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YOUTH PROGRAMMING RECEIVE MAJORITY OF GRANTS

During the quarterly grantmaking meeting of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations several projects came under consideration. A large number of requests focusing on youth were considered during this cycle.

Of the six grants awarded, some were renewals of perennial programs while others were new initiatives.

Crowded around the Tipp Library's lower level conference table, Board members set to work reviewing and voting on applications. After lively discussion, final selections were made. Team building, field trips and summer camp were among the projects supported.

Ultimately four organizations were chosen to receive 6 awards totaling \$9,619.08. Added to prior grant awards since 1943, the Foundations is nearing the milestone of \$2,000,000 in awards. That special accomplishment will be met by the end of 2016.

The following is a list of the recipients, amounts awarded, and the purposes funded.

Bethel Hope, \$2,000, assists citizens in meeting basic needs during times of critical personal downturns. Needs met include food assistance, utility support, help with rent and pharmacy aid. This agency is doing their part to make Bethel Township a neighbor-friendly place to live.

Brokner Nature Center, \$2,079, replaces signage that educates the public on the Ohio wildlife living at the nature center, which includes a red fox, great horned owls, snakes and flying squirrels. Over 50 permanently injured animals live at the Center; it receives 120,000 visitors annually.

Tipp City Enrichment Program, \$2,011, enhances the summer activities offered to the children who attend this extended care program. Children from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade will explore places like Brokner Nature Center and Young's Dairy thanks to this program, which offers support to working parents.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,452.60, invigorates 4th grade civics lessons with a field trip to see "We the People" at Victoria Theatre. American Government comes to life via the original "boy band," the Founding Fathers, in this hip musical revue, which sets civics lesson to a rockin' beat.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,348.48, treats 5th grade students to a performance of “The Lightning Thief” at Victoria Theatre.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$728, boosts team building, goal setting and communication skills for members of the Interact Club by sending them to Camp Kern for a one day intensive work session. Students in the Interact club serve as Lunch Buddies paired with at-risk students in grades 2-5, and engage meaningfully in the community as volunteers at Randall Residence and the Troy Soup Kitchen.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded \$1,922,200 in grants, as of December 31, 2015. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chairman, Heather Bailey, president, Dave Grim, Claire Cain Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Mary Bowman, Jesse Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Jim McKee, Marilyn Richards and Pete Schinaman.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Jim Ranft at (937) 667-1270. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, please contact Heather Bailey at (937) 478-3400.

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

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