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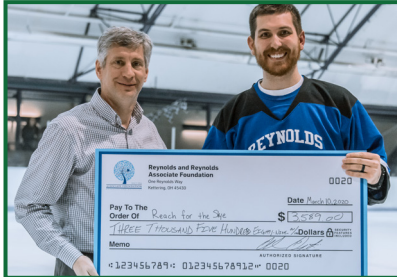
## Foundation Updates

2020 has certainly been a year like no other, and these unprecedented times have changed our lives since the middle of March. As this most unusual year comes to a close we reflect on the many ways the Kettering Parks Foundation positively impacted this community through the various projects and programs that the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department delivers.

### Associate Cup Hockey Game

The Reynolds and Reynolds Associate Cup Hockey Game is dedicated to generating funds for the Foundation's financial assistance program now in its eighth year. This year's game raised \$3,569.92.

Since the inception of the program, the Reynolds and Reynolds Associate Hockey game has generated \$18,000. We would like to thank Alice Elliott, Reynolds and Reynolds associate, for her help in coordinating this program through the Parks Foundation.



### Backpack Program

Kettering Parks Foundation established a special summer campaign; **Feeding Our Kettering Kids**. The campaign was created in response to the tremendous hardship that COVID-19 created for many of the underserved families in Kettering. The Parks Foundation, in partnership with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and the Kettering Backpack Program, requested financial donations to help combat food insecurity in our community. The Kettering Back Pack Program is a 501(c) 3 not for profit organization with one goal: to fight childhood hunger each week.

The Foundation was proud to partner with the Back Pack Program this summer and in the four-week campaign raised \$6,001. We are grateful for the tremendous response we received to **Feed Our Kettering Kids**. Thank you very much to all who donated!



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### Gatorade Player of the Year

The Foundation was selected to receive a \$1,000 grant from Madeline Westbeld, Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball player of the year. Madeline was a starting player for the 2020 Fairmont High School Girls Basketball varsity team and currently is playing basketball for the University of Notre Dame.



The **Gatorade Player of the Year** program works in conjunction with the Gatorade Play it Forward initiative to empower student-athletes to provide resources to community sports organizations. Through the Gatorade Play it Forward program, the 607 Gatorade Players of the Year award winners have the opportunity to help the next generation of athletes reap the benefits of sports. Madeline's play it forward support will go toward the Kettering Recreation Complex open gym program. The \$1,000 will provide free admission to any youth desiring to play in the after school open gym program.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19, open gym has been canceled at the recreation facility until further notice and once the program is reinstated, we will honor Madeline's request. We are pleased to announce that this grant will provide 1,000 Kettering youths an opportunity to participate in the after school open gym program. Thank you Madeline for playing it forward by removing the financial barriers to keep our Kettering youth active through recreational sports.

### 2020 Award Winners

The Foundation each year receives \$2,100 from the **Joan W. McCoy Memorial Art Fund** to support Awards of Artist Excellence for **the View** Gallery Exhibition; **HWD** Invitational Sculpture Exhibition; People's Choice Award for **Art on the Commons** and **Works on Paper** Exhibition. The Art Center successfully was able to execute all of these exhibitions plus **Art on the Commons** virtually.

#### Artist Excellence Awards: *The View*

1st place: Kathy A. Moore  
2nd place: Ian Welch  
3rd place: Clinton Wood



#### Artist Excellence Award Winners: *HWD*

1st place: Landon Crowell  
2nd place: Jon Barlow Hudson  
3rd place: Don Williams



#### *Art on the Commons* People's Choice Award

Kathy Oda  
Jamie Prell Morath  
Matt Breunig



**Peoples Choice: *The View***  
Barb Weinert-McBee

# 2020 Parks Foundation New Board Members



## Jim Leakas

Jim grew up in Kettering attending Orchard Park Elementary, Van Buren Junior High School, and graduated from Fairmont West High School. He and his wife Diane, have two grown children both who attended Kettering City Schools and graduated from Fairmont High School. Jim retired from the banking and finance industry in 2012



after a 35 plus year career. Jim holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Wright State University and earned a MBA in Management from Wright State University. Jim serves on the advisory board for two entrepreneurial companies. Since retiring, he has focused on giving back to business and community. Kettering has and always will be "home" no matter where travels and family take him.

## Jayne Testa

Jayne holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Management from the University of Dayton, a Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) and a Fellow in the Health Care Advisory Board (FAB). She has served as a health care administrator in the Dayton area for over 30 years, holding positions in HR, Finance, Physician Administration



and Hospital Administration. Jayne has served in numerous leadership roles: as the Executive Director for the Network Health and Vascular Services for Kettering Health Network, as the President of the OBGYN Assembly with the Medical Group Management Association, on the Health Walk Board of the American Heart Association, KMC Foundation Heart to Heart Committee, and previously as Vice President for the Alter High School Education Commission. Jayne is also an avid volunteer in hospitals, church and school activities. Jayne and her husband Ron have lived in their Timerlea neighborhood for more than 20 years and are committed to the Kettering Community.

## Our Generous Donors

### \$10 to \$499

Jack and Arlene Akerman  
 Mario and Lisa Arzate  
 Jill and Brent Bamberger Fund  
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 Jack and Sue Ellen Boesch  
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### \$500 to \$999

Amvets of Kettering Post 2003  
 Richard Dailey  
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### \$1,000 to \$1,999

Jerry and Deb Barnett  
 David and Susan Bodary  
 David Hammond  
 James L. and Joan W. McCoy Foundation  
 Madeline Westbeld-Gatorade Play It  
 Forward Fund at Schwab Charitable

### \$3,000 to 3,999

Reynolds and Reynolds

### \$4,999 to \$7,500

Neil and Willa Jean Smalley

## Veterans Memorial Plaza Commemorative Bricks



### Pave the way to honor your veteran

The Kettering Parks Foundation continues to sell bricks at Veterans Memorial Plaza for any military person who has served or is serving in one of the five military branches. Three brick sizes are available:

- 4" x 8" for \$100
- 8" x 8" for \$250
- 12" x 12" for \$500

Bricks will be placed each Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Orders for Veterans Day must be received by July 31 and orders for Memorial Day must be received by January 31 of each year.

## Annual Giving

The Kettering Parks Foundation appreciates the generous contributions from our donors and we thank you for your continued support. We hope you consider donating to the Foundation this year. Go online to [www.ketteringparksfoundation.org](http://www.ketteringparksfoundation.org) or you can mail your donation in the enclosed envelope. Your gifts will be used to financially support efforts of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department and will help make our community that special place we call home.

Yes, I want to support the Kettering Parks Foundation with a gift of:

- \$25     \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$1,000    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to the **Kettering Parks Foundation**. Gifts made to the Kettering Parks Foundation, a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization, qualify for a tax deduction. Please consult your tax advisor for details. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department's Administrative Office at 937-296-2454. Thank you!