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During their December meeting, members of The Troy Foundation Distribution Committee approved grants totaling \$308,860.45 to 25 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, Priority Needs 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.

- **Troy Kids Preschool-** Troy Kids Preschool was awarded \$1,000 towards the purchase of an AED defibrillator. This provides a critical life-saving device to support children, staff, church members, and community participants during medical emergencies at the Lutheran Church.
- **CISV Midwest Ohio Chapter** received \$1,000 for its Leadership, Mission, and Citizenship (LMC) program. This provides youth with a weekend of peace education programming designed to develop active global citizens and recruit new members and volunteers who support the organization's mission.
- **Miami Valley Veterans Museum** was granted \$2,000 for a new exhibit lighting project. This provides motion-sensor LED lighting for display cases, improving visibility of artifacts while preserving sensitive materials and allowing flexibility as exhibits are moved throughout the gallery.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami Valley** was awarded \$2,500 to support its one-to-one mentoring program. This provides relationship-based support for at-risk youth ages 5–18 in Miami County, strengthening academic success, mental health, and social-emotional development.
- **Scouting America** received \$3,750 to support youth development activities. This provides character-building programming that helps young people develop leadership, teamwork, responsibility, and perseverance through regular meetings, outdoor experiences, and rank advancement.
- **Girls on the Run of Dayton** was granted \$4,000 to support program scholarships in Troy. This provides access to life-changing physical activity and social-emotional learning programs for girls by removing financial barriers and ensuring every girl can participate, regardless of ability to pay.
- **Troy Christian Church** was awarded \$5,000 to support its Night to Shine Special Needs Prom. This provides a prom night experience for individuals with special needs in the community, celebrating their value and worth.
- **Troy Recreation Association** was awarded \$5,000 to support youth center furniture replacement. This provides safe, durable seating that improves comfort and usability for the many youth and community members who use the facility each year.
- **National Night Out Miami County** received \$5,000 to support its annual crime prevention event. This brings residents, law enforcement, and local officials together to strengthen community partnerships and promote public safety awareness.
- **St. Vincent DePaul Society** was granted \$7,500 to support emergency assistance for Troy residents in crisis. This provides short-term rent and basic needs assistance for families who would otherwise be turned away due to limited weekly funding.

- **Victoria Theatre Association** was awarded \$7,500 to support its Discovery Series for Troy students. This provides access to live, professional theater performances that enhance classroom learning and social-emotional development for local students.
- **We Love Birthday Parties** received \$7,670 to support birthday celebrations for children in Troy experiencing hardship. This provides on-site parties and birthday boxes that help children feel valued and celebrated.
- **Troy Church of the Brethren** was granted \$9,000 to support its ongoing community laundry assistance program. This provides free laundry services and supplies for families facing financial hardship, helping ensure access to clean clothing and preserving dignity.
- **Museum of Troy History** was awarded \$9,000 to support critical repairs to its historic building. This helps protect the museum's collections and preserve Troy's local history for future generations.
- **Richards Chapel United Methodist** received \$10,000 to support its community lunch program. This provides free, nutritious meals and a welcoming space for individuals facing food insecurity while fostering connection and support in the Troy community.
- **Miami County Park District** was granted \$10,000 to support the Science Alive! Hug the Earth program. This provides hands-on, creative science learning experiences that engage students through music, art, outdoor exploration, and environmental education.
- **Troy Skate Church** was awarded \$10,000 to support expanded winter programming. This provides additional open nights, meals, and skateboarding and snowboarding activities that support youth well-being and community connection.
- **The Future Begins Today** received \$10,960.45 to support its TFBT Club and Homework Helper programs. This provides after-school mentoring and tutoring for Troy City Schools students, helping them stay on track for graduation and post-secondary success.
- **Mentoring Partnership of Miami County** was awarded \$12,500 to support expansion of its community-wide mentoring efforts. This provides capacity for mentor recruitment, training, and leadership infrastructure to connect more youth with caring, trained adult mentors across Miami County.
- **Seeds of Hope OH** was granted \$12,600 to support its Basic Needs for Placement program. This provides beds, mattresses, and car seats for foster, kinship, and adoptive families, helping ensure children in care are safe, supported, and able to remain in stable homes.
- **Troy-Hayner Cultural Center** received \$25,000 to support its downtown summer music series. This provides six free outdoor concerts that bring the community together, support local businesses, and promote downtown Troy as a vibrant destination.
- **Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County** was awarded \$30,000 to sustain emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence in Miami County. This ensures 24/7 shelter access, legal advocacy, and crisis support for individuals and families seeking safety.
- **Troy Community FM – Power 107.1** received \$30,000 to support ongoing station operations. This provides a 24/7 community radio platform that amplifies local nonprofits, supports fundraising partnerships, and connects residents with news, events, and civic information.
- **Habitat for Humanity of Miami and Shelby Counties** was awarded \$75,000 to support home repairs in Troy. This provides critical safety and accessibility improvements that help homeowners remain safe in their homes. This grant is a partnership between the General fund (72,496.70) and the Priority Needs Fund (\$2,503.30)

Grants Awarded from the Richard Shellenbarger Music Fund

- **Arbogast Performing Arts Center** received \$8,880 in support of the musical portion of 1776; a musical being performed in 2026.

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 Monday, February 16th by 4:00 PM for review at the March meeting.