

OUTSTANDING PHILANTHROPIST AWARD
SUMMIT COUNTY

David M. Showers



Dave Showers has been positively affecting the Stark/Summit area for decades. As President of Wayne Homes he created a culture of philanthropy in the organization leading to Wayne Homes being honored with the Small Business Leadership Award in 2003. Dave & Wayne Homes became a sponsor of, and later the presenting sponsor of, Akron Rotary's Chili Open, benefitting the Akron Rotary Camp.

After a health scare for his first grandchild and a health scare of his own after he retired from Wayne Homes, Dave partnered with fellow Archbishop Hoban Board of Director and fellow Hoban graduate Bill Considine as the lead donor in a pediatric oncology ward at Akron Children's Hospital. The Showers Family Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders was created after a lead gift of \$3 million from Dave. He also served on the hospital's Board of Directors as well as serving as a member of Archbishop Hoban High School's Board of Directors since 1993 and has served as that Board's president, too. He is a long-standing member of the group's Executive Committee.

The Showers Family Foundation was created by Dave and his wife Martha as a vehicle for his children to become involved in philanthropy. Dave has also expanded his scope internationally. He was enlisted by a priest to be the campaign chair to raise \$2.2 million for a school in Tanzania.

Dave is a Distinguished Alumnus of Archbishop Hoban High School and was a recipient of the Hearthstone Builders Award, which brings with it a \$100,000 gift which he donated to Akron Children's Hospital.

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