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outstanding professional fundraiser award

JODY BACON



Jody Bacon joined the Akron Community Foundation in 1990 as Executive Vice President. In 1992, she was named Executive Director and President in 1999. Assets of the Foundation have grown from \$17,000,000 in 1990 to more than \$131,500,000 today. Prior to joining the Akron Community Foundation, she lived in Jackson, Michigan, where for 10 years she was Executive Director of the Jackson Community Foundation and the Hurst Foundation, a private foundation.

In Akron and Ohio, she serves on the boards of the following organizations: Akron Regional Development Board, Akron Roundtable; Leadership Akron Board, currently board President; the Advisory Board of WKSU. She has served as President of Akron Roundtable and Association of Fundraising Professionals. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron and has served on the boards of Grantmakers Forum, Ohio Donor's Forum, National Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of America, Summit Social Services Board, Akron Rotary and the Summit Education Foundation.

Ms. Bacon received the 1995 Woman of Distinction Award from the Western Reserve Girl Scouts and the 1998 Harold K. Stubbs Humanitarian Award. In 1999 Jody received the "RainMaker" Award from Northern Ohio LIVE! Magazine. In June 2002 Jody was profiled as one of the top five of this area's 500 most accomplished and influential women by Northern Ohio Live magazine. In May of 2005 Jody was awarded the Sr. Elizabeth Ann Schaefer, O.P. Women's Leadership Award.

She is a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, and the University of Michigan. She has two children and one grandchild.

Nominated by: Nichole Ryan, Boys & Girls Clubs of Summit County