



OMNOVA
SOLUTIONS
Foundation

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

EDUCATION

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

ARTS

CIVIC

EDUCATION \$1,076,648

CIVIC \$277,098

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES \$293,204

ARTS \$37,550

total \$1,684,500



Just as learning can inspire us to lead, leading presents us with endless opportunities to learn.

Through learning, one can acquire the knowledge that leadership demands of her and the confidence to step from the crowd and say, "That's good, but maybe I can make it better." Through leading, one learns from experience about himself, about others, and about the world we share, and how to translate that experience into a productive and positive energy. At this nexus, where learning and leading come together, you will find us.

For 50 years now, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation has dedicated its efforts to supporting programs, especially those related to education like *Africa on Wheels Inc.*, *Project GRAD*, and the *Boys and Girls Clubs* as a way of making better the communities where our employees work and live. In 2010, the OMNOVA Solutions Foundation gifted a total of \$1,684,500 to programs that create educational opportunities, connect people in need to health and social services, energize civic pride, and create access to the arts. Health and social services recipients included *Akron's Children's Hospital*, *Hospice of Union County* and the *Make-a-Wish Foundation*. In other areas, we funded important ecology initiatives. We backed numerous community fire and police departments to ensure they're able to provide necessary emergency services. We answered the call from dozens of food banks to help assure they were stocked.

Through leading, we have learned much ourselves. *Education, civics, health and social services* and the *arts* are more than simply categories of giving. Connected to each are very real stories of lives touched. A family is fed. Someone learns to dance. A home is built. A life is saved. Someone finds hope. By touching these lives in a caring way, it is our hope we're building a better world for all.



S. Theresa Carter
PRESIDENT



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EDUCATION

Today's student is tomorrow's teacher. When you give someone the opportunity to learn, you give them the tools to lead. OMNOVA Solutions Foundation believes that knowledge empowers and that education reaches its truest peak when the learner becomes the teacher and leads others to the door of knowledge. This evolution unfolds around us every day. Teachers are found everywhere — not just in classrooms.

From factories to board rooms, to town halls, to government offices, people of all walks of life serve as mentors, advisors and guides, passing on what they have learned. Be it the practical knowledge of a craft or less tangible skills like courage and conviction. For these reasons, education remains our primary area of philanthropic giving. It is the key to change, to rising above socio-economic barriers for some; the key to career readiness, to professional development for educators and to literacy classes for adults.

In 2010, we awarded grants to over 380 recipients for a total of \$1,076,648. Recipients included the *HALO Foundation*, which provides American youth with opportunities to learn philanthropy and volunteerism by seeing the world through the eyes of the less fortunate. Also, *JOG Our Way* whose mission is to help young people make successful transitions from the educational system to the work world. Other gifts went to *South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics*, and the *National Inventors Hall of Fame® School (STEM)*. As the proverb goes, "*Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.*" We consider it our charge to make sure someone is always there to open those doors.



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A community can never truly be whole when so many in that community

are not. Going on 50+ years, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation has stood behind those social programs that are designed to help keep people whole, in body and mind. Some programs provide food and shelter for the homeless; others, a place to find common ground and hope. A place to mend and heal. Some programs mean the opportunity for a fresh start or feeling empowered and self-sufficient for maybe the first time.

This past year, we were proud to support over 100 social programs, as well as activities that promote civic responsibility and social change, through contributions of \$277,098. Highlights include *Turning Point* for homeless women and children and *Habitat for Humanity*.

A third, *Let's Grow Akron*, helps people help themselves by transforming vacant wastelands into economically viable gardens. These gardens yield more than food, though. They yield a sense of ownership and pride within the community. As we've seen, pride is fertile catalyst for social change.





HEALING
CARING

The equation is clear. Through caring comes healing. Healing physical and financial hardships. Healing spiritual hardships. By keeping strong those programs and individuals that provide care in all its manifestations, we believe we keep strong the communities we serve. In 2010, with the economy stressing everyone's budget, the Foundation boosted its giving in health and social services and provided \$293,204 to 56 programs in all; programs that provide for basic mental and physical health and humanitarian care such as food banks and safe houses.

Recipients included critical national and state organizations and also a host of local organizations that were created in honor of those individuals they are named after such as *The Rea Robinson Foundation*, created with the purpose to find an immunization for all unvaccinated strands of meningitis. Or, the *Muscular Dystrophy Association*, which is dedicated to curing MD-related diseases by funding research world wide.

The Ed Bear Project, which provides comfort for pediatric oncology patients in northeast Ohio, started with the idea of giving every child who was diagnosed with cancer a signature "Ed Bear" Teddy Bear. As always, the hundreds of hours of volunteer service our employees log in health and social services programs further deepens our impact as a whole.





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The power of a painting reaches far beyond its frame. The beauty of a symphony or dance performance reaches well beyond the recital hall. So too, the path from individual expression to community enrichment knows no boundaries. As John F. Kennedy said, *"I see little of more importance to the future of our country and of civilization than full recognition of the place of the artist. If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him."*

Because we hold this same belief, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation gave a total of \$37,550 to the arts and cultural programs in 2010 including *Akron Area Arts Alliance, Fitchburg Art Museum, Columbus Arts Council* and *Summit Choral Society*. Art, in all its forms, has the power to inspire people. And people, in all their amazing diversity, follow that inspiration in different directions.

This one takes up a cause. One side sees the other side in a new light. Someone decides to speak out. Someone decides the value of a dollar is that you can give it away, and so they fund a local art camp for children. We hope the personal epiphanies are as varied as they are plentiful. This cause and effect, when art inspires action and those actions enrich our communities, is above and beyond the economic benefits of a region's arts culture. In this light, who's to say a paintbrush is simply a paintbrush and not the torch of progress itself?



The following organizations were direct recipients of OMNOVA Solutions Foundation dollars:

EDUCATION

Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.

Advocates for the Akron Visual and Performing Arts

Africa On Wheels, Inc.

Akron Alliance of Black School Educators

Akron Community Service Center & Urban League

Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies

Akron Council on World Affairs

Akron Public Schools

Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.

Albion College

American Chemical Society

Appalachian State University

Archbishop Hoban High School

Austin Peay State University

Bay Port High School SkillsUSA-VICA

Bevill State Community College

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Schuykill County

Bluffton University

Boston College

Boys & Girls Club of North Central MA

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve

Brown County Library

Brown University

Caledonia High School

Calhoun Elementary School

Calhoun High School

Calhoun-Gordon Council for Literate Community

California State University, Los Angeles

Capital University

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Central Christian High School

Chester County Chamber of Commerce

Chester County Literacy Council

City College of New York

Clark University

Clemson University

Cleveland Institute of Art

College of the Holy Cross

College of Wooster

College Students Ministry

Columbus High School

Columbus School for Girls

Communities in Schools of Chester County, Inc.

Cooper Union, The

Copley-Fairlawn City Schools

Copley-Fairlawn Middle School

Cornell University

Council Attracting Prospective Educators (CAPE)

Culture & Heritage Museums

Cuyahoga Community College

Dalton State College Foundation

Daniel Webster College

Denmark Middle School

East Carolina University

East Elementary School

East Mississippi Community College

Economic Growth Foundation

Einstein Project, The

Exosia Community Development Corporation

Fairview Elementary School

Financial Executives Research Foundation Inc.

Fitchburg Public Schools

Fort Howard School

Fort Island Primary School

Foundation Center

Friends of E Prep Schools

Friends of Shanghai American School Foundation

Friends of the University of Ottawa

Georgia Highlands College

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

Gordon Central High School

Green Middle School

Greenleaf Family Center

Hale Farm and Village

HALO Foundation

Hampden-Sydney College

Harding Universtiy

Harvard University

Hathaway Brown School

He Brought Us Out Ministry

Heidelberg University

Heritage Hill Foundation

Howard University

iN Education, Inc.

Indian Trail Elementary School

Innes Middle School

International Assoc. of Admin. Professionals

International Institute of Akron

Itawamba Community College

Jeannette High School

Jeannette High School Scholarship Fund

Jeannette Public Library

Jennings Community Learning Center

JOG Our Way

John Carroll University

Junior Achievement, Akron, OH

Junior Achievement, Green Bay, WI

Junior Achievement, Dalton, GA

Keene State College

Keepers of the Art, Inc.

Kennesaw State University

Kent State University

Kent State University Foundation

Kutztown University Foundation, Inc.

LaFayette College

Laurel School

Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.

Lawrence School

Limestone College

Litchfield Middle School

Literacy Council of Union County

Magical Theatre Company

Malone University

Marshville Elementary School

Meadowbrook Elementary School

Menlo Elementary School

Mental Health America of Summit County

Miami University

Miami University Paper Science & Engineering Foundation

Michigan Technological University

Miller South School for the Visual & Performing Arts

Miller-Keystone Community Blood Center

Mississippi College

Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University Foundation

Mississippi University for Women

Mississippi University for Women Foundation

Mogadore Junior High School

Mogadore Local School District

Moody Bible Institute

Mount Union College

NAACP - Akron Branch

Nashua River Watershed Association

National Inventors Hall of Fame® School

National Merit Scholarship Corporation

National Museum of Education

National Wild Turkey Federation

New Hope Elementary School

New Hope High School

Newspaper in Education Institute

North Carolina State University

North Georgia College & State University

Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council

Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair

Northeastern University

Northwest Whitfield High School

Northwestern College

Oakmont Regional High School

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition

Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges

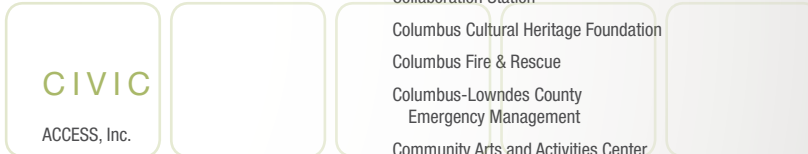
Ohio University
 Oklahoma Wesleyan University
 Old Sturbridge Village
 Old Trail School
 Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library
 Our Lady of the Elms Schools
 Partners in Education Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
 Penn State - Schuylkill Campus
 Pennsylvania State University
 Phillips Exeter Academy
 Phoenix School
 Pointe West Performances
 Project GRAD
 Project: LEARN
 Red Bud Elementary School
 Ringgold Elementary School
 Ringgold High School
 Roswell Kent Middle School
 Ruth Steinert Memorial SPCA
 S. D. Lee Middle School
 Salvation Army, Akron, OH
 SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
 Schuylkill Area Community Foundation
 Schuylkill Haven Free Public Library
 Schuylkill Keep it Pretty
 Schuylkill Technology Center
 Sonoraville High School
 South Carolina Textile Education Foundation
 South Piedmont Community College
 Southeast Whitfield County High School

Spartanburg Methodist College
 St. Francis De Sales High School
 St. Herman's Orthodox Theol. Seminary
 St. John Central High School
 St. Matthew School
 St. Patrick School
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 St. Vincent - St. Mary High School
 St. Vincent DePaul Society
 St. Vincent Elementary
 St. Vladimir Orthodox Seminary
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 The Ohio State University Foundation
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 The University of Akron Foundation
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 United Negro College Fund, Inc.

United Way Success by 6 of Chester (SC) County
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 University of Alabama
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 Valley View Elementary School
 Visiting Nurse Service, Inc.
 Walsh Jesuit High School
 Walsh University
 Washington Legal Foundation
 West Lowndes High School
 Western Michigan University

Western Michigan University Foundation
 Western Reserve PBS
 Wheeling Jesuit College
 Williams Challenge
 Wingate Elementary School
 Winston-Salem State University
 Winthrop University
 Wisconsin Assoc. of Hazardous Materials Responders Inc.
 Women's Network
 Working in Progress
 WVIZ
 Yale University
 Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop

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 Avenues
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 Big Brothers & Sisters of Summit & Medina Counties
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Georgia Mountains
 Boy Scouts of America - Great Trail Council
 Boys & Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray & Whitfield Counties
 Cascade Locks Park Association
 Chester County Emergency Management Agency
 Chester County YMCA
 City of Akron
 Collaboration Station
 Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation
 Columbus Fire & Rescue
 Columbus-Lowndes County Emergency Management
 Community Arts and Activities Center
 Community Fire Company
 Crown Point Ecology Center
 Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association
 CYO & Community Services/Camp Christopher
 Deer Lake & West Brunswick Fire Company #1
 Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust
 Downtown Akron Partnership
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 Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County



CIVIC

ACCESS, Inc.

Adelphoi Village
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 Akron Rotary Foundation
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Greater Westside Council of Block Clubs
Greenleaf Family Center
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North Central Massachusetts
Habitat for Humanity, Calhoun, GA
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
HACC Foundation
Hattie Larlham Foundation
Haven of Rest Ministries
Heart to Heart Communications
Junior Auxiliary of Columbus, MS
Keep Akron Beautiful
Leadership Akron
Let's Grow Akron, Inc.
Lewis Fire Department
Linking Education & Econ. Development (LEED)
Mature Services
Medina County Sharpshooters 4-H Club
Metro Rescue Inc.
Mississippi Sheriffs Boys & Girls Ranch

Mobile Meals Foundation
Mogadore Police Department
Mogadore, Village of
Monroe Fire Department
Monroe Police Department
Ohio Grantmakers Forum
On a Mission to Manhood
Orwigsburg Fire Department
Pottsville Bureau of Police
Rape Crisis Center of Medina
and Summit Counties
Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts
Rebuilding Together Summit County
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Senior Services Inc. of Chester County
Special Olympics Massachusetts
Summit County Historical Society
The Children's Attention Home, Inc.
The Turning Point of Chester
Turning Point
Union County Sheriff's Department
United Way of Summit County
Victim Assistance Program
Victory Gallop
Village of Howard Fire Department
Waiting Child Fund
Warriors & Warbirds Inc.
WKSU
YMCA of Columbus, Mississippi

HEALTH

Akron General Development Foundation
Akron Regional Hospital Foundation
American Cancer Society, Columbus, OH
American Cancer Society, Columbia, SC
American Cancer Society, Holyoke, MA
American Cancer Society, Canfield, OH
American Diabetes Association, Akron, OH
American Diabetes Association, Boston, MA
American Heart Association, Columbus, OH
American Heart Association, Columbus, MS
American Heart Association
American Lung Association
American Red Cross, Pottsville, PA
American Red Cross, Rock Hill, SC
American Red Cross, Rome, GA
American Red Cross, Akron, OH
Arthritis Foundation, Akron, OH
Beacon Journal Charity Fund
Catholic Charities of Portage County
Children's Hospital Foundation
Children's Hospital Medical Center
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Community Health Center Foundation
Gordon County Local Emergency
Planning Committee
Gordon Hospital Foundation
Hospice of Union County
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kym Sellers Foundation

Make-A-Wish Foundation
March of Dimes, Columbia, SC
March of Dimes, Cleveland, OH
Muscular Dystrophy Association
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
Project Ed Bear
Rea Robinson Foundation
Schuykill County Society for Crippled Children
Scleroderma Foundation
St. Bernard Church
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Summa Foundation
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United Disability Services
United Way, Green Bay, WI
United Way, Chester, SC
United Way, Ravenna, OH
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United Way, Calhoun, GA
United Way, Cleveland, OH
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Whitfield Healthcare Foundation Inc.

ARTS

Abrams Spotlight Productions, Inc.
Akron Area Arts Alliance
Akron Art Museum
Akron Civic Theatre
Akron Symphony Orchestra
Apollo's Fire
Arts Council of Chester County
Calhoun Gordon Arts Center
Children's Concert Society of Akron
Cleveland Orchestra
Columbus Arts Council
Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet
Fitchburg Art Museum
Invent Now, Inc.
Mogadore, Village of
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