

2019 Community Awards - Nomination Summaries

Business

Name

Nominated By

UA Veterinary Hospital – Adam Parsons

Granville Harris

Rescue, Foster & Adopt. The Upper Arlington Veterinary Hospital (UAVH) loves animals, going above and beyond simply practicing veterinary medicine by supporting efforts to rescue, foster and adopt animals that need care the most. UAVH and their staff are passionate lovers of animals and work daily to make positive contributions to animal welfare in our community. The doctors and staff of UAVH reside locally and proudly get involved in local organizations like the Tri-Village Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Village Rotary and the UA Civic Association. UAVH is an approved Externship provider and proud mentor for students enrolled in The Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Columbus State Vet Tech program and Bradford's Vet Tech program. It's wonderful to have a Veterinary Hospital so committed and caring right here in UA!

Kristin E. Devor, DO

Steven T. Devor

Dr. Devor opened the primary care medical practice, Upper Arlington Preventative Primary Care in the heart of UA in December 2016. Dr. Devor has been involved in the UA Civic Association for three years—two as a Director, and a third year as Secretary. For four years, her medical practice has financially supported the Barrington Elementary School Clown Around fundraiser and the Golden Bear Bash – in 2020 she will serve as the Bash Chairperson. In 2019, her medical practice made a naming rights gift to the UA Education Foundation. Dr. Devor finds time to be fully engaged in the Barrington Elementary PTO as a Committee Chair of the Walk and Bike to School initiative and the new composite initiative.

Cover to Cover Children's Books – Melia Wolf

Andra Gillum

The front window of Cover to Cover Children's Books reads "Welcome Friends." That is exactly what Cover to Cover (CTC) and its owner are to UA. The bookstore supports the entire community through monetary and gift donations, free publicity and a welcoming place to gather. Melia is a supporter of Equal UA, UAEF and many other community groups. CTC supports local authors like UA high school student Paige Plagenz and the students of Greensview School with their *Golden Bears A to Z* books. Beyond UA, CTC is a strong supporter of the Columbus community. CTC is a welcoming place to hang out, see an author, meet new friends, play chess or build at the train table, or get a great book recommendation.

Arlington Urgent Care – Michael Rankin

Nancy Rankin

It provides emergency care to all of Upper Arlington. The people are friendly and the wait to be seen is quick. They care for the people they see and you know they have done everything they can to help us.

COhatch

Alison Scott, The Stand Project

As a new business in Upper Arlington, COhatch is dedicated to creating a hub for work and working hard to advocate for community programs that make UA a better place to live. To that end, COhatch supports The Stand Project in multiple ways: 1) in-kind services and space, 2) financial contribution, 3) personal involvement. COhatch generously supports The Stand Project's through its GIVE Scholarship Program, which grants memberships at low or no cost to local nonprofits, providing access to meeting space and amenities for ad-hoc meetings with city leaders, school personnel, counseling agencies, and board meetings. Going above and beyond, COhatch also offered space at no charge for The Stand Project to host our annual Community Leader

Lunch & Learn, where over 60 community leaders gathered to learn about current youth substance use and prevention strategies.

Community Enrichment

Name

Susan Caruso & Northam Park Tennis Advisory

Nominated By

Debbie McLaughlin

In 2019, the Northam Park Tennis Advisory Committee led initiatives to restore social programs at the facility, providing players with opportunities to gather and network, creating camaraderie and sense of being part of something more than playing a sport. Extracurricular activities had faded out in recent years and the volunteer committee developed sub-committees to focus on planning monthly activities that combined play, food and casual gathering time at the courts. Committees also collaborated with staff and the facility tennis professional on junior programs and marketing efforts to create awareness. The committee was determined to restore the atmosphere of a vibrant tennis program and through their collective efforts, they succeeded. Tennis membership increased in 2019 for the first time since 2006.

Jim Nicklaus and Bob Wandel

Debbie McLaughlin

Jim and Bob had a vision to recognize Jack Nicklaus and the start of his career here in UA. Jack went on to become the greatest golfer in the world. Jim and Bob helped to rename Parkway Park to Jack Nicklaus Park, then set about efforts to build a tribute to Jack in the park. They collaborated with an architect, staff and a committee to design a tribute that celebrates Jack's early accomplishments. They conducted a fundraising effort with the UA Community Foundation and worked with a construction firm to implement the park feature. The tribute to Jack highlights his accomplishments as a youth and young adult, illustrating to our community youth what is possible and to follow their dreams.

Tracy Peters

Todd Beekman

Serve, Lead, and Succeed – these are the core values that UA works to impart in our youth... Tracy Peters exemplifies these values and has enhanced our education system through his commitment of time and resources. He has served on the UA Education Foundation for the last six years, most recently as Board Chair. He has led the Board by seeking out best practices to increase professionalism and impact... An impact that has grown to over \$100K in grants per year – benefiting thousands of our students. His involvement has extended beyond UAEd as the cochair of our most recent, and successful, school levy and is a member of the UA Legacy Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Tracy is selfless.

Kathy Meyer & Ellen Erlanger

Amanda Fountain

Kathy and Ellen have devoted their lives to enriching student learning through purposeful and meaningful student engagement, inspiring individuals, teachers, students, classrooms, schools, organizations and beyond with what they do. It starts with their hearts and expertise in what it takes to design quality service-learning journeys for students. Kathy and Ellen have been helping students and staff “serve, lead and succeed” long before it was the mission statement for UA Schools. Service-learning forces students to investigate topics, ideate, figure out how to use new knowledge to benefit a cause greater than themselves, and reflect on the process. This proven method creates confident student learners and leaders - ultimately benefiting all youth in UA.

Karla Gengler-Nowak

Steve Cothrel

Karla took over co-leadership of the Friends of UA Parks in 2016 and has done an exemplary job coordinating this volunteer group as they work tirelessly to improve City parks. The FoUAP has scheduled workdays almost every month, with anywhere from a half dozen to dozens of volunteer helpers. She works in partnership with other groups, including scouts and OSU to educate residents and students, and to facilitate their community service. She holds a PhD from OSU and has extensive knowledge of botany and ecology. She serves as an

Associate Member of the UA Tree Commission. She epitomizes community service and has accomplished an extraordinary amount of good promoting sustainability and an appreciation for nature in UA.

Demi Tsapatsaris

Demi is lifelong UA resident (Class of '88), mother of three UA students, and local business owner of Cycle614, an indoor cycling studio close to UA. Demi fosters an ongoing community impact program to give back locally to those in need. Cycle614's fitness community has raised over \$60,000 for Central Ohio causes – Pelotonia, Toys for Tots, Mid-Ohio Food Bank, Pets without Paws, OSU & The James. In UA, Cycle614 has provided:

- Ongoing discounted rides for UA teachers, staff and students
- Thousands of dollars of rides and merchandise for silent auction fundraisers for groups
- Fundraising ride for UA weight room equipment
- Support for UA students in their capstone projects
- Fundraising rides for UA families suffering cancer, illness and loss

Matt Nelson

Citizen Financial Review Task Force (CFRTF)

Ann Gabriel (Chair), Jamie Crane, Colin Gawel, Greg Guy, Ukeme Awakessien Jeter, Tim Keen, Matthew J. Kirby, Matthew Rule, Kaz Unalan

Per a recommendation of the 2014 Citizen Financial Review Task Force, City Council formed a 2019 task force to measure the effectiveness of steps taken to implement the recommendations of the 2014 report and determine if additional recommendations should be established and pursued by the City. The Task Force was charged with the large task of not only review the past report, but the steps that have been taken since, recommendation of new steps and a final report. Task Force presented the 2019 CFRTF Report to City Council in July, with Council voting to accept the Report in August. Members of the CFRTF took their task to heart, always searching for consensus in the best interests of the community.

Community Safety

Name

Nominated By

Community FIT Leadership Team

Christine Leyshon

Katy Quatman-Yates, Carmen Quatman, Jennifer Garvin

Beth Sheridan Wagg and Jessica Wiseman

We nominate the Community Fit Leadership Team for their dedication and support to the UA CARES program. Over the last two years, this team of researchers from OSU's School of Health and Rehabilitation Science and the Department of Orthopaedics has spent countless hours obtaining grant funding and providing quality improvement with the UA CARES team. While some of their efforts can be measured with positive outcomes and impressive data, their heart and passion go above and beyond anything quantifiable.

School Resource Officers

Amanda Fountain

Officers Travis Goodman, Don Stanko and Josh Luke (Officer Rice was a recipient last year and is ineligible)

I would like to nominate the school resource officers who are assigned to the school buildings throughout UA. We are extremely fortunate to have a joint partnership between the Schools and the Police Division that is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. It warms my heart to see the positive interactions the officers have with our students and staff. These relationships are bringing people together in ways that I haven't seen before. Additionally, I think it is providing valuable perspective on both fronts – what it's like to be a student and what it's like to be a police officer. That is a huge step toward making our community healthier and safer.

The Stand Project Members and Community Partners

Alison Scott

Key Stand Project Members and Community Partners for their roles in the Vaping Video Series

Dr. John Leff (Ohio Health), Officer Jon Rice (UAPD), Andrew Theado (UAHS Principal), Jason Fine (Jones Middle School Principal), Deb Culp (Syntero School Based Clinician), Robb Gonda (Hastings Middle School Principal),

Stand Project Student Group. Distribution and advocacy: Paul Imhoff, Stacey Royer. Video production, writing and strategy: Alison Scott, Sonya North, Jenny and Dan Ledman (RealBrand Design)

The Surgeon General has declared vaping an epidemic among youth in the U.S. Unfortunately, UA is not immune to this epidemic. In 2019, The Stand Project took on the issue of vaping in multiple ways. We partnered with UAPD, UA Schools, Syntero, local businesses, OhioHealth, parents and students to educate the entire community about the risks of vaping and to spark this critical conversation. We created a six-part video series and distribution strategy that has been wildly successful, with over 19K+ views on Facebook and YouTube. We also created a companion presentation and a resource page for parents and students. We know an integrated community approach to substance misuse prevention is the only proven way to impact our community.

Super Senior

Name

Susan Maxey

Nominated By

Angela Lanctot and Debbie Johnson

Susan is a wonderful advocate for our community. She has diligently collected and shared important city information to the community through social media and her various involvement in city meetings and organizations. She has proven to be a trusted community member as people seek her out to get her input and knowledge on city issues and services. If she doesn't have the answer for someone she seeks it out. Upper Arlington is fortunate to have a woman like Susan who cares about the well-being of our city, her neighbors, and residents as a whole. This takes a tremendous amount of her time and Susan happily performs this community service to keep others informed. Her love of the community is very apparent and her involvement helps the city better communications throughout the community.

Youth Award

Name

Greensview Elementary Students

Nominated By

Alice Finley

Led by Mark Walter, Teacher

A group of students at Greensview Elementary School published a book titled *Golden Bears A to Z*. Students applied for one of several positions including writers, editors and marketers. A grant given by the UA Education Foundation allowed the students to work with Mascot Books to publish the book. The book highlights favorite places, traditions, history and people in our community. The proceeds of the book sales have been donated to the Upper Arlington Education Foundation to "pay it forward".

<https://www.thisweeknews.com/news/20190528/upper-arlington-greensview-students-staff-collaborate-on-golden-bears-to-z>

The UA Idea Planning Team

Laura Moore

This group of students work together to conceive, plan and bring to life an idea festival for 2,000 people at the High School. These student leaders take risks, devote significant time and energy, unleash their creativity and dare to dream on an incomprehensible scale. They are doing real work, while also being full time students, and their central mission is to inspire their school community by elevating ideas and planning the very best day of the year. Their efforts are creating change locally, and inspiring change beyond our borders. I am in utter awe on a daily basis as I watch them carve out a space for optimism and curiosity and hope.

Ellen North & Addison Rosenbusch

Alison Scott

Two Hastings Middle School Students (Ellen North and Addison Rosenbusch – 6th graders) created The Stand Project's 2019 Valentines Day Video "53 Positive Things to Say to Your Child." In our over-programmed, fast-paced world, the importance of family connectedness has never been more crucial. Their video is a timely reminder of positive things adults can say to show the children in their lives how much they care. Ellen and Addison's video has reached over 4,700 unique viewers on Youtube and Facebook combined. Watch 53 Positive Things to Say to Your Child here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bihOb67eOo&t=2s>