

2005 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

CONTRIBUTING TO CHARITABLE AND CULTURAL ENDEAVORS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TIPP CITY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA

CAMP KERN PROVIDES A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Two generations of Tipp City fifth-graders have been enjoying the excitement of a two-day outdoor education experience at Camp Kern, and the Tipp City Area Community Foundation is proud to help provide funding for that annual experience.

"Helping children have great educational experiences is one of the most satisfying

parts of being involved with the Foundation," said Mike Lightle, Distribution Committee Chairman. "The Camp Kern trip has become an experience Tipp City students look forward to throughout elementary school, and it's one we hope we can continue to support for many years."

"Camp Kern is a great place to reinforce and build on classroom learning," said L.T. Ball fifth-grade teacher

Darlene McClurg. "We can teach about the history of Ohio in class, then enhance that at camp

with living history. There students meet early Ohio pioneers in the year 1810 and actually see what life was like. They also attend pioneer school and see how different education was for children in early Ohio."

As part of the immersion in Ohio history, students hunt for fossils and explore the riverbed, looking for geologic clues about their state.

Teachers and parent chaperones accompany the fifthgraders to Camp Kern, and it is a great opportunity for teachers, parents and students to interact in a more casual setting, as partners in a unique learning situation.

> Tipp City students traditionally visit Camp Kern in the winter, providing many children with their first-ever winter hiking and camping experience. Winter night hikes reveal nature sights and sounds that children may have never experienced

before. Campers Kristen Wolters and Rhyanna Hallauer expressed, "Even though it was very cold on the hike, it was really fun and worth it! One of the fascinating things was when we heard the howl of a covote in the distance."

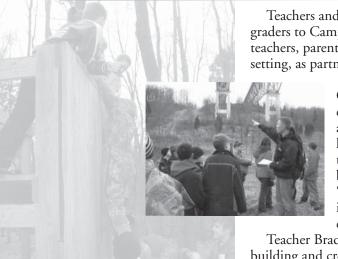
Teacher Brad McKinney said, "Camp Kern provides great experiences in teambuilding and creative thinking. Students must work together to negotiate an adventure course that includes scaling a wall and overcoming a variety of obstacles."

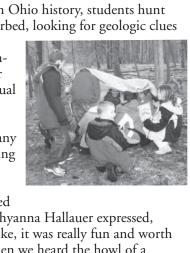
"This has become a strong Tipp City tradition that is treasured and talked about for years," said teacher Mike Vagedes. "Camp Kern was one of the most memorable experiences I had as a student in Tipp Schools, and it is very exciting for me now to help another generation of Tipp students enjoy that experience."

Of course, no camp experience is complete without thrilling tales around a campfire, camp songs and games. Camp Kern provides those in abundance, creating a magical two-day experience that is only 40 miles from home, but takes campers to a whole new world.

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- Mike Vagedes, 5th grade teacher







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OUR FOUNDATION.... HISTORY AND LEADERSHIP



The Foundation was started August 3, 1943 as a community trust to benefit Tipp City and Monroe Township. This asset is managed by U. S. Bank for long term growth. Originally started with a \$1,300 gift from Ed Timmer, the Foundation's assets are currently \$2,354,593, as of December 31, 2005.

Early Foundation trustees included Orville Whitmer, Frank Suerdieck, Dr. Sam Kemper, Helen Timmer (who later added significant assets to the trust) and Clayton (Penny) Finch.

Currently the trustees and members of the Foundation have broadened to include Bethel Township representatives. The Distribution Committee Trustees include Mike Lightle, Chair, Gordon Honeyman, Marilyn Richards, Matt Timer, Jackie Wahl and Jesse Chamberlain, Secretary. Other board members include Heather Bailey, Anita Bowman-Hamber, Becky Coughlin, Joan Creech, Nancy McAlpin, and Dr. Jim Ranft. Janice McLefresh of The Dayton Foundation is the staff liaison.

Trustees are appointed by various local organizations, the courts and banking institutions. Other members are nominated from the community at-large.



We're here for good.

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



John and Kay Berk

LEAVE A LEGACY

Unlike a gift received during a donor's lifetime, a legacy gift is activated upon asset transfer to the Foundation after the donor's death. Legacies become donors' memorials to their favorite charitable causes.

The following generous people have provided for gifts through their wills, insurance policies or other planned giving vehicles that will eventually come to the Tipp City Area Community Foundations:

Anonymous Donor John and Kay Berk Lois Kessler Jim and June Kyle Warren E. Miltenberger

2005 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Eleven students received scholarship awards totaling \$16,900 through Foundation funds in 2005. The donors who established these funds set the criteria for each award. Application information for future scholarships may be obtained through the helpful staff of the Bethel and Tippecanoe High Schools' guidance offices.





Kyle Artrip

Lauren Taylor

PHILIP D. CLAWSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR TIPPECANOE HIGH SCHOOL (\$500 each) Amby B. Silvers to attend The Ohio State University, Elizabeth A. McClurg to attend The Ohio State University

LESTER AND CLEON STUDEBAKER BOWERS SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) Abbey J. Bergman to attend Bowling Green State University

David W. Dinsmore Scholarship (\$400) *Kyle G. Artrip* to attend the University of Idaho

JEANETTE C. GASTON MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) Lauren Taylor to attend Wright State University

HEATHER AND HOLLY LEGROS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,500) Carmen M. Seger to attend the University of Cincinnati

JOHN S. AND LOUISE T. MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) Sarah J. McDonald to attend Liberty University







Carmen Seger

James Gonsiewski

Amby Silvers

ROBERT E. NESSLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (\$500) James P. Gonsiewski to attend The Ohio State University

TIPP CITY ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP (\$1,000 renewable for 4 years)

Trevor A. Baron to attend Ohio Northern University, *Meagan A. Black* to attend Wright State University, Carmen M. Seger to attend the University of Cincinnati

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GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY OF Heather Bledsoe Philip Clawson Maureen Demers Helen Dunnick Jeanette Gaston Caroline Hyde Mildred Leonard Deborah Liebrock Elizabeth Lynn Spano

LONG TERM FUNDS OF THE TIPP CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS



Philip and Marlene Clawson

THE PHILIP D. CLAWSON FAMILY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 2005 (\$3,384)
Honors the memory of this Harrison
Township toolmaker, who valued
education and the opportunities it offers
individuals. This scholarship provides
financial assistance to graduating
Tippecanoe High School seniors.



Lester and Cleon Studebaker Bowers

LESTER AND CLEON STUDEBAKER BOWERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 2000 (\$8,983) This fund will salute excellence by awarding scholarships to Bethel High School graduates pursuing a degree in agriculture, dietary science, education or childhood development. It was established by the Bowers' children in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

THE MAUREEN DEMERS MEMORIAL
FUND FOR THE NEEDY – 2004 (\$46,125)
Celebrates the life and caring spirit
of Maureen Demers by supporting
organizations that help others, namely
the Community Relief Program, Needy
Baskets and the St. Vincent DePaul
Fund, all in Tipp City. Her adopted
hometown of Petersburg, Virginia also
received support through the Community
Outreach Program operated by the
St. Joseph Church.

DAVID W. DINSMORE SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 1999 (\$10,369) In tribute to this 1934 graduate of Bethel High School and past president of the Bethel School Board, this fund will award scholarships to Bethel High School graduates and to students completing their studies at Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

JEANETTE C. GASTON MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 1992 (\$23,025)
Tippecanoe High School seniors who have participated in the Tipp City Band and have demonstrated 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 University where she played the trombone in the band and was majoring in engineering and physics.

AUGUST HENKE FUND – 1950 (\$29,610) Emma Henke Warner, daughter of August Henke, established this fund to provide comfort and support for needy and aged men. A native of Germany, August Henke was considered the oldest living resident in Tippecanoe when he died in 1923 at the age of 92.

WILLIAM H. KENDIG FUND – 1957 (\$2,634) Youth in Tipp City benefit from awards made from this fund. William

and Loletha Kendig, who lived for a short time in a home at Plum and Third Streets, had no children of their own.

JIM AND JUNE KYLE FAMILY FUND – 2001 (\$12,869) As a trustee of the Foundation's grant distribution committee, Jim Kyle saw first-hand the positive impact that grants can have on our community. For this reason, trustee emeritus Jim Kyle and his wife, June, created this unrestricted fund to support charitable and cultural endeavors for the citizens of Bethel and Monroe Townships.



Holly and Heather LeGros

HEATHER AND HOLLY LEGROS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 1999 (\$8,033) Scholarships are awarded to graduating students in memory of these two sisters. Heather and Holly LeGros were killed in separate automobile accidents in their senior years at Tippecanoe High School.

WHAT IS A FUND?

A fund is the basic building block of a community foundation. Funds are named for their purposes, for their donors or as memorials. Most of the funds operate as perpetual endowments, distributing only their net income in the form of grants. Others distribute principal, either at specific times set forth at the fund's creation or at the suggestion of the fund advisors. Almost any charitable purpose can be served through a fund within the Tipp City Area Community Foundations.

The funds described in this report have been created by individuals and organizations. They represent the growing history of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations, which began in 1943 and exemplify our donors' commitment to society and to community philanthropy. The funds will continue to give, in the donors' names, for generations to come.

Any individual, organization or business may make a contribution to these endowment funds. By making a contribution to an existing fund, a donor's gift will join others for maximum charitable benefit.

All funds are listed with market values as of December 31, 2005. At the end of the year, total assets in the 19 funds exceeded \$2,357,000.



Ortho and Mick Marko

Marko Family Endowment for Arts Programs Fund – (\$65,793) Ortho Marko established this endowment in honor of his son, Mick Marko. Mr. Marko passed away in 2003 at the age of 87. The income from his generous bequest will provide annual revenue for the Miami County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to begin, maintain or supplement an arts program, with special emphasis on adult clients who want to paint.

JOHN S. AND LOUISE T. MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 1999 (\$16,093) The fund honors this Bethel Township farming family by providing college scholarships to graduates of Bethel High School in Miami County. Four generations of the Miller family have attended Bethel Township schools.

LUCILLE L. MILNER FUND – 1998 (\$72,925) For over 70 years, Mrs. Milner enjoyed the beauty, shade, fragrance and texture added to Tipp City's parks and streets by its urban forest. Her desire to



Lucille Milner

help ensure the same beauty for future generations led her to establish this fund, which provides for the purchase of trees for planting in the parks and along the streets. Plantings are coordinated by Tipp City and its Park Board.



Robert Nessle

ROBERT E. NESSLE
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND –
1994 (\$18,259) 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 Nessle led before his death. Rob was valedictorian at Bethel High School, a summa cum laude graduate of Miami University and a doctoral candidate in New York University's economics program.

ELIZABETH SPANO
SCHOLARSHIP FUND –
2001 (\$23,175) This
fund will ensure that
the memory of this
10-year-old girl will
endure. Beginning in
2009, the fund will
award scholarships to
graduating Tippecanoe
High School young



Elizabeth Spano

women, who have been active in cheerleading, basketball or softball, all activities that Elizabeth Spano enjoyed.

TIPP CITY AREA UNITED FUND ENDOWMENT – 2001 (\$37,427) This fund will help encourage community-wide health and human services assistance in Monroe and Bethel Townships. The focus of support will be on education, counseling, character-building activities and emergency aid.

THE TIPP CITY FOUNDATION FUND – 1943 (\$1,766,037) This fund was created to support 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.

TIPP CITY ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND – 2001 (\$79,824) This fund will assist the Tipp City Rotary Club in awarding annual scholarships to deserving graduates of Bethel and Tippecanoe High Schools.

THE TIPPECANOE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION FUND – 1999 (\$41,592)
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.

TIPPECANOE EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND – 1999 (\$91,822) This fund was established by the Tipp City Board of Education to support enrichment programs that are not otherwise funded through tax dollars in its schools.

TIPP CITY AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Charitable Checking Account Service

The Charitable Checking Account service, offered by the Tipp City Area Community Foundations through the Dayton Foundation Depository, Inc., acts like a personal checking account. Donors deposit assets into their Charitable Checking Accounts and then direct the Foundation to send contributions (grants) to any IRSapproved charities that they choose. The Dayton Foundation sends the grants for the donors, provides quarterly and end-of-year statements, as well as the gift acknowledgements. The service also makes it easy and tax-advantageous for donors to use appreciated property to fund their accounts.

Key points of the Charitable Checking Account Service:

- Donor directed
- Give to charities anywhere in U.S.
- One record
- Tax smart Give appreciated property and save on long-term capital gains taxes
- Tax timing Take your tax deduction in the year you make your gift to the Foundation, and spend it out to your favorite charities at a later date
- Simplifies charitable giving
- Option to do your giving on-line A paperless process. Direct your gifts online through Donor Express at your convenience 24/7. Even sign up online
- The best part is, it's free!

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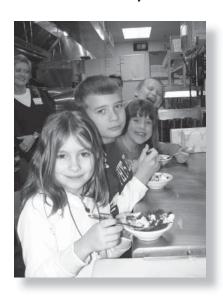
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2005 Grants to the Community GIVING BACK

Grants Awarded to Help Make the Community A Better Place to Live...

Our community is always evolving and the needs of its citizens change over time. Responding to those needs, today and in the future, is the challenge of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations' grantmaking efforts.

The following discretionary grants, totaling \$32,704, were awarded in 2005 through the Foundation's Distribution Committee for the benefit of our community.



Child Care Choices, Inc., \$1,300, to ensure the continuation of the "Story Lady" program, which helps children learn, discuss and ask questions about ideas presented in children's literature.

Destination Imagination, \$300, sponsors teams for this program, which promotes creative team-based problem solving for children in grades 1 through 12.

KIT TV, \$1,000, upgrades the editing function of the programs broadcast on Channel 10 by purchasing new equipment. KIT TV is the hometown community access station keeping Monroe Township connected through their involvement in programs such as "Tipp Memories."

Mental Health Association of Miami County, Inc., \$1,295, proactively

introduces a bullying and violence prevention program to students in Tipp City and Bethel Schools.

Monroe Township Trustees and the City of Tipp City, \$750, underwrites a Downtown Assessment Resource Team (DART) visit by Main Street Ohio to determine if Tipp City would benefit by pursuing membership in this statewide program. Several for-profit and nonprofit organizations teamed up to support the total cost of the assessment.

Needy Baskets of Southern Miami **County**, \$2,742 and \$2,500, supports the work of this emergency food service organization in the communities of Bethel and Monroe Townships.



GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations welcome grant requests from organizations that benefit citizens in the Tipp City and Bethel communities. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, be nondiscriminatory, and address needs that are not met fully by existing organizational or community resources.

Some donors have chosen to give the Tipp City Area Community

Foundations Board of Trustees discretion to decide who will receive grants from their funds. These grants are called discretionary grants.

Generally, the Foundations make 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 Trustees have also begun to grant discretionary awards to Bethel Township through the Tippecanoe Community Foundation Fund, established in 1999. In 2005 the following grants were awarded.

Bethel Local Schools, \$1,725, introduces sixth grade performing arts students to professional theatre with a trip to see "Music Man" at La Comedia Dinner Theatre. This outing follows the students' own production of "Guys and Dolls, Jr.," starring all 69 Bethel Elementary sixth grade students.

Bethel Local Schools, \$650, defrays the cost of the fifth grade annual trip. This trip takes them to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio for outdoor education. Needy Baskets of Southern Miami County, \$500, purchases accounting software and associated accounting services to help this agency comply with federal requirements.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools

- \$1,300, to enable 205 fourth grade students to visit SunWatch Indian Village and the Miamisburg Mound.
- \$4,100, to touch the science and social studies curriculum of all first grade students through more hands-on learning activities.
- \$2,800 effectively teaches science and ecology to third grade students through the music of the Banana Slug String Band, a quartet of musicians/educators.
- \$3,348 purchases fiction and nonfiction books for second graders in the Broadway Book Room.
- \$2,222, defrays the cost of the fifth grade annual trip. This trip takes them to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio for outdoor education.





How to Apply for a Grant

The Foundation encourages organizations interested in applying for a grant to call or write the Distribution Committee chair for assistance in determining eligibility for Foundation support, as well as for clarification about the process and deadlines. The Distribution Committee normally meets and reviews grant applications quarterly.

Grant applications may be mailed to the address below. Special application forms are not required. Each proposal received by the Foundation will be reviewed carefully, and additional information may be requested if needed.

Send applications to:

Mike Lightle, Distribution Committee Chair Tipp City Area Community Foundations P. O. Box 626 Tipp City, Ohio 45371-0626 (937) 667-4068

GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

March 1 June 1 September 1 December 1

Tipp City Parks Department, \$267 and \$478, adds lush trees to the urban landscape with these grants from the Lucille L. Milner Fund.

Tipp City Players, \$1,300, underscores the need to support community theatre by underwriting a portion of the Summer 2005 production of "Damn Yankees."

Tipp City Public Library, \$2,000, replaces the computer server, allowing the staff to take advantage of newer library technologies.

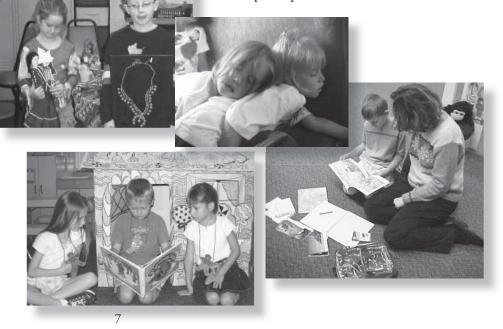
Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc., \$500, builds critical thinking skills and teamwork through the First Lego League program, offered to children ages 11 through 13.

Tipp-Monroe Community Services,

\$1,127, purchases a computer to enhance scheduling for classes and activities offered throughout the year. TMCS provides programming in the areas of health, social services, culture, recreation and education.

Tipp-Monroe Community Services,

Inc., \$500, purchases, repairs and maintains instruments available through the Band Instrument Program. These instruments are used by children who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate in the school band.



As of December 31, 2005, More than \$1,218,000 has been awarded in our community in the form of discretionary grants since 1943!

For more information, call the Foundation liaison, Janice McLefresh, at (937) 225-9971 or send an email to jmclefresh@daytonfoundation.org.

ABOUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

What is a Community Foundation?

The word "community" implies fellowship and sharing. A "community foundation" is a tax-exempt public charity built on the concept of people helping people to improve the quality of life in a particular geographic area. Individuals, through gifts and bequests, establish permanent endowment funds and other types of funds with their community foundation to help respond to emerging community issues and opportunities. More than 700 community foundations nationwide serve their individual regions.

The Tipp City Area Community
Foundations... a way to help yourself as you help your community. It offers you the opportunity to improve the quality of life in the Tipp City and Bethel communities while protecting your financial future. Founded in 1943, the Foundation has carefully grown to an asset level of \$2.3 million.
This strength helps assure a quality community in the future.

Designed for permanence and the benefit of the Tipp City area, the Foundation is

the vehicle for caring people who want to support local charities, scholarships and community change, not just today but long past their lifetimes.

Your needs and opportunities are uniquely yours. No two people have exactly the same charitable interests or the same financial situation. We understand the spectrum of people we serve. Some have modest means, while others have substantially more. Some wish to direct precisely which charities will benefit, yet others want the Foundation to decide based on the community's changing needs. Some need to earn income from the assets they want to donate to charities, and others don't.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations understands your needs and will work to find exactly the right methods for you.

Note: The Foundation does not offer professional estate planning services, but will work closely with you and your trusted advisor(s) to meet your needs.



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