantage’s annual golf outing that supports Pathway Caring for Children.

“A key part of our mission as a firm is to enhance the value we offer to our clients and our communities,” said Joe. “We believe it is our responsibility to contribute toward efforts that make our community stronger, safer, healthier and more vibrant.”

Many of Buckingham’s attorneys and staff contribute to the charitable fund throughout the year to help it grow, allowing the firm to give even more to the community. Some even support the fund monthly by having donations deducted automatically from their paycheck. Financial support however isn’t the only way Buckingham gives back to Northeast Ohio. Each year, the firm’s attorneys and staff volunteer countless hours of their time to service projects, community events and charitable fundraisers. They also serve on many nonprofit boards and committees in the region, helping to strengthen the area with their forward thinking.

“We are honored to have the ability to give back to the community and find it to be one of the most rewarding parts of our job and integral to Buckingham’s culture,” added Joe. “We truly enjoy supporting the amazing work being done by so many of our local nonprofit entities.”
Anonymous (4)

415 Group Charitable Fund
415 Group, a certified public accounting, business consulting and IT services firm located in Canton, created a charitable fund as a way to expand its philanthropic footprint and amplify the firm’s impact. Through this fund, shareholders actively award grants to organizations and initiatives that ultimately strengthen the communities they serve.

Bigler Family Charitable Fund
Jeff Bigler created a charitable fund to benefit an array of organizations that are important to him and his family. This fund will eventually be passed down to his daughters, Ashley and Andrea, to continue supporting the causes they care about most.

Brookwood-Danbury Charitable Fund
Brookwood Management Company and Danbury Senior Living established a corporate charitable fund to support organizations and initiatives in the communities they serve.

Jim and Abby Contini Family Charitable Fund
Jim, a longtime attorney, and Abby, a longtime educator, established a charitable fund to give back to the community in a lasting way and to teach their children about the importance of philanthropy. This fund will eventually be passed down to their children, Cory and Chloe, to continue their family’s legacy of making a difference in the lives of others.

Richard and Andrea Craig Family Foundation
Partner of 415 Group, Richard Craig and his wife, Andrea, created a charitable foundation to provide ongoing support to area causes. The foundation will eventually be passed down to their children, Jacob and Peyton, to carry on their family’s legacy of giving back to the local community.

Linda P. Dahl Charitable Fund
Linda, a retired public information manager for Stark County District Library, created a charitable fund to support causes she cares about in Stark County and beyond. This fund will eventually provide permanent support to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Planned Parenthood, Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, WKSU and Stark County District Library Foundation.

DeGalan Family Charitable Fund
Dr. Mark DeGalan and his wife, Karen, created a charitable fund to facilitate their family’s philanthropy. This fund will eventually be passed down to their children, Luke and Anna, to carry on their family’s legacy of making a difference.

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23 NEW DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
212 TOTAL DONOR ADVISED FUNDS
$49,166,404 MARKET VALUE OF DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (as of 6/30/2019)

A Donor Advised Fund is a charitable giving account that provides donors a simple and flexible way to give back to organizations and programs throughout the year.
2018-2019
DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Jerry Harris Charitable Fund

Jerry Harris, founder and owner of Harris Battery, established this fund to facilitate his charitable giving locally and beyond. As an entrepreneur who is passionate about helping his employees reach their full potential, grants are awarded to organizations that give others in the community the same opportunity.

Tom and Kathy Kirkpatrick Family Donor Advised Fund

Tom and Kathy Kirkpatrick created a charitable fund to provide ongoing support to a broad range of causes in the community. Their fund will eventually be passed down to their daughters, Stephanie and Heather, to carry on their family’s charitable legacy.

Dan and Colteeta Kloha Charitable Fund

Jeff and Kay Krochta Charitable Fund

Jeff and Kay Krochta created a charitable fund to support the issues and organizations they care about most in Stark County and beyond. The fund will eventually be passed down to their children, David and Carrie, to continue their family’s commitment to helping others.

Lee Family Foundation

In 2010, Ralph and Janelle Lee, along with two other donors, started the Fox Kids Charity Golf Fund to raise funds for inner-city youth organizations in the Greater Cincinnati region. Since relocating to Stark County, they established the Lee Family Foundation to carry on the legacy of supporting, enriching and exposing the lives of inner-city youth with opportunities to learn, grow and develop and to assist local organizations with financial assistance for programs, activities and events.

Pietro Martinelli Charitable Fund

Kathy Pietro, a longtime real estate agent in Tuscarawas County, and her husband, Bob Martinelli, a local contractor and developer, established a charitable fund because they feel strongly about the importance of giving back to the community through service and philanthropy. This fund will eventually be passed down to their children – Robby, Anna, Rico and James – to perpetuate their family’s lasting legacy of paying it forward.

Cheryl Spears Memorial Fund

Named in memory of his wife, Mark Spears created a charitable fund to honor Cheryl’s love of life and community spirit. Cheryl, who was born and raised in Kentucky, earned a degree in horticulture science from Morehead State University. Canton became her second home where she was a longtime member of Grace United Methodist Church. Her beloved family and friends remember her love for music and contagious energy for playing cards and trivia games. This fund will eventually be passed down to their son, Drew, to continue making grants to help improve the lives of others in Stark County and beyond.

Spring Seven Foundation

The seven children of Merle and Jean Spring – Steve, Chuck, Fritz, Julie, Bruce, Heidi and Rob – established a family foundation to support causes that are important to their family.

Julie Tyrrell Family Charitable Fund

Julie Tyrrell created a charitable fund to carry on the legacy of her grandparents, Bill and Dorothy Phillips, who were equally committed to giving back to the community as they were to their family. Her children, Liam and Madeline, will continue their family’s tradition of helping others in need as successor advisors to this fund.

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Spring Family Foundation

Frederick “Fritz” Spring and his wife, Susan, along with their two sons, Brian (Ginni) and Dan (Jen), are multi-generational business owners. They created a family foundation to make a meaningful impact in the communities that have supported their family over many years.

Weisel Gibbs Charitable Fund

William and Julieann Farber Nature Fund

Created by Bill and Julieann Farber, this charitable fund supports their love of nature and concern for animal welfare, hunger relief and youth programming. Future funding will come from the Malvern couple’s estate.

Weisel Gibbs Charitable Fund

An Alliance native, Glenn Rummell was a dairy farmer with Rummell Farms and a member of the Washington Township Fire Department for 30 years. Through his estate plans, he created a designated fund to provide annual support to four area organizations—Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, American Red Cross of Stark and Muskingum Lakes, Pregnancy Choices and Salvation Army of Northeast Ohio.

Kenneth K. and Virginia D. Varian Memorial Designated Fund

The children of Kenneth and Virginia Varian created a charitable fund to honor their parents’ lifelong Christian faith and continual love of learning. In addition to their pride and joy of operating their family-owned Varian Orchards for 50 years, Kenneth and Virginia served their beloved community through countless hours of service. Their legacy will live on through this designated fund, which supports the music and Christian education programs at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church in East Canton.
Minerva Education Foundation and Alumni Association Endowment – Educational Initiatives Subfund

Osnaburg Local Schools Endowment – Track and Turf Maintenance Subfund

Quaker Foundation Endowment Fund

Run With JR Endowment Fund

Spring Hill Historic Home Endowment Fund

St. Michael the Archangel Legacy Fund – Archangel Charity Subfund

Stark County Catholic Schools Endowment Fund

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Grantmaking

Stark Community Foundation helps strengthen local nonprofit agencies and others with financial support of community-based programs and services.

Grants are awarded from the Foundation’s Community Charitable Fund to areas such as arts, education, environment, health, human services and neighborhoods. Donors also provide grant funding through Donor Advised, Designated, Field of Interest and Scholarship Funds.

Stark Community Foundation currently administers more than 750 charitable funds and has granted more than $170 million to organizations in Stark County and beyond since its inception. Grants are made to tax-exempt private agencies, 501(c)(3) organizations and government entities located within Stark County or directly benefiting Stark County.

Visit www.starkcf.org to learn more about Stark Community Foundation’s grant guidelines and deadline dates.

2018 GRANTMAKING AND AWARDS

2018 BREAKDOWN OF GRANT AWARDS

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A MESSAGE FROM
OUR VP AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Carrie L. Bast

WHILE 2018 WAS A STRONG YEAR FOR AWARDING GRANTS AND RAISING NEW AND PLANNED GIFTS FOR STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, IT WAS SLIGHTLY MORE CHALLENGING ON THE INVESTMENT SIDE.

Like most investors, spikes of volatility, the U.S. government shutdown and trade wars made for less than favorable returns. However, we remain committed to our long-term approach, diversification and investment philosophy that we believe provides stability, as evidenced by our 10-year return of 7.1%. And fortunately, we were able to recoup all of our losses from last year in 2019 and all signs point to a positive return for our portfolio that is currently approaching $300 million.

When I joined the team at Stark Community Foundation in the beginning of 2019, I had the unique opportunity to get in on the ground level of reviewing investment consulting firms for the Foundation. It’s best practice to regularly and comprehensively review investment consulting firms to ensure the Foundation and our family of donors receive the best services possible in order to maximize philanthropic impact. Our most recent search also provided us the opportunity to evaluate our current service model to make certain it can evolve with donors’ needs and future growth.

Following a national search, Stark Community Foundation’s Investment Review Committee and staff leadership decided Marquette Associates, based in Chicago, Illinois, was the top choice to manage the Foundation’s assets and help us achieve our long-term investment goals. At a time when investment options are becoming much more sophisticated coupled with the increasing demand for donor engagement, Marquette can provide the expertise, guidance and customization needed to help grow our fundholders’ charitable dollars for the good of our community. Marquette began managing our investments in May 2019.

Our most important responsibility as a community foundation is to efficiently steward the charitable dollars entrusted to us by you – caring individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations – in our community. We take this responsibility very seriously and want to say thank you for your continued partnership with the Foundation. We look forward to maximizing your impact through strong and steady investment growth and oversight, allowing you to give more to causes that matter most to you.

### Financial Report

#### 2018 SCF INC. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

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#### NET ASSETS BY FUND TYPE

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<td>7%</td>
<td>13%</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>27%</td>
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**2017**

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<th>Assets</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$886,534</td>
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<td>Interest and dividends receivable</td>
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<td>Notes and loans receivable, less allowances of $29,438 in 2018 and $68,716 in 2017</td>
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<td>Contributions receivable, net</td>
<td>409,808</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Property and equipment:</td>
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<td>Land, building and improvements</td>
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<td>1,884,247</td>
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<td>Furniture and office equipment</td>
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<td>Construction in progress</td>
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<td>Less allowance for depreciation</td>
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<td>Interest rate swap</td>
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<td>Other assets</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
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<th>Liabilities, net assets and members’ (deficit)</th>
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<td>Liabilities</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued expenses</td>
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<td>Liability to annuitants</td>
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<td>Grants payable</td>
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<td>Note payable</td>
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<td>Funds held as organization endowments</td>
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<td>78,499,903</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets without donor restrictions:</strong></td>
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<td>Community charitable</td>
<td>29,635,588</td>
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<td>Field of interest</td>
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<td>Donor advised</td>
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<td>Designated</td>
<td>44,064,203</td>
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<td>Supporting foundations and affiliate organizations</td>
<td>17,553,802</td>
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<td>Members’ (deficit)</td>
<td>177,979,732</td>
<td>199,067,855</td>
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<td>Total net assets and members’ (deficit)</td>
<td>174,324,259</td>
<td>195,408,380</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES, NET ASSETS AND MEMBERS’ (DEFICIT)</strong></td>
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## Combined Statements of Activities

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31**  
**2018**  
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<th>Revenues and investment activity</th>
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<td>Net contributions</td>
<td>3,617,516</td>
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<td>Investment income, net</td>
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<td>Less: investment income for agency transactions</td>
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<td>Net investment income</td>
<td>2,997,339</td>
<td>2,506,576</td>
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<td>Rental income</td>
<td>144,968</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
<td>421,381</td>
<td>128,906</td>
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<td>Less: other income for agency transactions</td>
<td>172</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Net other income</td>
<td>421,209</td>
<td>128,891</td>
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<td>Total net realized and unrealized investment (losses) gains</td>
<td>(24,553,520)</td>
<td>32,714,594</td>
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<td>Less: investment (losses) gains on agency transactions</td>
<td>(7,452,346)</td>
<td>9,963,827</td>
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<td>Net realized and unrealized investment (losses) gains</td>
<td>(17,101,174)</td>
<td>22,750,767</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUES AND INVESTMENT ACTIVITY</strong></td>
<td><strong>(9,920,142)</strong></td>
<td><strong>41,968,399</strong></td>
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<td>Net grants expenses</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<td>Provision for uncollectible contributions and loans</td>
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<td>Net provision for uncollectible agency loans</td>
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<td>Other expenses</td>
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<td>Less: other expenses from agency transactions</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(28)</td>
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<td>Net other expenses</td>
<td>2,181,887</td>
<td>2,059,783</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>11,163,979</strong></td>
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<td>Change in net assets and members’ (deficit)</td>
<td>(21,084,121)</td>
<td>33,308,318</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets without donor restrictions and members’ (deficit) at beginning of year</strong></td>
<td><strong>195,408,380</strong></td>
<td><strong>162,100,062</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS AND MEMBERS’ (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR</strong></td>
<td><strong>$174,324,259</strong></td>
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The mission of Stark Community Foundation is to connect people and the charitable causes which are important to them. As a community foundation, our vision is to honor the wishes of our donors by managing their charitable gifts and helping them meet their individual goals for giving. We dedicate our work in response to local needs and challenges through carefully designed funds and programs. As we achieve our mission and vision, we continue to strengthen Stark County, providing an improved quality of life for the residents of our community.