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SPRINGFIELD FOUNDATION NAMED "2010 OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION"

Each year on "National Philanthropy Day" the Greater Dayton Region Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honors local foundations, corporations and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to philanthropic efforts in the greater Dayton area. Among this year's honorees, the Springfield Foundation was named the 2010 "Outstanding Foundation" and was officially recognized at AFP's National Philanthropy Day celebration luncheon held on November 18, 2010 at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in Downtown Dayton.

"This is a tremendous and humbling honor to be recognized by this group of professionals and to be supported by our peers," said Springfield Foundation Board President, Robyn Koch-Schumaker. "We are proud, and feel privileged, to work with donors and organizations to make Clark County a better community."

UNSUNG HEROES INSPIRE AND MOTIVATE

It seems we never stop looking for "heroes" to inspire and motivate us. But how often do we look in our own backyard to find them? At the annual reception on October 14, 2010 at the Champions Center, we highlighted a few of our community's "unsung heroes." The focus this year was on education. The following funds were highlighted: The Robert Farish Fund, The Garth Q. Briggs Scholarship-Tecumseh Education Foundation, The Richard "Pup" Conklin Motorcycle Mechanics Scholarship Fund, The Michael Manoloff Scholarship Fund, The Nelson and Belva Stallsmith Scholarship Fund, and The Roy and Kathryn Hickes Family Fund.

During the evening, retired educator Michael Manoloff spoke passionately about the importance of education and why he chose to establish his scholarship fund. Michael Beery, a recipient of the Stallsmith and Hickes Scholarships, joined the reception via video to share his appreciation for the financial assistance provided through his scholarship awards.

The Foundation's Executive Director Ted Vander Roest described new projects for the Foundation. These include the Hartman Rock Garden, involvement in the Greater Springfield Moving Forward initiative, and the Springfield Promise Neighborhood Project.

The Foundation's newest Legacy Society members were also recognized during the event by Board Member, Andy Bell. These individuals (pictured below) have joined others by sharing their intention to leave a future gift to the Foundation for the benefit of Clark County.

Foundation Board President, Robyn Koch-Schumaker, closed the evening with comments about the Foundation's new Horizon Funds and our newest affiliate, the Women's Partnership Funds.

Thank you to all who attended this year's event and thanks to our entire community for your continued partnership and support. Your commitment to our organization and our community has sustained us and is what drives us forward... For good. For ever.



2010 Legacy Society Inductees (left to right): Cathy Crompton and Ross McGregor, Michael Manoloff, Mary Miller and Hattie Lawson.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



As you read on the cover, the Foundation recently held its annual meeting. A theme of the meeting was to reflect on some of the relationships we have had with donors and

the positive impacts those relationships have had on our community. Hearing some of the stories helps us to remember why we are in the field of philanthropy, and also helps us to reflect on the trust that donors have placed with us. We are also reminded of the wonderful things that are done when caring people work together to improve the lives of others.

The Springfield Foundation has been involved in an exciting new project called the "Promise Neighborhood." The goal of the program is to improve the academic achievement of elementary students in a particular school. The program is using a new approach that will encourage the residents of a neighborhood to become engaged in the students' progress. There is more detail in this newsletter and on the project's website, www.springfieldpromise.com.

As you've read, the Springfield Foundation was selected as the "2010 Outstanding Foundation" by the Greater Dayton Region Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. It is an honor to be selected by a group of our peers for such a prestigious award. Efforts have been made the last several years to become involved in the community, both on a local and regional level. We have established many relationships in the region in order to benefit the individuals in our communities and it is gratifying to see our efforts recognized by others. The award is a wonderful tribute to the dedicated Staff and Trustees of the Foundation.

As the year once again begins to wind down, we would like to thank everyone that is involved with the Foundation. Without each of you, none of the important work we do could be done.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Springfield Foundation Board of Trustees was proud to approve 248 scholarship awards, for a total of \$323,905 at its June, 2010 Board Meeting. These scholarships support students who are attending local private schools, colleges, and other post-secondary educational and training programs.

The Foundation has worked with donors to establish more than 50 different scholarship funds that address a variety of interest areas and needs. We are also grateful for the support of more than 20 volunteer Scholarship Readers and Committee Members.

To see a complete list of these awards, please visit our website at www.springfieldfoundation.org/sawarded10.html.



AFFILIATE UPDATES

African-American Community Fund

The 6th Annual African-American Community Fund (AACF) Gala was held on June 10, 2010. At the Gala, the AACF announced a multi-year commitment of support to two broad community interests – education and health care. *Clark County Literacy Coalition* received a grant to provide themed "Pick a Pack" backpacks for Literacy Center students. Additionally, the grant will help the Coalition with outreach efforts to minority populations throughout the community. A grant to *Community Hospital Health Services Foundation* will be used to promote "Breast Check" - a new Mammogram Access Program. This program assists with initial clinical visits and physician orders so that women without medical insurance or with high deductibles are able to keep current with preventive screenings.



In addition, the evening was marked by three special presentations. Mrs. Patty Young was recognized for her dedication to the Clark County community through her leadership as an entrepreneur and Founder of Sisters United for Prevention and for her unwavering commitment to cancer awareness (center photo, with AACF Chair Lee Smithers). Bill and Debbie Fralick (in the center of the photo at left, with Ted Vander Roest, Executive Director and Bob Burton, AACF Committee member) and Hattie Lawson (in the center of the photo at right) were honored for their commitment to the AACF by joining the Foundation's Legacy Society.

Thank you to those who attended this celebration and for all those who have supported the AACF since its inception in 2004. Your support makes these grants possible. A special thank you is extended to First Diversity Management Group for sponsoring the event.



Women's Partnership Funds Receives Founder Gifts

The Springfield Foundation's second affiliate fund, the Women's Partnership Funds, has received Founding Gifts in the amount of \$1,000 or more from eleven donors and additional gifts from twelve other women and men. In addition, the Springfield Foundation has made a \$10,000 contribution to help build the Fund's endowment. The Fund's Advisory Council is thrilled to have the enthusiastic support of so many people already! The vision of the Fund has been shared with a broad network of people, including more than thirty who attended a Dessert Reception at the Petticrew House this past October. To learn how you can become involved and support the Women's Partnership Funds, please contact Joan Elder at joan@springfieldfoundation.org, or by phone at 937-324-8773.

WELCOME NEW FUNDS

Springfield Branch AAUW Helen L. Krout Memorial Scholarship was established by the organization and was made possible by a gift from the estate of Helen L. Krout. This scholarship provides financial support for young women in Clark County to further their studies at an accredited college or university.

Gary Geis Dance Company Endowment Fund was established to support the organization's programs and operations specific to advancing the appreciation of the art of dance and to bring focus to dance education in the Springfield, Ohio community.

Dr. Edna Jean Harper Scholarship Fund was established by Dr. Edna Jean Harper, past Superintendent of the Springfield City Schools to assist graduating seniors of Springfield High School who will be first generation college graduates in their family.

Helen and Huston Moores Endowment Fund was established to support the needs of Clark County individuals who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing.

Michael Manoloff Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial resources for students from Clark County High Schools to further their studies at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.

Northwestern Alumni Scholarship Fund was established by a group of active Northwestern High School Alumni to provide scholarship resources for graduating seniors of Northwestern High School.

Thelma Streber Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by her family to support the education of Clark County Nursing Students.

John H. and Virginia S. Warren Endowment Fund was established by Virginia Warren to memorialize her late husband and to support several local charities important to both of them.

Westcott House Foundation Endowment Fund was created to support the organization's programs and operations focusing on the appreciation of design and innovation, creativity, and understanding of architectural principles and the design process as inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Westcott House.

To establish a fund or to make a contribution to an existing one, please call the Foundation at (937) 324-8773.



Grantee Highlight— NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH CLINIC – LEAD SCREENING PROGRAM

Lead poisoning is the number one environmental health threat to children and pregnant women in the United States today. After many years of rising incidents of lead poisoning in Clark County, education and early detection have finally begun to have an impact. Lead is still found in older homes and is also present on toys, trinkets, dinnerware and even children's books! Through the support of a grant from the Springfield Foundation, the Neighborhood Church Clinic provides lead testing for pregnant women and children who receive WIC government assistance and may not have a primary care provider. The Clinic works with Clark County Combined Health District, Lead Safe Springfield and Tamarac Medical Laboratories to identify women and children who have elevated levels of lead and determine the best course of action for treatment. With early detection, the long-term effects of lead poisoning can be avoided.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROMISE PROJECT UNDERWAY

Recently, we committed a portion of our discretionary grant funds to support the Springfield Promise Neighborhood Project. Promise neighborhoods are built upon the idea that effective education is the best way to end generational poverty. The project focuses on doing whatever it takes to help children be academically successful – to finish high school and be prepared either to get a good job or succeed in post-secondary education. This approach is meant to coordinate community assets in strategic ways so that all youth will succeed. Starting with one neighborhood provides a model that can then be expanded across the community.



As a pilot project, initial efforts are focused on Lincoln Elementary School and its surrounding neighborhood. A guiding philosophy is to do things "with people, not for people." In support of this principle, a community organizer is conducting listening campaigns with residents. These efforts will encourage individuals to work together to improve the condition of their neighborhood. At the school, the principal and teachers are working to develop the school as the "center of the neighborhood."

To learn more about this exciting initiative, please visit their website at www.springfieldpromise.com.



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SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT UPDATES

Scholarship Applications: Will be available on the Springfield Foundation's website and at area High Schools and Colleges on January 1, 2011. Completed applications are due to the Foundation office no later than March 11, 2011.

Grant Application Update: In August, 2010 the Springfield Foundation received ninety-nine Grant Applications from local non-profit organizations. The Distribution Committee has the responsibility of designating awards totaling up to \$546,341 to benefit the residents of Clark County.

PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY REMINDER

The Foundation is continuing to build the new, permanent Merit Scholarship Fund established last year, and a portion of this year's Partners contribution will be added to the endowment. Based solely on academic merit and community service, the students who benefit represent the best and the brightest that Clark County has to offer. We will be glad to continue receiving your tax-deductible Partner gifts through the end of this year. Please read more about Partners in Philanthropy on our website at www.springfieldfoundation.org/partners.html.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2009 Annual Report – A Year of Partnerships – is available for download at our website, www.springfieldfoundation.org.

