## Foundation doles out record \$320,000 in grants

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DELPHOS — The Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation surpassed its record-breaking \$305,000 grant presentation from last year Tuesday evening during ceremonies at The Delphos Club.

Twenty-nine recipients shared in \$320,000, including \$45,000 each to St. John's and Delphos City schools.

This was the 15th annual distribution of money raised from investments held by the not-for-profit foundation headquartered in Delphos.

Former foundation president Rick Miller presided over the distribution with President Nick Clark, Treasurer Doug Harter, Assistant Treasurer Lonnie Miller, Secretary Jerry Gilden,

Past-president Bill Massa and Trustees John Nomina and Doris Neumeier doling out checks.

## Recipients included:

- St. John's Schools, \$45,000, accepted by Business Manager Ted Hanf. Hanf said the funds would be used for technology upgrades.
- Community Health Professionals, \$5,000, accepted by Nikki DuVall who said the money will be used to assist patients with home health and hospice care.
- Delphos City Schools, \$45,000, accepted by Interim Superintendent Frank Sukup. He said the money would be used for technology upgrades.
- Delphos City Parks, \$22,000, accepted by Safety Service Director Greg Berquist, who said the money will be used for the second phase of repairs to the swimming pool.
- Delphos Canal Days Committee, \$1,000, accepted by Canal Days Committee Chair Dana Steinbrenner, who said the funds will be used for children's activities during the 2013 event.
- Delphos Area Chamber of Commerce, \$10,000, accepted by Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Moenter, who said the funds will used for a fourth welcome sign at the north edge of town.
- Marbletown Festival Committee, \$1,000, accepted by committee member Jim Knebel. He said the money would be used for festival costs with proceeds to help install restrooms at Garfield Park.
- Delphos Ministerial Association, \$4,000, accepted by the Rev. David Howell. The association assists transients with food and lodging with a Good Samaritan Fund. Rev. Howell explained the money would be put in that fund.
- Delphos Community Christmas Project, \$7,000, accepted by Karen Edelbrock. The project assisted more than 400 children with toys and clothing for the holidays last year.
- Delphos Stadium Club, \$30,000, accepted by Trustee John Nomina. He said the funds would

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be used for further improvements at Stadium Park, including a lighting project at the football stadium.

- St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$5,000, accepted by Ralph Lauser. He said the grant helps provide assistance to residents for rent, utilities, food and prescriptions.
- Athletic Track Boosters, \$5,000, accepted by Bob Ebbeskotte. He said the track will need resurfaced in the future and the grant will help with that.
- Delphos Habitat for Humanity, \$5,000, accepted by Rev. Howell, saying the money was an important piece of the future of the seventh Habitat home in Delphos.
- Delphos Canal Commission, \$15,000, accepted by Trustee Marilyn Wagner. She said the money would be used for a new furnace for the museum building.
- Delphos Museum of Postal History, \$15,000, accepted by Curator Gary Levitt, who said the funds would be used for the operation of the museum.
- Delphos Optimists Club, \$5,000, accepted by member Jay Metzner, who said the funds would be used for the club's youth projects.
- Delphos Police Department, \$15,000, accepted by Chief Kyle Fittro. He said the grant will be used for several projects.
- Delphos Kiwanis Club, \$9,000, accepted by members Cindy Metzger and Jim Fortener. Fortener said the funds will be used for upcoming projects.
- Delphos Rotary Club, \$10,000, accepted by member Andy North, explaining the funds would be used to bring the 2013 Concert in the Park series to Stadium Park next summer.
- Delphos Public Library, \$14,000, accepted by Library Board member Ron Elwer, who said the money was earmarked the Fist Edition building and technology.
- Delphos Public Library (Children's area), \$1,000, also accepted by board member Elwer.
- CWU Interfaith Thrift Shop, \$10,000, accepted by Becky Strayer. Strayer said the money will help with social services to the community.
- Delphos Boy Scouts, \$500, accepted by Scouts Jason Ditto and Kevin Kramer, who said the group uses the funds for camp.
- Delphos Girl Scouts, \$500, accepted by Girl Scout Leader Kelly North. She said the money would be used for summer camp and other activities.
- Delphos Cub Scouts, \$500, accepted by Packmaster John Radler. He said the funds would help with Scout awards and camp.
- The Delphos Fire Assoc., \$300, accepted by member Dana Steinbrenner. The association assists Delphos Fire and Rescue with training.
- Delphos Fire and Rescue, \$6,400, accepted by Fire Chief Dave McNeal, who said the funds will be used for training for fire and EMS personnel.
- Delphos Senior Citizen Center Inc., \$25,000 accepted by Director Joyce Hale, who said the money will be used to continue providing services to the community.
- Community Unity, \$2,000, accepted by Bob Ulm, stating the funds help local people deal with difficult times.

The Dienstberger Foundation was started with the sale of the Delphos Memorial and Sarah Jane nursing homes by Arnold C. Dienstberger to Vancrest Health Care in Van Wert. The proceeds were invested and each year since 1998, the foundation has spread the wealth to local charities, organizations and schools. In the first year, the foundation gave away \$72,000 in grants.