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**GRANTMAKING PACE REMAINS STRONG**

The rate of grant requests received and awarded for the third quarter remained strong for the Tipp City Area Community Foundations. The requests, paired with the largest amount of grant dollars available in the Foundations' history, makes 2015 a landmark year-in-the-making. Year to date grants awarded total \$64,912.64. One final distribution cycle in December will close out the Foundations' strongest of its 72 years.

Crowded around the Library's lower level conference table, the 12 members set to work reviewing and voting on grant applications. Of the 16 grants up for review, most were renewals of perennial programs from prior years. After lively discussion, final selections were made. Scouting, senior citizens and science education were among the projects supported. In the end, nine organizations were chosen to receive 17 awards totaling \$33,415.84.

Though the 2015 grantmaking will be record breaking, community needs still outpace available dollars. More than \$5,000 in grant requests were unawarded during this grant cycle.

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

Bethel Local Schools, \$2,370, packs up the 5th graders and helps send them on an adventure to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio. The grownups think the students are being sent to learn about nature. The students think they are being sent to have fun. The Foundations think that the grownups and students are both right!

Boy Scout Troop 395, \$2,000, offsets the cost of a new trailer, which is used for hauling gear during camping excursions. The troop's 40 active scouts take as many as 10 weekend (and one week-long) camping trips a year.

Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, \$1,700, underwrites the expenses associated with bringing music to Tipp City schools. Specifically, students will experience live orchestral performances, learn about music and musical concepts, and have their classroom lessons and learning enriched through demonstrations of music's correlation to academic subjects, including language arts, history, geography, social studies, math and science.

Needy Baskets, \$5,000, helps this agency meet an expanding demand at the Holiday season. Specifically, Christmas Baskets will be prepared for families that contain the ingredients for a traditional Holiday meal.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$3,280.04 enriches the science and social studies curricula for 1st grade students through inquiry-based learning via three distinct grants. Opportunities for students to go beyond the state standards and experience live, hands-on learning arise with visits to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm (\$1,040.96) and Victoria Theatre (\$1,459.08), as well as a visit from Boonshoft Museum's Animals Alive (\$780).

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$2,744.80, teaches life science, physical science and social studies curricula to kindergarten students through a field trip to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm (\$1,165.96) and Fulton Farms (\$1,578.84) via two grants.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,770, provides students with the opportunity to recover lost credits utilizing an online format. By partnering with the Northwest Ohio Virtual Academy (NOVA), online course offerings will expand beyond what was offered in past years.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$975, funds teacher training for Orton-Gillingham reading instruction. This approach is successful in addressing learners with dyslexia.

Tipp City Parks Department, \$2,859, replaces trees in curb lawns where ash trees have been removed because of damage from the emerald ash bore. This grant was awarded from the Lucille L. Milner Fund, established in 1998 to provide for the planting of trees in Tipp City's urban landscape.

Tipp City Parks Department, \$2,511, purchases a new swing set and safety pads for Rosewood Creek Park. This grant was awarded from the Warren E. Miltenberger Fund, established in 2008 to support public parkland and natural areas.

Tipp City Seniors, Inc., \$700, contributes toward the purchase of a television and speakers, which will serve the needs of this growing organization.

Tipp Monroe Community Services, \$4,000, funds the Community Relief Program, which provides financial assistance for rent, utilities, and prescriptions to individuals in need.

Tipp Monroe Community Services, \$2,500, defrays the cost of the annual 5th grade excursion to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio, which is now being sponsored by this local nonprofit.

Upper Miami Valley STEM Education, Inc., \$1,000, invigorates learning through the Upper Miami Valley Science Days, a science fair collaboration of Miami, Darke, Shelby and Champaign counties.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded \$1,832,868 in grants, as of December 31, 2014. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chair, Heather Bailey, Dave Grim, Claire Cain Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Mary Bowman, Jesse Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Mike Lightle, 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 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](http://www.tippfoundation.org).

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