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During their June meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$337,802 to 26 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 Clyde & Kathryn Marr Fund, the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts and Culture, the Ruth Hollinger and J. Cameron Dungan Fund, the Patricia Starr Willis Fund, and the Richard Shellenbarger Music 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.

- **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio** was awarded \$1,000 for their Helping Hands program. This program provides accommodations, emotional support, and resource referrals to families from Troy with a child receiving medical treatment in Central Ohio hospitals.
- **Lehman High School** received \$1,000 to purchase ukuleles, hand drums, and tone chimes along with instructional books for a new hands-on music class.
- **Troy Trojans Hockey Boosters** was awarded \$1,300 to purchase ten new helmets for the Troy High School Hockey Team to increase the safety of the athletes.
- **Troy City Schools** received \$1,500 to pay for the transportation costs of a field trip to the Columbus Zoo for the Hook Elementary kindergarten students.
- **The Centered Foundation** received \$1,800 to pilot their Turn the Tables program with Troy City Schools. This aims to offer healthier food options during breakfast at Kyle Elementary and offer training for cafeteria staff during teacher in-service days.
- **We Love Birthday Parties** was granted \$1,800 in support of their Dungeons and Dragons Camp this summer. This camp will promote strategic thinking, community building, teamwork, and creative imagination.
- **Junior Achievement of OKI Partners** was granted \$2,000 to provide educational kits for their programming at the Lincoln Community Center. Funds will also be used to bring Olympic gold medalist and author Mary Wineberg to the Lincoln Community Center as a speaker.
- **Troy High School Softball Parents Association** was awarded \$5,000 to install bleachers at the Market Street Softball Field. This is part of an ongoing project to improve the field.

- **CASA/GAL of Miami County** received \$6,000 to send their volunteers to the Celebrate Kids Conference which is designed to enhance the skills of CASA volunteers. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$5,315) and the Patricia Starr Willis Fund (\$685).
- **Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities** was granted \$7,750 to purchase a new set of hand bells for their bell choir. This will add a third octave, allowing the choir to perform a wider variety of music.
- **Elizabeth's New Life Center** was granted \$8,000 to offer their Sexual Risk-Avoidance program at Troy High School and West Central Juvenile Detention Center. The program covers topics including building strong friendships, establishing healthy boundaries, evaluating risk, and much more.
- **Troy Civic Band** received \$8,500 in support of their four summer concerts. Troy Civic Band plays traditional band music and performs at Treasure Island Park.
- **Miami County 4-H Clubs Camp** was awarded \$11,500 to build replacement cabins at the Indian Hills Miami County 4-H Clubs Camp. The current cabins are out of date and this project will allow the camp to better serve 4-H members at their camps.
- **Miami County Agricultural Society** received \$18,175 for the Ultimate Bricks & Blocks Family Fun Zone at the Miami County Fair. This area will include thousands of Legos for kids to play with and seating for their parents to take a break.
- **The City of Troy** received \$20,000 for the Fourth of July fireworks show. The show will begin at 10 PM and will be viewable from the levee and the Market Street Bridge.
- **Arbogast Performing Arts Center** was granted \$25,000 to support their 2024-2025 performance season. The Arbogast Performing Arts Center expects to host at least fifteen shows throughout the coming season.
- **Brukner Nature Center** was granted \$34,000 to improve accessibility at the Nature Center. Some improvements would include paving paths to the wildlife enclosures, the Iddings log cabin, and the pond. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$28,631) and the Clyde & Kathryn Marr Fund (\$5,639).
- **Troy Main Street** was granted \$40,000 in support of their 2025 Sculptures on the Square program. This program will draw residents and visitors to historic downtown Troy to view the sculptures and artwork by local and national artists. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$39,174.50) and the Ruth Hollinger & J. Cameron Dungan Fund (\$825.50).
- **Health Partners Free Clinic** was awarded \$50,000 to improve and increase the healthcare services they provide to uninsured and underinsured members of our community. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$25,000) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$25,000).
- **Kids Read Now** received \$50,000 in support of their Family Literacy program. The program aims to work with employers to offer literacy support to workers and their children as an employee benefit. Employees will receive age-appropriate books for their children along with instructions on how to report their progress.

Priority Needs Fund Grants

- **Isaiah's Place** received \$2,250 to cover the initial cost of neurofeedback brain training for children in foster care. The goal of this therapy is to help the children control responses to stressors.
- **Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley** was awarded \$5,000 to provide mental health screenings for children. The goal of these screenings is to identify developmental delays early, and to begin providing necessary interventions as early as possible.
- **First United Church of Christ** was granted \$6,000 for the Weekend Backpack Food Program. This program provides head-start and elementary students with food to take home on the weekends.

- **St. Patrick Catholic School** received \$8,500 to create an outdoor play and nature area for the preschool program. This outdoor area will include playground equipment, a water play area, a nature area with raised flower beds and plants, and an outdoor music section.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Miami & Shelby Counties** was awarded \$20,000 to purchase a van for their home repair program. This van will allow Habitat for Humanity to increase their home repair services in the area for those who need help with repairs and improvements.

Grant awarded from the Fifth Third Bank Fund for Arts & Culture

- **Miami East Local Schools** received \$1,727 to continue providing the Muse Machine program to Miami East students. This program provides many opportunities for students to attend live musical and theatrical performances in school and at theaters in Dayton along with opportunities to perform.

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 Troy Foundation and its funds that make these grants possible please visit www.thetroyfoundation.org. The deadline for submitting a grant application for the next quarterly meeting is Thursday, August 15th by 11:59 PM for review at the September meeting.