

The Kettering Education Foundation Annual Report 2006

*"The greatest thing this generation can do is to lay a few stepping stones for the next generation."
Charles F. Kettering.*

Dear Friends,
Our lives are shaped at a very early age by many factors, both economic and social, but one of the largest is the quality of education that we receive. Who we are and what we become depends largely on the influence of our schools in our lives. When you send a child to school, you are entrusting the physical and intellectual wellbeing of your son or daughter to a relative stranger. This act in itself takes a leap of faith that the school

district that you choose will provide the highest standard of excellence in education. This is a challenge that the Kettering City School District does not take lightly.

This year, the Kettering City School District proudly announced that the district achieved an Excellent Rating on the Department of Education State Report Card.

Achieving excellence is no small feat, in any organization or business, and this achievement took tremendous amounts

of hard work, dedication and vision by all involved in the process, including the Kettering Education Foundation.

It has been a very rewarding year for us here at the KEF, and this report will highlight some of the new projects and initiatives that we implemented in the last year.

While there has been a lot of excitement, none can be more pleasing to us than seeing the Kettering City School District reach this important milestone.

The KEF was founded on

the belief of excellence in education through philanthropy, and we are pleased that we were able to play a role in this district's tremendous accomplishment.

But just like the Kettering City School District, we realize that this is just the beginning of what we can accomplish when we work together to provide our next generation of leaders the strongest foundation possible for them to reach for the stars.

Mark J. Wabke



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Thank You!

Those two words are vastly inadequate to express our appreciation for all of the wonderful individuals and corporations that have supported the Kettering Education Foundation throughout the years. Your gifts have enabled us to provide the educators in the Kettering School District with funding for critical and innovative programs that have truly helped our next generation obtain some of the highest quality education available anywhere.

This annual report is designed to inform you of some of the highlights in the last year, work that would not have been possible without the support of many individuals. A large amount of these individuals have given generously of themselves through financial contributions and commitments of ideas and enthusiasm. We are deeply indebted to all of you and wish to thank you for helping us to achieve "Excellence in Education Through Philanthropy."

Thank you!



2006 – The year in review – 2006

This past year was one of great new accomplishments for the Kettering Education Foundation. There were several changes and new events that occurred, including the creation of two brand-new scholarship accounts, the development of a strategic plan and the hosting of the foundation's first-ever concert.

The completion of a strategic plan has enabled the foundation to start looking at larger goals in the hopes of having a much more significant impact in the Kettering Schools. Some focus areas from that plan are raising \$100,000 on a yearly basis, creating a signature event and better marketing of the foundation.

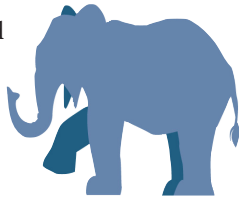
The Kettering Education Foundation was the beneficiary of two new scholarships — the Sally Roush Brown scholarship and the Adventure Guides scholarship.

Sally Roush Brown Scholarship

It all started with a gift of a ceramic elephant from her brother in the 1960s. This gift began a love affair with collectible elephants that would span four decades and many continents.

Sally Roush Brown was a teacher in the Kettering schools and a member of the Kettering Board of Education. It was her love of education and elephants that really made her unique. Her elephant collection grew through gifts and acquisitions until she had more than 3,000 elephants all over her house. They range from an origami elephant made from a \$1 bill, to larger pieces by such famous names as Armani, Herd and Swarovski.

Sally loved elephants so much that for her 50th birthday her husband, Jim Brown, arranged to have an elephant shipped up from the Cincinnati Zoo to the parking lot at the Board of Edu-



cation building so he could surprise her with an elephant ride. Sally died of cancer in 2004 at the age of 60. Her husband, Jim, has decided to provide a memorable gift of all 3,000 elephants to the Kettering Education Foundation to help fund the Sally Roush Brown scholarship.

The elephants will be sold over the next several years through auction houses, eBay and flea markets. All proceeds will go towards the creation of this new scholarship.

The scholarship will be used to promote leadership and will provide a graduating Fairmont senior \$1,500 dollars a year for all four years of college.

"The plan was that she would be donating the elephants to some charitable organization, only she didn't live that long," said Brown. "Her life was really the kids, and this will benefit a new student every year."

Adventure Guides Scholarship

The Adventure Guides scholarship was established by a group of individuals who had been involved for years in the Adventure Guides (formerly the Indian Princesses) program. When their daughters graduated from this program, they sought a way to still stay connected and help make a difference for Kettering students.

They are currently raising the money needed to provide for a permanent annual scholarship to benefit four Kettering students who have graduated from the Kettering Adventure Guides program.

Mission Statement

The Kettering Education Foundation was established to create opportunities for interested citizens, organizations, and businesses to enhance the educational opportunities in the Kettering school system. Contributions are sought from supporters of education and used to fund a grants program supporting curriculum-based programs and innovative teaching.



LeAnn Rimes' concert at the Trent Arena was a huge success.

Benefit Concert

On April 30, the Kettering Education Foundation and the Kettering City School District joined hands for the grand opening of the newest concert venue in Ohio, the James S. Trent Arena.

The Trent Arena was part of a \$102-million Facilities Improvement Plan that was started in November 2002. Completed in October 2005, the facility has proven to be a beautiful and versatile venue for athletics, banquets, expos and more, but there was concern about how the Arena would function as a concert venue. By the end of the evening, those concerns had been appeased.

The concert was a benefit for the Kettering Education Foundation and featured Grammy Award-winning artist LeAnn Rimes and her special guests Kettering-Fairmont's own Eleventh Hour. The concert was well-attended with more than 2,200 people in the audience.

The evening kicked off with a 20-minute set of a cappella music from Eleventh Hour. Eleventh Hour is a select ensemble comprising the top students in

the Fairmont High School music department. The group performed several songs and did a fantastic job of getting the evening started on the right note.

Following this performance, LeAnn Rimes took the stage for a nonstop 70 minutes of music, including all her major hits and several rock classics.

"LeAnn Rimes's performance was stunning, and she was a great choice of artists to appeal to this type of crowd," stated Matt Wahrhaftig, KEF executive director. "The entire concert was extremely well-received. In fact, in exit surveys, 90 percent of surveyed attendees said they would pay to see her in concert again, and 92 percent said they would recommend the venue to their friends."

Overall, the night was a huge success and positioned the Kettering Education Foundation and the Kettering School District for bigger and better things to come.

14 grants awarded

The foundation also awarded 14 grants to the Kettering School system, totaling almost \$14,000.

Overall, it was a busy and exciting year. Next year will be just as exciting, with another annual Kettering Education Foundation concert and the addition of a joint fundraiser with the Kettering Noon Optimists.

The Kettering Education Foundation is positioning itself to be able to accomplish all the major points on its strategic plan and prove that it is dedicated to Excellence in Education Through Philanthropy.

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2006-2007 Grants

▶ **A-soaring Through Summer Reading at VBMS**

Van Buren Middle School
Deborah Schlarb

▶ **Math Mania**

Oakview Elementary
Sherry Hawley

▶ **Planting an Education at Prass**

J.E. Prass Elementary
Sissy Courtney

▶ **Making Lessons Come Alive**

J.F. Kennedy Elementary
Michele Massa

▶ **Battle of the Books**

Kettering Middle School
Janet Weeks

▶ **Pre-Literacy Learning Kits**

Moraine Meadows Elementary
Theresa Lehmann

▶ **Improving K-12 Statistics Education**

Fairmont High School
Bill Patrello

▶ **Bountiful Books**

Orchard Park Elementary
Tynetta Wilson

▶ **Special Education – Science Through Forensic Labs**

Fairmont High School
B.J. Isbrandt

▶ **Reading is Twice as Nice!**

Greenmont Elementary
Esther Mata

▶ **T.H.A.N.K.S. (Talking at Home About New Kinds of Skills)**

Greenmont Elementary
Nancy Achor

▶ **Walk a Day in Their Shoes**

Van Buren Middle School
Liz Goheen

▶ **“Bird Bags” – A Leveled Reading Program**

Van Buren Middle School
Michelle Roca

▶ **Success with Fluency**

Southdale Elementary

Tina Rudisill

▶ **Enhancing Writing Through Children’s Literature**

Indian Riffle Elementary
Bridget Shampton

▶ **Visual Expressions**

Moraine Meadows Elementary
Pamela Bauser

▶ **Reading Enhancement for Special Needs Students**

J.F. Kennedy Elementary
Stacey Wisniewski

▶ **Reading for Wellness**

Van Buren Middle School
Michael Thurman

▶ **Discovering Our World Through Visual Literacy**

J.F. Kennedy Elementary
Linda Macke

▶ **Exploring Math with Hands and Minds**

Oakview Elementary
Mary Ellen Sage

Kettering Education Foundation Financial Statement

Statements of Financial Position as of June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2005

Assets	2006	2005
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$24,712	\$25,324
Endowment Fund	\$51,031	\$39,183
Endowed Scholarships	\$25,716	\$0
Fund Balance	\$101,459	\$64,507

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets for the Years ended June 30, 2006

Income	2006	2005
Contributions	\$58,882	\$32,250
Concert	\$107,985	\$0
Events	\$606	\$0
Investment Income	\$9,944	\$4,659
Total Income	\$177,417	\$36,909
Expenditures		
Grants	\$13,984	\$14,147
Operating Expenses	\$21,527	\$4,189
Concert Expense	\$104,954	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$140,465	\$18,336
Receipt in Excess (less than) Expenditures	\$36,952	\$18,573
Fund Balance, beginning of year	\$64,507	\$45,934
Fund Balance End of Year	\$101,459	\$64,507

