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**Toledo  
Community  
Foundation**

Inspiring and Connecting Thoughtful Giving



# Grants Fund Community Projects

The Toledo Community Foundation Board of Trustees recently awarded a total of \$126,051 in grants to four organizations to help improve the community.

### **CAMBIOS - \$8,500**

To expand Project READ (Reading to Eliminate All Discrimination), a volunteer program that uses children's literature as a means to promote cultural sensitivity and appreciation of the diversity of our communities.

### **Cherry Street Mission - \$66,000**

To expand services at Sparrow's Nest, which provides emergency housing and supportive services for women in Toledo.

### **The Nature Conservancy - \$40,000**

To support restoration efforts of the wet prairie, oak savanna and Karner blue butterfly habitat at the Kitty Todd Preserve in the Oak Openings region.

### **Toledo School for the Arts - \$11,551**

To support a special project integrating art into the study of world history.

### **The next application deadline for Community Fund (unrestricted) grants**

at the Foundation is Jan. 15, 2006. For more information on how to apply, contact Kaarina Ornelas, Senior Program Officer, at 419.241.5049 or [Kaarina@toledocf.org](mailto:Kaarina@toledocf.org), or visit the Foundation's website at [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org).

## Foundation Provides Emergency Assistance to YWCA

Within 24 hours after a devastating fire damaged the Toledo YWCA building, the Toledo Community Foundation approved a \$10,000 emergency assistance grant to the YWCA of Greater Toledo.

The fire caused \$50,000 damage and forced more than 50 residents of the battered women's shelter to move to another location.

The grant, unsolicited by the YWCA, covers the YWCA's insurance deductible.

"The Y was facing an emergency and we felt we needed to step forward and help get it back on its feet. The Foundation is dedicated to helping the community and we were more than willing to assist this valuable community resource," says Keith Burwell, President of the Foundation.

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# Foundation Matters

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## *Initiative Fund Targets Children's Oral Health Care*

Determined to help reduce the biggest unmet health care need in Lucas County, the Toledo Community Foundation called upon the community to address the low rate of oral health services for young children.

To address this issue, the Foundation awarded a grant of \$372,830 over three years to a collaborative program directed by the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio to establish a Dental Resource Center.

The center will provide case managed oral health care to children from birth to age five and education to their families. The Foundation will monitor the program aimed at reducing preventable dental disease and oral infections that currently ranks as the number one unmet health care need for children in Ohio and Lucas County.

### RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS

"The Foundation's goal is to be responsive to the changing needs of the region in a proactive manner. The beauty of our organization is that we have unrestricted funds available that can be pooled together to make a lasting impact in our community," says Keith Burwell, the Foundation's President.

"We are so proud that the Toledo Community Foundation has confidence in the collaboration led by the Dental Center to award a grant that is so desperately needed to address this issue in our community," says Lindy Cree, president of the Dental Center of Northwest Ohio.

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### *Inspiring and Connecting Thoughtful Giving*

*This publication shares with you news about the Toledo Community Foundation, as we fulfill our mission of creating philanthropy and making our community a better place to live and raise a family.*

*The Toledo Community Foundation is a public charitable foundation serving northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.*

*For more information about the Foundation, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).*

*Specific inquiries regarding our grant making process may be directed to Kaarina Ornelas, Senior Program Officer, at [Kaarina@toledocf.org](mailto:Kaarina@toledocf.org).*

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*An outreach worker explains the importance of brushing teeth.*

## Message from the President

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### Community Strength



The horrendous disasters that hit our neighbors in the Gulf Coast have created lasting scars that will take many years to heal. Our hearts go out to all the people who lost their homes and loved ones, and we thank all the rescue workers for their untiring and valiant efforts. You can find a link on the home page of our website that will take you to a list of Community Foundations in the affected regions that have established relief funds to provide long-term support of these victims, following the short-term response by our nation.

Although it will take time, those communities will rise again. It is the strength of the communities that will drive them to rebuild and start over. It's the same kind of strength that our community has and we are proud to be part of it.

As this year comes to a close, we hope you will consider making a donation to our Friends Campaign. Funds from this effort support our operational needs that are vital to everything we do to make the community a better place.

By now we hope you have had a chance to spend some time at our new website – [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org). More new features will be added in the coming months especially for donors.

The Foundation wishes you and your family a warm and wonderful upcoming holiday season. As you count your blessings, we ask you to consider making one final donation to the Foundation this year. We are so thankful for all of your support and are anxious to continue investing in every way we can to improve this community we all call home.

Sincerely,

Keith Burwell  
President

## *Children's Oral Health Care*

“This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and caregivers with limited incomes to give children a good start in life. Many take their young children to the pediatrician for several visits but do not understand the necessity of going to the dentist. Once children enter school, it is often too late. The damage has already been done,” she explains.

The Foundation's grant provides for a project director for the Dental Resource Center, as well as case managers. Funds will also be used to make it easier for parents to get dental care by providing interpreter services, bus tokens and other incentives.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Community partners working together on this project are Head Start, Lucas County Family Council (Help Me Grow), Toledo Public Schools Early Childhood Education program, Neighborhood Health Association and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

“Our partners have outreach staffs that go into children's homes. They will give parents information about available dental service and help parents understand the need for good dental health,” she continues.

Once children are referred to the center, case managers will coordinate the visits and work with parents on the importance of follow-up care.

This project is an example of the Foundation's proactive commitment to address the unfunded needs that are so important to improve the health and well being of our community.

### ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS HIGH NEED ISSUES

In an effort to be more proactive, the Foundation's Board this year designated money for an Initiative Fund, which is intended to target high need issues in our community. The first initiative addresses this oral health care issue for children.

It has just been announced that, in 2006, the Initiative Fund will target reducing the number of children born with low birth weight in our community.

## Help the Community

If there is a special project you want to support or a loved one you want to remember with a lasting legacy, the Foundation can help.

By making a donation to the Toledo Community Foundation, you will improve the community for everyone. You can donate to an already established fund or create a new fund.

For more information on making donations, contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).



## *The Cocoon Offers Shelter and Hope*

**“If it wasn’t for The Cocoon, I’d probably be living on the street with my baby,” forecasts a 23 year-old woman, the mother of a 15 month-old child.**

In June the mother and child were the first residents to move into the battered women’s shelter at an undisclosed Bowling Green location. The Toledo Community Foundation awarded a \$35,000 grant to the organization because the need for a shelter was overwhelming.

Thirty percent of the homicides nationally are the result of domestic violence. Wood County’s rate was triple that in the last three years, as four women were killed at various locations throughout the county.

Being in an abusive situation, the mother decided to change her life and the life of her baby. “I didn’t know what to expect but The Cocoon has been above and beyond what I thought it would be,” she adds.

The Cocoon has helped move the mother and child into transitional housing and “now I have hope that I can really do something. The overall experience has been wonderful,” she adds.

“If it wasn’t for the Toledo Community Foundation we would not be open today. We could not have opened our doors in June. It would have been years – not months – before we could have helped women get out of their abusive situations,” says Mary Krueger, president of The Cocoon Shelter Board of Directors. “The Foundation jump started our efforts and we had people waiting for service even before we opened,” she adds.

“Our residents have been amazed. They tell us it is the best experience they have ever had at a shelter. They have their own bedrooms and are surprised they live independently. The volunteer and financial support has been tremendous,” concludes Michelle Clossick, executive director of the shelter.

Helping domestic violence victims find refuge in a supportive shelter to begin a new life is another way the Foundation enriches the community.

*At The Cocoon grand opening celebration in June, the Foundation was honored for supporting the shelter.*



*Roger and Rhoda Berkowitz with Fordham*

## Special Doll Inspires Couple's Wish

As she was growing up, Rhoda Berkowitz shared her dreams and secrets with one special person – her treasured doll she named Fordham. The two were constant companions offering love, support and adventure to each other.

Knowing how important the doll was to her, she and her husband Roger Berkowitz created the Fordham Fund at the Foundation. The Field of Interest fund purchases new dolls or stuffed animals for low-income children moving from transitional housing into permanent homes.

Now living in North Carolina, the couple created the fund before leaving Toledo. They wanted to ensure a permanent legacy of contribution to the community that has been so important in their lives. Roger was the director of the Toledo Museum of Art and Rhoda, a professor in the College of Law at The University of Toledo.

Through their fund they hope to duplicate the wonderful childhood memories Rhoda has of her doll for children that may need one very special doll or stuffed toy to hold in confidence and joy.

Field of Interest funds can be created to support special interests like the one selected by the Berkowitz's. This type of fund can support any interest individuals feel strongly about such as the environment, youth programs, the arts, or a geographical area. Field of Interest funds do not restrict grants to any one organization, and are a way to make a lasting impression in your community.

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## Scholarships Help Ease Tuition Burdens

For **Tony Mitchell**, a Lake High School graduate, college was a goal but financing was a challenge.

“My parents were not in a position to help me and I personally wanted to graduate debt free,” he explains.

For four years he earned a scholarship from the Jamie Farr Scholarship Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation. In May, he graduated magna cum laude and with college honors from the University of Toledo, earning a bachelor's of science degree in mechanical engineering.

“I met my own personal goal of no debt. That would not have been possible without the renewable yearly scholarship from the Foundation to help cover my cost,” adds Tony who is a safety engineer at the BP Toledo Refinery in Oregon.



*Tony Mitchell*

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*The Toledo Community Foundation, through generous donors, awarded \$257,056 in scholarship funds to 141 higher education students this year.*

*Individuals, families and businesses have established scholarship funds at the Foundation to support different levels of education.*

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*Erin Lucarelli*

For **Erin Lucarelli**, a sophomore at The Ohio State University, the Toledo Board of REALTORS Scholarship Fund at the Foundation has been very important in helping to pay for her education.

“After looking over a list of available scholarships that my high school guidance counselor had, I decided to apply for this scholarship because it was local. I felt it was important to ask for help from people in the community,” she explains.

The St. Ursula Academy graduate is paying for most of her own education. “I received the scholarship for my freshman year at Ohio State and it has been renewed for my second year. Without scholarship help, I would never be able to attend Ohio State where I am majoring in visual communication design,” adds Erin.

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To learn more about the Foundation's scholarship program, please visit the Foundation's website at [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org), or contact Joanne Olnhausen, Communications and Scholarship Officer, at 419.241.5049 or [Joanne@toledocf.org](mailto:Joanne@toledocf.org).

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# 15 New Funds Created

Since the first of the year, individuals, families and organizations have created 15 new funds at the Foundation.

## Community Fund

**Dr. James I. and Priscilla C. Rhiel Fund** of the Ottawa County Community Foundation established by the James I. Rhiel Living Trust

## Designated Fund

**Joanne Seidel Brell Fund** established by the Thomas Brell Family

**Fund for the Deaf** established by the Toledo Deaf Society

**Waterville Economic Development Fund** of the Waterville Community Foundation established by the Community Improvement Corporation of the Anthony Wayne Area

## Donor Advised Fund

The **Dennler Family Fund** established by William and Jeanne Dennler

The **Ann Sanford Arts Fund** established by M. Ann Sanford

## Donor Advised Growth Fund

**Beta Fund** established by Mrs. Abel Applebaum

**Helping Hens Fund** established by the Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Club, Inc.

**Betty and Lloyd Lapp Fund** established by Lloyd Lapp

**William and Kay Peterson Fund** established by Dr. and Mrs. William R. Peterson

**Samantha & Max Fund** established by an anonymous donor

## Field of Interest Fund

The **Mental Health Association of Lucas County**

**CARE Fund** established by The Mental Health Association of Lucas County

## Organization Endowment Fund

**Easter Seals Endowment Fund** established by the Easter Seals Society of Northwestern Ohio

**The Victory Center Endowment Fund** established by The Victory Center

## Scholarship Fund

**James Jacob Lee “Jake” Hefflinger Memorial Scholarship Fund** of the Ottawa County Community Foundation established by Sue and Jim Hefflinger

## *Blooming Improvements*

With a grant of over \$900, high-traffic intersections and parks in East Toledo are being filled with flowers and shrubs. The East Toledo Block Watch program dug into a volunteer effort for the East Toledo Neighborhood Design project. The project was funded by the Toledo Community Foundation through the **Neighbors Improving Community Excellence (NICE!)** initiative of Leadership Toledo's Youth in Philanthropy Encouraging Excellence program. One-time grants of \$100 - \$1,000 are available to improve community neighborhoods in Toledo and surrounding counties. Volunteers living and working in the neighborhoods can submit applications.



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*If you have a project that could improve your neighborhood, call Leadership Toledo, 419.241.7371 to request an application or visit [www.leadershiptoledo.com/nice.shtml](http://www.leadershiptoledo.com/nice.shtml) to learn more about the program.*

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## Latest Information for Professional Advisors

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Through the Toledo Community Foundation's website – [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org) – legal, tax and financial advisors can access timely and authoritative information on charitable gift planning for FREE.

The interactive website, Planned Giving Design Center (PGDC), provides comprehensive information on planned giving vehicles and how to accomplish a client's financial, estate and philanthropic objectives. You will find the PGDC in the Professional Advisors section of the Foundation's website.

The Foundation appreciates Fifth Third Bank, KeyBank, National City Bank, Sky Bank and The Trust Company of Toledo for sponsoring this center.

If you would like to help sponsor this valuable tool for professionals, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).

### SAVE THE DATE

*Mark your calendars for an upcoming continuing education seminar for professional advisors. Detailed information will be mailed in mid-December. Natalie Choate, Esquire, a specialist in retirement benefits, will speak on January 24, 2006 at the National City Bank Auditorium (downtown Toledo). The seminar will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or email [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org) with questions.*

# Getting the Most From a Year-End Donation

To help his client fund philanthropic commitments for the future, Rex Decker turned to the Toledo Community Foundation for help.

Rex, a certified public accountant and principal at William Vaughan Company, attended a seminar where Keith Burwell, the Foundation's President, made a presentation on Donor Advised Funds.

"Donor Advised Funds were fresh on my mind and I felt it would be a great vehicle for a client who is charitably minded to make a greater impact in philanthropy," explains Rex.

The client wanted to sell his interest in a real estate venture. To offset the impact of a higher income for the year, the client donated his interest to the Foundation and received the maximum allowable tax deduction.

"The Foundation offered us so much flexibility. My client didn't make this donation just to save taxes. He did it because he could give more to the community and stretch his charitable giving," adds Rex.

"This was the first time I had worked with the Foundation and it was so user-friendly. The client does not have to decide until next year exactly what his wishes are for his fund. This allows him the tax advantage for this year and gives him the luxury of spending more time determining how he wants to help make the community better," Rex concludes.

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To help your clients make year-end contributions that will help the community, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).

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## WAYS TO GIVE

The Foundation offers a variety of ways for you to make donations to reach your philanthropic goals. You can donate:

- Cash
- Publicly traded securities
- Closely-held stock
- Limited partnership interests
- Bequest
- Life insurance policy
- Retirement fund account
- Real estate
- Tangible personal property
- Charitable remainder trust
- Charitable lead trust

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## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Foundation will be open normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. during November and December.

For Thanksgiving, the office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25. It will also close at noon on Friday, Dec. 23 and be closed all day Monday, Dec. 26.

## Goldberg Lecture Fund Celebrates Anniversary Event

The Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation is underwriting a book fair to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Jewish Council of Greater Toledo and the Jewish Community Center of Toledo.

From Nov. 6-9, the 2005 Toledo Jewish Book Fair will feature local and nationally known authors and special events for all members of the family, and is just one of the events scheduled to celebrate the centennial.

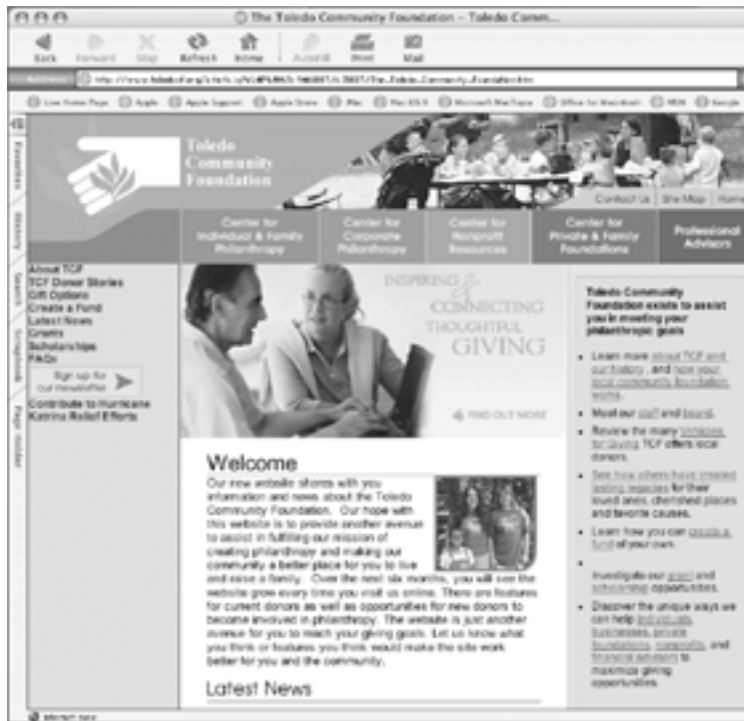
The Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture Fund supports programs or events that promote a better understanding and positive relations among individuals from diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Established in 1975, the fund honors Dr. Goldberg, rabbi emeritus of Temple B'nai Israel.

To create a fund honoring a special person or event, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or email [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).

*"Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world."*

The Torah



## Community Resource Fair Planned for Nov. 17

**Free Community Resource Fair**  
**Thursday, Nov. 17 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**The Toledo Club Corinthian Room**

Some of the agencies represented at the fair include Assistance Dogs of America, Inc., The Victory Center, Hospice of Northwest Ohio and The Toledo Club Fitness Center. For a nominal fee, flu and pneumonia shots will be provided by Interim HealthCare.

Complimentary snacks will be served. This is the final 2005 program in the *Last Things First /Third Thursday Seminars* addressing issues related to seniors, aging and end of life issues. The series is sponsored by the Foundation, Home Instead Senior Care and The Toledo Club.

You do not have to be a member of The Toledo Club or associated with the Foundation to attend the fair and no reservations are needed.

If you would like a flu and/or pneumonia shot, please contact The Toledo Club Reservation Hotline at 419.243.2200, extension 2306 or by email at [events@toledoclub.org](mailto:events@toledoclub.org). Please indicate whether you want to receive one or both of the immunizations.

For more information about the fair, please contact Bridget Holt, Donor Relations Officer, at 419.241.5049 or by email at [Bridget@toledocf.org](mailto:Bridget@toledocf.org).

## Just a Click Away

Make sure to visit the Foundation's recently introduced website. You can learn more about the Foundation and get the latest news by clicking your mouse on [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org). You can also find information here on various relief funds that have been established to address the long-term needs of recent hurricane victims.

## Help for Nonprofits

If you volunteer with a nonprofit organization or know of a nonprofit organization that could benefit from board and staff training or technical assistance, the Foundation can help.

Visit [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org) to learn more about the Foundation's Center for Nonprofit Resources offerings or contact Jo-Ellen Apgar, the Center's Director, at 419.241.9513.