Youngstown Foundation Awards $1.5M

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Twenty-two area organizations recently were awarded grants totaling $1.2 million by the Distribution Committee of The Youngstown Foundation.

The grants, which include Hine Memorial Fund recipients as well as awards from the Mahoning Valley Sports Charities Fund and several donor advised funds, range from $500 to more than $700,000. In addition, annual distributions from the foundation’s restricted funds were distributed in the amount of $330,800 to 27 designated nonprofit organizations.

Youngstown Foundation unrestricted fund grants included:

- Levy Gardens: $10,000 to replace the sprinkler pipe system.
- Mahoning Valley College Access Program: $15,000 in support of services to the Youngstown City Schools.
- Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic: $25,000 for construction of a recovery supportive housing unit.
- Second Harvest Food Bank: $10,000 for capital improvements.
- Stambaugh Auditorium: $25,000 for interior renovations to the kitchen and ballroom.
- Ursuline Sisters: $20,000 for repairs and replacement of the roof over the swimming pool.
- Trumbull County Art Gallery: $10,000 to renovate the organization’s new facility in downtown Warren.
- Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries: $20,000 to help fund building renovations.
- Youngstown Symphony Society: $25,000 for roof repairs and replacement.
- Youngstown City Schools: $60,000 to fund the final phase of the Qualla Institute for Student Aspiration, a collaborative program engaging students, parents and staff as part of a comprehensive plan impacting school culture and academic performance.
- Of the 22 grants awarded, seven organizations committed to serving children with diagnosed disabilities with grants from the Hine Memorial Fund. These grants include:
  - ACLD Learning Center: $10,000 to provide tutoring scholarships.
  - ARS of NE Ohio: $8,000 to provide parent education training seminars for families of children with developmental disabilities.
  - Easter Seal, Youngstown Hearing & Speech Operation Search & Help: $707,710.
  - YMCA of Youngstown: $48,000 to help fund aquatic and physical education programs for children with diagnosed disabilities.
  - Children’s Rehabilitation Center: $75,000 to provide speech, counseling services, physical and occupational therapies for children who reside in Youngstown.
  - Help Hotline: $34,500 in support of a central information and referral source for parents and caregivers of children with diagnosed disabilities.
  - Mill Creek Park: $120,000 for the construction of a fully accessible boardwalk and observation deck at the Lily Pond.

Donor advised funds grants were awarded to:

- Neil Kennedy Recovery Project: $2,000.
- Catholic Diocese of Youngstown: $600.
- Jameson Memorial Hospital RN Scholarship Fund - Mary Bianco Whalen, RN Memorial Fund, $1,000.
- Maplewood High School Academic Booster Scholarship - Stephen Louis Gyomber Memorial Fund, $4,000
- United Way of Trumbull County, $500.