

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Steve & Jeannine Marks/ Akron Marathon



Steve and Jeannine Marks come in first place when it comes to philanthropy! That is why this year they were nominated for the Special Recognition Award by CommonGood Consulting. Co-founders of the Akron Marathon, Steve and Jeannine Marks had the vision and the talent to establish a world-class event that now has an estimated annual economic impact of \$5.2 million on the Greater Akron economy and attracts approximately 15,000 runners, 3,000 volunteers, and 100,000 spectators. It is ranked by *Runner Magazine* to be among the top ten marathons in the U.S. and by Ohio.com as the best marathon in Ohio. Since its inception, the marathon has distributed \$100,000 in grants to area nonprofits. As the marathon grows, Steve and Jeannine plan to also grow the grants distributed to nonprofits.

Steve and Jeannine are deeply involved in serving their community and devote significant time serving in hands-on leadership roles with the Shaw Jewish Community Center, Stewart's Caring Place, Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, UDS, and other area nonprofits. They actively practice philanthropy through their personal giving and corporate giving through the company Steve co-founded, co-owns, and manages, Main Street Gourmet. Muffins for Mammograms, a collaboration among Main Street Gourmet and Akron General Medical Center, annually raises funds to benefit breast cancer awareness.

Steve and Jeannine are smart, energetic, passionate about their home town, creative, down-to-earth, and humble. They are role models for the philanthropic community and community-at-large.

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