

THE CARL B. KERN FUND

of The Dayton Foundation

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February 10, 2025

Hello,

On the occasion of Carl B. Kern's 145th birthday, the Kern Fund Advisory Board is pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. If you are receiving this report for the first time, there is a message for you on page 3.

The Carl B. Kern Fund was started with a \$1,000 check from the former Chair, Dr. Stuart T. Weinberg, dated November 18th, 1987, and today the Fund balance sits at more than \$575,000. The Fund was established in honor of Carl B. Kern for the exclusive purpose of furthering his ideals and areas of interest, primarily camping, other youth activities, and the outdoors. The Fund has distributed more than \$268,000 to YMCA Camp Kern to provide scholarships, assist with projects, and defer operational expenses.

The fund ended the year at **\$581,114.54** up from 2023's year-end of \$502,090.53. An **\$18,000** distribution was presented to YMCA Camp Kern at the annual Strawberries & Ice Cream event. Executive Director Todd Brinkman followed up with the Fund's Board, sharing that:

The camperships were great this year. We had 20 kids from downtown Dayton who are first generation English speakers in their family. They all came to camp on this scholarship this year. It was amazing to work with them and their families. We had to rethink many things like applications in Spanish. Bringing families up for tours and having Jesus, our summer camp director who speaks Spanish, translate for them, that really made this work. Thank you and all the donors for making this happen. We are also working on the upgrade to the high ropes course. This will help us get some younger kids on the course and some harder things for our teens — something for everyone. Thanks for continuing on this great legacy.

Total distributions to Camp Kern on behalf of the Fund since 1987 have now reached more than **\$268,000**. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. In total, 2024 saw **64** gifts from **58** donors resulting in an overall contribution of **\$25,196**.

For the latest information about The Carl B. Kern Fund, please check out our kernfund.org website which includes 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.

Sincerely,

Anne T. Weinberg, Chair
Carl B. Kern Fund Advisory Board
Kern Staff, 1989-1992
atw@stwmnd.net

64 Gifts from 58 Donors in 2024 Totaling \$25,196.00

as of January 30th, 2025.

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Gifts Received in Memory of:

James Cossman	Rick E. Molfenter
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James, Phyllis and Marty Erbaugh	Dr. Von Kernberg
J. Martin "Marty" Erbaugh	Stuart T. Weinberg, MD

Gifts Received in Honor of: Anne T. Weinberg

Comments

Several donors wrote comments in memory of Stuart Weinberg over the past two years.

“Stu mean a lot to me in my 3 years on staff at Kern. Spatula Stu was a guiding light for many of us 'old dogs.’ His continued leadership and dedication to Kern are unparalleled and he is greatly missed.” - *Linda S. Bartlett*

“Stuart was the heart and soul of Camp Kern.” – *MK Graf*

“For service above and beyond to Camp Kern, Friends of Kern, and The Carl B. Kern Fund.” – *Eric Moll*

“I did not know Stuart as a camper but I have heard stories. I had the pleasure of knowing him as an adult and he was an amazing human being. He found his passions early on and was devoted to them all (YMCA Camp Kern, computer programming in the medical field, and my dear friend Anne and their family).”

– *Laurie Dearworth Leon*

Thanks to Our Estate Gifts

There have been five (5) 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.
- **Stuart T. Weinberg, MD** – (deceased July 17, 2023) – former Camp Kern Camper/Staff 1968-1978, 1980-1982, 1984, Board Member 1985-1989, Carl B. Kern Fund Founder and Board Member/Chair 1987-2023.

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

For those receiving this report for the first time we hope you will take a few minutes to browse through these pages, especially our cumulative summary below summarizing how distributions have been used through the years. We are 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 **\$268,000** in funds have been used to support many efforts, among them:

- Camper scholarships (camperships) requests (1989-present) – **\$104,500**
- 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**
- Partnership scholarship program with local El Puente program (2022) – **\$11,000**
- New petting zoo farm education program (2023) – **\$10,000**
- 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**
- High Ropers Tower (2024) - **\$9,000**
- 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.

How to Donate

There are many ways to donate 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. Checks may be made out to “The Carl B. Kern Fund” and mailed either to The Dayton Foundation, 1401 S. Main St Suite 100, Dayton OH 45409 or to The Carl B. Kern Fund, c/o Anne Weinberg, 1207 Deanna Ct, Franklin TN 37067.

“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