

**EAST MEETS WEST:**

## Bethel & Monroe Townships Collaborate to Serve Philanthropy

The year 2000 was great for the Tipp City Area Community Foundations. One of the first things that was done was the expansion of Bethel Township into our service area. The many joint projects between Tipp and Bethel, such as the Area United Fund, the same post office and others, made it an easy call. Joan C. Creech and Jerard Weikert have been selected as representatives to serve the broadened territory.

As we worked through 2000, it soon became clear that in 2001 the Foundation would be granting its one-millionth dollar. We believe this to be a significant accomplishment for a community our size. It was decided that

we would then celebrate 2001 as our Jubilee Year. Planning has been underway for some time, and, as the year unfolds, the Trustees continue to be busy. We welcome you to work with us and make it a true Jubilee Year.

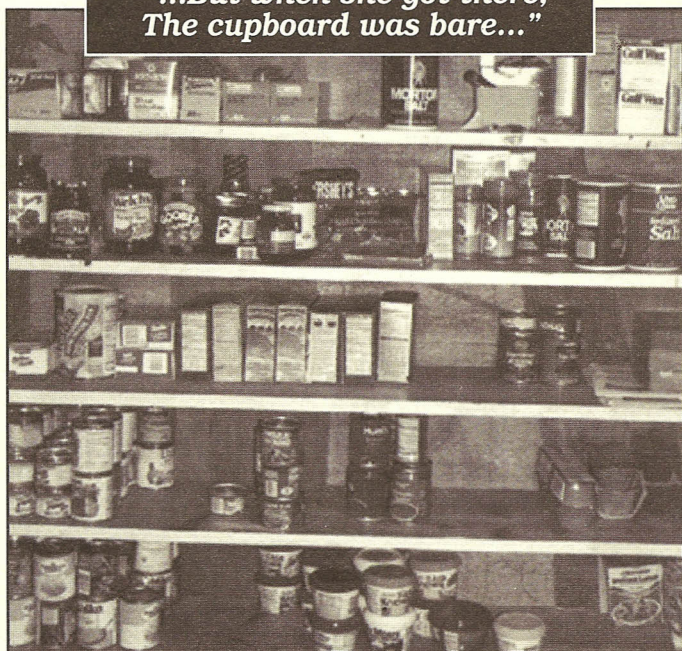
In pursuit of our mission — to assemble the moneys of our community so as to promote and support the charitable, cultural, social, educational and recreational programs, agencies and institutions in our community — we are pleased to announce that the Foundation has added three new funds for a combined total of twelve. (See pages 7-8 for the full list of all funds.)

Members of the Foundation have been meeting with school officials from both Tipp City and Bethel Township along with city and township representatives to explain our mission and to facilitate the handling of future grants. We see ourselves as partners with these representatives.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations' trustees are working for you. As we look forward to celebrating the JUBILEE YEAR and our one-millionth dollar, please come on-board and help us continue to grow.

*Jesse Chamberlain*  
O. Jesse Chamberlain, president

*"...But when she got there,  
The cupboard was bare..."*



It's not fiction that some people in our community open their pantries only to find no nutritional food. Even in the healthiest of economies and the most prosperous of neighborhoods, pockets of need still exist. Lucky for Tipp City there is an organization called Needy Basket helping to restock those empty shelves. Last year 45 volunteers performed over 800 hours of service filling these emergency food gaps. Food requests come in at a rate of 10-12 per month. Tipp City Area Community Foundations is proud to support the good work of this organization.

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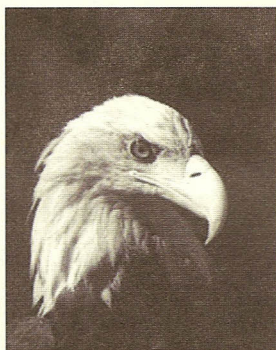


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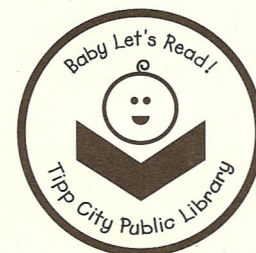
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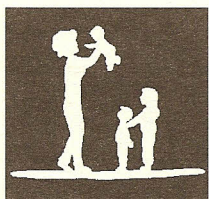
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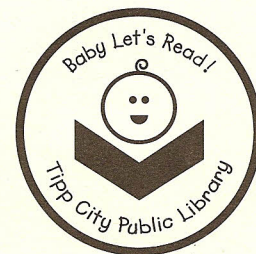
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- \* Parents Who Care, Inc. (\$1,000) supports an alcohol- and drug-free after-prom party for junior and senior students.

- \* Stepping Stones Cooperative Preschool (\$429) turns student-created work into bound books for use in school by purchasing a laminating and book binding machine.

A STUMBLING BLOCK OR  
A STEPPING STONE  
To each is given a bag of tools  
A shapeless mass and a book of rules.  
And each must make ere life is flown  
A stumbling block or a Stepping Stone.  
Now isn't it strange that princes and kings  
And clowns who caper in sawdust rings,  
And common folk like you and me  
Are builders all, for eternity.

- \* Sunrise Center for Adults, Inc. (\$1,700) purchases chairs customized to the needs of this adult day care facility.

### **Tipp City Exempted Village School awards:**

- \* (\$1,672) replaces the annual door-to-door fundraiser to send 5th grade students to Camp Kern for an outdoor education program and to send 6th grade students to the Victoria Theatre for a performance.



*Camp Kern Outdoor Education*

- \* (\$3,144) replaces a hearing screening tool called an audiometer for use in the Broadway and Central schools.

- \* (\$3,178) supplements the science curriculum of 3rd grade students with a three-part hands-on environmental awareness program designed, in part, by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

- \* (\$4,500) makes available to all parents and care givers of Tipp City children in grades K-6 a lending library of



*Hearing loss is prevented through early detection*

materials addressing parenting and care giving issues.

- \* (\$735) underwrites the cost of producing the Class Act Parents (CAP) program, a three-part educational series for parents. The series has proved to be a valuable

resource for parents, creating a meaningful cycle for better parenting skills, successful children, a stronger school system and ultimately a better community.

- \* (\$1,100) phonological awareness, the ability to hear sounds within words, and listening skills are improved in students age 7-13 through the use of new Earobics curriculum kits.

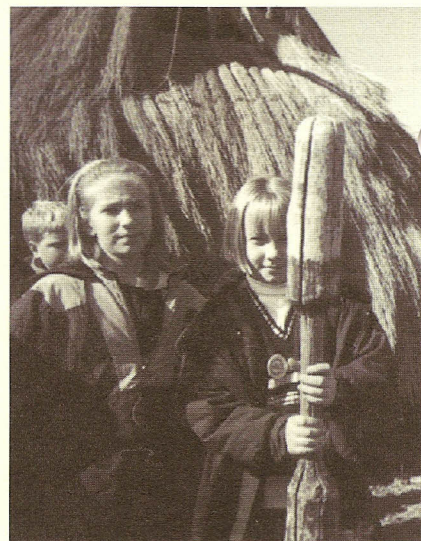
- \* (\$3,000) excites 2nd graders about the study of science through hands-on involvement with experiments that introduce science as a part of everyday life. The curriculum is underscored with visiting exhibits from the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, and ties science with art and literature in this creative and comprehensive program.



*Educator Joseph Bellas (left) brings the Civil War to life for advanced placement history students*

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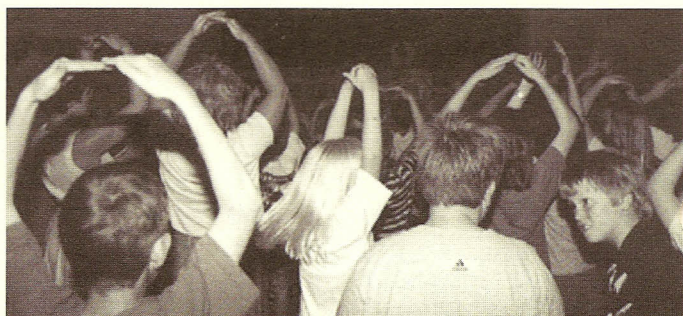
- \* (\$1,150) sends 4th grade students to SunWatch Indian Village and the Miamisburg Indian Mound to experience first-hand what Indian life was like in the Miami Valley hundreds of years ago.



*SunWatch Indian Village: hands-on learning*

- \* (\$946) 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.

- \* Tipp City Lions Club (\$1,000) focuses in on optical health of the needy by providing funds for eye examinations and glasses.



*A grove of trees sprouts in a sea of children learning environmental awareness.*





## And the winners are...!

Six scholars were awarded grants to further their education in 2000 through the Foundation funds. The donors set criteria for each award. Application information for future scholarships can be obtained through Bethel and Tiptecanoe High Schools' guidance offices. And the winners are...



*Swimmers compete long after dark.*

- \* Tipp City Metro Basketball League (\$6,140) adapts basketball bank-boards and rims to be more size-appropriate for the children using them.
- \* Tipp City Music Boosters (\$2,350) accessorizes the high-school Concert Band by purchasing jackets, cummerbunds and bow ties.
- \* Tipp City Players (\$500) brings a professional mime and juggling instructor to a summer drama camp for children ages 7-15.
- \* Tipp City Players (\$1,300) dresses up the stage for the performance of 1776 with the purchase of costumes and wigs.
- \* Tipp City Youth Soccer (\$1,723) kicks in funding to expand the number of soccer fields at Kyle Park.
- \* Tipp-Monroe Swim Team (\$950) brightens the lanes of the Tipp City Municipal Pool by purchasing pole lights.

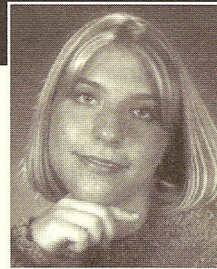


*Teamwork, physical fitness & responsibility ...who says that soccer is just about kicking balls?*



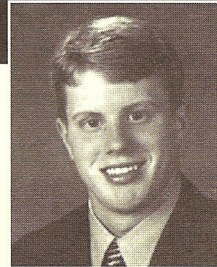
*By knowing our history we can better guide the future*

- \* Tiptecanoe Educational Endowment (\$750) purchases promotional items for the participants of the family walk known as the Mum Meander, which raises awareness of the school's new endowment efforts.
- \* Tiptecanoe Historical Society (\$2,586) preserves the oral history of the area currently being recorded by the Society by underwriting the transcription costs.



### Jennifer M. Alexander

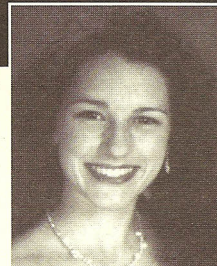
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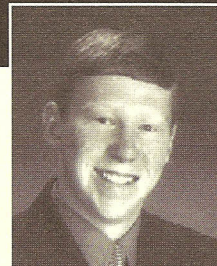
*James S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship*  
to attend Miami University

***"Thank you for honoring me with your scholarship. I will do my best to live up to its benefactors."***



### Kelly L. Henry

*Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship*  
to attend University of Cincinnati



### Curtis Sutton

*Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship*  
to attend The Ohio State University

#### **Not Pictured:**

**Schelley Stahle** to attend Indiana University at South Bend

**Megan Katzfey** to attend Ohio University

*Both were recipients of Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarships*



## Volunteers Behind The Scenes

At the core of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations is the dedication and commitment of its volunteers, bringing their integrity, ability and knowledge of the community's charitable needs. They provide the citizen involvement that characterizes a true community foundation.

A broad spectrum of community residents volunteers time to the Trustees. Following are some of the people who play this special role in the Foundation and, we believe, bring out the best in us.

*Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund-*  
James Gay, Mara Lance, Ann McKenzie, David Vail

*Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship-* Tippecanoe High School Music Department Staff

*Heather & Holly LeGros memorial Scholarship Fund-* Betty Bross, Jeff Sakal, members of the Tippecanoe High School academic council

*John S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund-*  
Mara Lance, John A. Miller, David Vail

*Robert E. Nessle Memorial Scholarship Fund-* Chuck Nessle, Marcia Nessle

*Tipp City Area Community Foundations-*



A dedicated group of community leaders takes care of the day-to-day work of the Foundation serving as its Board of Trustees. Work includes monthly meetings and quarterly grants review sessions. It also involves work to educate the community about the Foundation. Front row: Becky Coughlin, Lucille Milner, Joan Creech, Jackie Wahl. Back row: Nancy McAlpin, Jess Chamberlain, Jim Kyle, Jerard Weikert, Gordon Honeyman, Matt Timmer. Not pictured is Ruth Hawley. Heather Bailey Hoffmann is the administrator lent to us from The Dayton Foundation.



*You  
Are Invited...*

## JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION OUTDOOR CONCERT

*Featuring . . .*

### The United States Air Force Band of Flight

Saturday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.

*at*

Tipp City United Methodist Church  
*(corner of Main & Third Streets)*

Please bring lawn chairs or blankets

ADMISSION IS FREE

*This report to the Community made  
possible with help from . . .*







## Giving Through Endowment Funds

All funds are listed with market values as of December 31, 2000.

You may be wondering where the Foundation gets its money for the work it does in the community. Fair question. Here's the answer. Since 1943, donors just like you have created funds that distribute income annually. The distributions are made in the form of grants. *(See page 3-5 for this year's grant awards.)* By leaving the principal intact, the original donation is available to earn interest year after year to generate grants for generations to come. Funds set up in this form are called endowments, and, as of December 31, 2000, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has \$2,169,029 set aside in this manner.

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. Listed below are the needs currently being met through endowments.

Whatever cause a donor chooses to support with the creation of an endowment, the Foundation and the Board of Trustees ensure that the donor's wishes are fulfilled. This is made possible through the volunteer work of the Distribution Committee of the Foundation, which actually selects the grants to be awarded.

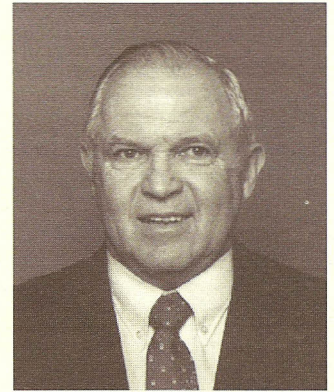
The endowment funds that follow represent the growing history of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations and exemplify our donors' commitment to society and to community philanthropy. Over the decades, these funds have provided vital charitable dollars for virtually every area of charitable effort within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

\* **Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund-2000 (\$5,023.68)** This fund will salute excellence by awarding scholarships to Bethel High School graduates pursuing a degree in agriculture, dietary science, education or childhood development.

\* **David W. Dinsmore Scholarship Fund-1999 (\$12,577.51)** 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.

\* **Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship Fund-1992 (\$15,202.43)** Tippecanoe High School seniors, who have participated



Dave Dinsmore

in the band, are eligible for this

award. 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.



Jeanett Gaston

\* **August Henke Fund-1950 (\$28,663.32)** In 1923, at the age of 92, August Henke's obituary shouted "Tippecanoe's Oldest Man". It's therefore fitting that his fund, established in his memory by his daughter, Emma Henke Warner, provides comfort and support of needy and aged men.

\* **William H. Kendig Fund-1957 (\$3,113.60)** 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 (\$25,287.19)** 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.

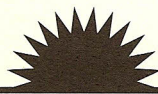
\* **John S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund-1999 (\$13,426.24)** Bethel High School students with aptitude, ability and interest are eligible to apply for this award created in memory of the Millers, who set up housekeeping in Bethel Township following their marriage in 1903.



Louise & John Miller

\* **Lucille L. Milner Fund-1997 (\$68,895.78)** For over 70 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 in this fund, which provides for the purchase of





### TREES

I think that I shall never see  
 A poem lovely as a tree.  
 A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
 Against the sweet earth's flowing breast;  
 A tree that looks at God all day,  
 And lifts her leafy arms to pray;  
 A tree that may in summer wear  
 A nest of robins in her hair;  
 Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
 Who intimately lives with rain.  
 Poems are made by fools like me,  
 But only God can make a tree.  
 —Joyce Kilmer

trees for planting in the parks and along the streets. Plantings are coordinated with Tipp City and its Park Board.



Rob Nessel

\* Robert E. Nessel Memorial Scholarship Fund-1994 (\$18,485.02) This fund establishes an award for Bethel High School graduates attending Miami University or The Ohio State University, and celebrates the diverse life that Rob Nessel led before his death. He was a valedictorian at Bethel High School, a summa cum laude graduate of Miami University and a doctoral

candidate in New York University's economics program.

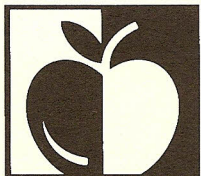
\* The Tipp City Foundation Fund-1943 (\$1,943,512.61) This fund was created for the exclusive support of the charitable endeavors benefiting the citizens of Tipp City. Originally established through a \$1,300 gift from Ed Timmer, owner of Miami County Lumber, it was later added to significantly by his daughter, Helen Timmer.

\* The Tippecanoe Community Foundation Fund-1999 (\$17,322.77) Supporting charitable and cultural endeavors to improve and maintain the quality of life in the communities of Bethel and Monroe Townships is the mission of this fund.



Helen Timmer

\* Tippecanoe Educational Endowment-1999 (\$17,519.16) 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.



## Giving Tomorrow

The greater Tipp City community is a very caring place to live. Many people volunteer regularly and give financially to the nonprofit groups of their choice. When they're gone, their support is sorely missed. By leaving a legacy through a gift in your will, you can continue to help organizations that are making an important difference in Tipp City and the surrounding areas.

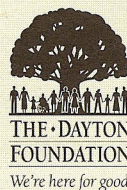
The following generous people have made estate plans for gifts that will eventually come to the Foundation.



Bob Kessler is paid tribute through wife Lois' estate plan

- \* Anonymous Donor (1)
- \* John & Kay Berk
- \* Lois Kessler
- \* Jim & June Kyle
- \* Warren E. Miltenberger

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 937-225-9974 to confidentially discuss any questions.



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.





# WHAT CAN THE TIPP CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS DO WITH JUST \$978.75? JUST LOOK!

One day last March, 200 eighth-grade students from L.T. Ball Middle School rode buses to Dayton to see *Freedom Train* at the Victoria Theatre, thanks to a grant from the Tipp City Area Community Foundations. During the play the students' imaginations rode the Underground Railroad with Harriet Tubman and were introduced to the harsh life of slavery. By the end of the morning 200 students had left with 200 unique experiences...all for a mere \$978.75. It was just one small grant but, oh, what an impact. Let's see what some of the kids had to say....

DEAR TIPP CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS,

...Harriet Tubman helped slaves run away to freedom in the north. The trail that she followed was called the Underground Railroad. She helped her whole family and over 300 slaves get to freedom... - Simon \* Thank you so much for giving us that eighth-grade trip. -Ashley \* As students get older, we have less and less field trips...but as we get older we appreciate them a whole lot more. -Andrew \* This play changed the way I look at blacks. -Nicholas \* It taught me a lot and now my respect is greater for actors who get up and put on a show every night. -Christopher \* I especially liked the amount of truth put in about the events of Harriet Tubman...now not only have we studied the slave trade but now we will be able to experience it as best it can be shown. -Todd \* The play connected with what we're studying in language arts class. -Jessica \* It was the first time I saw live theater and it makes me want to see it again. -Danie \* The people that played each character did very well...so well they made me think. -Jessica \* Learning about Harriet was good because before I knew the name but not much about her. Now I know more. -Julie \* The props were good and the imaginary corn looked delicious. -Galen \* I especially liked the scene where Harriet helped her father escape. -Scott \* I'm so glad I was able to go, thank you so much. -Adam \* I liked the way the actors and actresses played their parts. They really got into their characters and expressed their feelings. -Eric \* The actors and actresses used only one setting but changed it a little each time to make a different room. -Nicole \* Unexpected humor...popped up in the play at times and really caught my attention. -Angelyn \* Your generosity has given students the chance to see other forms of art outside of school. -Michelle \* I enjoyed the part when Harriet had a dizzy spell and all of the lights in the theater went on and off...that looked neat. -Dan \* Harriet was an old lady at the beginning [of the play] and told it as a story of what she did. She had many different ways of escaping slaves and taking them through the Underground Railroad to the north. She was always successful and never lost a passenger. -Philip \* The story is almost just like the book that I read. -Kevin \* This was a great way to get out of the classroom but still be learning. -Adam \* It didn't have a lot of props but it was fun to use imagination. -Tina \* I hope...every future eighth grader gets the opportunity to have this experience. -Heath \* In my opinion, all children should go see this play or one in resemblance to it. This is a good example of non-prejudicism. In my opinion this is what all children need these days. -Haley \* Learning is a lot more exciting when you can see it... -Caitlin \* I had not realized how dangerous it was for a runaway slave at that time. If they were caught, they were either shot, shipped, burned or hanged. -Shayne \* I learned that Harriet was called Moses. -Jessica \* It reminded me of my grandpa and how he used to tell me about slaves and the Underground Railroad. -Samantha \* We would have never been able to see this play if it wasn't for you. -Eric \* Thanks again for allowing us to see this great play and for giving us a chance to learn new things. -Holly \* I loved the scene where the very loud guard that spoke like a real hillbilly. Forgive me if I sound mean, but the way the guard spoke and acted was so funny. -Andrew \* I've never known the poverty of black history. This play showed me how poorly people, the same as whites only with a different skin color, could and did get treated. It shows everyone what choices we make effect so many others. We often learn from our mistakes, and I am glad that we are all fortunate enough to see and understand and not repeat mistakes that were made in the past. -Samantha \* Viewing this play makes me interested in learning more about slavery. I have a better understanding of how African-Americans were treated. -Melanie \* ...thank you for letting us have the time to recognize different kinds of people. I learned how equality really works. I learned to respect people of any color... -Anthony \* ...she became a conductor on the railroad and helped over 300 slaves escape to freedom, which included her family. What I got out of this play was new knowledge about Harriet I didn't know before, and about how other races and religions were treated back then. -Mac \* I didn't understand how hard the journey north was...I understand much better how slaves were treated. -Sarah \* Harriet's father was put in jail because slave hunters knew she would come and try to get him out. -Aimee \* It's not every day that I get to see a good play. -Emily \* I learned a lot about how the slaves were treated and how difficult it was for them to escape. I also thought that the actors did a great job demonstrating their emotions. -Stephanie \* The props that they used helped me use my imagination, which I like to do. -Bryan \* I loved the music that they sang. -Kirby \* It had funny parts and sad parts and it also provided us with information about Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad in general. -Eric \* This play helped me realize that you should (if you have the potential) help people through their problems whenever you can. -Josh \* I had a wonderful time. -Eugenia \* I got to see what it was like for slaves and to live back in the time of slavery and what the racial periods were like. This play will probably remain in my mind forever because of the meaning to it. -David \* I really don't like plays but I do like this one...I wouldn't mind going back. -Erica \* *Freedom Train* was a very interesting musical. The music came from the traditional African spirituals. Fascinating... -Thomas



## Giving Today: 2000 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 Received in Memory or Honor of*

\* William O. Berk \* Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers  
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*"Do your giving  
while you're living,  
So you're knowing  
where it's going."*

*-Ann Landers*

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## Bowers Family Shares Happiness with Bethel Schools

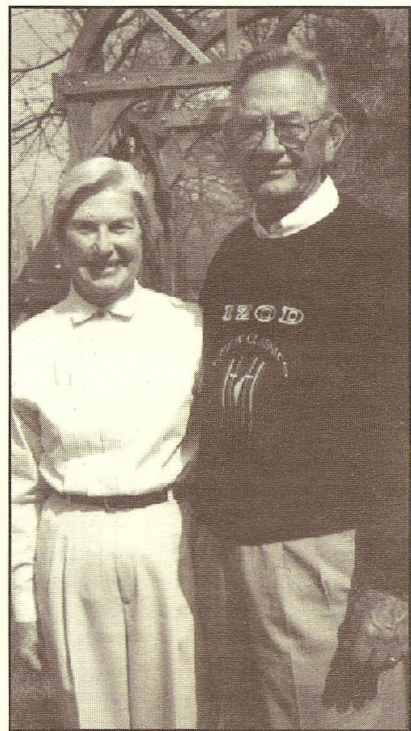
In the 1940s, Cleon Studebaker met Lester Bowers while attending Bethel Local Schools. That meeting led to something special and within a few years they were married. Now fifty years later, these lifelong Miami County residents have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

*"...(the fund) is a creative way to say happy anniversary and to say thank you for being extraordinary parents." -Todd Bowers*

To mark the occasion, the Bowers children, Sid, Todd and Keith Bowers and Ann Bowers McKenzie,

came up with a creative way to say happy anniversary and thank you for being extraordinary parents. Through the Tipp City Area Community Foundations, they established the Lester and Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund.

This new scholarship, awarded for the first time in 2000, goes to students graduating from Bethel High School who are interested in pursuing careers in agriculture, dietary science, education or childhood development. Award decisions are made based on a student's scholarship, personal integrity, community service and academic effort.



The Bowers' life in Miami County has been spent close to the land. Lester and Cleon own a farm and have been involved in all of the things normally associated with farm life. Lester also has worked as a cattle buyer, while Cleon has participated as a county fair judge. Throughout their lives their family, education and community have remained the center of their attention.

Says son Todd Bowers of Sayre, Pennsylvania, "They are the best folks that anyone could ever think of."





## Grant Making 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, 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 does not usually 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.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRANT

The Tipp City Foundation processes applications for grants throughout the year. Grant requests should be submitted in writing to the Distribution Committee chair at the address below. Special forms and multiple copies are not required. Each proposal received by the Foundation will receive careful review. More detailed 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 Tipp City Foundation chair for assistance in determining eligibility for Foundation support, clarification on the application process, and application deadlines.

### **Applications should include:**

- The correct legal name and address of the organization seeking a 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.
- A copy of the letter from the IRS determining the organization's tax-exempt status.

### **Obligations in exchange for a grant award:**

- An organization receiving a grant award is asked to acknowledge the Foundation in any publicity, promotion or recognition that the organization generates related to the award or its use.
- The Foundation appreciates receiving a photo depicting what the grant award was used for.
- A narrative report, briefly describing the outcome of the project, will be due within 90 days following the receipt of the grant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Tipp City Foundation will willingly review any proposal that could have a major impact on our community, particularly if funding from other sources is unavailable.

### **Send Applications To:**

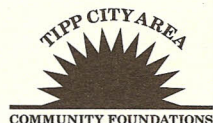
Jim Kyle, chair  
The Tipp City Foundation  
P.O. Box 626  
Tipp City, Ohio 45371-0626  
937-667-2491

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

The Tipp City Foundation 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 Jim Kyle at 667-2491 to set a date for your 1999 calendar.



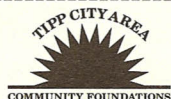


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### MAKE YOUR MARK

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

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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.

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My gift is to be added to one of the following existing funds: (see pages 7 & 8 for detailed descriptions)

- ☐ Lester & Cleon Bowers Scholarship
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Robert E. Nessel Scholarship
- ☐ Tippecanoe Educational Endowment

☐ My gift is eligible for a corporate match. Paperwork is enclosed.

☐ My gift is in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowable.