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During their March meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$332,297.02 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 Kathryn Marr Fund, the David B. & Helen N. Meeker 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.

- **Heart-Song, Inc.** was awarded \$471.51 for a vision board program with students at Troy Recreation Association. The goal of this program is to help students think critically about their future goals.
- **CISV Midwest Ohio Chapter** received \$567 toward training for their risk manager. This training is essential in ensuring the safety and reducing risk for children involved in CISV programming.
- **Troy City Schools** was granted \$898.50 to purchase film cameras for Digital Design classes at Troy High School. These cameras will be used to give students real-world experience using a combination of film and digital mediums.
- **Miami County Educational Service Center** received \$1000 for their Excellence in Education Banquet in May. This banquet celebrates the valedictorians and salutatorians of Miami County High Schools and the teachers who influenced them most.
- **Troy City Schools** was granted \$1,566 in support of a field trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force for the fifth grade students at Forest Elementary School. This field trip will offer students a unique experience to learn about earth, space, force, and motion.
- **T.L. Baseball Boosters, Inc.** was awarded \$1,900 to purchase protective screens for teams to use at Legion Field. The screens will help protect pitchers and catchers warming up in the bullpen during games.
- **The Centered Foundation** was awarded \$2,000 for the Super Kids Fitness Challenge. This program will offer a fun-filled obstacle course for children interested in participating during the Strawberry Festival.
- **Kids Read Now** was awarded \$4,000 to offer their programming for students at Lincoln Community Center. Participating children in Pre-K through 5th grade will receive eight self-selected books over the course of the summer to combat the summer reading slide.
- **Miami County Educational Service Center** received \$4,500 for their Career Connections and YouScience initiative. This program provides opportunities for exposure to career opportunities through the YouScience aptitude and interest tool, career navigation, job shadows, and business tours.
- **First Presbyterian Church** was granted \$6,000 to add outdoor furniture and lighting to the patio on the corner of Main Street and Walnut Street. This will provide a space for those attending their free morning breakfast a place to gather and build community.
- **Breast Wishes Foundation** was granted \$7,500 in support of their initiative to grant 500 wishes by the end of 2025. Breast Wishes Foundation grants wishes of breast cancer patients including purchasing helpful household appliances, family vacations, and items that can be helpful through their cancer journey.

- **Troy Kids Preschool** was granted \$7,500 to build a breezeway at their drop-off location. The breezeway will protect students from the elements in case of inclement weather during pick-up and drop-off times.
- **Young Life** received \$9,000 for transportation to Young Life Camp. The camp is designed to give young people a positive outlook on the role they play in the world.
- **Dayton Performing Arts Alliance** received \$10,000 in support of their programming at Troy City Schools. Their programming includes a combination of in-school performances and field trips to performances at the Schuster Center and Masonic Center in Dayton.
- **The City of Troy** received \$12,802.42 to purchase supplies for their safety town program. This program teaches incoming kindergarteners about traffic, fire, and bus safety. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$6,266.42) and the David B. and Helen N. Meeker Fund (\$6,536).
- **Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau** was granted \$13,000 toward Donut Jam. This event welcomes Tour de Donut participants to Troy with food, entertainment, and activities for riders and community members of all ages.
- **Miami County Local Food Council** was granted \$18,640 to support the Cherry Street Local Farmers Market. The market will be open weekly on Saturdays from June 14th to September 27th and provides a space for local farmers and merchants to sell their goods.
- **St. Patrick Catholic School** was granted \$20,000 toward the purchase and installation of new playground equipment. The current playground is in a state of disrepair and will be replaced with equipment that is safer for the students who use it.
- **The City of Troy** was awarded \$30,000 for the annual Independence Day fireworks show on the levy. This year, the Independence Day celebrations will also include a concert at Treasure Island Park by the US Army Band.
- **CASA/GAL of Miami County** was granted \$50,000 for renovations to their new office space at the Hobart Building for County Government. The new space will give them much needed office and training space. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$49,279) and the Patricia Starr Willis Fund (\$721).
- **Lincoln Community Center** received \$65,005.59 in support of their Summer Youth Program. This program is free to students and provides a safe and educational environment for them during the summer.

Priority Needs Fund Grants

- **Miami County Local Food Council** was granted \$1,997 to begin providing rides to the Cherry Street Local Farmers Market. They are partnering with Community Rides to begin offering this service.
- **Troy Recreation Association** received \$5,000 toward Summer Lunch Buddies. This program reduces the summer reading slide through partner reading and activities with local students.
- **Partners in Hope** was awarded \$43,000 for the Summer Lunches Program. This collaborative project alongside the Lincoln Community Center, Troy Recreation Association, and Troy City Schools provides lunch for school age children every weekday during the summer break. This grant is a partnership between the General Fund (\$22,500) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$22,500).

Grant awarded from the Clyde and Kathryn Marr Fund and the Kathryn Marr Fund

- **The New Path** was granted \$2,000 to purchase repair parts for the durable medical equipment loaned out through GIVE Medical Ministries. This grant is a partnership between the Clyde and Kathryn Marr Fund (\$929) and the Kathryn Marr Fund (\$1,071).

Grant awarded from the Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund

- **First Presbyterian Church** received \$13,949 toward the purchase of a piano for their sanctuary. This is a dollar-for-dollar matching grant.

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, May 15th by 11:59 PM for review at the June meeting.