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During their December meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$464,329.91 to 35 programs. The grants will be used in support of the Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for our community by connecting donors to charitable causes for a better tomorrow. Grants were awarded from the General Fund, the Priority Needs Fund, the Ruth Hollinger and J. Cameron Dungan Fund, the Lafferty Family Fund, the Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund, and the Troy Emergency Crew Fund.

General Fund Grants

General Fund grants are made possible thanks to contributions from our unrestricted funds: the Charles Morrill & Virginia McCullough Allen Fund, the Gladys J. Burnett Fund, the Harold & Lillian Miles Fund, the Hayner Family Fund, the Leo H. Faust & Grace Fern Heck Faust Endowment Fund, the Leo & Vivian Nolan Memorial Fund, the Mark & Dorothy Knoop Fund, and the Ralph & Margaret Heberding Fund.

- **The Edison Foundation** was awarded \$350 to support the Physical Therapist Assistant training program through the purchase of hip and knee models used to teach residual wrapping techniques.
- **Rehabilitation Center for Neurological Development/Nicholas School** received \$775.74 to purchase a vacuum and a commercial carpet cleaner for use at the Rehabilitation Center.
- **Troy City Schools** was awarded \$885.10 to purchase mathematics game kits for all of the fifth grade classrooms across the Troy City Schools district.
- **Lehman Catholic High School** received \$1,000 for the purchase of a new security system to ensure the safety of all the students in the school.
- **We Love Birthday Parties** received \$1,485 to purchase organizational shelving and tubs for the work room in their new Party Central building.
- **Troy City Schools** received \$1,995 to purchase ukuleles for Concord Elementary. The instruments will create a hands-on music education experience in the fourth and fifth grade music classes.
- **Miami County Educational Service Center** was granted \$2,709.16 to support community outings and field trips for their Multiple Disability Classes from Troy Junior High and High School.
- **Troy Basketball Parents Association** was granted \$3,100 to purchase new uniforms for the Troy Junior High basketball teams. Uniforms will be replaced for the boys and girls teams.
- **Crayons to Classrooms** was granted \$4,500 to support the use of their Teacher Resource Center by teachers from Forrest and Heywood Elementary Schools. Teachers at these schools can "shop" at the resource center for all of their classroom needs at no charge.
- **Troy Christian Church** was awarded \$5,000 in support of their Night to Shine Special Needs Prom. This will be the sixth year of the event which includes catering, hair and makeup, crowns and tiaras, and more.
- **National Inventors Hall of Fame** was awarded \$5,000 for their Camp Invention STEM Enrichment program. This is a week-long summer day camp focused on making STEM learning fun.
- **Miami Valley Council Boy Scouts of America** received \$7,500 to support the operational cost of providing scouting programs in Troy. Several scouting programs serve young people ages 6-20 in Troy.
- **Special Olympics Ohio** was awarded \$8,000 to pay for travel expenses including hotel, meals, and transportation for Troy athletes to attend the Special Olympics State Summer Games.

- **Dayton Art Institute** was granted \$10,000 in support of their upcoming special exhibition “The Artistic Life of Aka Pereyma.” The exhibit will celebrate the work of Ukrainian artist and long-time Troy resident Aka Pereyma.
- **The Overfield School** was awarded \$10,000 to add a new drainage system to the property. The new system will prevent flooding and create additional outdoor learning opportunities for students.
- **Troy-Hayner Cultural Center** was granted \$13,000 for the Fridays on Prouty Summer Music Series. This series includes 6 concerts from June to August featuring a variety of artists on Prouty Plaza.
- **Troy High School Softball Parents Association** was granted \$15,000 for renovations to the Market Street Softball Field. Renovations will include a concrete seating area and a ramp from the parking lot.
- **Troy Main Street** was awarded \$17,000 for their Eclipse on the Square event next April. This event will include live music, a balloon artist, free eclipse glasses, and more in downtown Troy.
- **Troy City Skatepark Unite** was granted \$17,700 for a soil study and building plans for Joe Reardon Skate Park. Future renovations will include an all-concrete skate plaza and adding restrooms and a seating area.
- **The Mentoring Partnership of Miami County** was awarded \$20,000 to support their start-up operational expenses. The Partnership will act as a mentor recruiting, vetting, training, and matching resource for several area organizations.
- **The Future Begins Today** was awarded \$21,000 to continue their programming that benefits Troy students. These funds will specifically support operations and benefit the Homework Helper and TFBT Club programs.
- **Troy Senior Citizens Center** received \$22,798.71 for a flooring replacement project. The new flooring at the center will be easier to maintain and less slippery when it is wet.
- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance** was awarded \$30,000 to offer their Music Discoveries program alongside Troy City Schools and St. Patrick Catholic School. This program includes several in-school performances and field trips to the Schuster Center for performances.
- **Pink Ribbon Good** was awarded \$40,000 to support people in Troy who are fighting breast or gynecological cancer. PRG offers meal delivery, rides to treatments, natural cleaning supplies and more. This was a collaborative grant from the General Fund (\$33,600) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$6,400).
- **Troy Community FM – Power 107.1 WTJN** was awarded \$66,900 to support the operations of the radio station. Power 107.1 supports the community by offering a platform for nonprofits and local government agencies and supporting nonprofits through their give-back underwriting sponsorships.

Priority Needs Fund Grants

- **St. Vincent DePaul Society** received \$5,000 to provide rent assistance to residents of Troy. Residents who need help with rent are available for assistance once every six months.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Miami Valley** was granted \$7,500 to support their mentoring programs in Troy. These mentoring programs are designed to improve interpersonal skills and educational outcomes.
- **First United Church of Christ** received \$8,000 for their Weekend Backpack Food Program. This program sends food home with elementary students every weekend during the school year.
- **Partners in Hope** was awarded \$10,000 to support their Christian Auto Repair Ministry. The Funds will be used for non-routine maintenance to ensure access to transportation for low income families.
- **The SOAR Initiative** received \$10,500 to support their harm reduction programming in Troy. This program aims to reduce overdoses and the spread of blood borne diseases through education, distribution of fentanyl test strips, and Deadly Batch Alerts.
- **Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County** was granted \$30,000 to support the services provided by a second legal advocate, and maintain the ability to employ night shift workers at the shelter.
- **First Place Food Pantry** received \$43,800 to support the operations of the pantry. These funds will be used to purchase food, personal care items, and support pantry staffing.

Field of Interest Funds

- **The City of Troy** was awarded \$614 from the **Ruth Hollinger and J. Cameron Dungan Fund** and \$1,525 from the **Lafferty Family Fund**. These funds will be used for beautification projects throughout Troy.

- **The Miami County Fire and Emergency Services Chiefs Association** was granted \$8,766 from the Troy Emergency Crew Fund. This funding will be used to support training efforts for all of our local emergency services organizations.
- **Arbogast Performing Arts Center** received \$13,366.20 from the **Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund**. These Funds will be used to support a performance by the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra & Filip Pogády.

The Distribution Committee meets quarterly to review grant applications. Only organizations with a 501(c)(3) status are eligible to apply. For more information about the Foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit www.thetrovfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application is Thursday, February 15th by 11:59 PM for review at the March meeting.