

Tipp City Area Community Foundations

2006 Report to the Community



A Legacy of Giving to the Community



Bob Kessler



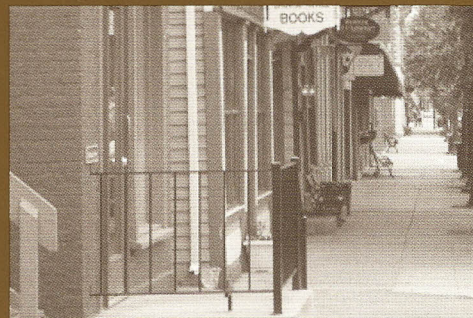
John S. & Louise T. Miller



Donating Over \$1,250,000 to Community Projects Since 1943



David W. Dinsmore



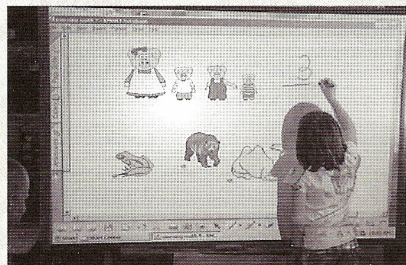
Downtown Tipp City

*Contributing to charitable and cultural
endeavors to improve the quality of life in
Tipp City and its surrounding area*

*"Let me, tonight look back across the span
Twixt dawn and dark, and to my conscience say-
Because of some good act to beast or human-
The world is better that I lived today"
- Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

Transforming Education: Interactive Technology in the Classroom

-by Kitty Lobo

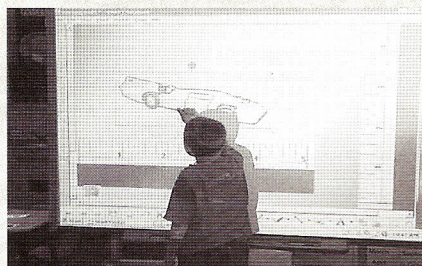


It may still be reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic, but the tools of the education trade are changing in significant ways, and the Tipp City Area Community Foundations are proud to help Tipp City students and educators keep up with the times.

It has been said there was a major breakthrough in education in the 1800's, when blackboards replaced individual student slates, allowing teachers to present visual information to a whole class at one time.

Eventually green boards replaced blackboards, and now in the 21st century, interactive white boards are at the head of the class.

The boards, approximately the size of a standard pull-down overhead screen, are connected to the Internet and to the teacher's computer system, and come with software for every subject and grade level. The boards help keep today's technology-savvy students engaged and interested in class.



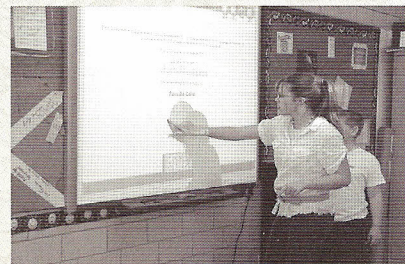
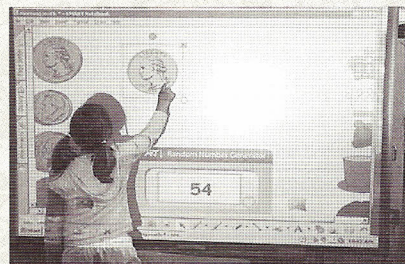
The Foundations have funded seven interactive white boards over the past year and a half. From first grade to high school and everything in between, teachers are finding this tool extremely valuable for students.

First grade teacher Heather Yunker said, "The board is a great addition to other educational tools I use to introduce, review and enrich various concepts. We have been learning about communities and working on map skills, and my first-graders wanted to see a map of Tipp City. We quickly pulled a Tipp City map from the Internet onto the board, then were able to zoom right in on Broadway Elementary."

First-grader Carissa Ferrell gives the new board high marks. She said, "It makes math fun because we can use pictures that move and make sounds."

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

-William Butler Yeats

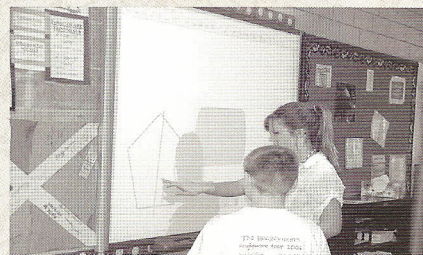


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Middle school math teacher Deb Feters said, "Kids today have been using computers, video games, hand-held music players and cell phones their entire lives. This technology helps us connect with them in a way they enjoy and understand, making them more active participants in the learning process."

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Third-grade teacher Dan Hake agrees. "Using the interactive boards, we can make learning more exciting. Another benefit is

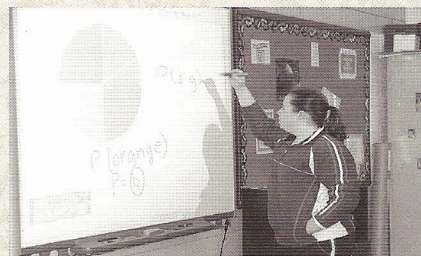


that we can pull information from the Internet that helps us align our lessons with state standards," he said.

The word that comes up most often in student descriptions of the interactive boards is

"fun." When learning is fun, students learn more. First-grader Allie Wasson said, "I like clicking on the dice and the spinners to make them move. It makes math fun and I learn a lot."

Yunker said she shares her interactive board with other teachers who are seeing what a great tool it is. "My students miss the board when it is in another classroom," she said. "I have to admit, I miss it too!"



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, 2006. At the end of the year, total assets in the 19 funds exceeded \$2,532,000.

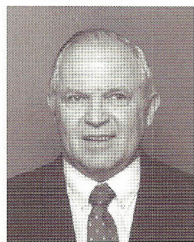
Funds of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations

Philip D. Clawson Family Scholarship Fund – 2005 (\$7,366) Honors the memory of this Harrison Township toolmaker, who valued education and the opportunities it offers for individuals. This scholarship

provides financial assistance to Tippecanoe High School graduates.

Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund – 2000 (\$10,467) 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 (\$62,209) 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 will also receive support through the Community Outreach Program operated by the St. Joseph Church.

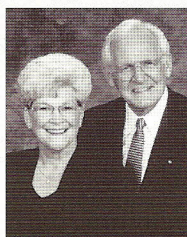


David W. Dinsmore Scholarship Fund – 1999 (\$10,720) In tribute to this 1934 graduate of Bethel High School and past president of the Bethel School Board, this fund will award scholarships to Bethel High School graduates and to students completing their studies at Miami Valley Career Technology Center.

Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship Fund – 1992 (\$24,924) 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 (\$31,011) 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 (\$2,587) 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 & June Kyle Family Fund – 2001 (\$16,173) 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.

Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarship Fund – 1999 (\$7,250) 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.

Marko Family Endowment for Arts Programs Fund – 2003 (\$74,609) 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. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund – 1999 (\$17,675) 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 (\$79,227) 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 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 E. Nessel Memorial Scholarship Fund – 1994 (\$19,818) 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. Rob was valedictorian at Bethel

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High School, a summa cum laude graduate of Miami University and a doctoral candidate in New York University's economics program.



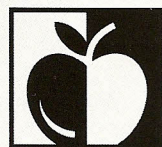
Elizabeth Spano Scholarship Fund – 2001 (\$25,819) This fund will ensure that the memory of this 10-year-old girl will endure. Beginning in 2009, the fund will award scholarships to graduating Tippecanoe High School young women, who have been active in cheerleading, basketball or softball, all activities that Elizabeth Spano enjoyed.

Tipp City Area United Fund Endowment – 2001 (\$33,250) 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 (\$1,853,964) 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 (\$95,667) 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 (\$48,556) 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

Tippecanoe Educational Endowment Fund – 1999 (\$110,929) 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.



2006 Discretionary Grants to Community

- GIVING BACK -

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.



As of December 31, 2006, more than \$1,273,700 has been awarded in our community in the form of discretionary grants since 1943!

The following discretionary grants, totaling \$57,770, were awarded in 2006 through the Foundation's Distribution Committee for the benefit of our community.

Brukner Nature Center, \$1,550, builds a sturdy cage for a Black-crowned Night Heron, one of the 40 permanently injured native Ohio wildlife living at this preserve.



Child Care Choices, \$1,000, purchases books for the Story Lady, a masters-level teacher who will visit over 50 child care centers and home child care providers this school year. Her new emphasis is blending science with literacy through the "Big Questions for Young Minds" project. Last year over 4,000 books were donated to the children of Miami County through Child Care Choices.



Your Link To Community Child Care

Children's International Summer Village, Miami County Chapter, \$500, helps provide for children who participate in this summer experience, bringing children from around the world together to discover, understand and learn to appreciate each other's cultures and traditions.

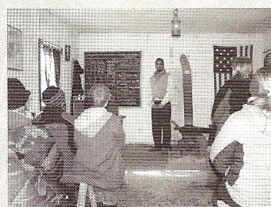
Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, \$800, supports the first formal fundraising effort ever undertaken by this organization, an emergency food service.

Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, \$5,000, complements Holiday food baskets with vouchers to buy children's shoes and toys. This important nonprofit has been girding the needs of the hungry in our community since 1945 and has experienced a 20% increase in clients in the last year alone.

Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, \$150, underwrites the repair or replacement of general equipment used in running this social service agency.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools:

\$1,000, promotes the new Stagecrafters Summer Theatre Camp, giving children a two-week experience working on stage and behind the scenes of a play.



\$3,850, enriches the science and social studies curriculum for first grade students with visits to Brumbaugh's Apple Farm, Deed Park-Carillon, Brukner Nature Center and Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

\$930, after studying Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in their Language Arts courses, the seventh grade students will now see Victoria Theatre's performance of this classic because of this grant. \$247, transforms Broadway Elementary's large garden into a science and math learning opportunity. Look for new additions such as toad and lady bug houses, a weather vane, a clock, a thermometer and a rain gauge; more blooming plants are coming, too.

\$977, transports 6th grade students back 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.

\$845, to enable 200 fourth grade students to visit SunWatch Indian Village and the Miamisburg Mound.

\$3,000, to host artists from the Human Race Theatre Company's Artist in Residence program in the middle school.

\$5,925, purchases Activboard teaching technology for classrooms in Nevin Coppock.

** See full story on top flap.*

Effectively teaches science and ecology to 3rd grade students at Nevin Coppock (\$2,014) and Broadway (\$2,280) through the music of the Banana Slug String Band, a quartet of musicians/educators.

\$2,150, defrays the costs of the L.T. Ball 5th graders' annual excursion to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio.



\$2,243, purchases "*Crispin: The Cross of Lead*", a Newbery Medal-winning book by Avi, for the 6th grade. This historical fiction novel blends the facts of the Middle Ages with a message to readers about character development, inner strength and conviction.


Keeps Broadway (\$3,041) and Tippecanoe Middle School (\$4,252) up to date with technology through the purchase of SMART Boards, an interactive teaching tool. ** See full story on top flap.*

\$1,800, helps high school vocal music students travel to New York City to perform, tour and attend professional performances.

Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc., \$7,500, salutes our region's heroes who have served in the armed forces by helping to build the Veterans Memorial at the corner of Hyatt and Main Streets.

Tipp Monroe Community Services, \$500, purchases and maintains musical instruments available through the Band Instrument Loan Program.

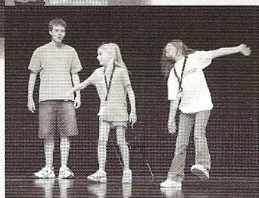
Tipp-Monroe Community Services, \$4,000, funds the Community Relief Program that provides financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions to individuals in our community.

Tipp-Monroe Swim Team, Inc., \$252, pairs the skills of the high school industrial arts program with the needs of the swim team by purchasing the materials needed to build benches for swim meets. 

The Trustees have also begun to grant discretionary awards to Bethel Township through the Tippecanoe Community Foundation Fund, established in 1999. In 2006 the following grants were awarded.

Bethel Local Schools, \$661, sends the 3rd graders to the hands-on learning labs of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. Without this grant, this annual field trip would have fallen to the wayside because of budget cuts.

Bethel Local Schools, \$1,303, introduces 63 sixth grade students to professional theatre with a trip to see *"It's A Wonderful Life"* at La Comedia Dinner Theatre. Not only do the students learn about production, sound and lighting prior to the outing, they also are given a course in table manners.



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 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

Or phone 937.667.4068

Grant Application Aeadlines

March 1st	September 1st
June 1st	December 1st

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.



2006 Scholarship Awards

Ten Students received scholarship awards totaling \$16,500 through the Foundation's funds in 2006. 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.



**Lester and Cleon Studebaker
Bowers Scholarship**

Jason M. Fisher - (\$500)

Bowling Green State University

**John S. and Louise T. Miller Memorial
Scholarship**

Kristin Adkins - (\$500)

Cedarville University



**Philip D. Clawson Family
Scholarship**

Margaret E. Bishop - (\$500)

University of Kentucky



**Robert E. Nessle Memorial
Scholarship**

Jaime Ward - (\$600)

The Ohio State University

David W. Dinsmore Scholarship

Jason E. Swanson - (\$400)

University of Northwestern Ohio



**Tipp City Rotary Club Scholarship
(\$1,000 Renewable for 4 years)**

Kristen Dunkin

Eastern Michigan University



**Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial
Music Scholarship**

Cora Davidson - (\$500)

Butler University



Kelly Ratermann

University of Kentucky

**Heather and Holly LeGros Memorial
Scholarship**

Stacey Barnhart - (\$1,500)

Ohio Northern University

Christen Zimmerman

Ohio Northern University

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Ken Schaper (L), Corvette Troy Charity Director, and Tom Witt (R), Corvette Troy President, present \$1,000 check to Matt Timmer, President, Tipp City Area Community Foundations. The Philip D. Clawson Family Scholarship Fund will receive the donation.

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Choir Tours and Performs in New York City



With help, in part, from a Foundation grant, the Tippecanoe High School Choir traveled to New York City. Sightseeing included tours of Manhattan, Radio City Music Hall and NBC Studios, as well as a dinner-dance cruise on the Hudson River. They visited the site of John Lennon's death and "*Strawberry Fields*", the memorial dedicated to him in Central Park. They enjoyed a different perspective on the City from Rockefeller Center's Top of the Rock.

Several students made appearances in *The Today Show* outdoor audience. The choir performed at St. John the Divine Cathedral, the largest cathedral in North America, and also gave an a cappella concert for an international audience at Battery Park. Seeing two different types of Broadway musicals, *Wicked* and *Mary Poppins*, were trip highlights.

"*Wicked* was amazing," said Annie Ratermann, a choir senior. "The trip was a great way to end our senior year and finish strong."

Andy Lammers, president of the Symphonic Choir, said, "The highlights for me were singing at St. John the Divine and seeing Times Square, especially at night. It was incredibly busy and the buildings were so tall." He also said it was fun to bond with people. "This trip was a good chance to get to know people I don't normally hang around with and see another side of them. We had a great time together."

Director Debra Bringman led the group of 58 students and 14 adults. She said, "This was a great trip. The kids were well-behaved and cooperative. The chaperones enabled a smooth, successful trip." She had planned one song of their repertoire specifically to sing in St. John the Divine Cathedral. "*Alma Redemptoris Mater* is a Renaissance song composed by Palestrina. It was written to be sung in a large cathedral."

The trip was designed to whet the students' appetites with a taste of what New York City is all about," Bringman said. It is certain to be a trip they will never forget.



Grantmaking Guidelines

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations welcome grant requests from organizations that benefit the Tipp City and Bethel Township 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. Those are listed here in GIVING BACK.

Generally, the Foundations make these 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.





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History and Leadership



The Foundation was started August 3, 1943 as a community trust to benefit Tipp City and Monroe Township. This asset, managed by U.S. Bank, is managed for long term growth. Originally started with a \$1,300 gift from Ed Timmer, the Foundation's assets are currently \$2,532,221, as of December 31, 2006.

Early Foundation trustees included Orville Whitmer, Frank Suerdieck, Dr. Claude 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. In 2006, the Distribution Committee Trustees included Mike Lightle, Chair, Gordon Honeyman, Marilyn Richards, Matt Timer, Jackie Wahl and Jesse Chamberlain, Secretary. Other board members included Heather Bailey, Anita Bowman-Hamber, Becky Coughlin, Joan Creech, Nancy McAlpin, and Dr. Jim Ranft.

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

