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of The Dayton Foundation

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February 10, 2023

Hello!

On the occasion of Carl B. Kern's 143rd birthday, the Kern Fund Advisory Board is very pleased to present to you our 2022 Annual Report. If you're receiving this report for the first time, there's a message especially for you on page 4.

2022 was a challenging year market-wise(!), significantly affecting the Fund's overall balance, which at year's end was **\$475,155.36**. Nevertheless, thanks to The Dayton Foundation's investment and distribution policies, along with recommendations from the Kern Fund Advisory Board, a record **\$21,000** was presented to YMCA Camp Kern last June at camp's **Strawberries and Ice Cream** event. \$11,000 will be used to provide financial assistance to those children who want to benefit from the camp experience but may otherwise be unable to do so. The remaining \$10,000 will support staff housing renovations. From new Camp Kern Executive Director **Todd Brinkman**, *"We are so blessed to have this donation from the foundation. Looking over the past years of donations it is truly remarkable how much great work has been done through this fund.... I am so grateful for this donation that will make a lasting impact on our camp."*

Total distributions to Camp Kern on behalf of the Fund since 1987 have now reached nearly **\$238,000**. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors, and 2022 saw a record **112** donors from **24** states donate **\$23,817**, including several first-time donors.

The Kern Fund Advisory Board also welcomed 2 new members in 2022 - **Chris Addison**, former Camp Kern Executive Director, and **Sarah Kuhn**, former camper, and great-great-niece of C.B. Kern who represents the Kern family on our Board, filling a position sadly vacated by her father **Tom Kuhn** who passed away in February, 2022.

For the latest information about The Carl B. Kern Fund, please check out our **kernfund.org** website which includes comprehensive financial information, a complete list of Honorary and Memorial Gifts, a summary of yearly distribution amounts to **YMCA Camp Kern** since 1989, and an extensive biographical section on Carl B. Kern. Please also check out our Facebook page where Fund updates, stories, and pictures are posted periodically: **www.facebook.com/cbkernfund/**

Sincerely,

Stuart T. Weinberg, MD, *Chair*
Carl B. Kern Fund Advisory Board
Kern Camper '68-'74; Staff '75-'78,'80-'82,'84; Board '85-'89
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126 Gifts from 112 Donors in 2022 Totaling \$ 23,817.00

as of January 30th, 2023.

Anonymous (10)	John Mancuso and Renee Coscia
Jonathan Adams	Megan Marino
Chris and Desiree Addison	Larry Maxwell
Kumie Allbery	Holly McConnaughey
Jan and Paul Atkinson	Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Molfenter
Auxier Gas, Inc. Propane Marketer	Scott and Rebecca Molfenter
Lucy Baker	Todd and Nancy Molfenter
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Beth Ann Bethel Konves	Debby and Nicki Yowell
Steve and Shirl Kuhn	Tony and Barbara Zangaro
Scott Lambert	

Gifts Received in Honor of: Tim Baker; Loretta Bailey; Kent Barnheiser; Jasper Dan; Larry Maxwell; Mike Sherman; Stuart T. Weinberg, M.D.; Stuart and Anne Weinberg

Gifts Received in Memory of: Bill Arnold; Bob and Barbara Barr; David 'Loaf' Bredenfoerder; Deena Hoadley Byrd; James Cossman; Bob Daganhardt; James, Phyllis & Marty Erbaugh; Jerry Lee Kirby; Thomas M. Kuhn; Rick E. Molfenter; Dr. Richard Poeppelmeier; Marilyn and Jack Singerman; George P. Sperry, MD; Walter G. and Earl E. Sterzer; Amy Turley; Lee Whitney; Bonnie Williams; Dick and Marge Youngen; Vic Yowell

Comments:

In honor of **Loretta Bailey** - "In appreciation of her years of service and friendship to counselors." - *Gerry and Stacy Siegert*

In honor of **Tim Baker** - "Tim attended 16 years' worth of Indian Guide weekends at Camp Kern with his three kids. They all loved every minute of their time together! Bravo, Snoring Eagle!" - *Lucy Baker*

In honor of **Kent Barnheiser, Larry Maxwell, and Mike Sherman** - "Kent, Larry, and Mike had a direct impact on my growth during my four years working at Camp Kern." - *Peter Cade*

In memory of **Bill Arnold** - "Bill (aka Dad) was the original source of Kern Blood for our family." - *Lynn Arnold Sparks*

In memory of **David 'Loaf' Bredenfoerder** - "Loaf's open kindness softened us all." - *Mike Sherman*

In memory of **Bob Daganhardt** - "My father was on the Camp Kern Board for many years." - *Holly McConnaughey*

In memory of **James, Phyllis & Marty Erbaugh** - "Believers and supporters of the camping experience at Camp Kern." - *Mark, Janna, J.T. & John Erbaugh*

In memory of **Dr. Richard Poeppelmeier** - "Dick was a good friend and certainly a loyal member and friend of the Dayton YMCA and Camp Kern." - *Harry L. Bradbury*

In memory of **George P. Sperry, M.D.** - "My father who taught me the love of outdoors and camping." - *Jack P. Sperry*

In memory of **Walter G. and Earl E. Sterzer** - "Whose experiences at the Old Camp in the 1920's-1930's was invaluable. And counselor Bob Erisman from 1928." - *Michael J. Sterzer*

In memory of **Lee Whitney** - "Longtime volunteer and supporter of all things Kern." - *Betsy B. Whitney*

*** A complete list of **Honorary and Memorial Gifts Since 1987** is available by selecting 'Honorary & Memorial Gifts' under the 'Finances' dropdown at www.kernfund.org

Thanks to Our Estate Gifts

There have been four (4) estate gifts since the creation of The Carl B. Kern Fund. Thanks to the following individuals for their significant contributions to the Fund through their bequests:

- **George E. Kuhn** - (deceased March 1, 2001) - nephew of Carl B. Kern; founding Kern Fund Advisory Board member (1988-1999)
- **Roz Young** - (deceased August 18, 2005) - widow of former Camp Kern Director William A. 'Uncle Bill' Young; noted Dayton educator, historian and journalist
- **Mary Kuhn Sigel** - (deceased July 12, 2007) - niece of Carl B. Kern
- **Robert Salisbury** - (deceased July 26, 2016) - former Camp Kern Camper/Staff, 1935 thru 1949; former YMCA director in Dayton, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Milwaukee

To First-Time Recipients of The Carl B. Kern Fund Annual Report

For those receiving this report for the first time - likely the result of a past association with YMCA Camp Kern, a Dayton background (including the YMCA and Dayton Foundation), and/or a tolerance of the Advisory Board Chair(!) - we hope you'll take a few minutes to browse through these pages, especially our cumulative summary below summarizing how distributions have been used through the years. We're very proud of our efforts to honor Carl B. Kern and support his work with youth in the camp environment in perpetuity, and we wanted to share our accomplishments with you. You may even recognize some of the names appearing in our donors list and honorary/memorial gifts, spanning periods of Camp Kern's and Dayton's history, who have both served as role models and contributed to the success of our efforts.

Use of Distributions from The Carl B. Kern Fund

Since the first distribution check of **\$201** was presented to then Executive Director **Larry Maxwell** at camp's Strawberries and Ice Cream event in **June, 1989**, approximately **\$238,000** in funds have been used to support many efforts, among them:

- Camper scholarships (camperships) requests (1989-present) – **\$95,500**
- The Harry Schiewetz Assembly Hall - Carl B. Kern Auditorium (2005-2007) - **\$50,000**
- The Charles Snyder Recreation Hall (2012-2015) - **\$25,000**
- The Camp Kern Centennial Campaign (2008-2010) - **\$15,000**
- The Camp Kern Lodge Renovation Campaign (1999-2001) - **\$14,500**
- Renovation of Onsite Staff Housing (2022) - **\$10,000**
- The Circle K Ranch Improvement project including “Sponsor a Stall“ (2021) - **\$10,000**
- The Dayton YMCA Capital Campaign (1996-1998) - **\$10,000**
- Partial funding for directional signage and the Climbing Tower (2002,2003) - **\$6,000**
- Kern camper/staff participation in World Camp 1994 and 1998 (1994,1998) – **\$2,000**

Detailed yearly distribution info is available under the '**Finances**' dropdown on www.kernfund.org

Slide Presentation Available

A 15-slide presentation covering the history and activities of The Carl B. Kern Fund has been updated as of **January 30, 2023** and is available on www.kernfund.org under the 'About Us' dropdown.

How to Donate

There are many ways to make a donation to The Carl B. Kern Fund of The Dayton Foundation. Additional information can be found at <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/tipofmth.html> and by clicking on the '**DONATE!**' link in the top navigation bar of www.kernfund.org.

It is quite impossible in a small space - or even a large one - to do justice to a great character. The life of Carl B. Kern will never be adequately written, yet it is very real. It was 'caught' by the boys whom he touched and goes on reinfesting those whom they touch. The power of his example, the results of his efforts are as the bit of yeast that is saved after each baking to leaven all the succeeding loaves."

Tribute Booklet to C.B. Kern
Dayton Y.M.C.A. Boys Dept., 1918