

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.

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 gift will join others' for maximum charitable benefit.

Funds of the Tipp City Area Community Foundations

**Lester & Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship Fund** – 2000 (\$6,849.26) 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 (\$8,014.77) 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 (\$20,005.94) 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 (\$23,897.77) 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 (\$1,690.62) 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 (\$12,348.03) 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 (\$3,272.86) 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 (\$12,628.14) 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 (\$54,668.89) 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.



**NEW!!!! Warren G. Miltenberger Fund** – 2008 (\$47,556.04) Supports the out-of-doors that Warren held dear through the acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and preservation of public park land or other natural areas.

**Robert E. Nessle Memorial Scholarship Fund** – 1994 (\$15,030.98) 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.

**Radle Family Fund for Science Education** – 2007 (\$18,674.49) 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 (\$21,342.50) 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 (\$25,151.86) 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 (\$1,319,377.61) 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 (\$43,754.74) 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, tions in 2008. 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 and Cleon Studebaker Bowers Scholarship** – Lauren Rhinehart – to attend Clark State College

**David W. Dinsmore Scholarship** – Matthew Robinson – to attend Wright State University

**Jeanette C. Gaston Scholarship** – Jacob Zicklatoose – to attend Ohio University

**Heather & Holly LeGros Scholarship** – Lauren DeHays – to attend Marshall University

**John S. & Louise T. Miller Scholarship** – Ryan Mayes – to attend Ball State University

**Robert E. Nessle Memorial Scholarship** – No scholarship was given for the academic year

GIVING BACK

2008 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, 2008, more than \$1,416,700 has been awarded in our community in the form of discretionary grants since 1943!

The following discretionary grants, totaling \$67,049.65, were awarded in 2008 through the Foundations' Distribution Committee for the benefit of our community.

**American Veterans Institute**, \$1,212.50, prints the first editions of "Welcome Home Grandpa," the first in the Embracing Freedom series of text books developed and written locally.



**Bethel Local Schools**, \$856, marks the first grant from one of the Foundation's newest funds, the Radle Family Fund for Science Education. This grant will be used to acquire science materials for the K-12 libraries to help students meet or exceed state standards.

**Brukner Nature Center**, \$1,500, cares for orphaned squirrels in the Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit, the only public facility of its kind in the area. These babies can require up to 14 weeks of specialized care including the transition from liquid formula to solid foods and sleeping hammocks that emulate leafy treetop nests.



**Child Care Choices**, \$1,000, purchases books for the Story Lady, a masters-level educator who will visit over 150 child care centers and home child care providers in the school year. This year's emphasis will be on respecting oneself, others and the environment.

**Community Minded Women**, \$600, continues the custom begun in 1944 of a Tippecanoe High School Senior Girls' Traditional Tea, saluting the young women about to graduate.



**Council on Rural Services**, \$500, expands this program connecting senior volunteers with programming opportunities in Miami County.

**Needy Baskets**, \$6,246.43, helps this agency meet the expanding demands being asked of it. Their services include food vouchers for the elderly, toy and shoe vouchers for children and parcels of food for hungry families.

**Parents Who Care**, \$500, supports the parent-led alcohol- and drug-free Tippecanoe High School After Prom.

**St. John's Early Childhood Program**, \$300, helps pay String Quartet.



**Tipp City Parks Department**, \$2,720.82, adds lush trees to the landscape in Kyle Park with a grant from the Lucille L. Milner Fund. Lucille Milner was a trustee of the Foundation for many years.

**Tipp City Parks Department**, \$1,800, marks the first grant from another of the Foundation's newest funds, the Warren G. Miltenberger Fund. The award will be the first of many toward the establishment of a pavilion in Canal Lock 15 Park near the bike path.



**Tipp City Youth Soccer**, \$1,000, provides needs-based support to assist families who find it difficult to pay for soccer registration fees and equipment.

**Tipp-Monroe Community Services**, \$4,000, enhances the downtown by supporting Windows on Tippecanoe, a public arts display.

**Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc.**, \$2,000, funds the Community Relief Program that provides financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions to individuals.

**Tipp-Monroe Community Services, Inc.**, \$1,000, purchases, repairs and maintains instruments available through the Band Instruments Program. These instruments are used by children who would not otherwise be able to afford to participate in the school band.

**Tipp-Monroe Swim Team, Inc.**, \$1,200, supports the Torpedoes with the purchase of lane lines, floating devices that mark swimming lanes. In 2008, 212 swimmers from over 100 area families participated in

this program.

**Tippecanoe Historical Society**, \$5,000, shores up the future of the Society's museum through support of the building restoration project.

**Tippecanoe STEAM Boosters**, \$687, purchases three microscopes for the middle school to enhance the Science, Technology, Engineering And Math curriculum.

**Tipp City Exempted Village Schools:**



\$525, sponsors the registration fee of the 2008 Academic Quiz Team competition in Chicago.

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

\$2,870, keeps the special needs classrooms up to date with the purchase of a SMART Board, an interactive teaching tool.

\$1,184.40, blends art and technology teaching with the purchase of computer graphic software for the middle school.

\$488.70, broadens and serves 4th and 5th grade students' individual reading levels by adding sets of six more titles to the L. T. Ball book room.



Integrates technology into classrooms with purchases of interactive white boards, known also as SMART Boards. Middle and high school social studies classrooms, (\$4,643). Fourth and 5th grade music program, (\$2,974).



\$4,283, enriches the science and social studies curriculum for 1st grade students through inquiry-based learning on field trips. Visits to Brumbaugh's Apple Farm, Deeds Park-Carillon, Brukner Nature Center and Boonshoft Museum of Discovery are among the many excursions planned.

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

\$950, sends 200 6th graders to see "The Mystery of King Tut," a Victoria Theatre presentation, which reinforces curriculum on mummies, tombs and treasures of ancient Egypt.

\$3,790, brings back the perennially favorite Banana Slug String Band to entertain and inform 3rd graders about earth science. The Miami County Park District collaborates to make this performance possible.

\$1,918.80, helps children with spelling, handwriting or reading difficulties to communicate more clearly with the purchase of a Fusion portable keyboard aid.

\$3,075, defrays the cost of L. T. Ball's annual 5th grade excursion to Camp Kern in Oregonia, Ohio.

\$3,600, purchases three mounted LCD projectors for the middle school reading and language arts classrooms.

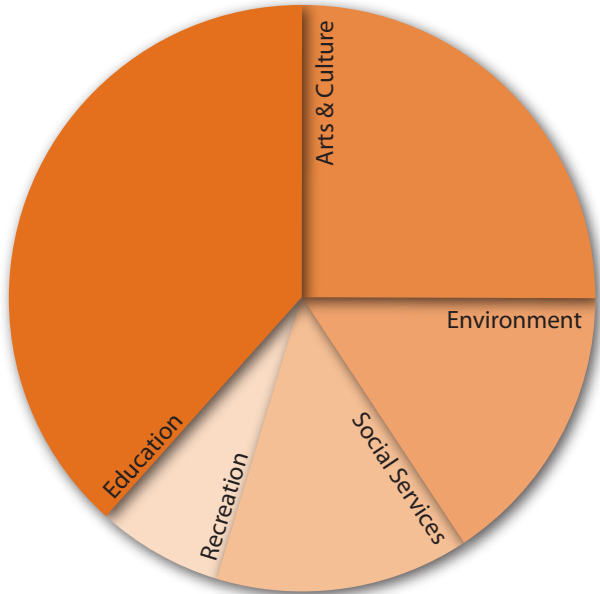
\$1,025, treats L. T. Ball's 5th grade language arts students with a trip to Victoria Theatre's Physicians for Kids Discovery Series production.

\$700, transports middle school students back in time to Medieval Day, a cross-curricular combination of social studies and language arts classes. After reading "Crispin: The Cross of Lead," students create costumes and entertainment reflecting days of old for a wonderful pageant of imagination. (TCACF purchased enough copies of this book for the 6th grade through a discretionary grant in 2006. Messages from the book include personal character development, inner strength and conviction.)

For the Record: Discretionary Grants Awarded

Education	\$24,958	37%
Arts & Culture	\$16,159.40	24%
Environment	\$11,085.82	16%
Social Services	\$9,746.43	15%
Recreation	\$5,100	8%
	\$67,049.65	100%

\*No Public Health grants were awarded in 2008.



Applying 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. Additional information may be requested.

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

History and 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. It's 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 Timmer (who later added significant assets to the trust) and Clayton (Penny) Finch. In more recent times they were followed by Ruth Hawley and Jim Kyle, now Emeritus members.

In 2008, The Tipp City Foundation Distribution Committee included Mike Lightle, Chair, Gordon Honeyman, Marilyn Richards, Matt Timmer, 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.



Front Row: Nancy McAlpin, Ruth Hawley (Emeritus), Jackie Wahl Back Row: Anita Bowman-Hamber, Mike Lightle, Gordon Honeyman, Dr. Jim Ranft, Marilyn Richards, Jesse Chamberlain, Heather Bailey

**Not Pictured:** Matt Timmer, Joan Creech and Jim Kyle (Emeritus) Distribution Committee members are appointed by various local organizations, the courts and banking institutions. Other members are nominated from the community at-large.

Financial Oversight

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



Leave A Legacy

Unlike a gift received during a donor's lifetime, a legacy gift is activated upon asset transfer after the donor's death. Legacies become a donor's memorial 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.

If you are a legacy donor who has not made their future contribution known to the Foundations but would like to, please contact Mike Lightle, chair, at 937-667-4068.



Anonymous Donor Heather Bailey & Frank Scenna John and Kay Berk Lois Kessler Jim & June Kyle

Heather Bailey & Frank Scenna (Legacy Donors)



“Exciting” is how Foundations board member Gordon Honeyman described the grant request for Windows on Tippecanoe. The rest of the board agreed and with their vote came a grant to support Tipp City’s first public art display of its type.



*The leadership of Molly Spencer and Ellen Cotterman to guide the project cannot be overlooked. Their seasoned wisdom guided volunteers who spanned at least six decades, showing the next generations*

By Nancy McAlpin

Tipp City, a proud recipient of 24 Tree City USA Awards, enjoys a reputation for beautiful green spaces and tree lined streets. Flowers enhance yards and brighten doorways everywhere we look inviting people to stop and stay awhile. We celebrate our park system and support the continued effort to fund new developments and enhance any existing projects.

Many projects benefiting our environment and park spaces were awarded in 2008.

he Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit at Brukner Nature Center is dedicated to helping sick, orphaned, and injured wildlife from our area. We funded focused on squirrels, orphaned and injured. Cages, sleeping hammocks, and small feeding utensils allow this facility to offer the best care to our furry friends. Visitors are educated and have fun seeing such a success story here in Miami County.



The Lucille L. Milner Fund continues to grow green each year with trees and landscaping around our county. Mrs. Milner, a past trustee of the Foundation, wanted our urban forest to thrive and expand to benefit everyone. Parks and green spaces forming a lush canopy produce a healthy community and a healthy planet.

Mr. & Mrs. George H. Adkins	Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Honeycutt
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Andres	Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houdeshell
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William D. Beagle	Mr. & Mrs. Richard D. Johnson
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Thomas & Joan Creech	Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Bradley K. Crow	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph W. Miller
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Estate of Helen M. Finch	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon D. Pittenger, Sr.
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Estate of Warren G. Miltenberger	Mr. & Mrs. William R. Pritchard
Mr. & Mrs. John Fitzwater	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Raully
Carla M. Frame	Mr. & Mrs. William E. Rodenberg
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Keily L. Grim	Mr. & Mrs. Bud Schroeder
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Heather LeGros	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel L. Spano
John & Agnes M. Keller	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald W. Sowder
Nick Henrich	Maxene Suerdreck
Jeanette Gaston	Mr. & Mrs. Scott D. Swan
Patty Dinmore	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel S. Taylor
Kan Bailey	Third Day Asset Management, Inc.
Honor of the following individuals:	Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Timmer
Contributions were received in Memory of	Tipp City Exemplified Village Schools
	Tipp Eye Center
	Tippecanoe Class of 1957
	Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Trey
	John D. Wandhorst
	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff D. Varvel
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	Katrina L. Wahl
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