TO: The Lakeland Foundation Board & Friends
FROM: Bob Cahen
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SUBJ: The Lakeland Foundation Friday Update

Greg was nice enough to invite me to do one last Friday Update before I leave Lakeland at the end of this month.

The bottom line for me is that I want to thank all of you for working – volunteering, donating, spreading the word, sharing your passion – to make a difference in the lives of our students. Thinking about what we've accomplished, I remember most clearly the faces of the students we worked with:

- Those who bravely and candidly shared their stories at each year's Donor-Scholar Breakfast...
- Those who we inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame sharing their "often challenging but turning out especially well" stories at the induction ceremonies...
- The 1,500 young people who sat in Lakeland's gym transfixed while experiencing a Cleveland Orchestra concert live, the first orchestra many had ever heard...
- The Human Services students who we took to the City Club to hear a speaker and enjoy a unique learning experience.

Also memorable are the college and community colleagues who invested their time to make Lakeland, and Lake County, a better place:

- The committee we created and the work so many of us did to ensure that Lake County was a key part of the Northeast Ohio effort to host the Republican Convention in 2016...
- Pulling dollars together – and spending dollars effectively – to provide scholarship assistance for many, many students...
- Creating the Legacy Society, which now has nearly 50 members, made up of donors directing planned gifts to Lakeland...
- And providing dollars so that faculty could not only dream up amazing and creative ideas, but to actually make those ideas happen.

Partnering with all of you to make these dreams become reality has been a terrific way for me professionally to spend 16 years.

One of the areas that was especially gratifying for me and for Alice, my wife, was donating to The Lakeland Foundation. And probably the donations that meant the most to us were the most recent ones – through the Lakeland Me Too! Fund, which we started – where we provided scholarship assistance to Lakeland students who had been victims of abuse. We found, as so many of you already know, that abuse was usually only one part of a constellation of challenges these students had to overcome to get to Lakeland...to succeed...and to move on to meaningful careers. Alice and I love the idea that we could make a difference in the lives of these students.

Many of you have heard me use the quote, "To change one life is to change the world." Thanks to all of you for changing the world. And thanks again for all you continue to do for Lakeland.

Bob