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# THE ART OF PHILANTHROPY

A Celebration of Time, Talent & Treasure

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For good. For ever.  
For everyone.

# CELEBRATING THE ART OF PHILANTHROPY

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate our common humanity by honoring those who contribute to the mission of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. We look forward to honoring several individuals who believe that giving through the Community Foundation is smart philanthropy.

We celebrate Lawrence E. and Valaria Conerly-Moon for their compassion and commitment. They will be honored by members of the Piper family as they bestow the 4th Piper Family Philanthropy Award to this deserving couple.

We also invite you to join in a live art event this evening. Channel your inner child and enjoy the paint by number experience. Let's create something beautiful together!



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## 2023 CELEBRATION

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 5:45 P.M.

### WELCOME

**Matt Franklin**, Guest Host, ABC 12 News Anchor

**Mark Piper**, Chair, Board of Trustees

### 35 YEARS OF IMPACT

**Mark Miller**, Interim President and CEO, Vice Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

### AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

#### Philanthropic Advisor Award

Presented to **Michael Bila** by **Lottie Ferguson**, Vice President,  
Development and Donor Services

#### Clement A. Alfred Humanitarian Award

Presented to **Raymond F. Gist, DDS**  
by **Linda Knecht**, Vice Chair, Tuuri Health Committee

#### 4th Annual Piper Family Philanthropy Award

Presented to **Lawrence E. and Valaria Conerly-Moon** by **Mark Piper**

### CLOSING REMARKS

**Mark Miller**, Interim President and CEO, Vice Chairman,  
Board of Trustees

## PHILANTHROPIC ADVISOR AWARD

# MICHAEL BILA

**W**e are pleased to recognize Michael Bila, AIF, CLU, with the Philanthropic Advisor Award. Michael Bila is the founder of Bila Financial Consultants in Grand Blanc and helped steward a major gift to the Community Foundation with donor Marlene Wilson of Clio.

"Marlene already had a trust established that made charitable distributions upon her death," Bila said. "In conversing with her, we asked why wait? So, we sped up the process so she could see the impact of her grantmaking during her lifetime."

The gift to the G. Jim and Marlene Wilson Family Fund is an endowment that will benefit the Clio area community for good, forever.

Michael Bila is humbled by the award and says he didn't do anything extraordinary to receive the recognition. He formed his company in 2002 so he could help his clients reach their financial goals and plan their legacy. Most times, the conversations revolve around the children. For some,

- **MICHAEL HELPS TAKE AWAY THE STRESS**
- **ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTING BY IMPLEMENTING**
- **A FINANCIAL PLAN THAT IS MEASURABLE,**
- **ACHIEVABLE, AND LAID OUT IN A LOGICAL ORDER.**
- **BY TAKING THESE WORRIES AWAY, THE CLIENT CAN**
- **FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN THEIR LIFE.**

charitable giving is top of mind.

His son and business partner, Nathan Bila, CFP, said his goal is to make the process easy for clients who are charitably inclined. They both enjoy creating strategies with clients so they can see the impact of their giving.



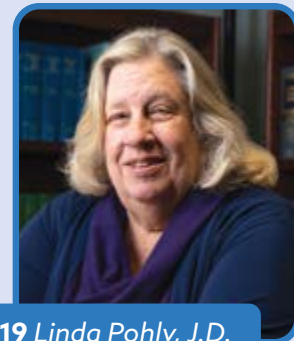
*Michael Bila, AIF, CLU*

## PHILANTHROPIC ADVISOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Philanthropic Advisor Award is presented from time to time to an outstanding person in the fields of financial advising, estate planning, wealth management, accounting, or insurance who demonstrates knowledge of and behaviors in philanthropic service to Genesee County.



**2021** *Eric Gasper*



**2019** *Linda Pohly, J.D.*

## CLEMENT A. ALFRED HUMANITARIAN AWARD

# RAYMOND F. GIST, DDS

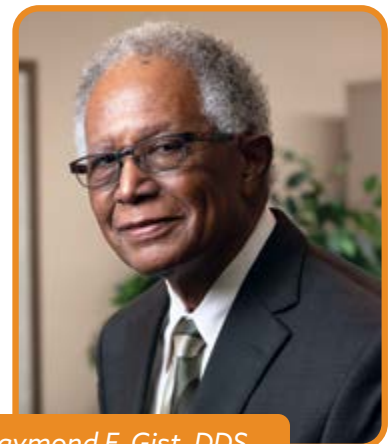
**R**aymond F. Gist is the recipient of the 2023 Clement A. Alfred Humanitarian Award. Dr. Gist, founder of Valley Dental Center in Flint, began his practice in 1970. He first met “Clem” Alfred as a new member of the Genesee District Dental Society.

“Dr. Alfred was kind, caring, committed, and determined to serve the needs of his patients,” said Dr. Gist. “In his later years I was impressed by the way he continued to care for his patients as he commuted from Florida to Flint.”

For Dr. Gist, caring for his patients and others is all that matters. Period. The Flint Northern graduate went on to attend Flint Junior College, where after two years he was accepted into the University of Michigan Dentistry Program. Following graduation he served in the Army medical corp before establishing his practice in Flint.

His leadership in the field is beyond impressive. Dr. Gist has served as the president of the Michigan Dental Association and the American Dental Association, a position that required two years of service traveling around the globe. He serves on many boards including the Genesee Health Plan.

Dr. Gist’s humanitarianism has focused on advocacy for the underserved. His passion lies in expanding affordable dental health coverage for all children and adults, while continuing to care for his own patients.



*Raymond F. Gist, DDS*

**CLEMENT A. ALFRED, DDS**, began his dental practice on Corunna Road in Flint in 1936, and for the next 60 years was an advocate for professional excellence and community involvement. Throughout his career, Dr. Alfred held leadership positions within many professional and civic organizations.

The Dr. Clement A. Alfred Humanitarian Award was established by Dr. Alfred’s family upon the occasion of his 80th birthday on April 29, 1991. The award is presented each year to a Flint area health professional who demonstrates a commitment to professionalism, integrity, and humanitarian goals.

### ALFRED AWARD RECIPIENTS

Arthur L. Tuuri, MD	:	Allen Turcke, MD	:	Mona Hanna-Attisha, MD, FAAP
Evelyn V. Golden, MD	:	AppaRao Mukkamala, MD	:	Peter A. Levine, MPH
Fleming A. Barbour, MD	:	Archibald Piper, MD	:	Gerald Natzke, Jr., DO
R. Roderic Abbott, MD	:	Edwin Gullekson, MD	:	Lawrence Reynolds, MD, FAAP
Marigowda Nagaraju, MD	:	Paul Lafia, MD	:	Kirk Smith, MHSA
Saul S. Gorne, MD	:	Lawrence Reynolds, MD	:	Rima Kudish, MD
Vivian M. Lewis, MD	:	Susan L. Moulton, MSN	:	Mark H. Knight, DDS
Peter A. Levine, MPH	:	Peter S. Thoms, MD	:	Carrie Germain
Samuel Dismond, Jr., MD	:	Jayashree Kommareddi	:	James Cantwill, DDS
Milton Panzer, DDS	:	James Ananich	:	M. Susan Schneberger
Charles Thompson, MD	:	Laura Carravallah, MD	:	F. Michael Jaggi, DO
Robert Soderstrom, MD	:	Marc Edwards, Ph.D.	:	

# THE PIPER FAMILY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

**T**he Piper Family Philanthropy Award recognizes a legacy of extraordinary service, commitment and generosity in furthering the mission of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. Established in 2008 as part of the Community Foundation's 20th anniversary, the award recognizes significant contributions and philanthropic leadership of an individual or family demonstrated over a generation. The award is given periodically in honor and memory of Piper family members who are advocates for building a strong community by engaging people in philanthropy and growing the community's permanent endowment.

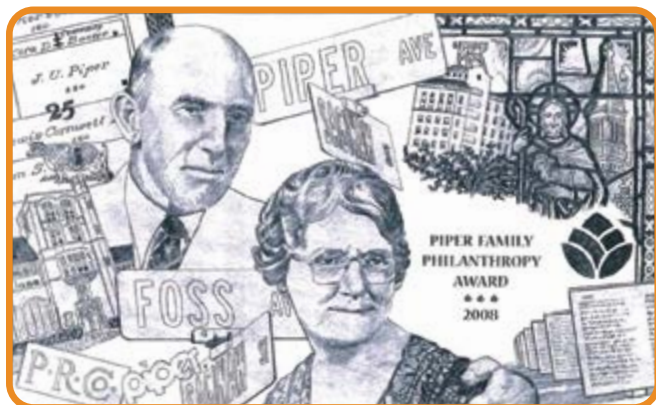
The first award was given to six Piper families, M. Harry and Wanda Piper, William and Joyce Piper, Robert and Judy Piper, Randolph and Karen Piper, Lawrence and Joanne Piper, and John and Emily Siler.

On the occasion of the Community Foundation's 25th anniversary, the second award was given to the Hurand family, Arthur and Bess Hurand, Lynne Hurand, Gary and Carol Hurand, Robert Hurand and Katchen Schibilsky, David Hurand and Martha Salyers, Jeffrey and Barbara Hurand, and Sally Hurand.

Inspired by the heritage of generosity bestowed from generation to generation, the Piper Family selected the Mukkamala family, Apparao and Sumathi Mukkamala, Madhukar and Asha Kulkarni, Bobby Mukkamala and Nita Kulkarni, and Deven and Nikhil Mukkamala, as the third recipients of the Piper Family Philanthropy Award. The celebration was held during the Community Foundation's 30th anniversary.

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- PERIODICALLY IN HONOR AND MEMORY
- OF PIPER FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE
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- PHILANTHROPY AND GROWING THE
- COMMUNITY'S PERMANENT ENDOWMENT.

## FAMILY TRADITIONS CAPTURED IN AWARD



**THE PIPER FAMILY** The first Piper Family Philanthropy Award depicts the common threads that weave together the history and heritage passed on to the grandchildren of Mark and Nellie Piper. The family's legacy includes the stained-glass windows at Court Street United Methodist Church, the dairy farm, and street signs depicting family names.

**THE HURAND FAMILY** Art and Bess Hurand's legacy includes the familiar Buttercup Bakery dough boy, a commitment to the Flint Institute of Arts and Flint Jewish Federation, and love for country and Flint Northern High School. The family values of attitude, commitment and enthusiasm capture the spirit of one of Genesee County's most philanthropic families.



**THE MUKKAMALA FAMILY** The Mukkamala's family legacy includes the caduceus as a symbol of their devotion to medicine, a commitment to the City of Flint, a love for classic cars, music, science and literature, and mindfulness. The family values of unity and collaboration capture the spirit of one of Genesee County's most philanthropic families.



## 2023 PIPER FAMILY PHILANTHROPY AWARD

# LAWRENCE E. & VALARIA CONERLY-MOON

**H**umbled by receiving the Piper Family Philanthropy Award, tonight we celebrate Lawrence E. and Valaria Conerly-Moon and their legacy of compassion and commitment to Flint and Genesee County.

Lawrence is the longest serving trustee in the history of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF). His first term of service began in 1995 and continued through 2004. After a one-year break in service, Larry rejoined the board of trustees, serving from 2006 through 2012, and as chair from 2006-2009, a significant period of organizational growth.

The very nature of Larry Moon is that he needs to make a difference in the lives of people. And luckily for us, he has chosen CFGF as a vehicle for living out that need. Having had considerable experience in renovating old structures through his business endeavors, Larry was ideally suited to lead the foundation's move to 500 South Saginaw Street in 2008. He chaired the construction team and brought a vision of bringing vibrancy back into the heart of Flint.

Valaria served as the first executive director of Valley Area Agency on Aging. The new organization had a budget of \$25,000, that included her salary and all expenses. During her tenure she grew the organization's scope of services, strengthening its footprint in Genesee County, and increasing the budget to \$20 million.

A dedicated public servant, Valaria served on the Bishop International Airport Authority, and is a member of the Flint Area Chapter of the Links. During the Flint Water Crisis, the Links established the Flint Kids Matter Fund at CFGF to benefit children.

Together the Moons own and operate the Moon Funeral Home, working as equal partners and trying to bring joy during difficult times.

The Moons generosity includes the Lawrence E. Moon Fund for Children and Youth, and the Lawrence E. and Valaria Moon Fund that benefits CFGF operations. In 2009, they became members of the Legacy Society, dedicating a portion of their estate to benefit CFGF.

The Moons have left an imprint on Flint and Genesee County that is likely to create a legacy in more ways than one. We honor the enormous investment that the Moons have made to making a difference in the lives of area residents.





**T**he Community Foundation of Greater Flint commissioned artist Alla Dubrovich to create an original artwork for Moon family members in recognition of the honor bestowed upon them today. Dubrovich is an art instructor at the University of Michigan-Flint and the Flint Institute of Arts. She specializes in drawing, illustration, portrait and pastel painting and her work has been exhibited in Russia and the United States. Dubrovich presents us with a lasting image of the Moons legacy in this community including a commitment to faith, fraternity, civic engagement, mentorship and nurturing.

# MOON FUND FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH



**T**he Piper family is proud to announce the selection of the Moon family as the fourth recipient of the Piper Family Philanthropy Award.

Gifts in honor of the family may be made to the Lawrence E. Moon Fund for Children and Youth that supports programs and services for children and youth in Genesee County, with special consideration for those residing in the City of Flint.

**Give online at [cfgf.org/moonfund](https://cfgf.org/moonfund)**



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# REMEMBERING PETER A. LEVINE, MPH

**T**he Clement A. Alfred Humanitarian Award has been guided by a very special person — Peter A. Levine, MPH — for over a decade. His enthusiasm for this award was matched by his largess for life. We remember Pete this year because we missed him dearly. For the first time, he wasn't able to steward the award process. He passed away on September 6.

Pete was the first individual to receive the Alfred Award twice. The first was awarded in 1999. Again in 2016, during the height of the Flint water crisis, Pete was an Alfred Award recipient, one of eight individuals who gave their heart and soul to protecting Flint residents from lead poisoning — especially the children.



*Peter A. Levine, MPH, (far right) pictured with 2018 Alfred Award recipient Mark H. Knight, DDS, and Isaiah Oliver, CFGF past president and CEO.*

We are grateful to Peter Arthur Levine for his love for and commitment to the Alfred family, the Community Foundation, and his fellow awardees.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Our story began on March 29, 1988, when two organizations merged to create the Community Foundation of Greater Flint (CFGF). We are ever grateful to the visionary leaders of The Flint Public Trust and the Flint Area Health Foundation who had the foresight to form a community philanthropy that would result in a permanent endowment for Genesee County.

For 35 years, CFGF has worked with charitable individuals, corporations, other foundations and organizations to grow the community's endowment — for good, forever, for everyone. CFGF grantmaking supports diverse programs and services that build on our community's strengths, solve community issues, and enrich the lives of our residents.

In the life of an organization, 35 years is young yet maturing. Our history is marked by the excellence of the many people who have nurtured a spirit of caring, giving, investing, and taking action for the good of all who live in Genesee County.

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