

# 2011 National Philanthropy Day® Award Winners



Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer

## vic gelb

**Nominated By:** *Anne Marie Cronin, Case Western Reserve University*

**Outstanding Commitment:** For more than sixty years, vic gelb has been changing Cleveland with his giving heart. With his wife Joan by his side, his commitment to the area is clear. He proudly proclaims he is a Clevelander who never left home. Some refer to him as Mr. Cleveland. With his natural grace, warmth and good humor, never once has he hesitated to lend his considerable leadership skills and strategic planning talents into his devotion to help others. For Cleveland, it's a good thing vic can't say no.

**Motivating Others:** vic is a paragon of selflessness who sets a high bar for others. He could always find the time and energy to be a part of just about everything going on in Cleveland. The legendary businessman (remember super glue and naval jelly?) always makes time for a good cause and has piloted countless successful fundraising campaigns.

**Leadership:** He is well recognized in Cleveland for his activism and philanthropic work serving so many Cleveland area organizations grow and prosper.

**Causes:** Children, civil liberties, health care, minority health, aids, and the state of Israel.

## Foundation Leadership Award

# The George Gund Foundation

**Nominated By:** *Leanne Ahl, Playhouse Square*

**Outstanding Commitment:** Since inception in 1952, The George Gund Foundation has invested \$564,087,485 in support of the arts, economic development and community revitalization, education, the environment and human services. Believing that thriving cities benefit everyone, the foundation encourages ideas to strengthen the richness of "urban life" in Greater Cleveland.

**Motivation to Others:** Fostered Cleveland's ability to develop original responses to urban issues and promote collaborations across boundaries that create innovation in all fields of endeavor.

**Leadership Role:** The Gund name is synonymous with philanthropy and the foundation's basic goal of advancing human welfare remains constant. From capital funding to sustaining support, astute grant making continues to set in motion innovative and forward thinking projects that provide a legacy well beyond the life of the donor, George Gund.

**Favorite Causes:** Supporting a vibrant arts community, making Cleveland and the surrounding region a more desirable place to live, encouraging the growth of a creative workforce, catalyzing development in our neighborhoods and serving as a bridge between various segments of the community.

## Youth in Philanthropy Award

# Katherine Uhl

**Nominated By:** *Lauren Steiner, Grants Plus*

**Outstanding Commitment:** Katherine sees a way to make the world better for others and serves as a example for friends and family to get involved in helping others.

**Motivating Others:** Out of her personal desire to make a difference for others, Katie joined Solon High School's Future Problem Solving team, part of an international organization that sponsors competitive events to stimulate critical and creative thinking skills for future leaders. Katie serves as co-president of the Community Problem Solving division. Katie leads the way in the classroom and sports, receiving in 2011 an award as spring athlete with the highest GPA who lettered in their sport.

**Leadership Role:** Katherine chooses to help others because she feels that it's part of everyone's responsibility as a citizen. She believes giving your time is one of the best ways to feel good about yourself. Katie wants to continue helping in her community as she goes through college and beyond.

**Causes:** Katherine worked with her peers and the community to raise awareness and to educate the public about domestic violence. "Project P.E.A.C.E., Protecting Everyone Against Cruel Events."



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