



“The fellowship allows me to step back from the rigors of everyday work and look at the big picture, which is how to make a lasting difference in the lives of young people in a way that speaks to them.”

~ Ben Hughes

## Treu-Mart Fund

### Supports Professionals who Support Youth

When human services worker Ben Hughes was looking for ways to provide social and academic support to boys and young men, he turned to the Treu-Mart Youth Development Fellowship Program at Case Western Reserve University’s Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations. Established and sustained with support from the Treu-Mart Fund—a supporting organization of the Cleveland Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland—the program provides intellectual, interpersonal and professional support to youth-service professionals in Cuyahoga County.

With the help of his Treu-Mart coach, Hughes is currently working in collaboration with a local musician to develop a curriculum that uses hip-hop music and poetry to teach grammar to youth at the Fatima Family Center. He is one of almost 150 youth-service professionals who have benefited from the Treu-Mart Fellowship. Since its inception in 2004, more than 10,000 youths have been positively impacted by the work of the fellows.

“Treu-Mart fellows emerge from this program with the resources, skills and support they need to make a lasting difference in their organization, our community and, ultimately, the youth they work with,” says Pat Heilbron, director of the program. “Through the fellowship program, the Mandel Center is helping to create opportunities that will support the growth of adolescents into healthy, responsible adults.”

During the nine-month program, fellows—professionals who work with middle school-aged youth during out-of-school time—participate in resiliency-based educational workshops and discussions. Coaches, seasoned professionals from the community, work with the fellows to help them incorporate their learnings into their workplaces and support them to become more reflective practitioners.

“Partnership has always been an elemental theme of the Treu-Mart Fund,” says Art Treuhaft, president of the Treu-Mart Fund Board of Directors. Grants from this fund have benefitted area residents by supporting community development, social service and health planning, among other initiatives, since it was founded in 1980. “Collaborating with the Mandel Center for this fellowship program has been a highly successful venture that makes a noticeable difference to Cuyahoga County’s adolescents.”

## Kochs Make \$5 Million Commitment to Enhancing the Student Experience

“Case Western Reserve has been a centerpiece of our family’s lives for decades. This gift gives us an opportunity to honor the Koch family legacy at the university, to celebrate this great institution, and to support an even more engaging educational experience for the future.”

~ Bud Koch

Charles “Bud” Koch, chair of Case Western Reserve University’s Board of Trustees, and his wife, Katie, have made a \$5 million commitment to the university. Their gift will support a capital project to enhance the student and campus experience. This commitment is a legacy gift that acknowledges the Koch family’s multi-generational relationship with Case Western Reserve University that began with his father, Charles Joseph Koch Sr., a 1941 graduate of the Case Institute of Technology. The senior Koch was appointed CEO of Charter One Bank by his father in the mid-1960s and appointed his son, Bud, to the position in 1988. He died in 2001. Bud and Katie Koch’s two sons, Charles Brian (MGT ’00) and John P. (MGT ’04), each earned M.B.A. degrees from the Weatherhead School of Management.

A member of the university’s board of trustees since 1999, Bud Koch began his term as chair on Oct. 18, 2008, succeeding Frank N. Linsalata. Koch was chair, president and chief executive officer of Charter One Financial Inc. prior to its sale to the Royal Bank of Scotland. Koch is also the immediate past chair and a member of the board of trustees at John Carroll University and serves on the boards of a number of Cleveland organizations.

“Bud and Katie’s generosity is reflective of their overall support of the university,” says Barbara R. Snyder, president of Case Western Reserve. “Bud has already distinguished himself as a strong leader committed to helping the university realize the ambitious goals of our strategic plan, *Forward Thinking*.”

