

lifetime achievement award

DR. PAUL E. MARTIN



Dr. Paul E. Martin, Chair Emeritus of The University of Akron Foundation, has spent his entire life in the Akron community. He graduated from Kenmore High School and The University of Akron. Over the course of his career, Dr. Martin served his country at home and abroad in the United States Army, and founded 12 companies, including Acceleration Corp., an insurance holding company that became one of the largest insurance companies in the nation. Other companies include Martin Ford, Inc., Holly Motors, Inc., Martin Classic Cars, Inc., Fred Martin Ford, Inc., Independence Ford Sales, Inc., Martin Leasing, Inc., and Botzum Lincoln Mercury.

Throughout his life, Dr. Martin and his late wife, Dorothy, supported many charitable organizations in Northern Ohio. Dr. Martin's acts of philanthropy are numerous, including helping young people participate in the All American Soap Box Derby; leading a campaign to construct a Derby Downs in Warren, Ohio; and providing support to St. Joseph Riverside Hospital, the Humane Society of Summit County, Hiram College, Kent State University, Kent State University Trumbull Campus, Coming Together, Battered Women's Shelter, Crown Point Ecology Center, the United Way, and many others.

Dr. Martin is a steadfast supporter of higher education and has served The University of Akron with distinction since 1986, including his tenure as President of the Foundation Board. Under his leadership, the Foundation grew from \$8 million to more than \$100 million in assets. In 1990 Dr. Martin served as Chair of The University of Akron's Heritage and Vision capital campaign to raise \$54 million. The campaign was completed ahead of schedule and over goal.

He has donated over \$13 million to Northeast Ohio charities, nearly \$7 million of this to his alma mater. At The University of Akron, Dr. Martin's philanthropy has benefited many programs, including scholarships, building renovations, endowment support, and more. Thousands of students benefited from his legacy of giving.

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