



**Fifty Years: The University of Akron Women's
Committee**

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Funding for The University of Akron's newly established Cybersecurity Program in May 2019 was the most recent monetary contribution of The University of Akron Women's Committee. The twelve-thousand-dollar gift marked the seventy-first year of the organization raising money for the University, which began in 1948, when they furnished the new home economics house. It is a testimony to the dedication and determination of third group of more than 140 women.

Over the years, these women have supported an eclectic list of projects and programs with contributions totaling over \$300,000—most notably, the restoration of Buchtel Hall's

main staircase following the fire, the Challenge '70 Campaign to build Edwin J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, the presidential portrait of Peggy Gordon Elliott Miller, a mosaic bench at E.J. Thomas Hall for the thirtieth anniversary renovation, a garden for the Landscape for Learning project, refurbished numerous offices and the Bertoia Tactile Sounding Sculpture in the Guzzetta Hall Atrium, created a vegetable garden for Nutrition and Dietetics students, provided uniforms and rain coats for The University of Akron Marching Band, and underwater camera equipment for the Women's Diving Team