

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

2013 Winners: Bob & Jackie Wahl



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TIPP FOUNDATIONS AWARD PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations are pleased to announce Robert and Jacqueline Wahl as its 2013 Philanthropists of the Year. This inaugural award was presented September 12th under the stars at the Tipp Foundations 70th Birthday Party, hosted by the trustees in the courtyard of the Hotel Gallery. One hundred and twenty five community leaders attended the event catered by Coldwater Café, and were thanked for their philanthropic giving to the Foundations.

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains immortal,” once stated Albert Pike, a Freemason. “Bob and Jackie Wahl are a true example of promoting the welfare of others,” said Heather Bailey, fund developer for the Foundations. The Wahl’s community involvement covers the full spectrum of Tipp City, Ohio, from the Mum Festival to the Girl Scouts to the Broadway Home Club; from the Tipp Monroe Community Services to the Tipp Foundation to Project More in the Tipp City Schools. They have been active in the Tipp Alumni Association, The Tippecanoe Educational Endowment, the

Tipp Historical Society, the Tipp Monroe Optimist Club, STEAM, the Civic Club, the Park Board, and the Tipp City Public Library. “I was completely shocked, and completely honored,” said Jackie Wahl. “I love this little town of Tipp City, Ohio.”

Katrina Wahl, Bob and Jackie’s daughter, stated that “Growing up, the importance or expectation of philanthropy was never discussed; instead, community involvement and support was simply the norm.” The Wahl’s not only give their time to community organizations, but also support many financially as well. They created the Wahl Family fund with the Tipp Foundation to carry forward giving with the next generation. The emphasis of this fund will be to support the Tipp City Public Library, the Bark Park, located in Kyle Park, and STEAM.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded over \$1,700,000 in grants to the community. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chair, Heather Bailey, Dave Grim, Claire Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Jesse Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Anita Bowman-Hamber, Mike Lightle, Jim McKee and Marilyn Richards.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, or how your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Jim Ranft at (937) 667-1270.

For more information about the Foundations, its volunteers and the funds that make these grant awards possible, visit the web site at www.tippfoundation.org.

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