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FISCAL OFFICER SCALISE SEARCHING FOR OWNERS OF \$3.1M, VISIT AN ACME FRESH MARKET TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE OWED FUNDS

Akron, Ohio, September 29, 2017 – Summit County Fiscal Officer Kristen M. Scalise CPA, CFE is searching for owners of over \$3.1 million in county unclaimed funds. The Fiscal Office will host an unclaimed funds table at participating Acme Fresh Markets during the last two weeks of October. Staff will be on-hand to search for citizens' names in the unclaimed funds database and assist with filing a claim to recover monies owed to them.

Fiscal Officer Scalise serves as trustee of unclaimed funds in Summit County. Unclaimed funds are monies accumulated and owed from transactions performed at county agencies. Funds held at the county level are separate from those held by the State of Ohio. Examples of transactions include overpayments, fees and costs, lost heirs accounts, and sheriff sale proceeds. In 2016, the total amount of unclaimed funds paid out to citizens was \$86,911.69. The largest amount paid to an individual, within the last five years, was \$29,490.16.

County unclaimed fund amounts of \$10 or more are listed in a searchable database online. Visit <http://FiscalOffice.summitoh.net> and click on the "Unclaimed Funds" link under the heading "Additional Services". Enter your last name or business name in the search box and wait for the results to appear. Do not press the return button after you enter your name.

Owners of unclaimed funds can file their own claim, without using the service of a paid professional finder. The claim form is simple to complete and can be downloaded from our website. Owners are required to submit a photo copy of a valid form of personal identification such as a driver's license, state identification card or passport. Claim forms must be signed by the owner and notarized.

Many citizens are unaware that they are owed funds at the county level. Fiscal Office staff can help them search for their name and guide them through the claim process. Those who visit participating Acme Fresh Market locations will have the opportunity to complete and submit their claim in one simple step. The notary requirement will be waived for amounts under \$1,000.

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Citizens are encouraged to visit an unclaimed funds table at the following locations between 1 and 6 p.m.:

- **Monday, October 16, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #1, 1835 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44313
- **Tuesday, October 17, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #2, 2420 Wedgewood Rd., Akron, OH 44312
- **Wednesday, October 18, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #4, 116 W. Streetsboro Rd., Hudson, OH 44236
- **Thursday, October 19, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #17, 4445 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 44224
- **Friday, October 20, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #10, 22226 State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
- **Monday, October 23, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #11, 600 South Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278
- **Tuesday, October 24, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #6, 3200 Greenwich Rd., Norton, OH 44203
- **Wednesday, October 25, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #14, 3235 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH 44319
- **Thursday, October 26, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #18, 2147 East Ave., Akron, OH 44314
- **Friday, October 27, 2017:** Acme Fresh Market #21, 3875 Massillon Rd., Uniontown, OH 44685

County unclaimed funds are held indefinitely and may be claimed at any time, except in cases where the funds are the result of a foreclosure or transfer without sale. Due to recent changes to Ohio Revised Code 5721.20, those funds are now held for three years from the date of receipt. If the owner does not claim them within three years, the excess funds are forfeited to the Summit County Land Bank.

Fiscal Officer Scalise is proud to enforce the strictest regulations in the State of Ohio for unclaimed funds. The policies she has set in place protect citizens from predatory third parties and ensure monies are returned to their rightful owner. Summit County has been a leader in unclaimed funds since 2014, when changes to the county charter made it possible to better regulate agreements, remuneration, and recovery of funds.

For questions about unclaimed funds, or to find out if you have funds owed to you, please email fiscalfinance@summitoh.net or call (330)643-8056.

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