

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 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 16 funds are listed with market values as of December 31, 2007. Together they total \$2,354,208.52.

Funds of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations

Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund – 2000 (\$10,234.07) 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.

David W. Dinsmore Scholarship Fund – 1999 (\$11,253.62) 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 (\$26,311.97) 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 (\$33,722.79) 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 (\$2,630.23) 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 (\$17,149.41) 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 (\$6,021.64) 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.

John S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship Fund – 1999 (\$18,195.93) This 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 (\$81,080.05) 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 (\$20,529.75) 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 High School, a summa cum laude graduate of Miami University and a doctoral candidate in New York University's economics program.

NEW!

Radle Family Fund for Science Education – 2007 (\$25,187.33) This fund provides assistance with science and conservation activities for the Bethel Local Schools, which could include scholarships for students or faculty, materials in the science classroom, or student-initiated projects within the community. Woodrow "Woody" and Mary Radle have called Bethel Township "home" since 1946; it is here that they raised their two children.

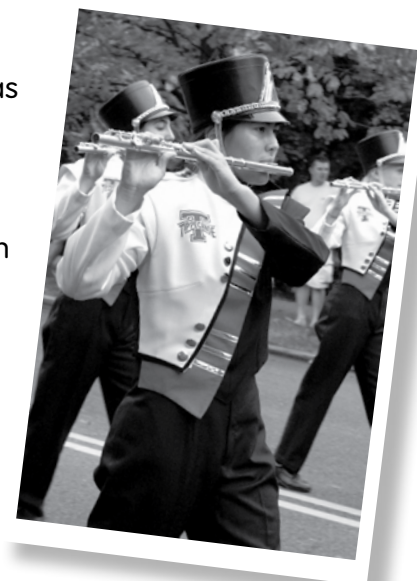
Elizabeth Spano Scholarship Fund – 2001 (\$29,635.97) This fund will ensure that the memory of this 10-year-old girl will endure. Beginning in 2009, the fund will award scholarships to graduating Tippecanoe High School young women, who have been active in cheerleading, basketball or softball, all activities that Elizabeth Spano enjoyed.

Tipp City Area United Fund Endowment – 2001 (\$34,619.63) 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 (\$1,853,592.77) 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.

The Tippecanoe Community Foundation Fund - 1999 (\$51,942.86) 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 (\$132,100.50) 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.



GIVING BACK

2007 Discretionary Grants to Community

Communities evolve. The needs of its citizens change. 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, 2007, more than \$1,349,700 has been awarded in our community in the form of discretionary grants since 1943!

The following discretionary grants, totaling \$75,533.79, were awarded in 2007 through the Foundation's Distribution Committee for the benefit of our community.

A Barbershop Harmony Society, \$840, purchases songbooks for the "Get America Singing...Again" program for Miami County elementary students.

E Bethel Local Schools, \$1,000, expands reading and comprehension in every subject through the purchase of Accelerated Readers. This grant benefits all 425 students in the elementary school.

S Child Care Choices, \$1,000, purchases books for the Story Lady, a masters-level educator who will visit over 50 child care centers and home child care providers in the school year. The 2007's emphasis was respecting oneself, others and the environment.



R City of Tipp City, \$1,000, fences in the new 3.9 acre canine social club in Kyle Park.

P Mental Health Association of Miami County, Inc., \$1,270, proactively introduces a bullying and violence prevention program to students in Tipp City and Bethel Schools.

P Miami County Dental Clinic, \$1,500, meets the needs of low-income, uninsured individuals by helping to establish the Dental Clinic. In particular, this grant purchases teaching aids for the Clinic.

S Needy Baskets, \$1,800, purchases food staples to fill the nutritional gaps between what is needed and what is donated.

S Needy Baskets, \$1,250, provides food vouchers for people assisted by the emergency food program.

S Needy Baskets, \$2,400, supports an elderly assistance program with vouchers to 80 people in July and December of each year.

Tipp City Exempted Village Schools:

R \$2,988.16, livens up the physical education, adapted physical education and recess at L. T. Ball with the purchase of Dance Dance Revolution. This computer gaming program is a proven way to get people moving to improve overall fitness.

R \$1,580.33, funds the Body Management program for elementary students. By moving large muscle groups, this equipment is designed to stimulate certain brain connections, which facilitate learning.

E 1,065, restocks the 6th grade supply of "Hatchet" by Gary Paulsen with 100 new copies of this popular book.

T \$3,776, effectively teaches science and ecology to 3rd grade students through the music of the Banana Slug String Band, a quartet of musicians and educators.



T \$2,925, defrays the cost of L. T. Ball's annual 5th grade excursion to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio.

E Purchases two interactive Smart Boards, expanding teaching technology for an L.T. Ball 4th grade English classroom, (\$2,995.93) and a 7th grade math classroom, (\$3,329).

E \$6,600, keeps L. T. Ball's 5th grade science students up-to-date with technology through the purchase of SMART Boards, an interactive teaching tool.



A \$2,000, promotes the Stagecrafters Summer Theatre Camp, giving children a two-week experience working on stage and behind the scenes of a play.

E \$850, brings the universe closer to students through the purchase of STARLAB Solar System galaxy cylinder.

R Parents Who Care, \$500, underwrites the costs of providing safe and supervised activities for the 2007 Prom.

A St. John's Early Childhood Program, \$300, helps pay for a visit from the Dayton Philharmonic String Quartet and their performance of "The Three Bears".

T Tipp City Parks Department, \$3,004, adds lush trees to the urban landscape with a grant from the Lucille L. Milner Fund.

S Tipp-Monroe Community Services, \$4,103.33, funds the Community Relief Program that provides financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions to individuals.

A 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.

S Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc., \$500, supports emergency services provided by FISH.

P Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc., \$500, supports the Eyeglasses Program, which provides one eye exam and a pair of glasses per year for people in need.

A Tippecanoe Historical Society, \$2,000, seeds the costs of staging the production of "Tippecanoe, Our Story".

S We Care Arts, \$1,000, uses visual arts to teach the mastery of job, life and social skills. Classes are available for developmentally disabled citizens of Miami County.



Peg Hadden
Clothing & Textile Historian

E \$4,270, enriches the science and social studies curriculum for 1st grade students with hands-on learning opportunities.

E \$900, enables 225 4th grade students to visit SunWatch Indian Village and the Miamisburg Mound.

E \$1,128, brings Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum together through the teaching of "My Brother Sam is Dead" by James Lincoln Collier. The Foundations have purchased enough copies for the 8th grade.

A \$940, after studying Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", 7th grade students saw a touring production of this Holiday favorite, as well as participated in Poetry Alive.

E \$1,825, purchases equipment for a middle school media course.

R \$976.35, incorporates strength training with exercises for adapted physical education classes in an effort to reduce childhood obesity in special needs children.

A \$1,690, pumps up the volume of the High School Jazz Band through the purchase of a tenor saxophone and a bass amplifier.

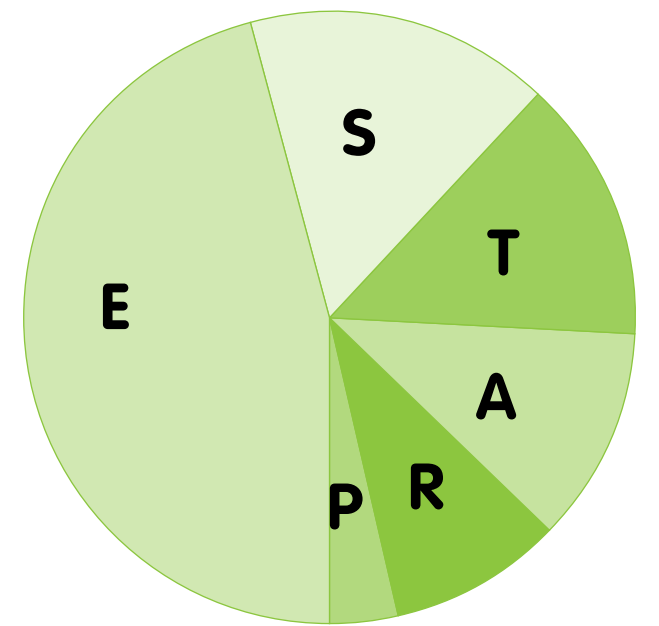


A \$568.69, to meet expanding class sizes, additional xylophones and hand drums have been purchased for the 6th grade.

T \$1,050, teaches 4th grade students how plants adapt to compete for sunlight and water through ecosystems of an African savanna, Arctic tundra, mountain rain forest and temperate bamboo forest.

E \$4,609 and \$5,000 purchases two more Smart Boards and one Promethian Interactive whiteboard, state-of-the-art learning tools for the classroom.

E Education	\$33,571.93	44%
S Social Services	\$12,553.33	16%
T Environment	\$10,755.00	14%
A Arts & Culture	\$ 8,838.69	12%
R Recreation	\$ 7,044.84	9%
P Public Health	\$ 2,770.00	5%
	\$75,533.79	100%



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.

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 Deadlines
March 1 June 1
September 1 December 1

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ARTS in the Spotlight

By Kitty Lobo

The arts—instrumental and vocal music, visual art, poetry, theater, film—are so essential to the human experience that it is hard to imagine life without them. Exposure to visual and performance arts is critical to a well-rounded education, yet schools sometimes struggle to provide these opportunities because of limited funding.

In Tipp City, a community that highly values education, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations partner with the schools to assure that students receive an education rich in “arts” experiences.

In 2007, the Foundations funded nine grants totaling \$12,993 that directly impacted arts education in the local schools, and at least four community grants that provided arts experiences for community members and children of all ages.

More and more often, the creativity associated with the arts is becoming an integral part of learning across the curriculum, including in the sciences and mathematics.

Emil de Cou, the associate conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra, said this about education, “If you just memorize facts and figures and numbers, you’re not contributing to society; you’re a maker of widgets. The arts can be a divine spark that grows.”

For those who do rely on facts and figures and numbers, consider this: According to the College Board, in a 2005 report titled SAT Scores of Students Who Study the Arts, scores in verbal ability and math ability increased linearly: the more arts classes students took, the higher their scores. Students who took four years of arts coursework outperformed their peers who had one half-year or less of arts coursework by 58 points on the verbal portion and 38 points on the math portion of the SAT.

Jim Sagona, who teaches language arts and directs theater at Tippecanoe High School, conducts Stagecrafters, a summer theater workshop and musical for students in grades 2-8. He said, “For the past two years, with the generous support of the Foundations, we have taken on the unimaginable by putting together a musical in two weeks. Kids get the opportunity to work on the set, sing, dance, act and learn about the cooperation required in a dramatic undertaking. Thanks to the Foundations, that activity will have a repeat performance this summer.”

Roselyn Lovett, whose daughter has enjoyed Stagecrafters both years and will participate again this summer, said, “Stagecrafters is one of the finest programs of its kind. The children make new friends and get to interact with high school students who serve as mentors and counselors that they might never have had a chance to meet. The students learn not only dramatic skills, but true enjoyment of theater that will enable them to participate onstage, backstage, and in the audience for the rest of their lives.”

The Foundations provided funding for equipment to help launch a new media course at Tippecanoe Middle School this school year, in which students learn to merge creativity with technology to create movie projects. It is taught by Lynn Shirk and Melissa Stucke. Stucke said, “Our students have been so excited about creating a moviemaker project that allows them to combine music, digital images, captions, designs, colors and more to create a video story. The class has been a successful addition to the middle school curriculum.”

The Foundations have annually provided funding for a third-grade experience with

the Banana Slugs String Band, which teaches science and ecology through music. Seventh-graders have benefited annually from a trip to Victoria Theater to watch A Christmas Carol, which enhances their reading of the Dickens classic in languages arts class.

This school year, the Foundations provided classroom copies of the book Hatchet, for sixth-grade language arts classes; and provided classroom copies of the book My Brother Sam is Dead, for a cross-curricular study of the Revolutionary War in eighth-grade language arts and social studies.



percussion for 6th grade band

Other grants have funded additional percussion instruments for the sixth-grade band, to meet expanding class sizes; and the purchase of a tenor saxophone and a bass amplifier for the high school jazz band.

The Foundations also supported a new Poetry Alive program to enhance the seventh-grade language arts curriculum.

Because education is a community endeavor, grants that support the arts outside the schools also benefit Tipp City students. The Foundations support a wonderful Keep America Singing project for the Barbershop Harmony Society that includes participation with elementary students county-wide. The Foundations support the Tipp-Monroe Community Services band instrument loan and repair program, which helps provide band instruments for school children. A grant to St. John's Preschool program funds a Dayton Philharmonic presentation of The Three Bears, which engages Tipp City children in arts appreciation even before they begin public school.

In addition, the Foundations support the Tippecanoe Historical Society's ongoing community history project, Tippecanoe: Our Story. This ambitious project has brought multiple generations of

Tipp Citians together over the past several years to weave personal stories together into a lasting snapshot of life in our community.

By supporting the arts for everyone from our very youngest members to our eldest and most revered members, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations put their stamp on the community, and help give it its unique personality.

Students read the daily announcements as part of the new media course.



2007 Annual Report



The Tipp City Area Community Foundations' mission is to serve and support the charitable needs of the Tipp City, Monroe Township and Bethel Township through grantmaking.



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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.

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2007 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Six students received scholarship awards totaling \$4,000 through the Foundations in 2007. Donors who established these funds set the criteria for each award. Sincere thanks are extended to the helpful staff of the Bethel and Tippecanoe High Schools' guidance offices to help award these grants.

Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship
\$500 – Sarah Davis – The Ohio State University

David W. Dinsmore Scholarship
\$400 – Casey Swanson – Wright State University



Jeanette C. Gaston Memorial Music Scholarship
\$500 – Nicholas R. Makley – Xavier University

Heather & Holly LeGros Memorial Scholarship
\$1,500 – Adela A. Moore – The Ohio State University



John S. & Louise T. Miller Memorial Scholarship
\$500 – Jacob Mangan – University of Cincinnati

Robert E. Nettle Memorial Scholarship
\$600 – Samantha Lang – The Ohio State University (not pictured)



History & Leadership

Started on August 3, 1943 with a \$1,300 gift from Ed Timmer, The Tipp City Foundation benefits Tipp City and Monroe Township. It is a community trust. In 1999, The Tippecanoe Community Foundation was established in corporate form to work in tandem with the trust. This is why the reference to the Foundation is sometimes plural, “Foundations.”

The formation of the second Foundation offers two unique advantages. Its' corporate form allows more flexibility in accepting, investing and awarding assets than the original trust. Also, its' charter expanded the mission to include Bethel Township, our neighboring township to the east. Both advantages give the governing bodies of the joint boards more leeway when working with donors and grantees.

The Tipp City Foundation's assets are managed with the help and guidance of U. S. Bank. Sincere thanks goes to its staff that has helped navigate our way.

In its earliest days, Foundation trustees included Orville Whitmer, Frank Suerdieck, Dr. Claude Kemper, Helen Wahl and Jesse Chamberlain, Secretary. Members of the companion board (The Tippecanoe Community Foundation) included Heather Bailey, Anita Bowman-Hamber, Joan Creech, Nancy McAlpin and Dr. Jim Ranft. Together the groups meet quarterly.

In 2007, The Tipp City Foundation Distribution Committee included Mike Lightle, Chair, Gordon Honeyman, Marilyn Richards, Matt Timer, Jackie Wahl and Jesse Chamberlain, Secretary. Members of the companion board (The Tippecanoe Community Foundation) included Heather Bailey, Anita Bowman-Hamber, Joan Creech, Nancy McAlpin and Dr. Jim Ranft. Together the groups meet quarterly.

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



Board members include (back row) Jesse Chamberlain, Gordon Honeyman, Matt Timmer, (middle row) Anita Bowman-Humber, Dr. Jim Ranft, Mike Lightle, Nancy McAlpin, (front row) Jackie Wahl, Heather Bailey, Joan Creech.

Tipp City Area Community Foundations and its funds were component funds of The Dayton Foundation through much of 2007, after which time the assets were transferred to the Troy Foundation. Leadership for the TCACF rests in our own community while fiscal oversight was maintained by The Dayton Foundation (and later The Troy Foundation). These partnerships have allowed the Tipp City and Bethel communities to benefit from local leadership and profit from resources pooled with others for investment growth.

