

## FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

# *Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation*



In late 1996, Doctors Hospital of Stark County, a not-for-profit hospital, was sold to a for-profit organization. The dollars from the sale formed the **Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation**. The Foundation just completed its 33rd series of grants and is pleased to report to the community that, since its inception, it has approved more than \$7,000,000 in grants.

The mission of the Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation is to support programs that promote the physical and mental well-being of the citizens of Holmes, Stark, Tuscarawas, and Wayne counties in Ohio. The importance of furthering the education of healthcare personnel is also reflected in its scholarship program. The Foundation offers scholarships to students in a health-related field and currently awards annual scholarships to seven schools of higher education, including Aultman College, Kent State Stark, Kent State Tuscarawas, Malone University, Stark State College, University of Mount Union, and Walsh University. In addition two scholarships are awarded to students at Ohio University enrolled in the School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Over time, the Foundation has heavily supported organizations that meet critical health needs in the community. One focus is the accessibility to prescription drugs for those unable to afford them. Through the Prescription Assistance Network (PAN), which assists other non-profits in obtaining medications for their clients, it has helped many individuals in Stark County to procure prescribed medications. The Foundation supports a similar model in Wayne County through the United Way of Wayne & Holmes counties.

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The Foundation strives to maintain awareness of the health and wellness needs in our four-county area and to address those needs through grantmaking.