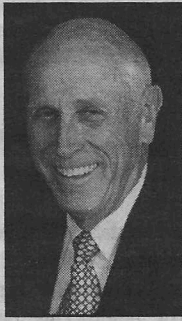


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GREATER AKRON — Akron Area YMCA advocate and supporter **Stu Parry**, of Richfield, is the recipient of the 2017 Hunsicker Family Service to Youth Award. The award is given to an outstanding volunteer whose service aligns with the nonprofit's history of community service and its mission of putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The award was accepted by Stu Parry's son, Bill, at the organization's 2017 annual meeting. According to



Stu Parry

YMCA officials, Parry is the founder of the men's varsity soccer program at The University of Akron and purchased memberships for all his employees at Akron Welding and Spring, which became part of the Parry Corp. that was sold in 1996 to Praxair Inc. Parry was an active member of the YMCA, joined the Board of Trustees in the 1970s and chaired the board when the Central Y re-opened as Canal Square in 1986. He chaired the 1998 capital campaign for the Riverfront, Green and Canal Square YMCAs and the dining hall and riding arena at Camp Y-Noah in Green. He is currently an honorary trustee of Akron Area YMCA. He played a pivotal role in securing the \$3 million gift from the Knight Foundation that helped build the Kohl Family YMCA at University Park, according to YMCA officials. "Stu is an individual who exemplifies our core values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility and faith," said Jill Kolesar, president and CEO of the Akron Area YMCA. "He has certainly gone above and beyond to provide youth with every opportunity to learn, grow and thrive."