

## OUTSTANDING FUNDRAISER AWARD

# Tom & Ginny Knoll and Tom & Susan Strauss



When it comes to philanthropy, Tom and Sue Strauss and Tom and Ginny Knoll bring new meaning to the term “power couples.” As individuals, they are driven and altruistic. As a team, they are simply unstoppable and we are honored to recognize them with the Outstanding Fundraiser Award.

Sue Strauss is a former long time member of the Board of Directors at Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. Under her leadership, a capital campaign for a new facility began in Spring 2009 with a goal of \$2.2 million. Sue quickly enlisted her husband, Tom Strauss and good friends, Tom and Ginny Knoll. The campaign finished in December 2011 and raised just over \$2 million.

This team is just as influential alone as they are together. Tom Strauss served as Chair of the 2011 American Heart Association’s Heart Walk. He has served in other leadership roles with the University Park Alliance neighborhood group, the Greater Akron Chamber, and the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron among others. Sue Strauss was the 2012 co-chair of Summa Health System’s “Men Who Cook” annual fundraiser, which set a record of \$66,000 in support. She was a tennis coach for several years at Western Reserve Academy, where she is a nurse.

Tom Knoll is a co-founder of both Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Akron and First Tee of Akron. He is also the founding chair of the Summa Foundation Golf Outing. In 2011 the golf outing raised \$140,000 in support of nursing education for the Summa Health System. He has served on many boards including Goodwill Industries of Akron, Northern Ohio Golf Charities, The University of Akron Foundation, and Akron Community Foundation. Ginny Knoll has been involved with several organizations, including Mobile Meals and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens.

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