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“America’s poor kids belong to us and we to them. They are our kids.”

HAVE WE LOST SIGHT OF THIS?

Robert Putnam, the author of those statements, thinks we have, and writes about it in convincing fashion in his new book, *Our Kids*. From his perspective, if we don’t take responsibility for those in need, and narrow the opportunity gap, the implications to our stability, democracy, and our future as communities and a country are significant.

The small town Putnam grew up in was like many others in America at that time. The stories of the families he followed in his research sounded eerily familiar when I heard him tell some of them at a meeting of the leaders of the nation’s leading community foundations a few weeks ago. When he revealed the name of the town, I realized why: Putnam grew up in Port Clinton, Ohio, just a few miles from my hometown of Fremont, Ohio. The realities he remembers and describes ring true.

It wasn’t always this way. The decline of the significant place of church in family and community life, the fragility and in many cases the brokenness of the family unit, and even “pay to play” now being the norm for most sports programs in public schools (though, thankfully, not at Columbus City Schools, who to their credit haven’t implemented pay to play), have left great

holes in the social safety nets that used to catch kids if they fell.

What does that have to do with us? Well, Putnam kicked off his address to us with the following statement, which, coming from one of America’s most astute political and social scientists and celebrated observers of life in America, is quite inspiring to hear. He said, “Community foundations are the civic backbone of America, and will determine whether we take on the tough issues that face us.”

That is as big a challenge as it is a welcome affirmation. But, then, that is why The Columbus Foundation exists and what we strive so hard to do each day—to help you help others through the most effective philanthropy possible, in order to achieve progress in our communities, for all. We can’t do it alone, but we have a very important role to play, with you, to leverage all that we have, and all we can muster.

As kids in Fremont, when it was time to come home, my mother would walk out to the edge of our woods and ring a bell with increasing vigor until we showed up from our games and play. I guess the bell is in our hands now, and we are ringing it with all the respectful vigor we can summon. It is time to respond in increasing ways for our children—for all of our children. These are our kids—all of them are.

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DONOR FEATURE

Living Up to His Name

ERNEST ABELE’S FUND SUPPORTS HIS LOVE OF NATURE

DESPITE A SELF-MOCKING NICKNAME, Ernest Abele was in fact very able—making a difference during his lifetime and creating a way to support his passion for conservation and other interests after he passed away.

Even as his health declined, Ernest kept his sense of humor. He liked to joke and call himself Ernest “unable” as he used his cane, a golf club turned upside down, to steady himself. His attorney, Scot Dewhirst, recalled that when Ernest moved from his apartment in Worthington into an assisted living center, the administrator said she would get him a good cane.

“Ernest said, ‘What do you mean? I don’t need a good cane! I have this one and 12 more just like it in my golf bag at home!’,” Scot laughed.

Ernest, who passed away in 2012 at age 89, spent a great deal of time with Scot, and financial advisor Sean McEvoy, shoring up his estate plan. After Scot suggested several options for his charitable giving, Ernest chose to establish a fund at The Columbus Foundation to continue support for the causes he cared deeply about.

“His goal was to support conservancy causes, among some others. We talked about ways to do that,” Scot said. “He liked the concept of working locally and not having to work with five or six different organizations trying to set up separate funds.”

Born in Ohio in 1923, Ernest served in the United States Army before graduating from Western Reserve University in 1948. He had a successful career as a salesman of securities working at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Beane before resigning in 1962 to pursue other endeavors.

He and his wife, Elma, a beloved teacher in the Upper Arlington school system, traveled extensively across the country and around the world before Elma’s passing in 1984.

Throughout his life, Ernest contributed to the Nature Conservancy in Ohio, National Wildlife Fund, and other conservation funds. Active in International Field Studies in the 1970s, he led groups to Alaska and Canada, as well as leading hikes in Columbus area parks.

“As a young child, my memory of him was associated with long hikes in the woods, bird watching, and discussions of natural history and its preservation,” his nephew Alan Abele wrote in describing his uncle.

Scot shared that one of Ernest’s concerns, as he put his estate plan in place, was ensuring that the money he provided to organizations would last.

“He wanted to provide some type of long-term support to these entities, but he didn’t want the money to be going to overhead or to the operational expenses, per se, in a large lump sum,” Scot said.

In 2011, Ernest established the *Ernest J. Abele Fund* and created a planned gift that would benefit his fund after he passed away.



Ernest Abele had a passion for conservation issues.

Photos courtesy of Alan Abele



Today, his Designated Fund provides annual support to 14 local and national organizations focused mainly on conservation, including unrestricted funding that allows the *Green Fund* at The Columbus Foundation to make grants to central Ohio nonprofit organizations working to protect the earth’s environment and make our community a more eco-friendly place.

“He liked the concept of using the income from the fund to support the causes he cared so much about in perpetuity,” Scot said.

Using the parameters he established through his fund, the Foundation will continue to steward Ernest’s wishes, allowing his generosity to carry on.

“His closest friends will remain all creatures large and small, the wild fields of summer, and the mountains of winter. That was my uncle,” Alan wrote.

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2015 GOVERNING COMMITTEE



C. Robert Kidder



Matthew D. Walter

In January, The Columbus Foundation announced its 2015 Governing Committee.

C. ROBERT KIDDER, a Committee member since 2012, was elected chairman, and **MATTHEW D. WALTER**, who has served on the Committee since 2011, was elected vice chairman.

New member **MICHAEL P. GLIMCHER**, vice chairman and chief executive officer of WP GLIMCHER, was elected to a seven-year term.

Mr. Glimcher is involved in both industry and community organizations, and currently serves on the board of directors for M/I Homes, Inc. He is active within the retail Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) industry, serving as a member of the board of governors for the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT), past trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), and a member of the Real Estate Roundtable. He is also on the board of directors of the Arizona State University Foundation and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

Additional Governing Committee members are David P. Blom, Joseph A. Chlapaty, Lisa A. Hinson, Nancy Kramer, Barbara J. Siemer, and Dwight E. Smith.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude for the leadership and service of **MICHAEL J. FIORILE**, who completed his seven-year term at the end of 2014. He served as chairman of the Governing Committee from 2012–2014.

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PUSHING PAST A SETBACK

One-time grants provide critical support

PERSEVERANCE AND A HELPING HAND

gave Natalie Bozman the boost she needed to overcome the loss of two jobs and the inability to pay one month’s rent—threatening to displace her and her 10-year-old son, Joshua, from their home.

After losing her job in 2014, Natalie reached out to the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC) to file for unemployment. When that was denied, she returned to COWIC to seek out other employment opportunities. After another employment position fell through, her facilitator suggested a new program called FastPath, a workforce development initiative led by Columbus State Community College in partnership with COWIC and other community partners and area employers.

The free, month-long program provided State Tested Nursing Aide (STNA) training to an inaugural class of 11 students, including Natalie. She graduated from the program in November, passed the state test in December, and found a job as an STNA in a nursing home.

Natalie was able to pursue a new educational opportunity, but the time spent without a job led to her inability to pay rent.

“I didn’t know where I would be able to get the money from,” said Natalie. “I don’t have a big support group, so if I’m not paying my rent, the rent is not going to get paid.”

That’s when Susan Colbert, program director for OSU Extension-University District, a past representative at COWIC who Natalie has known for six years, suggested Gifts of Kindness™.

Gifts of Kindness provides one-time grants to assist individuals who have experienced an unforeseen setback, and need an immediate financial boost to help them continue on a path to independence and sustainability. Established in September 2014 at The Columbus Foundation with an initial gift of \$500,000 from a generous anonymous donor, it inspires the central Ohio community to give kindness in any way that one is able, through kind acts to others, volunteering, or financial support.


As of February 28, Gifts of Kindness has partnered with 13 nonprofits to provide 158 individual grants—more than one grant per day—totaling \$264,841.

“The grant had an impact on me and Josh,” said Natalie. “We just feel good that we’re still in the place we are because his school is across the street, and the job that I have at the nursing center is only six minutes away from our home.”

Looking forward, Natalie plans to go back to school to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and eventually a registered nurse. She also finds ways to pay it forward by volunteering with LifeCare Alliance’s Meals on Wheels because she knows how important it is to show kindness to others.

“THERE’S A LOT OF KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY OF COLUMBUS.”

—NATALIE BOZMAN



YOU CAN HELP! Your gift to the *Gift of Kindness Fund* will help others in need. Visit columbusfoundation.org for details.

Current Gifts of Kindness nonprofit partners are:

Catholic Social Services	LifeCare Alliance
Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center	Lutheran Social Services
Columbus Area Integrated Health Services	OSU Extension-University District
Goodwill Columbus	The Salvation Army
The Homeless Families Foundation	Volunteers of America
Homeport	YMCA
	YWCA Columbus



CELEBRATING OUR NATIONAL NUMBER ONES

The Columbus Foundation annually recognizes the outstanding work of those in central Ohio who were named the best in the United States in the past year. The skills and dedication of these National Number Ones bring great distinction to our community. Congratulations to all!



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Forbes Magazine
Defender of Equality, Perfect Score
Human Rights Commission, Municipal Equality Index

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EcoCAR 2
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Columbus Children’s Theatre & Emma Lou Andrews
Top Production Award and Best Female All Festival Performance
Junior Theatre Festival, Atlanta

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Junior Theatre Festival, Atlanta

Julie Bray, Ashton Cofer, & Luke Clay
Gahanna Students
First Place, eCybermission/Earthquake Resistant Structures
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Pictured with C. Robert Kidder (lower right), Chairman of Columbus Foundation’s Governing Committee, (l–r) Seated: David Dean, Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Julie Bray, Katherine Bovee, and Kelley Griesmer. Standing: Jeni Britton Bauer, Dee Anders, Mark Kvamme, David Emerling, Ken Schnacke, Gene Smith, Doug Ulman, Mitchell Kallner, Ryan Scarlatta, Patrick Losinski, Emma Lou Andrews, and Dr. Giorgio Rizzoni.

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2 MINUTES WITH...

Michael P. Glimcher

GOVERNING COMMITTEE MEMBER
COLUMBUS FOUNDATION DONOR



Photo courtesy of Michael P. Glimcher

Newly appointed Columbus Foundation Governing Committee member Michael P. Glimcher is passionate about his family, company, and community. He balances his role as vice chairman and chief executive officer of WP GLIMCHER with personal interests and giving back.

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We recently talked with Michael about some of his favorite things about Columbus—and why giving as a family is important to him.

Over the past 55 years, your family has built a very successful company here. What is it about Columbus that makes it a great place to run a business?

It's just the whole spirit of the city. I think the way that the city operates really mirrors how we like to run the company. We work really hard here and we're very intense, but we also value our community, and we want to make sure our associates value their personal time as well as their family time. We internally talk about it as a four-legged stool. You have to be rigorous and work hard, but you also need to take care of yourself personally, you need to play some role

“I’m honored to be a part of the Foundation, and I take the responsibility very seriously. I’m excited to be a steward of these funds and these ideas, and I hope to add a lot of value.” —MICHAEL GLIMCHER

within the community, and you need to be there for your family.

We always say the person who works 100 hours a week is not a good person for our business because we think they are out of balance. Someone who really values all these aspects of their life and works a balance is probably someone who is going to be very successful in our organization. All my direct reports and all the officers of the company are involved in something. We tell people whether it's your church or synagogue, or United Way, or

Columbus Boys & Girls Clubs, whatever it is, we want everyone to be involved in some way with either time, money, or both in the community. We don't tell people what to be involved in, just that they need to be involved and set an example for others.

In terms of our community, what are three things you are proud of?

I'm proud of how smart the city is. I think it's a well-educated workforce. I'm proud of how welcoming and progressive the city is. I think we're a very open-minded city, and it's the kind of place that, if you've lived here for five generations or five months, you're welcome to be a part of it. I'm proud we're one of the few cities that is growing at the rate we are here in the Midwest, yet we've been smart about our growth.

What are some things you do for fun?

I love to run—it's how I clear my head and not think about anything. When I'm running, I get to see different parts of the city. I live in Bexley and I like to run downtown and in different neighborhoods. I also love everything Ohio State. I go to a lot of games whenever I'm able. When I go out of town to have fun, I really enjoy skiing.

Why is it important that your philanthropy and giving back involves your children?

I feel so fortunate and lucky. I think where you start out often determines what happens to you in life. We're all so lucky to have the opportunities that we have and do the things that we get to do, so we encourage our children to give back as well. If you don't get involved and don't understand what other peoples' situations are, you can't appreciate how great yours is. So it's about balance, and it's about perspective. Our support ranges from basic human needs to the arts.

What does The Spirit of Columbus mean to you?

We use the following term about our company, and I think it fits for Columbus, too. 'It's big enough to matter, but small enough to care.' I think Columbus is great because there's every opportunity in the world. The Spirit of Columbus means everyone is in it together. I know everyone has their preferences and their causes, but the thing that is most remarkable about Columbus and the things I'm involved in is, regardless of interest, we all work together to make the city better.

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Godspeed, Columbus Foundation.”



JOHN GLENN

The Columbus Foundation was formed more than 70 years ago by an enthusiastic group of civic leaders, led by Harrison M. Sayre, president of American Education Press. Sayre built the Foundation on the idea that together, through the creation and investment of individual charitable funds to benefit the community, we could collectively create opportunities for all.



TO CELEBRATE the generosity and dedication of its donors, and the Foundation's growth and community impact, we're happy to share *A Spirited Journey, A Portrait of The Columbus Foundation's First 70 Years*, our new comprehensive history book.

In the opening remarks, John Glenn congratulates donors who have made the growth and success of the Foundation possible over seventy years, and closes on a note for the future, "Godspeed, Columbus Foundation!"



“Columbus Foundation donors have turned their passion for the community into purpose through strategic, thoughtful charitable giving that continues to have an enduring impact on the community we know today,” said Douglas F. Kridler, president and CEO of The Columbus Foundation.

Written by Eric Jensen, a member of the Foundation's Donor Services and Development team who has published several histories, the new book discusses both the donors and supporters who were instrumental in creating the Foundation, and documents its growth, impact, and progress—along with highlights of the past 15 years.

★ *A Spirited Journey* is available online for easy viewing and can be downloaded at columbusfoundation.org. We invite everyone to find out more!

Columbus Youth Foundation’s Longtime Trustee Steps Down



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION proudly thanks George (Buddy) Byers, Jr., who is stepping down from the board of the Columbus Youth Foundation (CYF) after 32 years of service, making him one of the longest-serving trustees on any Supporting Foundation. During his time on the board, Mr. Byers served as both chairman and vice chairman.

CYF was founded by a group of distinguished local businessmen, including Mr. Byers’ father, in 1955 to hold title both to the Columbus Jets, a

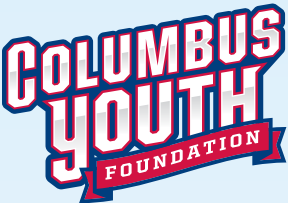
professional minor-league baseball team, and the team’s Franklinton stadium. The foundation returned all profits to the community through grants to organizations that served the sick, underprivileged, and disabled youth of Columbus.

After the Columbus Jets dissolved and its stadium was sold, CYF’s trustees decided that instead of closing the foundation, it should continue as long as possible. The trustees chose to join The Columbus Foundation in 1976 as the first Supporting Foundation.

“Buddy Byers is an invaluable link to The Columbus Foundation’s history, as CYF was our first Supporting Foundation,” said Douglas F. Kridler, president and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. “His resolve to keep CYF focused on its original mission was very special. His enthusiasm and leadership will be greatly missed.”

In 1985, CYF introduced the annual Best All-Around Student Awards, first at Cooper Stadium (formerly Jets Stadium) and now at Huntington Park. One male and one female student from every middle and high school in Columbus City Schools is selected based on their citizenship, academic achievements or progress, perseverance, athletic accomplishments, or for their ability to overcome adversity. This year’s event will be held on May 21.

As it celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, CYF continues to focus on Columbus’ young people through its competitive grantmaking program—each year making a difference in the lives of youth from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods of Columbus by providing healthy, positive opportunities to learn life lessons through recreation and sports. Current trustees include Catherine M. Lyttle, chairman; Archie M. Griffin, vice chairman; Catherine T. Willis; and John Lowe.



THE COLUMBUS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 5 NONPROFITS TO WATCH IN 2015



ON MARCH 19, Columbus Foundation donors and friends gathered at a Your Philanthropy event to recognize and honor a group of nonprofit organizations working hard to make Columbus a better place for all.

The organizations selected for 2015 are: Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus, Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio, Columbus Museum of Art, Reeb Community Center, and St. Vincent Family Center.

“Each of these organizations is doing exceptional work to strengthen our community,” said Douglas F. Kridler, president and CEO of The Columbus Foundation. “Through inventive and thoughtful programs and services, they are positively impacting residents of all ages. We are proud to recognize them and look forward to what the future holds.”

In 2014, **5 Nonprofits to Watch** debuted as an annual program to identify innovative nonprofits that are positioned to make a significant difference in our community. Last year’s honorees were Community Shelter Board, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC), LifeCare Alliance, and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC). The selection of 5 Nonprofits to Watch is based on research and analysis by the Foundation’s Community Research and Grants Management Department.



Pictured at the Columbus Museum of Art, from left: Allan Zaenger R.Ph., MS, pharmacist and executive director of Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio; Jane Abell, a founder and board member of Reeb Community Center; Nannette Maciejunes, executive director of Columbus Museum of Art; Shawn Holt, president and CEO of St. Vincent Family Center; and Rebecca Asmo, executive director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus.

More about the 5 Nonprofits to Watch in 2015:

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF COLUMBUS: Having operated with two clubs for decades, one in Milo-Grogan and one in Franklinton, this nonprofit is expanding to serve youth in additional neighborhoods—Weinland Park, the Southern Gateway through the Reeb Community Center, and the Near East Side. When fully operational, this expansion will allow the number of youth served to double—from 2,000 to 4,000.

CHARITABLE PHARMACY OF CENTRAL OHIO: Celebrating its fifth anniversary this year, the Charitable Pharmacy provides free medications to anyone living below 200 percent of the poverty level who does not have prescription insurance coverage. The pharmacy serves nearly 2,000 patients annually by providing more than 57,000 prescriptions that are valued at \$4 million.

COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART: By fall 2015, there will be a new 50,000-square-foot wing at Columbus’ art museum. The new space will expand the special events area, increase exhibit space, incorporate a new restaurant and store, and feature a new sculpture garden and entryway. In 1931, when the museum owned 500 pieces of art, it had 10 gallery spaces. Today, the collection numbers more than 10,000 with the same 10 gallery spaces—until the new wing expands its exhibit space.

REEB COMMUNITY CENTER: This new community center will open by the start of the 2015–2016 academic year, bringing a wide range of services to the South Side neighborhood. A diverse group of donors has been instrumental in the creation of the center, including founders and board members Jane Abell, Tanny Crane, Don and Nancy Kelley, and Jim Williams. As a one-stop shop, services will be provided through partner organizations, including South Side Learning & Development Center, Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus, Godman Guild Association, St. Stephen’s Community House, Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation, Mid-Ohio Foodbank, Community Development for All People, and Lutheran Social Services.

ST. VINCENT FAMILY CENTER: This residential and outpatient children’s mental health agency is expanding to better serve the community. Breaking ground last summer, the \$5 million capital campaign supports a new, 21,000-square-foot wing. The space will open in fall 2015, allowing for an additional 100 children to be served and reducing or eliminating the waiting list.



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A Healthy Start

M.O.M.S. PROGRAM OFFERS ESSENTIAL RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

A REMARKABLE NEW COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM, Maternal Opiate Medication Support (M.O.M.S.), is gaining speed and poised to help provide critical treatment and care for mothers and babies in central Ohio.

For more than 38 years, CompDrug, Inc. has provided services in central Ohio. While it began as a vehicle to address the heroin epidemic, today the organization offers comprehensive outpatient intervention and treatment, including medication-assisted treatment, as well as prevention programs for children, teens, and adults.

“The goal of what we do is to give someone the skills and give them the medical stability to be able to deal with what led them to use in the first place,” said A. Dustin Mets, CEO of CompDrug.

Several years ago, Dustin and the staff noticed that an increasing number of CompDrug’s younger patients were pregnant.

“We decided we really needed to be focusing on this, so as an agency we started studying how many of our women were pregnant, what they were doing, and how were we making sure we do what we can in the community,” he said.

Dustin and other professionals at CompDrug recognized, however, that a mother-to-be’s mental health and addiction condition was just one piece of the puzzle.

“We aren’t prepared, capable, or the right people to be doing the other pieces. But we can make sure we are coordinating that care and getting the right people to do that care,” he said.

In 2013, Dustin began discussions with other community partners who could provide comprehensive services and resources for both the pregnant mother and child. The M.O.M.S. program was born.

Partners in the program are CompDrug, OhioHealth, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH), Mount Carmel Health System, Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction



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Services, Maryhaven Stable Cradle, and Amethyst.

In December 2014, a \$12,000 grant was awarded to CompDrug, Inc., thanks in part to the *Alice and Robert Estrich Fund*, to support the M.O.M.S. program.

NCH is housing the program in its Maternal and Infant Recovery Clinic, making it possible for prenatal care and treatment throughout the pregnancy to take place at one location. Care continues through the first year of life, with babies seen at NCH primary care sites and moms at CompDrug.

While still in its infancy, with eight women currently enrolled, the partners hope M.O.M.S. can further address the infant mortality crisis in our community. When born, babies can experience neonatal abstinence syndrome, a group of problems that occur in a newborn who was exposed to addictive opiate drugs while in the mother’s womb.

“This piece of it—the babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome—if we as partners can have an impact on that, we’re helping have an impact on the overall problem and working toward reducing infant mortality,” said Alex Meyer, director of outreach and special projects for CompDrug.

“We are really pleased to be playing a role in the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force’s work to reduce infant mortality by increasing access and services to one of our high-risk pregnant populations—those struggling with opiate use,” she said.

The Columbus Foundation and *Central Benefits Health Care Foundation*, a Supporting Foundation of The Columbus Foundation, have been at the forefront of support for infant mortality interventions and research, providing a total of more than \$330,000 since 2013 to local organizations working to address the issue in our community.



Read how the Greater Columbus Infant Mortality Task Force hopes to reduce the rate of infant mortality in Columbus/Franklin County by nearly 40 percent by 2020 at gcinfantmortality.org.

FOUNDATION SNAPSHOTS



We love getting to see art created by our scholarship recipients! The Foundation is proud to offer more than 200 scholarship opportunities. Students can go to ScholarLink® at columbusfoundation.org and enter a few pieces of information to find scholarships created by generous donors for all ages, fields of study, and areas of interest.



Thank you to our donors Jack and Zoe Johnstone, whose *Johnstone Fund for New Music* made possible a very special performance of Arnold Schoenberg’s *Pierrot Lunaire*. The event, held in Davis Hall, was free and open to the public.



Glass Axis celebrated its grand re-opening in its amazing new Franklinton facility with interactive events. The Foundation is proud to support this collaboration with Café Brioso through the *Fund for Financial Innovation*.



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★ As we joined together in February to celebrate Columbus’ National Number Ones, we took a moment to capture a group picture to share with Aminah Robinson on her 75th birthday. The MacArthur Genius Award-winning artist was recently honored with a lifetime achievement award at YWCA Columbus’ 2015 Women of Achievement celebration.

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