YPF Awards Grant to DayBreak Shelter

The Young Philanthropist Fund (YPF), a component fund of the CFMV, has awarded a $2,000 grant to the Daybreak Youth & Crisis Shelter. The funds will be used to purchase workout equipment for the residents and to provide the approximately 200 youth a year that reside at the Shelter nutrition and exercise education that will aid in easing their stress levels and help their overall health and well-being.

Established in early 2006, the YPF’s goal is to introduce the Valley’s younger generation to the fine efforts of our non-profit community, while preparing them for their role as our Valley’s future philanthropists. The Fund Board is composed of the CFMV staff, members of Youth Leadership Mahoning Valley, the Mahoning Valley Young Professional Club, Youngstown State University, and community leaders.
BSFEE Mini-Grants Have Big Impact

With the cost of education soaring, and state funding being dramatically reduced, local schools are looking at creative ways to provide their teachers with the tools to enrich the learning experience for students. Enter The Boardman Schools Fund for Educational Excellence (BSFEE), a component fund of the Foundation.

Recently, the Fund and the fund’s board of directors hosted an event to announce the five recipients of the inaugural Teacher Mini-Grants program. The grant recipients were:

- **Catherine Curtis**, Robinwood Lane, grade 1, Reading – *Big Books Bring Readers Together*;
- **Laurel Ducay**, West Boulevard, grade 1, Language Arts – *Big Book Literacy Work Station*;
- **Cynthia Fernback**, BHS, Reading Comprehension – *Audio Book Classroom*;
- **Beverly Olson**, BHS, Mathematics – *Wall Mount Screens*;
- **Janice Harvey, Sandra Bates, Joseph Ignazio**, Center Middle, Geology/20th Century Art – *From Rocks & Minerals to Abstract Art*.

The BSFEE is providing funding for projects to further students’ educational experience. Specifically, it funds projects beyond the scope of the schools’ budget that help students develop their talents and interests in an environment that nurtures high achievement and educational excellence.

For more information about the fund or to make a contribution please visit our website at [www.cfmv.org](http://www.cfmv.org) or the Boardman Schools Fund For Educational Excellence site at [www.boardmanschoolsfund.org](http://www.boardmanschoolsfund.org).

CFMV Welcome’s New Funds

The Foundation has continued to grow in new fund development. Currently, we house nearly 90 funds within the Foundation, each one contributing to the enduring vision for the future of the Mahoning Valley. We would like to sincerely thank and welcome the following new funds to the Community Foundation family.

- **Better Business Bureau Charitable Fund**
- **A.L. Brooks and W.E. Bliss Funds**
- **International Institute Fund**
- **Meridian Scholarship Fund**
- **Tech Belt Energy Innovation Center Fund**
- **West Warren Industrial Partnership Fund**

Donations can be made to these funds in any amount, at any time. Please complete the donation form on the back page or visit our website to donate online. Please make sure to note the Fund you are donating to in the memo line.
Helping Kids Make Positive Life Choices

Kids today are facing challenges like never before—drug and alcohol abuse, online bullying, depression, low self-esteem, and suicide. The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley has partnered with Meridian Community Care, a Youngstown-based non-profit, to address these and other issues through an innovative prevention program called the Panda Leaders Club. Panda Leaders Clubs were developed based on the belief that young people have the ability within themselves to address the issues that are affecting them today. The program is designed to empower kids by giving them knowledge to make positive life choices, not only through information but through the friendship and support of others in their school and community.

The Panda Leaders Club at Boardman Center Middle School now has over 100 active members. Said Meridian CEO Larry Moliterno, “We’re thrilled to partner with the Foundation to bring Panda to Boardman Local Schools.”

Thank you to Ellie Platt, Vice President, Development, at Meridian for submitting this article. For more information please visit www.MeridianCommunityCare.org.

Photos: Left- Meridian’s Panda Coordinator Beth Bonish kicks-off the Boardman Center Middle School lock-in. Above - Students participate in fun “energizers” which get them on their feet and excited to make changes in their school.

The International Institute Fund—Impacting Our World

Recently Trustees from the International Institute, a component fund of the CFMV, selected this year’s grant recipients. Organizations selected for the funding totaling $21,000 were the Youngstown State University, Summer Festival of the Arts program, The English Center, and the Children’s International Summer Village International Camp program.

The grant for the Youngstown State University, Summer Arts Program will support the Festival of Nations, where various ethnic groups will showcase their cultures through food, memorabilia, and performance. The English Center will be using the grant to support their mission to help foreign-born students learn the English language fluently, to adjust to life in America, and experience the American culture.

A third grant was made to the Children’s International Summer Villages, whose mission is to educate and inspire action for a more just and peaceful world. The grant will support their four week international camp that will be held this summer for 72 children ages 11–18 from 14 countries around the world.

The International Institute makes grants to any 501(c)(3) organization, within Mahoning and Trumbull counties, who focuses on promoting the interests in and understanding of foreign born people. For more information or to make a contribution to the Fund, please visit our website at www.cfmv.org.
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