



## News Release

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### **Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. receives a \$15,000 contribution from Huntington Bank Foundation towards a Head Start building purchase**

August 9, 2017- Akron, OH-Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. (ASCA) is purchasing a building in Barberton Ohio to serve 233 Head Start children in the Barberton area.

Nicholas (Nick) Browning, President for Huntington Bank in Akron, presented Malcolm J. Costa, President and CEO of Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. with a \$15,000 check to go towards the purchase.

“At Huntington, we believe in the effectiveness of ASCA and the Head Start program, and we share the same goal of making sure all young people are equipped to live rich and vibrant lives”, stated Browning.

The Head Start program promotes school readiness of children ages birth to five from low-income families. The program also supports children’s growth and development in a positive learning environment through a variety of services which includes early learning, health and family well-being. Head Start programming is responsive to the ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage of each child and family.

For 30 years, the Head Start in Barberton site was located at the Decker Family Development Center on Brady Ave. Prior to that, Arnold School was home for Barberton Head Start. Head Start has been in the Barberton Community since 1968.

Beginning this 2017-18 school year, the children located in Barberton will attend the Head Start Barberton site located at the former Woodford Elementary School at 315 East State St. Barberton, Ohio. The Barberton Head Start site will have 10 classrooms.

“We are grateful to Huntington Bank Foundation for their commitment to the community, but especially to Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. “said Costa, “Huntington Bank support demonstrates their commitment to address community needs. In this case, the ASCA Board sees fit to use the gift to address school readiness and other services to enrolled children and families. We look forward to partnering with community interest funders to capitalize on this important opportunity.”

Akron Summit Community Action, Inc. (ASCA) is a private non-profit corporation operating various programs that assist Summit County residents to become self-sufficient. These programs include: *Head Start/Early Head Start, Outreach and Development, Emergency Services, The Foster Grandparent Program, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Circles®, Pathways HUB and the Akron Summit Earned Income Tax Credit Program*

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