

Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron Announces Committee Appointments, Deepening Its Presence Across the Five-County Region

AKRON, OH — Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron (“Trailhead”) is pleased to announce the formation of its Board committees, a critical step in operationalizing the governance structure that will support and oversee Trailhead’s mission to advance health and wellness across Greater Akron.

Trailhead’s committees comprise an intentional and representative mix of Trailhead’s Board of Directors, organizational leadership, and community leaders from Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne counties. These individuals bring a diverse range of leading expertise, local perspective, and a commitment to our region that will support Trailhead’s work. The committees span a variety of important purposes, including grantmaking, strategic planning, and monitoring the commitments made by Health Assurance Transformation LLC (“HATCo”) as part of the Summa Health System transaction. Trailhead assembled representatives from across the five-county region to ensure the voices and experiences of Greater Akron communities are meaningfully represented and to foster transformational advancements across the entire region. A committee orientation session was held in early April to onboard committee members and align on Trailhead’s mission, priorities, and governance approach.

The following community members will serve on Trailhead Foundation’s committees:

- Juan-Paulo B. Afable, RN | Stark County | Chief Executive Officer, My Community Health Center
- Chuck Alderson | Medina County | Retired Chief Financial Officer, Barberton Citizens Hospital and Direction Home Akron Canton
- Adrian Allison | Stark County | Chief Relationship Officer, Pro Football Hall of Fame
- Roxia Boykin, RN | Portage County | Retired Vice President, Community Benefit and Diversity, Summa Health
- Dan Calvin | Medina County | Attorney, Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnson
- Michael Chisnell | Summit County | Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer, Bruton Chisnell Advisors
- Alanna Costello | Wayne County | Senior Director, Finance, The J.M. Smucker Co
- Michelle Evancho-Chapman | Portage County | Senior Research Associate, Summa Health
- Michael Groff | Stark County | Senior Manager, External Reporting, The Timken Company
- Lacey Madison | Portage County | Vice President for Strategy and Transformation, NEOMED
- Jack McCabe | Portage County | Vice President and General Manager, Davey Resource Group, Inc
- Michael McClary | Summit County | Chief Investment Officer, Valmark Financial Group
- Chad Oviatt | Medina County | Chief Investment Officer, First National Bank Corporation
- Sara Reith | Wayne County | Founder and Executive Director, OHuddle Inc
- George Schmutz | Summit County | Chief Executive Officer, Traxium
- Laura Shank | Summit County | Principal and Grant Writer, Gifted Nonprofit Solutions
- Alliyha Taylor-Whetstone | Medina County | Associate Manager, Progressive Insurance; Owner, Whet’s Mobile Car Wash LLC and Impact Trainer’s LLC
- Krista Wasowski | Medina County | Health Commissioner, Medina County Health Department
- Fonda Williams | Stark County | Chief Operating Officer, Economic and Community Development Institute
- Pam Williams | Summit County | Community Volunteer
- Mark Yoder | Wayne County | Executive Director, Viola Startzman Clinic

“Trailhead’s committee structure reflects our commitment to thoughtful governance and deep community engagement,” said Marty Hauser, Chair of the Board of Directors. “By bringing together Trailhead leadership and community representatives with diverse perspectives and expertise, we are building a strong foundation to guide our work and ensure meaningful impact across the region.”

Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron was founded to serve residents of Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties, with a focus on supporting community-based programs that improve access to quality health care, promote preventive health practices, and strengthen overall community well-being.

Trailhead will focus on developing partnerships, awarding grants, fundraising, and supporting initiatives that align with its mission to foster lasting improvements in community health across the Greater Akron region.

For additional information about Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron, please visit Trailheadhealthfoundation.org.

About Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron

Trailhead Community Health Foundation of Greater Akron is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health and wellness across Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties. Trailhead supports initiatives that expand access to care, promote preventive health, and address the social determinants of health that impact individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio.