



**2024**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**34** YEARS  
CELEBRATING

# ENHANCING STERLING HEIGHTS QUALITY OF LIFE



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# Support

## YOUR COMMUNITY

The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation is celebrating its 34th year as a certified 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in perpetuity.

The Foundation offers you the opportunity to support your community and enhance the quality of life for area residents in many ways. You may make a financial contribution to any of the 37 endowment funds the Foundation manages, create a new endowment fund that supports a special interest or honors a person important to you, include the Foundation in your will or trust, make a gift of real estate, donate a major gift through a bequest, or a charitable remainder distribution from an I.R.A., make a life insurance contribution or a charitable gift annuity. You may donate personal property, make a gift of appreciated stock, donate remaining retirement plan assets, make a gift of an interest in a closely held or family business or transfer an interest in a family limited partnership limited liability company.

The Foundation continually strives to partner with area businesses and residents to support programs that strengthen the City's wide range of cultural, educational and recreational opportunities.

Through your donation to the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation, you can assist local area students with college scholarships, provide evenings of supervised fun for area teenagers, be a part of Sterlingfest, Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations, and support your local parks, community center, nature center, library, area seniors, youth programs and more. You can leave a legacy for generations to come in perpetuity.

Your Foundation is an approved 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization, which offers potential tax benefits for you. Tax law changes make it important for you to contact your financial advisor to ensure your donation is credited properly.

Your gift to the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation helps ensure that you, your family, neighbors and generations to come will continue to enjoy the finest cultural, educational and recreational opportunities that make Sterling Heights a great place to live, work, raise a family, and conduct business.

Please make a financial investment in your community so that we may grow our ability to provide ever increasing quality initiatives and programs that enhance the life of all Sterling Heights area residents.

You may do so by obtaining a Donation Form from the City Community Relations Department by calling 586-446-2470. You may also discuss your giving ideas with your lawyer and accountant to ensure the latest tax advantages. You may also contact Foundation executive director Karl G. Oskoian at [oskoian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oskoian@sbcglobal.net) with your giving questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Karl G. Oskoian

Executive Director, President Emeritus, Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation



Dr. Martin J. Brown

President, Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation

# 12th Annual "Puttin' on the Ritz" Gala

## Recognized Anthony Wickersham, Macomb County Sheriff

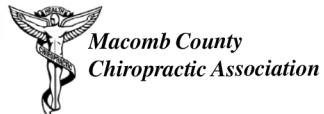
With the tenth annual Mayor Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award.

*The Foundation thanks its Ritz Gala sponsors:*

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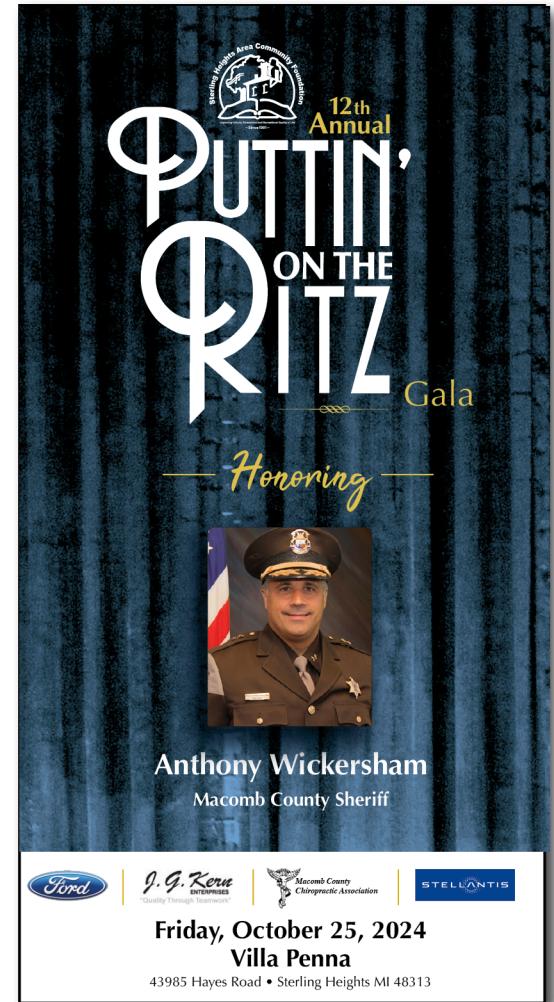


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**Rotary**  
Club of Sterling Heights



### IN-KIND SPONSORS



# IN 2024 Community invests record **\$225,724** INTO FOUNDATION

**The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation thanks the following residents, businesses and community leaders for their 2024 support and financial contributions:**

Admiral Metals, LLC	Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #118	Michael Devault
Al and Rita Klinger	Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids	Michael Lazzara
American Polish Century Club	Friends of Sterling Heights Public Library	Michael Notte
Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc.	General Dynamics Land Systems	Mr. C's Car Wash, Clinton Township
Angie and Curt Lommen	Gerald and Patricia Rowe	Nino Salvaggio's Market, Clinton Township
Ann Croster	Granite City Brewery, Troy	Ocean Prime, Troy
Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital	Greenstone's Fine Jewelry, Birmingham	Pantry Restaurant, Sterling Heights
BAE Systems	Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa, Sterling Heights	Rammler Golf Club, Sterling Heights
Bar Verona, Shelby Township	Harpy Limoncello, Birmingham	Randazzo's Fruit Market, Clinton Township
Beaumont Health	Henry Ford Health	Ray Wiegand's Nursery, Macomb Township
Becky Repp, American Road Magazine	Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals	Red Rooster Acres, Lupton
Belle Tire, Allen Park	Herb and Phyllis Harbaugh	Richard Sparks
Bellow Woods Golf Club, Macomb Township	Hickory Hollow Golf Club, Macomb Township	Robusto Cigar Bar and Bistro, Sterling Heights
BJ's Restaurant Brewhouse, Sterling Heights	Holiday Pizza & Chuck's Catering, Sterling Heights	Roger's Roost, Sterling Heights
BMRS Property, LLC	Home Depot, Utica	Ronald Himmller
Bruce and Leslie Reinhart	Honorable Judge Kimberley A. Wiegand	Ross and Susan Buffa
Capital Grille, Troy	Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.	Rotary Club of Sterling Heights
Cellar 104, Mt. Clemens	Ike's Restaurant, Sterling Heights	Sam's Florist, Shelby Township
Century Banquet Center	J. Alexander's Restaurant, Troy	Sandra Benavides
Christian Financial Credit Union	J. Baldwin's Restaurant, Clinton Township	Selfridge Air National Guard Base Community Council
Christine's Cakes	J. G. Kern Enterprises, Inc.	Sheriff Anthony Wickersham
Christopher Oskoian Photography	Jane Gall	Srodek's Quality Polish Food, Sterling Heights
City of Sterling Heights	Jeffrey Mandziuk	Stacy Ziarko
Clark and Beth Andrews	Jet's Pizza, Sterling Heights	Stellantis
Comcast	Jimmy John's Field, Utica	Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation
Continental	JJ Buccellato	Sterling Heights Fraternal Order of Police
Coopers Hawk Winery and Restaurant, Troy	John Bozymowski	Sterling Heights Parks & Rec
Corporate Dining	Johnny Blacks Public House, Sterling Heights	Stoney River Steakhouse and Grill, Troy
Costco, Shelby, Township	Juan Miguel's Restaurant, Clinton Township	Suburban Ford, Sterling Heights
Cracklewood Golf Club, Macomb Township	Karl and Cheryl Oskoian	Sycamore Hills Golf Club, Macomb Township
Crest Lincoln	Kevin Edmond Fire Chief, City of Sterling Heights	Terry Jones
Culhane Family Foundation	Khalood Bojanowski	Valerie Knol
Dale Dwojakowski, Police Chief, City of Sterling Heights	Kroger	Ventimiglia Italian Market, Sterling Heights
Darryl and Karen Onderik	Lake Michigan Credit Union	Ventzel and Susan Potochnik
Dawn Bartolomeo	Larry Dichazi Photography	Vibe Credit Union
Detroit Institute of Arts	Les Thomas	Villa Penna
Detroit Red Wings	Longhorn Steakhouse, Clinton Township	Vince & Joe's Gourmet Markets, Shelby Township
Detroit Tigers	Lowe's, Sterling Heights	Viviano Flower Shop
Dolphin Pool Supply, Clinton Township	Luciano's Restaurant, Clinton Township	Viviano Flower Shops, St. Clair Shores
Dominic's Fine Jewelry, Sterling Heights	Lucido's Fine Jewelry, Sterling Heights	Wally Doebler
Don Combs, Jr. Big Don's Balloons	Macomb Community College	Wally Doebler Family
Douglas Dinning	Macomb County Chiropractic Association	Wayne Oehmke
Dr. Joseph Estrada, D.C. New Leaf Chiropractic	Mancuso's Florist, St. Clair Shores	Wujek, Calcaterra and Sons
Dr. Martin Brown	Mandziuk & Son	
Ed Piet	Maple Lane Golf Club, Sterling Heights	
Eddie V's Prime Seafood, Troy	Mario's Restaurant, Detroit	
El Charro Restaurant, Fraser	Mark Pasik	
Filipo Marc Winery, Clinton Township	Mary Chirco	
First Watch Restaurant, Sterling Heights	Mb Urban Italian Restaurant, Sterling Heights	
Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse, Troy	Melanie Davis	
Ford Motor Company		
Ford Motor Company Foundation		

"The Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation had a strong 2024 calendar year, fulfilling our mission to enhance the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents with ever increasing contributions funding cultural, educational and recreational activities in the Community, while building record assets and strengthening our brand throughout the City and Macomb County," said Karl G. Oskoian, the Foundation's Executive Director and President Emeritus. "We have grown the Foundation consistently since its inception in 1991, passing significant financial and strategic goals while contributing more than \$1.7 million to community organizations and activities that support our mission. The Foundation's future is very bright and poised to continue sustainable increasing annual financial growth and income enabling year over year expansion of our mission area community contributions, in perpetuity, built from 34 years of steady and consistent strong financial performance."



## 37 Managed Endowment Funds



Ann Marie Given International Language Endowment

BAE Systems STEM Scholarship Endowment

Barbara W. Rossmann Endowment for Sterling Heights Parks

Clinton River Trail System Endowment

Community Arts Endowment

Community Foundation General Endowment

Doebler Family Foundation Endowment

Doebler Family Library Children's Programs Endowment

Doebler Family Rotary Park Maintenance Endowment

Donna Bozymowski Endowment for Children with Autism & Special Needs

Dr. Martin Brown Endowment for Children with Special Needs

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Endowment

Ford Motor Company Veterans Day Endowment

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #118 Imus Park Endowment

Friends of the Sterling Heights Public Library Fund Endowment

General Dynamics Land Systems Engineering Scholarship Endowment

General Endowment

Karl G. Oskoian Endowment for the Arts & Culture

Lil Adams Memorial Endowment to Benefit Turning Point

Macomb County Chiropractic Association Endowment for Children with Special Needs

Mandziuk & Son Alex J. Miesel Permanent Endowment

Mark A. Hackel Junior Leadership Macomb Endowment

Marling Beautification Endowment

Mayor Richard J. Notte Public Service Scholarship Endowment

Michael S. Lazzara Sterling Heights Youth Football Endowment

Oracle Endowment for the Arts

Professional Public Management Education Endowment

Quality of Life Endowment

Ronald Himmller Science Scholarship Endowment

Ronnie McCabe Parks Endowment

Rotary Club of Sterling Heights Park Endowment

Ruby and Mark Pasik Endowment for the Sterling Heights Dog Park

Selfridge ANG/Base Community Council College Scholarship Endowment

Stellantis Education Endowment

Tobacco Quality of Life Endowment

Tom Kroll Scholarship Endowment

Wujek Calcaterra and Sons Scholarship Endowment

In 2024, the Foundation supported many community efforts with \$65,950 in financial grants and conducted a variety of activities to generate funds for investment and growth for ongoing disbursements in perpetuity to improve the quality of life of area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements.



# Fulfillment

*Cultural Educational Recreational*

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

# Fulfilling

# STERLING OPPORTUNITIES

*"Since its inception in 1991, the foundation has contributed more than \$1 million to organizations and activities that support our mission to improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights Area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements."*

Dear Community Residents,

We are proud to celebrate our 34th year of helping improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents by enhancing cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in the community.

Year end assets totaled \$1,720,025, after 2024 grant disbursements totaling \$65,950 for a variety of cultural, educational and recreational activities supporting the Foundation's mission. Managed endowment funds grew to 37. Since its inception in 1991, the Foundation has contributed more than \$1.7 million to organizations and activities that support its mission.

In 2024, the Foundation supported many community efforts with financial grants and conducted a variety of activities to generate funds for future use, in perpetuity, improving the quality of life of area residents.

*Some key 2024 initiatives included:*

## Grants

- 20 scholarships and sponsorships totaling \$33,000 were awarded to area high school seniors for their pursuit of a college degree or vocational training
- Utica Community Schools Thunder Chickens Robotics Team
- Macomb Science Olympiad
- Dodge Park 5K Run
- Music in the Park
- City Ice Rink
- Sterlingfest
- USC Career Focus Luncheon
- Dodge Park Farmers Market
- Library Summer Reading Program
- Play Place for Autistic Children
- Grit Freedom Junior Chair
- City Disc Golf course
- City Skate Park
- City Dog Park
- City Youth Baseball, Softball and Basketball
- City Police Department Drug Free Coalition Program
- Parks and Recreation utility vehicle
- Community Center scoreboards



## Events

- Held the 12th annual "Puttin on the Ritz" community Gala presenting the 10th Annual Mayor Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award to Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham for his public safety leadership throughout Macomb County making its communities among the safest in Michigan.

A diverse and talented board of volunteer directors, support staff and professional in-kind advisors has chartered and implemented an aggressive 2025-2027 Strategic Plan and a challenging 2025 Operating Plan to support the Foundation's continued growth and ability to fulfill its mission. City leadership is a valued and critical partner as we strive to improve the quality of life for all Sterling Heights area residents.

It is our privilege to act as stewards of the non-profit assets entrusted to us to ensure their continued growth, sustainability and income availability, in perpetuity, for future generations to fulfill the Foundation's mission.

Community-wide support continues to grow and will accelerate attainment of our long-range objectives and ever increasing annual support of the Foundation's mission areas to improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through cultural, educational and recreational enhancements.

To those of you who have supported the Foundation, thank you. To those of you who are considering support through a financial, in-kind, or volunteer contribution, we encourage your participation.

Together, we will continue to help strengthen and advance Sterling Heights as a model city to be emulated nationwide; as a great place to live, work, raise a family, and conduct business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl G. Oskoian'.

Karl G. Oskoian, *Executive Director, President Emeritus*  
Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Martin J. Brown'.

Dr. Martin J. Brown, *President*  
Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation

# Mission...

**Help improve the quality of life of Sterling Heights area residents through enhanced cultural, educational and recreational opportunities in perpetuity.**



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