



symbols *of* support

<b>education</b>	<b>\$1,208,710</b>
<b>civic</b>	<b>\$379,240</b>
<b>health &amp; social services</b>	<b>\$277,989</b>
<b>arts</b>	<b>\$84,750</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>\$1,950,689</b>

Ask a group of people to raise their hands and you are likely to see numerous wristbands in a rainbow of colors – red, blue, yellow, green – each a powerful symbol of support to a special cause. As with these individual expressions of awareness and involvement, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation has come to symbolize the caring spirit so critical to vibrant, sustainable communities.

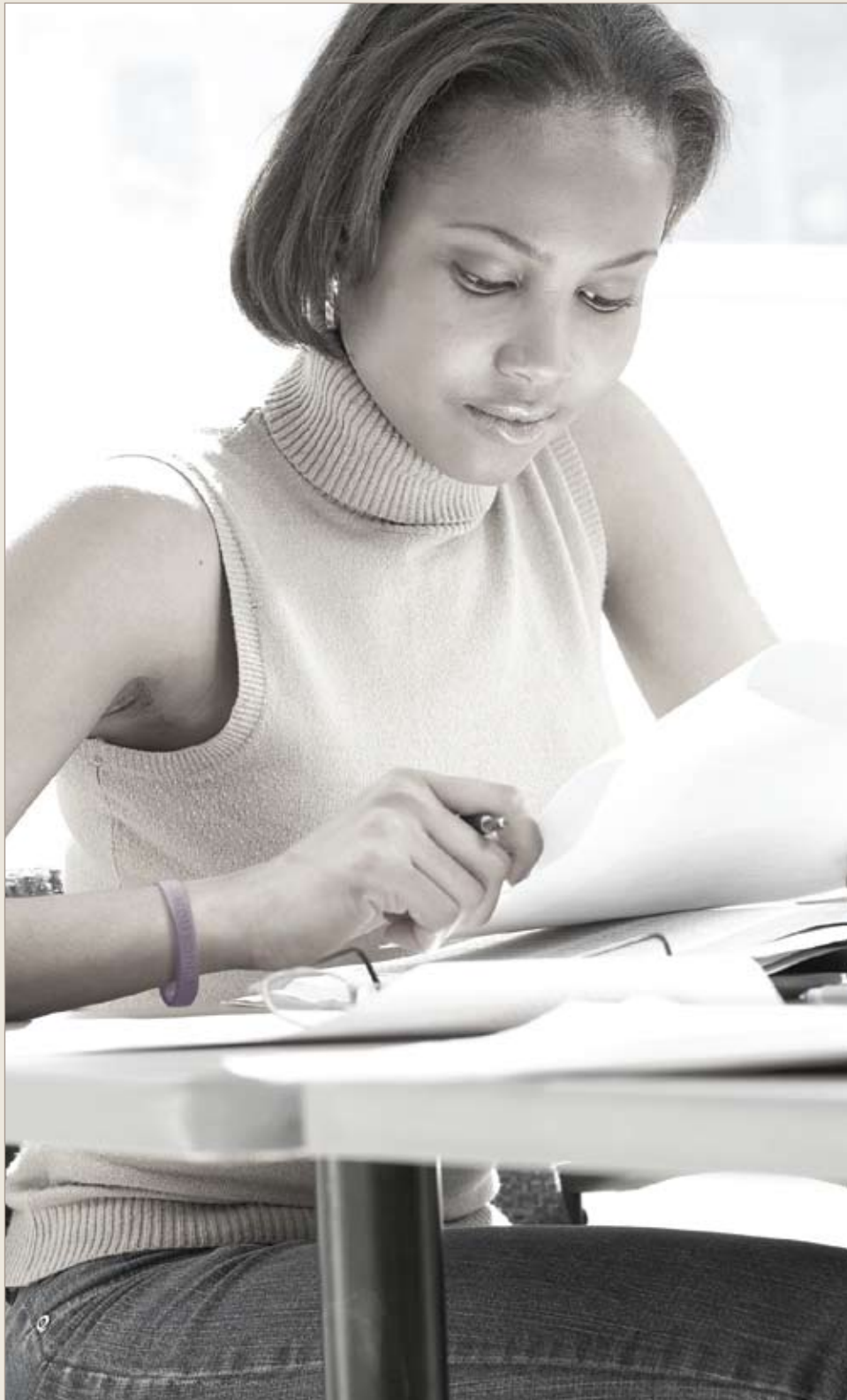
A symbol, yes. But also a call to action. For more than four decades our Foundation has acted to create educational opportunities and programs, provide access to health and social services, build civic pride and foster a rich appreciation for the arts. In 2008 alone, the Foundation granted \$1,950,689 in communities where OMNOVA Solutions employees and their neighbors live and work. We are equally proud of the hundreds of volunteer hours spent by many of those employees who heard the call and enthusiastically responded.

Community stewardship through the OMNOVA Solutions Foundation is an important component of a broader commitment – we call it *Vision 2014* – to do our part to build a better world. This commitment encompasses a range of goals and actions that can positively affect our communities and our planet: continuous improvement in energy, water and waste practices in our operations; innovation that reduces the environmental impact of our products; and financial support that helps our communities grow and remain strong for current and future generations.

OMNOVA Solutions Foundation touched the lives of thousands of people in 2008. We hope our example builds awareness in others and compels them to join in the good work of building healthy, prosperous communities. If we can provide a meaningful symbol of support – and action – then it has been a successful year.

S. Theresa Carter  
**PRESIDENT**





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**Education for sustainable communities.**

OMNOVA Solutions Foundation places education at the forefront of our philanthropic efforts. We believe that students who have access to quality educational programs can transcend barriers to success and break the chains of their socioeconomic backgrounds.

It is our belief that the classroom is not the only environment where learning takes place. We encourage nontraditional learning initiatives that promote career readiness, professional development for educators, and adult literacy classes in addition to traditional programs. We further believe that an educated community will move to become a truly sustainable community.

In 2008, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation contributed \$1,208,710 to educational organizations and initiatives.



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**Admire. Value. Believe.**

At OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, we admire the way in which members of the community join together for the greater good by promoting social change, participation in civic activities, and volunteerism. We value programs that provide role models for children, promote racial equality and unity, train and place those in need of employment and strengthen families. We believe that an engaged community is a prerequisite for a sustainable community.

In 2008, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation contributed \$379,240 to programs and initiatives designed to promote civic involvement.



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### **Taking a stand against suffering.**

A yellow bracelet signifies the human crusade to fight cancer. Red, heart disease. Purple, cystic fibrosis. Together, individuals proudly wear these bracelets as symbols of their vigilance in the search for a cure.

OMNOVA Solutions Foundation is especially proud to support efforts that keep people healthy and safe.

We understand that medicine is only one aspect of health. In addition to our support of organizations that fight disease, like the American Cancer Society and the American Red Cross, we lend support to programs that impact the lives of those in crisis or need, such as Adelphoi Village, Catholic Charities of Portage County, March of Dimes, and many others.

In 2008, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation contributed \$277,989 to health and human services programs and organizations.



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### **Inspiring a community.**

In the same way that a painter looks at a blank canvas and envisions a beautiful landscape, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation envisions a vibrant, thriving arts community available to everyone. By contributing to various arts organizations, we help develop programs that enable community members of all abilities, ages and socioeconomic status to participate in and enjoy the arts.

In addition to the enjoyment and fulfillment the arts bring to the community, the development of cultural programs and opportunities brings economic growth. To build a sustainable community, it is imperative to create programs and activities that stimulate economic growth. A community rich in culture is a community that flourishes.

In 2008, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation contributed \$84,750 in support of the arts, including art museums, theaters, youth ballets and local arts councils.

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

<b>EDUCATION</b>					<b>CIVIC</b>
	Goshen College	Mississippi State University	Project: LEARN	United Negro College Fund, Inc.	ACCESS, Inc.
Chester County Literacy Council	Gravure Education Foundation	Mississippi State University Foundation	Purdue University Foundation	United Way - Westmoreland	Advance-Green Bay Area Economic Development
Chester Park Center for Literacy Through Technology	Green Middle School	Mississippi University for Women	Red Bud Elementary School	United Way International	Akron Rotary Foundation
Children's Concert Society of Akron	Hale Farm and Village	Mogadore Junior High School	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	United Way Success by 6 of Chester County	Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.
City College of New York	Hampden-Sydney College	Mogadore Local School District	Riedinger Middle School	University of Akron	Akron Tomorrow
Clark University	Harvard University	Monroe Middle School	Rock Rest Elementary School	University of Akron Foundation	Akron Zoological Park
Clemson University	He Brought Us Out Ministry	Moody Bible Institute	Roswell Kent Middle School	University of Alabama	Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank
Cleveland Institute of Art	Healthy Connections Network	Mount Union College	S. D. Lee Middle School	University of California - Berkeley	Akron-Urban Minority Alcoholism Drug Abuse Outreach Program, Inc.
Collaboration Station	Heritage Academy	Mount Zion Community Development	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Florida	American Red Cross
College of the Holy Cross	Heritage Hill Foundation	NAACP - Akron Branch	SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics	University of Maine	Asian Services in Action, Inc.
College of Wooster	Holy Family School	Nashua River Watershed Association	Schuykill Haven Free Public Library	University of Massachusetts	Association of Small Foundations
Columbus School for Girls	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur Foundation	National Merit Scholarship Corporation	Schuykill Technology Centers	University of Miami	Auburn Fire Co. & Ambulance Association
Communities in Schools of Chester County, Inc.	Innes Middle School	National Museum of Education	Service League of Green Bay	University of Mississippi	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Summit & Medina Counties
The Cooper Union	International Association of Administration Professionals	National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation	Sonoraville High School	University of North Carolina	Big Brothers Big Sisters of NW Alabama
Coosa Valley Technical College	International Institute of Akron	New Hope Elementary School	South Piedmont Community College	University of Notre Dame	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Schuylkill County
Cornell University	Jeannette High School Scholarship Fund	Newberry College	Southeast Whitfield County High School	University of Pennsylvania	Boy Scouts of America - Pushmataha Area Council
Council Attracting Prospective Educators (CAPE)	Jeannette Public Library	Newspaper in Education Institute	Spring Garden Waldorf School	University of Pittsburgh	Boy Scouts of America - Great Trail Council
Crown College	Joe Cook Elementary School	North Carolina State University	St. Anne School	University of Rhode Island	Boys & Girls Clubs of Gordon, Murray & Whitfield Counties
Crown Point Ecology Center	JOG Our Way	Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Council	St. Helen School	University of Toledo	Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve
Culture & Heritage Museums	Juniata College	Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc.	St. Herman's Orthodox Theology Seminary	University of West Alabama Foundation	Caring Communities of Summit County
Cuyahoga Community College	Junior Achievement, Akron, OH	Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair	St. Joseph School	University of Wisconsin - Green Bay	Cascade Looks Park Association
Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association	Junior Achievement, Dalton, GA	Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine	St. Matthew Parish School	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Chester County Emergency Management Agency
Dalton State College	Kent State University	Northwest Whitfield High School	St. Patrick School	Urban League of Central Carolinas, Inc.	Chester County YMCA
Dalton State College Foundation	Kent State University Foundation	Nyack College	St. Vincent - St. Mary High School	Ursuline High School	City of Akron
Denison University	Kutztown University Foundation, Inc.	Oakmont Regional High School	St. Vincent Elementary	Valley View Elementary School	Collaboration Station
Eagle Foundation	Kym Sellers Foundation	Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition	St. Vladimir Orthodox Seminary	Virginia State University	Columbus-Lowndes Development Link
East Elementary School	LaFayette College	Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges	Stan Hywet Hall Foundation, Inc.	Visiting Nurse Service, Inc.	Community Aids Network
East Mississippi Community College	Law Enforcement Foundation, Inc.	Ohio Network Training	Stanford University	Walsh Jesuit High School	Community Fire Company
East Union Middle School	Litchfield Middle School	The Ohio State University	Starkville Academy	Walsh University	Community Foundation of Westmoreland County
Economic Growth Foundation	Literacy Council of Union County	Ohio State University Foundation	Summit Academy Community Schools	Weathervane Community Playhouse	Community Pregnancy Center
Educational Television Productions of NE Wisconsin	Literacy Volunteers of the Montachusett Area	Ohio Wesleyan University	Summit County Educational Service Center	Wells College	Consolidated Training & Services
The Einstein Project	Long Island University	Oklahoma Wesleyan University	Summit County Sports Hall of Fame	Westminster College	Crown Financial Ministries, Inc.
Evangel University	Loyola University - Chicago	Old Trail School	Summit Education Initiative	Wheeling Jesuit College	Deer Lake & West Brunswick Fire Company #1
Exousia Community Development Corporation	Magical Theatre Company	On a Mission to Manhood	Tallmadge High School	Wingate University	Downtown Akron Partnership
Fairview Elementary School	Malone University	Options for Independent Living Inc.	TAPPI Foundation	Wisconsin Association of Hazardous Materials Responders Inc.	Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County
Firestone High School	Marymount Manhattan College	Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library	The Citadel	Women's Network	Edwin Shaw Rehab Development Foundation
Fitchburg Art Museum	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Our Lady of the Elms Schools	The First Tee of Akron	Woodridge Local School District	Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce
Fitchburg Public Schools	Menlo Elementary School	Palmer Home for Children	The Illusion Factory	WWIZ/PBS ideastream	
Fort Howard School	Mental Health America of Summit County	Partners in Education	The Lynnwood Foundation	Yale University	
Fort Island Primary School	Mercer University	Partnership for a Drug Free America	The Ohio College Association	York Technical College	
Foundation Center	Merrimack College	Penn State - Schuylkill Campus	The Stork's Nest	Youth Excellence Performing Arts Workshop	
Franklin University	Miami University	Perkins Technology Middle School	Theodore Roosevelt High School		
Friends of the University of Ottawa	Miami University Paper Science & Engineering Foundation	Phoenix School	Tri-State University		
Georgia Highlands College	Miles Public School	Project GRAD	Tutoring Nurtures Talent, Inc.		
Georgia Tech Foundation	Miller South School for Visual & Performing Arts	Project Love Remember the Children Foundation	Union County Vision for Progress		
Goodyear Middle School					
Gordon Central High School					

Financial Executives Research Foundation Inc.  
 Friends of Historic Glendale Cemetery  
 Girl Scouts Council of Westmoreland, Inc.  
 Girl Scouts of North East Ohio  
 Goodwill Industries of Akron, Ohio, Inc.  
 Gordon County Community Foundation  
 Gordon County Fire Department  
 Gordon County Local Emergency Planning Committee  
 Great Lakes Run Foundation  
 Greater Akron Amenities Inc.  
 Greater Akron Chamber  
 Greater Green Bay YMCA  
 Greater Westside Council of Block Clubs  
 Greenleaf Family Center  
 Habitat for Humanity of Gordon County  
 Habitat for Humanity of North Central Massachusetts  
 Habitat for Humanity of Greater Akron Inc.  
 Haven of Rest Ministries  
 Heart to Heart Communications Info Line  
 International Soap Box Derby Junior Auxiliary of Columbus  
 Keep Akron Beautiful  
 KidsFair  
 Leadership Akron  
 Leroy Springs & Company, Inc.  
 Let's Grow Akron, Inc.  
 Lighthouse Visions Inc.  
 MAPS Air Museum  
 Mature Services  
 Metro Rescue Inc.  
 Mobile Meals Foundation  
 Mogadore Historical Society  
 Mogadore Police Department  
 Monroe Fire Department  
 Monroe Police Department  
 NAACP - Akron Branch  
 National Inventors Hall of Fame  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Portage County  
 Nazareth Housing Development Corporation  
 Ohio Grantmakers Forum  
 Orwigsburg Fire Department  
 Pottsville Bureau of Police (DARE Program)

Rebuilding Together Summit County  
 Salvation Army, Akron, OH  
 Salvation Army, Fitchburg, MA  
 Salvation Army, Jeannette, PA  
 Schuylkill Keep it Pretty  
 Schuylkill Leadership Association  
 St. Bernard Church  
 Summit Lake Child Development Center  
 Summit Metro Police K-9 Inc.  
 Summit Workforce Solutions  
 TAPPI Foundation  
 The Children's Attention Home, Inc.  
 The Turning Point of Chester  
 Turning Point  
 Union County Sheriff's Department  
 University Park Development Corporation  
 Victory Gallop  
 Village of Howard  
 Village of Howard Fire Department  
 Village of Mogadore  
 Westmoreland County Food Bank  
 Westmoreland County Historical Society  
 Whitfield County Community Foundation  
 YMCA, Akron, OH  
 YMCA, Columbus, MS

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Adelphoi Village  
 Akron Children's Hospital  
 Akron Regional Hospital Foundation  
 American Cancer Society, Akron, OH  
 American Cancer Society, Minersville, PA  
 American Cancer Society, Holyoke, MA  
 American Cancer Society, Columbia, SC  
 American Diabetes Association, Akron, OH  
 American Red Cross, Pottsville, PA  
 American Red Cross, Rome, GA  
 American Red Cross, Greensburg, PA  
 American Red Cross, Akron, OH  
 American Red Cross, Chester, SC  
 American Red Cross, Green Bay, WI  
 Arthritis Foundation, Cleveland, OH  
 Avenues  
 Catholic Charities of Portage County  
 Central High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC  
 Children's Hospital Foundation  
 City of Hope

Community Health Center Foundation  
 Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust  
 Gordon Hospital Foundation  
 Make-A-Wish Foundation  
 March of Dimes, Rock Hill, SC  
 March of Dimes, Cleveland, OH  
 Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer  
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
 Rape Crisis Center of Central MA  
 Schuylkill County Society for Crippled Children  
 Special Olympics Massachusetts  
 Stewart's Caring Place  
 The Good Samaritan Medical Clinic  
 United Disability Services  
 United Way, Auburn, PA  
 United Way, Green Bay, WI  
 United Way, Chester, SC  
 United Way, Ravenna, OH  
 United Way, Akron, OH  
 United Way, Jeannette, PA  
 United Way, Monroe, NC  
 United Way, Calhoun, GA  
 United Way, Columbus, MS  
 Whitfield Healthcare Foundation Inc.  
 Why Me & Sherry's House  
 Women's Board

**ARTS**

Akron Area Arts Alliance  
 Akron Art Museum  
 Akron Civic Theatre  
 Akron Symphony Orchestra  
 Apollo's Fire  
 Arts Council of Chester County  
 Ballet Theatre of Ohio  
 Calhoun Gordon Arts Center  
 Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
 Cleveland Orchestra - Blossom Music Center  
 Columbus Arts Council  
 Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet  
 Pointe West Performances  
 Sankofa Fine Arts Plus  
 Singers Company  
 Summit Choral Society  
 The Bang and The Clatter Theatre Company  
 Tuesday Musical Club  
 University of Akron - E. J. Thomas Hall  
 Weathervane Community Playhouse  
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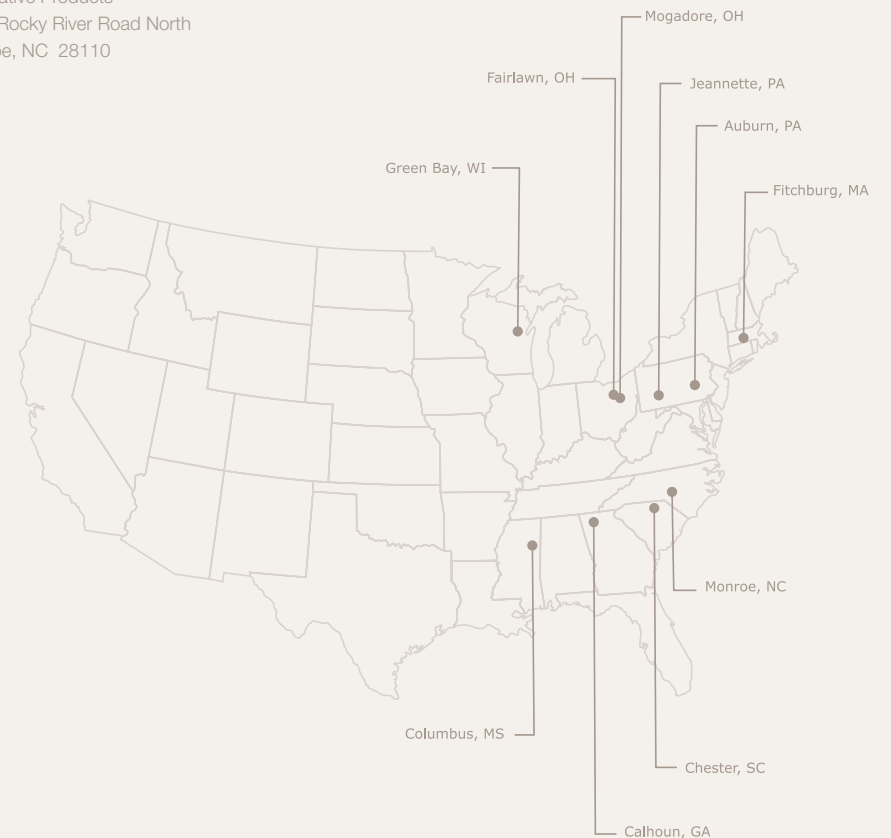
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