

## **Akima Club Information**

[www.akimaclub.org](http://www.akimaclub.org)

On February 24, 1947, a group of 13 local women founded the Akima Club. These caring ladies were eager to take an active role in meeting the needs of our community while maintaining their friendships. Thus began the Akima Club's mission of being a friend to the community by giving of themselves and their resources with respect, dedication, and compassion. We continue the tradition today by broadening our vision as women, bound by friendship, serving together to enrich our community.

During the 2018-2019 year the Akima Club had 140 active members and enjoyed the support of over 100 sustaining members, extension members, and associate members. The rich tradition of the club's volunteer focus, which began over 70 years ago, continues with over 6,000 hours of service performed annually in the area by our members. Akima also contributed to the financial needs of various community service organizations with monies raised through the Akima biennial fundraiser, Akima Cabaret 2018, and the extra revenue event, Akima Casino Royale, held in March 2019.

Every May the Akima Club holds its Annual Grant Presentation Ceremony. The Akima Club is proud to have awarded over \$100,000 in grant monies in the last two years. The grant recipients were from a variety of organizations providing a wide array of services within the Knoxville community. The grant recipients were carefully selected, and the Akima Grant Follow-Up Committee conducted a usage assessment for the grants awarded. Please see the reverse side for the listing of those agencies.

We look forward to upholding the service mission those original 13 Akima women launched many years ago, and with the support of harmonious sponsors like you, we will continue to make great things happen in our community. The Akima Club thanks you for your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Deborah Welsch  
Akima Cabaret Chairman

## Akima 2018-2019 Grant Recipients

A Secret Safe Place for Newborns  
Alzheimer's Tennessee \*  
ARC Knox County/Sunshine Industries \*  
Beacon of Hope/Church Street United Methodist Church  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee \*  
Boys and Girls Clubs of the TN Valley \*  
CADES – Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services \*  
Cancer Support Community East Tennessee \*  
Carecuts Inc. \*  
CASA of East Tennessee \*  
Catholic Charities of East Tennessee \*  
Cerebral Palsy Center Housing Corporation  
Childhelp Tennessee  
Club Vibes  
Dogwood Arts “Very Special Arts”  
East Tennessee Kidney Foundation Inc. \*  
East Tennessee Technology Access Center/Spark \*  
Emerald Youth Foundation  
Epilepsy Foundation of East Tennessee Inc.  
Family Promise of Knoxville \*  
FISH Hospitality Pantries \*  
Friends of Tennessee's Babies with Special Needs \*  
Girls Inc. of TN Valley  
Girl Talk Inc. \*  
Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont  
Helen Ross McNabb Center \*  
Horse Haven of Tennessee Inc.  
Interfaith Health Clinic \*  
James White Fort Association Inc. \*  
Joy of Music Youth Music School  
Knox Area Rescue Ministries  
Knoxville Family Justice Center \*  
Knoxville-Knox Co. Community Action Committee – Daily Living Center  
Knoxville-Knox Co. Community Action Committee – Mobile Meals \*  
Knoxville-Knox Co. Community Action Committee – Project Live \*  
Knoxville Opera Company \*  
Knoxville Symphony Orchestra \*  
Koinonia Foundation of Tennessee \*  
Ladies of Charity Knoxville \*  
Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc.  
Neighboring Knoxville dba Laundry Love Knoxville  
O'Connor Senior Living Center  
Pellissippi State Foundation \*  
Random Acts of Flowers Knoxville  
Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee \*  
Sertoma Center Inc. \*  
Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding \*  
The Florence Crittenton Agency \*  
The Knoxville History Project  
The Muse Knoxville  
University Health System (University of Tennessee Medical Center)  
Volunteer Ministry Center Inc. \*  
Wesley House Community Center \*  
WOW Urban Ministries  
YWCA Knoxville and the Tennessee Valley \*

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