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VAN HAAREN WELCOMED DURING GRANTMAKING SESSION

During an unusually busy grantmaking session of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations, time out was taken for two important matters of business.

Beth Ewald van Haaren was welcomed as the newest member of the board. She is a graduate of Bethel High School and University of North Carolina with a degree in engineering. She is a Bethel Township Trustee and can regularly be seen running 5K and marathon races in the Midwest. She is married to Michael van Haaren; together they have three children. Ewald van Haaren takes the place of retiring member Anita Bowman Hamber, who served nine years.

Bowman Hamber's retirement also left the position of vice president vacant. Filling that role will now be Dave Grim.

With the formalities of these appointments finished, the task of reviewing and voting on a larger-than-average number of grant applications commenced. The variety and creativity of the 22 grant requests impressed the committee. After lively discussion, final selections were made. Bethel High School's new musical program, an Eagle Scout project, and reusable ramps for Hospice of Miami County patients are among the awards. In the end, ten organizations were chosen to receive 19 awards totaling \$24,106.95.

Bethel Hope, \$2,000, assists citizens of Bethel Township and the surrounding areas in meeting basic needs during times of critical personal downturns. Needs met include food assistance, utility support, help with rent and pharmacy aid.

Bethel Local Schools, \$1,000, launches the new 7th and 8th grade musical program, which allows students to get the hands-on experience of performing in a production.

Bethel Local Schools, \$924, builds a library with age appropriate texts to support the newly expanded all-day kindergarten. This set of science books is made possible through the generous support of the Radle Family Fund for Science Education.

Bethel Local Schools, \$499, supports the new 30 minute per day intervention program for remedial students by purchasing a 12-month license for MobyMax. This technology based intervention program can be used for students of all ages.

Boy Scout Troop 586, \$500, buys materials for a bridge to the Environmental Study area on the High school property. This building project is the capstone toward Eagle Scout for Adam Buynak.

Child Care Choices, \$2,000, purchases books for the Story Lady, volunteer educators who make more than 135 visits to childcare centers and home childcare providers during the school year. 2014's emphasis continues "It's a Big, Big World" and explores the scientific process behind nature and the seasons.

Hospice of Miami County, \$3,000, creatively solves patient mobility complications by constructing reusable ramps to patient homes.

Tipp City Area Arts Council, \$750, purchases art materials for the summertime Children's Art Adventure.

Tipp City Enrichment Program, \$3,000, enhances the summer activities offered to the children who attend this extended care program. Children from kindergarten through 5th grade will explore places like WACO and Learning Tree Farm thanks to this program, which offers support to working parents.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,026, \$540, \$480 and \$480, enriches the science and social studies curricula for 1st grade students through inquiry-based learning. Opportunities for students to go beyond the state standards and experience live, hands-on learning arise with a visits to Carillon Historical Park, and visits from Boonshoft Museum's Animals Alive, Kids and Culture, and Native Americans of North America exhibits.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,201 and \$1,130, teaches life science, physical science and social studies curricula to kindergarten and 1st grade students through a field trip to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$676.95, turns the clock back 200 years when 4th grade students attend The Fair at New Boston. This trade fair recreates the 1790 – 1812 time period and is hosted annually by the George Rogers Clark Heritage Association in Springfield.

Tipp City Parks Department, \$2,721 and \$679, plants ten Princeton Elm and ten Black Hills Spruce trees. Look for their beautiful color each fall in the Milner Tree Grove on the south side of Kyle Park Drive. This grant was awarded, in part, from the Lucille L. Milner Fund, established in 1998 to provide for the planting of trees in Tipp City's urban landscape.

Troy-Miami County Public Library, \$1,500, supports the Imagination Library, serving over 1200 children under the age of five in the County.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded \$1,750,319 in grants as of December 31, 2013. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chair, Heather Bailey, Dave Grim, Claire Cain Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Jesse

Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Mike Lightle, Jim McKee, Marilyn Richards and Beth Ewald van Haaren.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, or how your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Jim Ranft at (937) 667-1270.

For more information about the Foundations' volunteers, donors and funds, visit the web site at www.tippfoundation.org.

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