



KETTERING PARKS  
FOUNDATION  
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## FOUNDATION UPDATES



### ROSEWOOD ARTS CENTER RE-INVENTION CAMPAIGN

For over 35 years, Rosewood Arts Center has offered hands-on experiences in the visual and performing arts. Offering the region's most frequented multi-disciplinary arts education programs, the Arts Center provides everyone in our region a destination to experience the arts. Each year, visitors participate in a variety of classes, gallery exhibitions, theatre performances, studio visits, special events and festivals. The Arts Center is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our residents and participants through creative engagement and innovation.

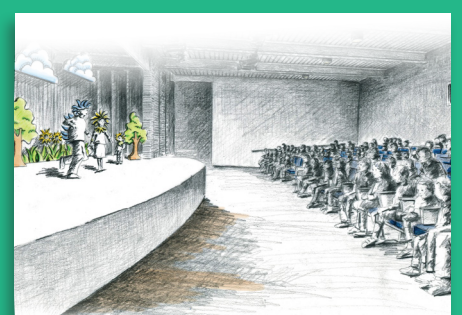
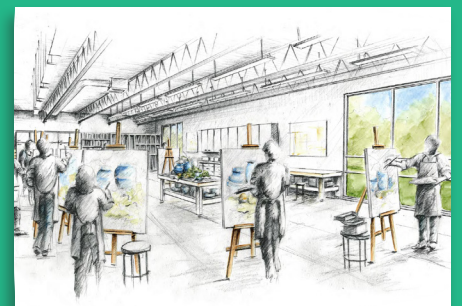
Beginning in 2021, Rosewood is transforming through a major renovation and reinvention campaign. The City of Kettering is investing \$4.8 million in the Arts Center facility to make it safer, more usable, and more efficient for the tens of thousands of people that frequent its programs every year through new infrastructure systems, ADA enhancements, and increased studio space. In addition to the renovation, art education studios are being outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment, allowing people of all ages to have a meaningful creative experience in partnership with community support.

The Kettering Parks Foundation is working with the City to achieve this goal. Although the pandemic stymied the Foundation's 2020 efforts, the campaign was re-ignited in March of 2021 and focused on raising \$1.5 million.

All funds raised by the Foundation will go towards equipping the Arts Center with new fixtures, furniture and equipment, and the completion of the interior of the theater and all landscaping.

The Foundation has received two significant gifts since the spring: The Steve Mason Family, \$300,000 and The Schiewetz Foundation, \$300,000. Other notable gifts have been realized by Dor-Wood Optimist Club, \$50,000 and the Kettering Family Philanthropies, \$50,000. We sincerely appreciate their generosity toward this project, and these gifts have been the boost the campaign really needed in 2021.

Please consider a financial role in 2021 with advancing the arts in Kettering. Your generous donation to the Rosewood Arts Center campaign will ensure that the arts continue to thrive and differentiate our community as unique through creative engagement and innovation. The Arts in Kettering— it's who we are!



### PARTY FOR THE PARKS RETURNS

Party for the Parks returned in 2021 with all proceeds going toward the Rosewood Arts Center campaign. The annual event, which included dinner, an auction and a concert featuring Tusk – The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, raised \$6,735 for the Arts Center. Thank you to all who attended! Your enthusiasm for this event is why Kettering is a special community to call home.



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## REYNOLDS AND REYNOLDS ASSOCIATE CUP HOCKEY GAME

Now in its 9th year, the Reynolds and Reynolds Associate Cup Hockey Game is dedicated to raising funds for the Foundation’s Financial Assistance Program. Since the inception of the program, Reynolds and Reynolds has raised \$20,000 and in 2021 raised \$3,234. We want to thank all of the employees of Reynolds and Reynolds for embracing the Financial Assistance Program. Their support eliminates any financial barrier for residents to participate in Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts programs, activities, services or events. Special thanks to Alice Elliot for organizing this event on behalf of Reynolds and Reynolds Associates.



## VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PLAZA COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

2021 marks the fifth year Veteran’s Plaza has provided a significant location to honor all of our residents who are serving or have served in the five (now six) military branches of the United States armed forces. The Foundation continues to sell commemorative bricks to permanently honor your service member.

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

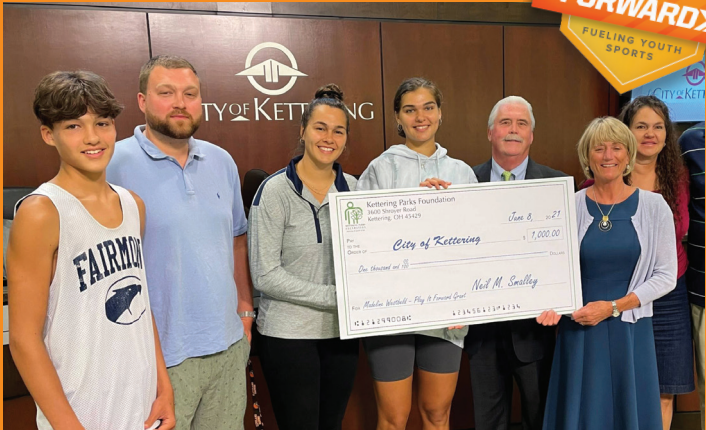
Bricks will be placed each Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day. Orders for Veterans’ Day must be received by July 31 and orders for Memorial Day must be received by January 31 of each year.



## PAVE THE WAY TO HONOR YOUR VETERAN

## GATORADE PLAY IT FORWARD GRANT

In the fall of 2021, the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department used the \$1,000 from Madeline Westbeld’s Play it Forward Grant to provide free admission towards the Kettering Recreation Complex open gym program to any child in Kettering. One thousand children had the opportunity to participate this fall. Thank you, Madeline, for playing it forward by removing financial barriers and keeping our Kettering youth active through recreational sports.



## 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 to 3600 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH 45429. 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    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like my donation to go to: ☐ Rosewood Arts Center Re-invention Campaign    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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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!

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