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Kettering Education Foundation to Host First-Ever Benefit Concert

The Kettering Education Foundation is proud to announce that on April 30, 2006, it will host the Grand Opening Concert of the James S. Trent Arena.

The concert will celebrate the completion of a three-year, \$102-million, district-wide, construction process.

The Foundation has contracted with Grammy Award-winning artist LeAnn Rimes to perform at the inaugural concert. Since bursting onto the country music scene in 1996 with her six-time platinum hit "Blue," LeAnn Rimes has excited audiences the world over with her powerful vocals, and breath-taking range.

Rimes has received many awards and accolades in her nine-year career, including Grammys for Best New Artist and Best Female Country Vocal.

She has had 10 top-10 hits,

including three No. 1 hits. She has also had success in movie and television.

The James S. Trent Arena is the new gem in the crown for the Kettering School District. The arena is part of the \$102-million construction project.

Trent Arena seats up to 4,200 people and serves as the home court for the Fairmont Firebirds. The fully air-conditioned arena can be configured to accommodate athletic events, concerts, worship services, trade expos and more.

The spacious, 8,000-square-foot lobby can accommodate banquets of up to 350 people and includes full-service catering capabilities.

This first-ever concert at the James S. Trent Arena is anticipated to be a sellout and will welcome the community to what is being



LeAnn Rimes

billed as the "Wintertime Frazee."

Tickets will go on sale through Ticketmaster in late February and will range in price from \$30 to \$100. All proceeds will benefit the Kettering Education Foundation.

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Lions Club makes \$6,400 Endowment Gift

Since 1951, the Kettering Lions Club has supported many wonderful programs for the Kettering area, ranging from Little League baseball, to the fishing pier at Delco Park.

This dedicated club has been of assistance to many people during their time of need, but what they are best known for is their work in ensuring that children are able to get eye exams and appropriate eyewear.



For many years, the Lions annually covered the cost of eyewear and exams for up to

30 children. Due to dwindling membership, the club has decided to fold. They have done what they could to ensure continuation of their cherished program through a gift of \$6,400 to seed an endowment fund with the Kettering Education Foundation.

The Kettering Education Foundation will now administer this fund and ensure that eligible students will still

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Mission Statement

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



Matt L. Wahrhaftig, executive director

From the Director's Chair

Hello, and welcome to the new *Foundation News*. This is just one of the many changes that are occurring at the Kettering Education Foundation.

The *Foundation News* is a publication designed to keep the members and donors of the Kettering Education Foundation informed of events and happenings throughout the year. The *Foundation News* will be published quarterly and will include some standing articles, as well as informative pieces and news updates.

For more than 12 years the

Kettering Education Foundation has done a wonderful job of supplying financial support to the teachers of the Kettering School District.

The foundation has truly been one of the best-kept secrets in the Kettering area, but we plan to change that.

This newsletter is just one of the ways we will be informing our donors, teachers, parents and alumni about the wonderful programs and services that the Kettering Education Foundation provides.

The foundation has devel-

oped some lofty goals for the next few years. These goals will have a wonderful impact within the Kettering City School District, but none of the goals can be accomplished without keeping our friends and supporters well-informed.

Although many changes are just around the corner, the one thing that holds true is our belief that the children in the Kettering City School District deserve the best education possible, and we intend to do everything in our power to provide as much support as possible to this cause.

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Kettering Education Foundation to Offer Scholarships

The Kettering Education Foundation recently made the decision to allow donors to create named scholarship accounts.

A named endowed scholarship is a wonderful way to honor a family member, loved one or inspirational person in your life. The funds are designed to be very flexible and allow donors to pick and choose which area of interest they would like their scholarship to go towards, designate the frequency of the scholarships and be involved in the decision-making process.

Considering the current cost of a college education, the recommendation from our Board of Directors is that a scholarship account must be able to provide at least \$1,000 for scholarships on a yearly basis.

With the current rate of investment returns, to have a named scholarship account, the initial investment must be a minimum of \$25,000. That amount will allow us to provide a scholarship of a \$1,000 from the interest earned on the account and still allow the principle to grow to accommodate for inflation.

For those donors who still wish to give to a scholarship fund but are unable to afford the cost of the named scholarship account the Kettering Education Foundation will be creating several pooled scholarship accounts that the donor can choose to contribute to. These accounts will be designed to provide scholarships to students going on into specific fields like art, science, English and more.

The accounts will not start distributing scholarships until they reach a value of greater than \$25,000 for each area of interest. Each account will list the names of the donors or honorariums. Scholarships can be funded through charitable donations from many different sources. They can be funded through gifts of appreciated stock, artwork, real estate, planned giving or just charitable cash donations.

Our goal is to have a fund-raising event—a yearly banquet—to present students with scholarships and to allow donors to see what their contributions have provided. We hope to have enough scholar-



ships that we can hold our first event in the spring of 2007.

If you're interested in donating or wish more information on creating a scholarship account, please contact Matt Wahrhaftig at (937)-499-1496 or visit us on the Web at www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org

Planting Seeds for Educational Growth

At the Oct. 18 Kettering Board of Education meeting, 21 different programs received grants from the Kettering Education Foundation. The grants, totaling \$14,050, went to provide support for innovative and extraordinary programs that would typically not receive funding through standard district channels.

A Program called Gateway to Gardening for students at JF Kennedy Elementary School provided funds to purchase a portable indoor greenhouse that will enable students to grow their own plants and flowers in the classroom.

The plants and flowers will then be donated to local nursing homes and neighborhood parks.

Other worthwhile programs are intended to teach literacy skills, enhance math and science curriculum and create greater interest in history.

A unique grant was approved to commission a piece of music for the opening of the Kettering Fairmont High School Performing Arts Center.

"We are pleased to be able



Ken Brightman, at left, and some of the grant recipients for 2004

to assist the dedicated teachers of the Kettering City School District as they strive to provide a superior education for our children," said Matt L. Wahrhaftig, executive director. "We are excited by this year's grants and are already planning ways to be able to provide the schools with significantly more

funding next year."

Over the last 13 years the Kettering Education Foundation has provided more than \$130,000 in grant support to the Kettering city School District.

Since 1993, the foundation has used charitable donations to fund these programs.

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receive the care they need. The Kettering Education Foundation hopes to take the monies that were donated and create the Lions Club Endowment Fund. The interest from this account will be utilized on a yearly basis to purchase eyeglasses and checkups for eligible students, but it doesn't stop there.

"We want to work in conjunction with local opticians to discount their rates and provide discounted glasses," said Dr. Bob Mengerink, Kettering school district superintendent, "thus

enabling us to maximize the benefit of the monies that were donated."

Another goal for the fund is to grow it through charitable donations.

"I think the purpose of this fund is fantastic, and it gives our donors another option if they wish to designate their money," said Matt L. Wahrhaftig, executive director. "We have many donors who would like the opportunity to give to specific causes, and this is a great option."

If you are interesting in donating to the Kettering Lions Endowment Fund, check off the box on your response card or contact Matt Wahrhaftig at (937) 499-1496.

New Web Site Will Promote Foundation

The Kettering Education Foundation has finally built its own web site. This site will be used for many different purposes. First and foremost, it will be a wonderful way to keep our friends and donors informed of the many different happenings here at the Kettering Education Foundation.

The Web site currently has a lot of information, but it is still under construction. Eventually it will feature areas for educators to download grant materials and the ability to process on-line donations. Check out the new site at www.ketteringeducationfoundation.org



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A Kettering student practices the new piece of music commissioned with the help of grant money from the Kettering Education Foundation.

KEF Annual Fund Needs YOUR Support!

The holiday season is a magical time of year, but with preparations for celebrations, shopping for those last-minute gifts and more, it can also be stressful. Therefore why not let the Kettering Education Foundation help you with your holiday gift buying?

If you can't find that right gift or you are looking for something for your child's teacher, why not consider an honorarium gift to the Kettering Education Foundation?

For each donation you make in honor of that special individual, we will provide them with a certificate which states that a gift was

made in their name from you and includes a personalized message from you.

An honorarium gift is a great gift for the person who has everything or that teacher who was instrumental in your life.

You can feel good knowing your contribution will enable us to continue to fund the innovative and meaningful programs that make the Kettering School District one of the finest in the area.

If you would like to make an honorarium gift please fill out the enclosed response card with the name, message and address of the person you are honoring and send it to the address listed at left.

KEF Joins in Holiday at Home Festivities

This year the Kettering Education Foundation once again participated in Kettering's Holiday at Home celebration.

The KEF was involved in several different areas of the event, including riding on a school bus and waling in the parade. For several years, the Kettering Education Foundation has been a presence in the children's area of the Holiday at Home celebration.

This year children were able to participate in storytelling sessions sponsored by the Kettering Education Foundation and featuring several employees of the local Kettering branch libraries. The students were delighted to hear classic tales and stories enacted by these talented individuals.

The storytelling sessions were designed to promote the Kettering Education Foundation and help spark an interest in

literature, along with providing a nice shady spot for the kids to relax and unwind.

On Labor Day, the Kettering Education Foundation participated in the Holiday at Home parade by supplying a school bus for some of the grant recipients and their students.

Kettering Education Foundation board members took turns walking alongside the bus and greeting the thousands of individuals lining the streets.



KEF board members Pat Higgins, left, and Sherry Heinzerling at the 2005 Holiday at Home parade.

Shop from the Heart: Support your schools while you shop!

The holiday season is now upon us, and everyone is rushing around trying to get that last minute holiday shopping done.

Why not maximize your holiday shopping this year while including a donation to the Kettering Education Foundation?

Town & Country Shopping Center is hosting its third annual "Shop from the Heart"

promotion until Dec. 24. During this time frame 5 percent of every dollar spent will be donated to the charity of your choosing.

All you need to do is take your receipt to "Guest Services" in the middle of the mall and tell them who you wish to designate your donation to.

If you have already done your shopping, don't worry.

The mall will honor any receipt dated after Nov. 19. This is a great way to not only get all your holiday shopping finished, but also support your schools, by designating the Kettering Education Foundation.

For more than 12 years the Kettering Education Foundation has provided your schools with more than \$140,000 in grant support. These monies have

been directed at extraordinary and innovative programs, programs that are helping to develop our next generation of leaders.

So during this holiday season, why not make your dollars stretch just a little further and designate the Kettering Education Foundation, while shopping at Town & Country Shopping Center.