



COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

# Stewards of Foundation Grow Capital Over \$2 Million

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that I report to you the state of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations.

In 1999 the combined endowed assets of the Foundation topped \$2 million for the first time. Fifty-six years ago, back in 1943, Ed Timmer made an initial gift of \$1,300



*This Board has a dedicated group of volunteers. Front row: Matt Timmer, Becky Coughlin, Lucille Milner. Back row: Nancy McAlpin, Ruth Hawley, Gordon Honeyman, Jackie Wahl, Jesse Chamberlain, Jim Kyle. Heather Bailey Hoffmann is the administrator lent to us from The Dayton Foundation. More Trustees will be added very soon.*

to launch the Foundation. Now look where we are. Ed would be proud to see that his idea really took off. The addition of nearly \$100,000 in 1999 reflects a surge of interest from individuals and organizations.

One year ago Jim Kyle, chair of the Distribution Committee, challenged the Board and the community to add \$50,000 to the endowment; his goal was nearly doubled. New funds and new donors are beginning conversations with the Foundation that often result in new gifts or new funds. In turn the Foundation has more dollars returning to the community through grants to worthwhile organizations. As a matter of fact, in 1999 the total amount of gifts awarded through the Foundation in its history exceeded \$900,000.

Last year most of the Trustees' time and work was spent

getting organized. Important new changes included formally adding Bethel Township to our service area and increasing the number of Foundation Trustees. Working with the school to help establish the Tippecanoe Educational Endowment and working with the city to add our presence on its web page were also significant milestones.

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—O. JESSE CHAMBERLAIN, PRESIDENT

Several projects remain in the works. Looking east toward Bethel Township to find two additional Trustees for the Board already has begun. Developing a signature annual project or event to enhance the quality of life in the community is in the discussion phase. And encouraging meaningful discussions to take place with interested donors is an ongoing task.

The Trustees will continue to work to fulfill the Foundations' mission to improve the quality of life in Tipp City and its surrounding area. Won't you join us in that mission? You will find a clip-and-mail form on the back of this publication telling you how you can help.

*Jesse Chamberlain*  
O. Jesse Chamberlain, president

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## Tippecanoe Educational Endowment Is Born

School-age children are in a constant spotlight in Tipp City. It is a community that spins on an axis threaded by schools, sports and youth clubs. It boosts, cares and cheers at every chance to support the young people around us. It is a warm sentiment to be known for.

For the past two years the community spotlight has narrowed its focus on the schools as facilities of learning for the children. Some citizens feel that a new high school campus should be built, others argue for physical improvements of the facilities already in place. "Build for Kids" has become a 24-7 catch phrase for folks working to improve the awareness of school needs through public meetings and neighborhood coffees. Ink flows freely in the local papers giving air to both sides of the viewpoint.

As yard signs and debates sprang up over the physical needs of the schools, an unrelated idea was blooming. Members of the school board saw a need to create an endowment fund, which would promote the programs and activities of the schools that would not otherwise be covered by tax dollars. With the school board's blessing sprang the Tippecanoe Educational Endowment, chaired and entrusted to volunteers. The Endowment, chaired by



*Community Advisory Committee member Kimberly Carter (left) plans Tippecanoe Educational Endowment public awareness strategy with high-school student Jennifer Evans, a member of the Endowment's Board of Trustees.*

Gordon Honeyman, provides a tax-exempt way to promote school activities through private donations.

The Endowment will serve three roles: to identify changing needs in the schools; to find resources to endow funds so these changing needs will be met; and to responsibly allocate resources to help meet these needs.

Important to note is that though the school board identified the need for this Endowment, it is citizen-driven. A nine member Board of Trustees includes seats for two high-school students. The Endowment also has an advisory board of community members who volunteer to help the Trustees determine appropriate projects for the organization and who have an interest in helping the Tipp City Schools.

The Tippecanoe Educational Endowment is a fund of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations.

## Tipp City Area Community Foundations Honored for Bolstering Art Education

In 1999 Tipp City Area Community Foundations received a Distinguished Organization for Art Education Award from the Ohio Art Education Association.

Tipp City Schools' art teachers Joan Lucas and Meggan Klein nominated the Foundation for the award. "The Foundation has been so generous to Tipp City Schools for many years," Klein said. "Joan and I have been privileged to be involved with a number of arts-related projects supported by the Foundation." The elementary schools where Lucas and Klein work have received numerous grants, including recent funding for a three-part parent education program to improve parenting skills.



*Elementary art students created original works, which were used as centerpieces at the Tippecanoe Educational Endowment kickoff breakfast in January 2000.*

Tipp City Schools traditionally has been the largest beneficiary of Tipp City Area Community Foundations' quarterly grants, which have provided such items as books, computers, hand chimes for music classes, reference materials and educational videos to assist teachers and students in the learning process.

The Foundation has funded, in cooperation with the Ohio Arts Council, a month-long residency for two Ohio artists, offering a cultural experience that would not have been possible without the Foundation's help.

"The public schools do their best to bring a wide range of experiences to their students, but, unfortunately, the arts, both visual and performing, often take a financial backseat to core curriculum," said Susan Furlong, a teacher for Tipp City Schools. "The Tipp City Area Community Foundations has filled this gap for the children of our community."



# 1999 DISCRETIONARY GRANT AWARDS TOP \$60,000

As an actor on the stage of the Bethel and Monroe Township community, the Foundation plays three principal roles. The first is to identify the changing needs of those who live here in order to make it a better place to live. The second is to find resources to endow funds so that these changing needs will be met. And the third is to responsibly allocate discretionary resources into the community to help meet these needs. The Foundation takes these responsibilities very seriously, for the good of our community and for future generations.

The following discretionary grants were awarded through the Discretionary Committee in 1999 to meet the community's changing needs.

\* Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami County, Inc. - (\$1,000)- assists the efforts of this local agency, which sponsors long-term mentoring relationships between youth and adults throughout the county.

\* Community Relief Fund-(\$1,000)-replenishes the coffers of this fund administered by Tipp Monroe Community Services. Residents of Bethel and Monroe Townships, in need of financial support for rent, utilities or medicine, are eligible to receive aid from the fund.

\* Lutheran Social Services of the Miami Valley-(\$1,000)-paints the logo and phone number on the new wheelchair-accessible minivan that the Ohio Department of Transportation granted to this service agency; these expenses were not covered by the generous ODOT grant. This minivan provides transportation to the elderly and disabled of Bethel and Monroe Townships.

\* Miami County Recovery Council-(\$4,500)-expands the alcohol and drug addiction prevention services provided in Tipp City Schools through SPORT-STRACK, a program focusing on substance abuse issues and student athletes.



\* Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, Inc.-(\$3,447.15)- supports the perennially good work of this volunteer group to help the less fortunate of Bethel and Monroe Townships.

\* Parents Who Care, Inc.-(\$1,000)-supports efforts of this organization to provide an alcohol and drug-free after-prom party for juniors and seniors from Tippecanoe High School.

\* Riverside of Miami County-(\$4,735)-assists the renovation of the Riverside facility to become the Child and Family Center by underwriting the expenses for classroom remodeling, playground expansion and center aesthetics.

\* Sunrise Center for Adults, Inc.-(\$3,000)-aids in the purchase of a wheelchair lift in this adult day center's van.



*Parents Who Care sponsor the after-prom party annually*

\* Tipp City Church of the Nazarene-(\$3,000)-replaces two pool tables used by young people attending SPIKES, an evening drop-in program that offers an alternative to hanging out on the streets of Tipp City and Troy.

Tipp City Exempted Village School awards:

\* (\$1,000)-fuels the Tippecanoe High School vocal music department's trip to Toronto, Canada, in May, where students will perform at the North American Music Festival.

\* (\$1,236)-brings the basics of alphabet and color learning to the kindergarten classrooms of Nevin Coppock School through the purchase of books, music and an easel.

\* (\$2,158.61)-replaces over 100 volumes of lovingly worn basic reading books in the libraries of Broadway and Nevin Coppock Elementary Schools.

\* (\$4,450)-promotes better learning and concentration of kindergarten students through the purchase of Sound Field, a voice amplification system for five classroom teachers.

\* (\$495.72)-promotes safety of L.T. Ball Junior High School students through the purchase of safety videos, which will accompany the use of woodworking equipment in industrial technology courses.

\* (\$978.75)-transports students to the days of slavery in the 1800s as they experience a ride on the Underground Railroad through Freedom Train, the Victoria Theatre musical production of the life of Harriet Tubman. L.T. Ball Junior High School students will be taking this ride in March 2000.



*SunWatch Indian Village*

\* (\$1,150)-sends fourth-grade students to SunWatch-Miamisburg Mound Indian Village in the 1999-2000 school year.

\* (\$800)-focuses on upgrading the photography technology used by students in preparing the high school news-

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paper.

\* (\$2,600)-underwrites the cost of producing the Class Act Parents (CAP) program, a two-part series for parents. The series has proved to be a valuable resource for parents, creating a meaningful cycle for better parenting skills, more effective parents, successful children, a stronger school system and ultimately a better community.

\* (\$350)-purchases a storage cabinet and inventory for a student-run school supply store operated by members of developmentally handicapped programs of the junior and senior high schools. Student vendors will make basic items, such as book covers, pencils and paper, available to their schoolmates.



\* (\$5,000)-trumpets the sounds of the Tippecanoe Marching and Concert Bands by purchasing replacement instruments for these musical programs.

\* (\$3,607)-purchases an automated external defibrillator for the high school in order to aid anyone with sudden cardiac arrest prior to the arrival of paramedics.



*Camp Kern's outdoor education program*

\* (\$2,300)-replaces the annual door-to-door fundraiser usually sponsored by Tipp Central to send fifth grade students to Camp Kern for outdoor education and to send sixth grade students to the Victoria Theatre for a performance.

\* (\$1,850)-further encourages the work of Joseph Bellas and his advanced placement American History program in the high school by underwriting a class trip to Gettysburg, an excursion designed to expose students to the Civil War.

\* (\$792.12)-teaches the cycle of life to all first grade students through the study of frogs in hatchery kits.

\* (\$2,990)-phonological awareness, the ability to hear sounds within words, and listening skills will be improved in first graders and special education students through the use of new Earobics curriculum kits.

\* Tipp City FISH-(\$500)-subsidized the operations of this volunteer-driven organization, which provides transportation for Bethel and Monroe Township residents otherwise unable to get to medical appointments.

\* Tipp City Junior Baseball-(\$500)-offers freshman and sophomore baseball players the opportunity to compete regionally through the Foundation's support of the newly created Junior Acme baseball program.



\* Tipp City Players, Inc.-(\$1,000)-supports the production of Kids from Camelot, the first theater project for child actors produced by the Tipp City Players in almost ten years.

\* Tippecanoe High School Alumni Association -(\$5,500)-assists with projects that will provide scholarships to graduating Tippecanoe High School seniors.

\* Senior Citizens Center-(\$958.50)-purchases a television and VCR for the Center, thereby making video classes, such as line dancing and exercising, available to members.

Three scholars were awarded grants to further their education in 1999. The donors set criteria for each award. Information for applying for future scholarships can be obtained through Bethel and Tippecanoe High Schools' websites.

*Not Pictured:*

Kristina Lightle- Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarship Fund

Paul Sirucek- Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship Fund



*Lorri Bazzel*

Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarship Fund

**NEED A SPEAKER  
FOR YOUR CLUB OR ORGANIZATION?**

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations can help. A representative will come to your location to inform your group about what a community foundation is and how it is used as a tool to improve the place we call home. Call Jesse Chamberlain at 667-2206 to set a date for your 2000 calendar.



# GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations welcomes grant requests from organizations that benefit citizens in the greater Tipp City area and that are recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Some donors to the Foundation have chosen to give the Distribution Committee of the Foundation discretion to decide who will receive grants from their funds. These grants are called discretionary grants.

The Distribution Committee, which is composed of a diverse group of community leaders, awards grants from these funds to worthy efforts where need is greatest. This is done through a review process involving the Distribution Committee, which awards to the full spectrum of nonprofit organizations.

Generally, the Foundation makes grants to help launch new projects not addressed by existing organizations or to support special efforts of already established nonprofit organizations. A proposal needs to represent a unique and unduplicated opportunity that will affect a substantial number of people.

**The Foundation is particularly interested in projects that do one or more of the following:** \* provide for more efficient use of community resources \* promote coordination, cooperation and sharing among organizations and reduce duplication of services \* test or demonstrate new approaches and techniques for solving important community problems \* generate matching funds \* could not be accomplished with existing sources of support \* promote volunteer participation and citizen involvement in community affairs, or \*strengthen nonprofit agencies and institutions by reducing operating costs, increasing public financial support and/or improving internal management.

**The Foundation usually does not make grants from its discretionary funds** \* that represents the principal source of support to an organization or activity \* to support the general operating budget of organizations \* to individuals \* to fund scientific, medical or academic research projects \* to reduce operational deficits \* for sectarian activities of religious organizations \* for travel grants \* for annual fund-raising drives and award ceremonies, or \* to establish or add to endowment funds.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations processes applications for grants throughout the year. Requests should be submitted in writing to the address below. Special forms are not required. Each proposal received by the Foundation will receive careful review. More information may be requested as needed.

The Distribution Committee normally meets and reviews grant applications quarterly. Organizations interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to call or write the

committee chair for assistance in determining eligibility for Foundation support, clarification on the process and deadlines.

**Applications must include:** \* correct legal name and address of the organization seeking the grant \* a description of the purpose of the program or activity, what it expects to accomplish and how the program relates to the needs of the community \* the dollar amount requested, and \* a copy of the letter from the IRS determining the organization's tax-exempt status.

**Obligations of the grantee:** \* acknowledgment of the Foundation in any publicity, promotion or recognition that the organization generates related to the award or its use \* submission of a photo depicting what the grant award was used for, and \* a narrative report, briefly describing the outcome of the project, due within 90 days following the receipt of the grant.

**Please Note:** The Tipp City Area Community Foundations will review any proposal that could have a major impact on our community, particularly if funding from other sources is unavailable.

Send Applications To:

Jim Kyle, Distribution Committee Chair  
Tipp City Area Community Foundations  
P.O. Box 626  
Tipp City, Ohio 45371-0626  
(937) 667-2491

**Grant Application Deadlines**

<b>March 1</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>September 1</b>	<b>December 1</b>

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations and its funds are components of The Dayton Foundation. Leadership for the Tipp City Area Community Foundations rests in our own community while fiscal oversight is maintained by The Dayton Foundation, which serves the Dayton/Miami Valley area. This partnership allows for the Tipp City community to benefit from local leadership and profit from resources pooled with others for investment growth.



## FUNDS OF THE TIPP CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

# \$2-Million mark surpassed

Since 1943 donors have looked to the future through their endowed funds in the Tipp City Area Community Foundations. Endowment funds give donors the assurance that their charitable wishes will be carried out today and in the future. Donors and organizations have chosen to create endowment funds that distribute income from their funds, leaving the principal intact to generate charitable distributions for generations to come. It was in 1999 that these assets surpassed the \$2-million mark.

Donors establish a fund with the Foundation that delineates how they want grants to be awarded from it. Many options are available to them in terms of what organizations or areas of charitable interest will receive their fund's distributions, the degree of control they want to exercise over these distributions and the types of assets they wish to use to establish the fund. They also may choose to stipulate that the Tipp City Area Community Foundations award grants from their fund anonymously.

Donors have the comfort of knowing that the Foundation will manage their charitable dollars wisely, striving to make sure that the principal of the endowment keeps ahead of inflation, at the same time making grants to charities that the donor wants to support. This assures increasing resources for grants for future generations.

Most donors who establish an endowment fund make a commitment to bring the fund to at least \$25,000 in assets, which can be accomplished over time. Endowment funds can serve a wide variety of charitable causes - civic, cultural, educational, environmental, health, religious and social service-related. They can assist charities in the Bethel and Monroe Township communities and beyond.

Whatever type of endowment fund a donor chooses, the Foundation and the Board of Trustees ensure that each fund fulfills donor wishes and continues to play a useful role in our community.

The funds that follow represent the growing history of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations and exemplify our donors' commitment to society and to community philanthropy. Over the decades, these funds have provided vital charitable dollars for virtually every area of charitable effort within our community. They will continue to give, in our donors' names, for generations to come.

Individual gifts are welcome additions to these endowment funds. By making a contribution to an existing fund, a donor's gift will join others' for maximum charitable benefit. See how to do this on the last page of this report.

All funds are listed with market values as of December 31, 1999.

\* David W. Dinsmore Scholarship Fund-1999 (\$13,824.21) An interest in things related to Bethel Schools was a trademark of David Dinsmore over the years, including his handsomely restored 1921 school bus. For this reason the scholarship created in his name for Bethel students becomes an especially fitting tribute to the good deeds Dinsmore achieved in his lifetime.



Dave Dinsmore and the original 1921 Bethel Township school bus

\* Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship Fund-1992 (\$15,216.16) Tippecanoe High School seniors, who have participated in the Tipp City Band, who demonstrate leadership skills and academic aptitude are eligible for this annual award established in memory of Jeanette Gaston. Miss Gaston died in a car accident in 1991 while a freshman at Ball State where she played the trombone in the band. She was majoring in engineering and physics.

\* August Henke Fund-1950 (\$29,538.60) In 1923, at the age of 92, this obituary shouted "Tippecanoe's Oldest Man". It's therefore fitting that his fund, established in his memory by his daughter, Emma Henke Warner, is set aside to provide comfort and support of needy and aged men.

\* William H. Kendig Fund-1957 (\$3,077.19) Youth in Tipp City benefit from awards made from this fund. William and Loletha Kendig lived for a short while in a home at Plum and Third Streets and had no children of their own.

\* Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarship Fund-1999 (\$27,256.12) This fund honors the memory of these sisters by awarding scholarships to students attending four-year colleges or universities. Heather and Holly LeGros were killed in separate automobile accidents in their senior years at Tippecanoe High School.



Heather & Holly LeGros

\* John S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund-1999 (\$13,960.71) Bethel High School students

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with aptitude, ability and interest are eligible to apply for this award created in memory of the Millers. The Millers set up housekeeping in Bethel Township following their marriage in 1903.

\* **Lucille L. Milner Fund-1997** (\$66,971.41) For over 65 years Mrs. Milner has enjoyed the beauty, shade, fragrance and texture added to our city parks and streets by its urban forest. Her desire to support the future of Tipp City's trees is reflected by this fund, which provides for the purchase of trees for planting in the parks and along the streets. Plantings are to be coordinated with the City of Tipp City and its Park Board.



Lucille Milner

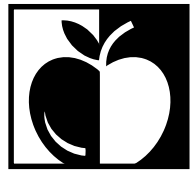


Helen Timmer

\* **The Tipp City Foundation Fund-1943** (\$1,924,290.42) This fund was created for the exclusive support of the charitable endeavors benefiting the citizens of Tipp City. Originally established through a \$1,300 gift from Ed Timmer, owner of Miami County Lumber, it was later added to significantly by his daughter, Helen Timmer.

improve and maintain the quality of life in the communities of Bethel and Monroe Townships is the mission of this fund.

\* **Tippecanoe Educational Endowment-1999** (\$158.30) This fund was established by the Tipp City Board of Education to support enrichment programs in its school, which are not otherwise funded through tax dollars.



Tippecanoe Educational Endowment

## Giving Tomorrow

As Tipp City Area Community Foundations prepares for our community's future, legacy donors continue to play an ever more vital role. As a commitment to future generations, the following generous people have provided for gifts that eventually will come to the Foundation for the benefit of others.



John & Kay Berk (shown)  
Jim & June Kyle  
Anonymous Donor (1)

Unlike a current gift where distribution begins during the donor's lifetime, a legacy gift is activated upon asset transfer, after the lifetime of the donor. Creating a legacy through a will, life insurance, retirement plan, life income plan or other deferred plan may provide a living memorial for charitable causes in which a donor believes.

This is only an introduction to charitable giving through Tipp City Area Community Foundations. Be sure to check with your accountant, attorney or other advisor for additional information on how gifts should be transferred with your special circumstances in mind.

Tipp City Area Community Foundations would be pleased to provide you with additional information on any legacy gifts you may be considering. You may call Heather Bailey Hoffmann, Foundation administrator, at 937-225-9975 to confidentially discuss any questions.

## Giving Today: 1999 Contributors

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is privileged each year to receive contributions of all sizes from individuals, organizations and corporations to support activities that improve the quality of life for area residents. The Board of Trustees extends its gratitude to the donors who contribute to the betterment of our region through the Foundation.

Contributions were received in Memory or Honor of: Carol Chamberlain \* David W. Dinsmore \* Jeanette C. Gaston \* Heather LeGros \* Holly LeGros \* Patrick McAtee \* John S. Miller \* Louise T. Miller

Contributors were: Patty Shroyer Dinsmore \* Thomas E. Dysinger \* Mr. & Mrs. Michael Erbaugh \* Otto H. Frings \* Mr. & Mrs. Terry Gaston \* Donald & Ellen Hazel \* Heather Bailey Hoffmann \* Mr. & Mrs. Keith Kauk \* Mr. & Mrs. John LeGros \* Lexis-Nexis Division of Reed Elsevier plc \* Miller



Ottie Frings with wife Isabel rode as Grand Marshal in the 1990 Tipp City Mum Festival Parade. In 1999 Frings gifted a generous contribution to the Foundation.

Scholarship Trustees \* John A. & Judy A. Miller \* Milton-Union Boosters \* Mr. & Mrs. William Nicholson \* Parents Who Care \* Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rogers \* Amanda Vallo



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## MAKE YOUR MARK

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Please consider contributing a gift, no matter how large or small, to the Tipp City Area Community Foundations for work in the community. Gifts are tax-deductible and serve as an ideal way to remember a friend or relative.

Thank you for your support of Tipp City Area Community Foundations!

The enclosed contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is from

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Tipp City Area Community Foundations

My gift is to be added to the unrestricted fund. A gift of this type is actually a gift to the community at-large. Instead of benefiting just one agency or cause, your gift will be used to help us make grants to a wide variety of charitable, educational, health and cultural programs in the greater community.

----- **OR** -----

My gift is to be added to one of the following existing funds: (see pages 6 & 7 for detailed descriptions)

- David W. Dinsmore Scholarship
- Jeanette C. Gaston Music Scholarship
- August Henke Fund
- William H. Kendig Fund
- Heather & Holly LeGros Scholarship
- John S. & Louise T. Miller Scholarship
- Lucille L. Milner Fund
- Tippecanoe Educational Endowment

My gift is in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
*(circle one)*

Please send a notice of this donation to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive information about:

- gifts that return income to me
- including Tipp City Area Community Foundations in my estate plan
- giving gifts of stock

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