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Two Trustees Welcomed during Quarterly Grantmaking Session

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

Dr. Mary Bowman and Pete Schinaman were welcomed as the newest members of the board. Bowman is a practicing psychologist who resides in Bethel Township. Schinaman, the president of Advanced Machinery Companies, resides in Tipp City.

With the formalities of these appointments finished, the task of reviewing and voting on grant applications commenced. The variety and creativity of the 12 grant requests impressed the committee. After lively discussion, final selections were made. Childhood literacy, feeding the hungry and excursions beyond the classrooms were among the programs supported. In the end, six organizations were chosen to receive ten awards totaling \$16,696.13.

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 being funded.

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, \$1,500, shapes creativity through the purchase of an electric pottery wheel for the high school arts program. This grant was awarded through the Arts Bethel Fund in the Studebaker Tradition of Giving Back, established in 2014.

Child Care Choices, \$2,000, purchases books for the Story Lady, volunteer educators who make more than 150 visits to childcare centers and home childcare providers during the school year. 2015's emphasis is "Bring Back the Classics". Nursery rhymes build early literacy skills as the repetition of rhymes and stories teach children how language works.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,521.85, turns back time to the days of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad through a Victoria Theatre experience for the 4th grade.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,340.64, captures the imaginations of 5th grade students on a visit to Victoria Theatre. A production based on C. S. Lewis's book *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, is this year's performance.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$1,250, bolsters the Middle School STEM Club through the purchase of BMX bike kits. While assembling the units, students learn about science fundamentals such as force, resistance, air pressure and measurements.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, \$684.75, 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 Exempted Village Schools, \$398.89, purchases 60 clocks to be used in the 2nd grade classrooms to teach children how to tell time.

Troy-Miami County Public Library, \$3,000, supports the Imagination Library, serving over 2,000 children under the age of five in the County.

UVMC Foundation, \$3,000, partners with county-wide foundations to bring the curriculum of Rachel's Challenge Project to Tipp schools. This anti-bullying program offers young people a framework for developing positive interpersonal relationships that should serve them well their entire lives.

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.

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