



BARBERTON
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026 Annual Dinner

THURSDAY

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Thursday
October 29
2026

John S. Knight Center
77 E Mill St., Akron, OH 44308

TICKETS

Early Bird - \$85
through September 30
\$100 - Beginning
October 1



SCHEDULE

VIP Reception
5:00 PM
Invitation only
Doors Open
5:30 PM
Dinner/Awards
6:00 PM

Honoring Barberton's Best

The 2026 Annual Dinner celebrates the people and organizations whose leadership, service, and vision are strengthening Barberton today and building momentum for its future.

Awards

Game Changer Award

The Game Changer Award recognizes an individual, business, or organization whose exceptional leadership, service, and long-term commitment have created meaningful, lasting change in Barberton. Award recipients go beyond what is expected, investing their time, talent, resources, and influence to strengthen the community and create opportunities for others.

Blooming Impact Award

The Blooming Impact Award recognizes an emerging leader age 18–35 whose initiative, resolve, and momentum are already helping move Barberton forward. It celebrates rising community leaders who are making an impact today and demonstrate the potential to help shape Barberton's future.



Donna Alherimi

Individual Game Changer
Award Recipient

For more than 30 years, Donna Alherimi served Barberton children as a Barberton elementary school teacher,

while building an equally meaningful legacy of service through Girl Scouts. Today, she continues to lead troops, mentor girls and adult volunteers, coordinate community service projects, and strengthen opportunities for young people throughout Barberton. Her decades of education, mentorship, and service reflect the lasting influence of a true Game Changer.



Akron Rubber Development Laboratory, Inc. (ARDL)

Business/Organization
Game Changer Award
Recipient

ARDL is helping connect Barberton students to opportunity by bringing industry expertise directly into education. Through its partnership with Barberton City School District, ARDL helped develop the high school's hands-on polymer science program, providing technical expertise, career exposure, facility experiences, and connections to a growing regional industry.

The partnership is creating new pathways from the classroom to family-sustaining careers while strengthening Barberton's place in the polymer industry.



Ryan Struckel

Blooming Impact Award
Recipient

Ryan Struckel is helping build momentum in Barberton through business, community service, and downtown revitalization. As a

manager of Kavé Coffee Bar, he has created more than a successful local business. Kavé has become a gathering place that brings people downtown, builds community, and contributes to the energy attracting new activity and investment to the area. Ryan's involvement also extends beyond Kavé through Main Street Barberton, community events, historic preservation, youth engagement, and other efforts to strengthen Barberton. His initiative, community-minded leadership, and willingness to get involved are helping create real momentum for downtown and for Barberton as a whole.

2026 HONOREES

We will also recognize six **2026 Annual Dinner Honorees** for the strength of their leadership, service, and impact in Barberton. **Jeremy Clemetson** and **Brandon Cramer** are Individual Game Changer Honorees; **Great Trail Council**, **Scouting America**, and **Ignite Brewing Company** are Business/Organization Game Changer Honorees; and **Tyler Jensen** and **Jolese Rogers** are Blooming Impact Honorees. Their nominations stood out through the Foundation's independent award selection process, and each represents the many ways people and organizations are helping Barberton grow stronger.

Exclusive Sponsorship Opportunities Available



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SPONSORSHIPS

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Sponsorship Levels

Sponsors of \$1,000 and more receive recognition in the Annual Dinner program, on event signage and digital displays, on social media, in the VIP Reception, from the podium, and on the Foundation website. Additional benefits are noted below.

■ \$10,000 Community Visionary Sponsor

- Exclusive recognition as the Community Visionary Sponsor of the VIP Reception and Annual Dinner
- Exclusive sponsor of the Ken Cox tribute video
- Reserved VIP table for 8 with premium seating + 8 VIP Reception tickets
- Full-page sponsor recognition in the Annual Dinner program
- Logo prominently featured on event materials and alongside the Foundation logo on guest name tags
- Dedicated + group social media recognition with logo

■ \$5,000 O.C. Barber Legacy Sponsor

- Exclusive sponsorship of *The Art of Possibility: Barberton Student Art Showcase & Auction*
- Prominent sponsor recognition with the student artwork display and auction
- 8 VIP seats with preferred seating + 8 VIP Reception tickets
- Half-page sponsor recognition in the Annual Dinner program
- Logo on event promotions and materials
- Table recognition
- Dedicated + group social media recognition

■ \$2,500 Foundation Champion Sponsor

- 4 VIP seats with preferred seating + 4 VIP Reception tickets
- Quarter-page sponsor recognition in the Annual Dinner program
- Logo on event promotions and materials
- Table recognition
- Dedicated + group social media recognition

■ \$1,000 Strategic Impact Sponsor

Check the impact you'd like to champion in your sponsorship recognition:

- ☐ Early Learning, Birth-to-5
- ☐ Career Pathways & Workforce Development
- ☐ Downtown Revitalization
- ☐ Basic Needs
- ☐ Scholarships

- 2 VIP seats with preferred seating + 2 VIP Reception tickets

■ \$500 Believe in Barberton Sponsor

- 2 VIP seats with preferred seating
- Name in the Annual Dinner program
- Digital on-screen recognition
- Name on shared sponsor signage
- Recognition on the Foundation website

To guarantee inclusion in printed materials and select promotional assets, sponsorship forms must be received by September 30, 2026



2026 Annual Dinner SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

SPONSOR LEVEL:

(Please check one)

- ☐ \$10,000 Community Visionary Sponsor
- ☐ \$5,000 O.C. Barber Legacy Sponsor
- ☐ \$2,500 Foundation Champion Sponsor
- ☐ \$1,000 Strategic Impact Sponsor
- ☐ \$500 Believe in Barberton Sponsor

STRATEGIC IMPACT SPONSORS:

Please select one Foundation priority:

- ☐ Early Learning, Birth-to-5
- ☐ Career Pathways & Workforce Development
- ☐ Downtown Revitalization
- ☐ Basic Needs
- ☐ Scholarships

DONATED TICKETS

Help us welcome more of our community to the Annual Dinner. Sponsors may purchase additional tickets for community members and partners who might not otherwise be able to attend, including parents and guardians of student artists and Foundation scholarship recipients.

Donated tickets: × \$100 = \$

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ Check Enclosed
- ☐ Pay Online (Scan QR code)
- ☐ Please send me an invoice

Total: \$

Checks can be made out and mailed to:
Barberton Community Foundation
460 W. Paige Ave. Barberton, OH 44203

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Contact Name

Address

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