Son’s legacy continues on through foundation created by loving parents

Born out of hardship and sustained out of love, the Aaron Ardoin Foundation was established by Jim Ardoin and Priscilla Hill-Ardoin in honor of their son, Aaron.

Aaron was only 23 years old when he lost his fight with the debilitating agony called sickle cell anemia, also known as sickle cell disease.

“I remember calling my trusted friend and financial adviser and telling him what Jim and I wanted to do,” said Priscilla Hill-Ardoin. “He suggested that the San Antonio Area Foundation might be able to help. All I can say is, that is when the stars truly began to align.”

The Ardoins established a donor advised fund through the Area Foundation, and that 10-plus year collaboration has led to the establishment of a world of impact.

The outreach includes a visiting professorship for sickle cell disease at Washington University; multiple grants to help support medically-supervised summer camps in various cities for children with sickle cell disease; emergency funding to conduct testing of children with sickle cell in Flint, Mich., to determine drinking water impact; National Institute of Health trials to prevent stroke among children with sickle cell in Nigeria; and crisis funding for local families to help with a variety of needs. And the list continues.

Today, Aaron’s legacy lives on as thousands are helped through the love of his parents.

“We could not do this important and impactful work without our friends at the Area Foundation.”

Jim Ardoin, Jr., and Priscilla Hill-Ardoin
Dear Friends,

It is always a pleasure to share news about the exciting things taking place at the San Antonio Area Foundation. As you will see in this edition, there are many great things to talk about.

But before we go any further, we want you to know that the Area Foundation’s accomplishments would not be possible without your compassion for those in need and your passion to make a difference in our world. And for that, we celebrate you.

That’s what this newsletter is all about. We recognize the contributions you have made in making our community and our world a better place. Contributions like that of Jim Ardoin and Priscilla Hill-Ardoin through the Aaron Ardoin Foundation, a foundation that is helping thousands of children in the United States and in Nigeria who are battling sickle cell anemia.

Contributions like that of former Sheriff Susan Pamerleau, whose estate planning will help hundreds dealing with family violence and/or mental health issues. Her planning will also provide ROTC scholarships for generations to come at her college alma mater.

We also recognize the contributions made by some of our nonprofits, like the SOLI Ensemble, whose quality programs are helping to spread a newfound appreciation for contemporary classical music.

Contributions through the Rapier Educational Foundation provide scholarships to deserving college students each year, and the San Antonio Area African American Community Fund ensures nonprofit programs receive funding for the empowerment of many African Americans in our community.

As we said before, all of this would not be possible without your generosity.

Thank you so much for your willing spirit and for partnering with the Area Foundation to make our community a great place to live, work and play.

Enjoy.

A note from Dennis and Rebecca

Thank you for your support of the San Antonio Area Foundation

Dennis E. Noll
CEO

Rebecca Brune
President/COO

Our Mission

...helping donors achieve their charitable goals for the greater benefit of the community

We are San Antonio’s community foundation. We exist to make our community a better place to live.

Our Core Values

COMMUNITY INTEGRITY PASSION EXCELLENCE

Confirmed in compliance with U.S. Standards for Community Foundations
SA ensemble breathes new life into classical music

In 2016, the Area Foundation distributed $50.1 million in grants to nonprofits

“The as artists, we conceive, create, and develop projects such as SOLI’s Ballads of the Borderland in our studios, artistic meetings, and frankly sometimes only in our own minds. To truly give life to those projects we need individuals and foundations with vision. Our first grant from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation in the amount of $10,000, is that vision for us. This generous grant has been, single-handedly, making the seemingly impossible, possible for SOLI.”

Ertan Torgul, violinist, managing/artistic director
SOLI Chamber Ensemble

Estate gifts can make a lasting impact for generations

“Giving back and paying forward are about making a difference in one’s community. If more people designated estate gifts, we could truly affect change for the long term.”

Susan Pamerleau
Sheriff Susan Lewellyn Pamerleau Fund

Welcome, new funds, to our family!
(Jan. 1 - March 31)

Arthur Nagel Community Clinic Fund
Rey Feo Scholarship Foundation Fund
Carl I. Duncan Single Life Charitable Gift Annuity
Thomas Weaver Single Life Charitable Gift Annuity
Sheriff Susan Lewellyn Pamerleau Fund
Ernest & Marie Graham Scholarship Fund
Glenn Dennis Trust Fund
Scholarship gifts open doors for area students
Scholarship Spotlight: Manuel Navarro, The University of Texas at Austin

“To me, receiving this scholarship means inspiration, since I know people are rooting for me to fulfill my dreams of changing the way humanity gets its energy from fossil fuels to renewable energy.”

Recipient: Manuel Navarro, The University of Texas at Austin
Scholarship fund: Rapier Educational Foundation Scholarship
Course of study: Electrical Engineering with a speciality in Power Engineering
High school: Theodore Roosevelt High School, San Antonio

Visit saafdn.org/scholarships

Area Foundation initiative improves city’s no-kill rate
Live release rate climbs to 91 percent and continues to rise

The third largest euthanasia rate in the country. That San Antonio fact gained nationwide attention in 2006 before the Area Foundation stepped in to help.

In 2007, the Area Foundation began a strategic Animal No-Kill Initiative in collaboration with the city and local animal welfare agencies. The purpose, to make San Antonio a no-kill city through the increase of live release, which includes adoptions and transfers.

Thanks to your support and generous gifts, the city now has a 91 percent live release rate. In 2016, 10,421 feral/community cats were trapped, neutered and returned, and 57,877 low cost spay-neuter services were performed with the help of the Area Foundation’s No-Kill Initiative.
**It’s time for the Big Give!**

*South Central Texas’ 24-hour philanthropy party takes place May 4*

Be a part of the fun at this year’s Big Give event.

More than 600 nonprofit organizations, devoted to service in our community, have already signed up.

You can participate by providing a financial gift to any one of those organizations or an organization of your choice. Also, your donation allows the nonprofit to qualify to win additional funds.

The Big Give begins midnight, Thursday, May 4, and continues through the 24-hour cycle. You can be a part of the fun and help raise this year’s goal of $6 million.

Big Give is a collaborative effort led by The Nonprofit Council, the San Antonio Area Foundation, the New Braunfels Area Community Foundation, and The Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country.

To find out more, visit [TheBigGiveSA.org](http://TheBigGiveSA.org)

**Certainty in uncertain times**

*Charitable Gift Annuities equals a gift, tax deduction and guaranteed income for life*

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) of $25,000 or more will provide a significant tax deduction during the first year and a guaranteed fixed-rate income for life.

What remains in the fund at the end of the donor’s lifetime then becomes the donation that shapes the donor’s legacy. These gifts invest in the future of San Antonio and the organizations that impact lives daily.

The irrevocable gift is an easy and popular way to give that ensures income for the donor, which exceed rates available today. But please note, IRS deduction rates change, so act quickly to lock in current rates.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to discuss a CGA or any other type of estate or gift planning opportunities, contact David Davenport, CFRE, Director of Planned Giving, 210.570.1520, ddavenport@saafdn.org.

Visit our planned giving center at [saafdn.org](http://saafdn.org)
A focus of the Area Foundation is to inspire philanthropic support to communities typically underrepresented or underserved.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund committee formed to do just that.

Since it began in 2008, the committee has distributed $62,000 in grants to charitable programs focused on improving the lives of African Americans in and around San Antonio.

A large portion of the committee’s fundraising efforts comes from two major annual events - Renaissance with the Stars Gala in August, and the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration and Casino Night.

The Juneteenth celebration will take place on June 16 and will feature an evening of entertainment, food, and of course casino games.

The San Antonio Area African American Community Fund committee is one of three committees established with support from the Area Foundation to create endowments that sustain programs of interest in diverse communities.
Important Reminders

2017 Quarterly Investment Meetings

An email with a registration link will be sent quarterly.

May 10 8:30 a.m. (9:45 - 11 a.m. -- One-on-one sessions. To schedule your appointment, contact Heather C. Diehl, hdiehl@saafdn.org, 210.228.3768.)

Aug. 16 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 7 8:30 a.m.

DonorFirst Monthly Training Sessions

Need assistance with setting up your DonorFirst account? Join us at one of our training sessions! Monthly emails will be sent with a registration link. All sessions will take place at the Area Foundation’s offices at 9:30 a.m.

May 9

May 24

Give Big on MAY 4

#BigGive2017

The Big Give is back and better than ever! The 24-hour online giving day event is set to take place on May 4, from midnight to midnight. More than 600 nonprofits have registered to take part. So join the Big Give fun, and lend your financial support.

Visit the new and enhanced website at TheBigGiveSA.ORG
## Calendar of Events

All events are held at the Area Foundation’s Wells Center unless otherwise noted

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We're social! Connect with us today.