

Laura Lederer is Vice President and Chief Development Officer at Akron Community Foundation. Laura joined the staff in October of 2011. Laura meets with current and potential fundholders to discover their philanthropic passions while providing comprehensive and personalized charitable planning solutions. In 2012, Laura helped to create the Professional Advisor Council, now composed of over 30 wealth advisors, trust officers, attorneys, and accountants, which has become an integral part of Akron Community Foundation's future planning and growth.

Laura has lived in Akron since 1988 and although her Pittsburgh roots run deep, she is deeply committed to her adopted community, both personally and professionally. Laura's favorite thing about Akron Community Foundation is the people she meets - learning where they came from, what motivates them, and the positive impact giving has made on their lives. Laura loves being the conduit between financial resources and needs in the community, and helping donors find opportunities and solutions for their generous nature, coupled with prudent financial planning.

She is an avid hiker, outdoor enthusiast and cyclist whose hobbies include traveling, music, cooking, reading, and spending time with family and friends. She's a 1987 graduate of the College of Wooster and lives in Highland Square with her husband and assorted pets. She has been able to keep her adult sons in Ohio for now, which makes her world complete.

Laura's volunteer activities include:

President, Northern Ohio Charitable Gift Planners

Leadership Akron Class 36 Graduate

Akron Tax and Estate Planning Council Board

Girls on the Run coach

The Nature Conservancy