



Save-A-Lot Grocery Benefits The Future Begins Today

How often does your phone ring and the person on the other end of the line says, “I have money that I want to give you”? This is exactly what Todd Sowers, manager of Save-A-Lot Grocery Store, said in January. Through a store promotion, \$582 was raised for a favorite organization that the employees chose. Thanks to a suggestion from Tracey Mixon, whose sons are in **The Future Begins Today**, our program is the fortunate recipient. The gift will also be matched dollar for dollar by generous donors. Our sincere appreciation to everyone at Save-A-Lot.



l to r: Jim Wilson, Mayor Beamish, Dr. Steven Jones, Cheryl Cotner, Jill Wilson, and Dr. Jim Danel.

Meet the New President

*Urbana University is once more offering a full-tuition scholarship to a Troy student through **The Future Begins Today**.*

Dr. Steven Jones, new President of Urbana University, made the February announcement in Troy. The financial assistance is renewable for up to four years, as long as the student remains in good standing with the university. Urbana University, founded in 1850, is a private, liberal arts institution. In May, Mary Jo Weisenbarger was the second **TFBT** student to graduate from Urbana with the help of this scholarship.

The Future Begins Today Teams Up with The Troy Rotary Club



Beginning in 2007, students from Van Cleve 6th Grade School have been able to learn about the world famous WACO bi-planes, once made in Troy. With the help of Karen Purke, Director WACO Historical Society and her volunteers, 350 students follow up what they have learned in the classroom and spend a day at the WACO Museum located on County Road 25-A. This year the project was co-sponsored by both **TFBT** and the Troy Rotary Club. “This is a project we are eager to support,” said Ted Ristoff, President of the Troy Rotary Club. **TFBT** students John Ho and Aleecia Christian presented a program at Rotary Club and thanked Rotary for supporting their activities.

Members of the Board of Trustees are volunteers and are committed to the work and advancement of **TFBT**. Tami Baird-Ganley-*Chairman*, Dot Ristoff-*Vice Chairman*, Linda A. Daniel-*Past Chairman*, Alison Holland-*Secretary*, Tonya K. Dickerson-*Treasurer*, Clarice N. Francis, Paul Hinkelman, Robb Howell, Rick Jackson, Jane M. Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, Donna McGraw, Janet J. Newnam, Steve R. Nolan, Sarah J. Redinbo, Janet L. Rhodes, Karen F. Rodgers, Lisa Schelin, Todd D. Severt, Sharon B. Teckenburg, Brian R. Williamson, Jill A. Wilson, Alan T. Zunke; Leadership Troy Intern-Jerel Noggle, **Executive Director**-Cheryl B. Cotner.



February Family Night



120 students and family members had fun at the **TFBT** Valentine Dance held at Concord School.. DJ Brad Hall taught everyone the funny dances and gave away door prizes.

Homework Helpers

The Homework Helpers Program is available to all elementary and Jr. High students 4 days a week in 8 school building. Funded by **The Future Begins Today**, the Homework Helper Coordinators assist the students to understand and complete their assignments. It is proven that students who are prepared each day are more successful in school. The United Way of Troy also helps to make this program possible.

Urbana University Celebrated College Day

Become a Lunch Buddy



Do you know that there are over 150 Lunch Buddies in the Troy City Schools? If you are interested in volunteering your lunch time once a month for a student in grades 4, 5, or 6, contact Cheryl Cotner at ccotner@TheFutureBeginsToday.org or 332-0467.



TFBT students learned about college at The College Day Program.

Urbana University students and staff came to Troy and the 350 students at Van Cleve 6th Grade School in April. The College Day Program gives them a better understanding of what college is and the process for going to college. The teachers and staff at Van Cleve get involved by wearing their college shirts and sharing their own college experiences with their students.

Gingerbread House Family Night Activity



Students got into the Christmas spirit last December when the popular Gingerbread House Family Activity was held at Troy Jr. High School. 130 people, including the students, parents, grandparents, and siblings, came together to create their own unique houses. The activity was sponsored by Project G.I.F.T.

Edison Marketing Student



TFBT has partnered with the Senior Marketing class at Edison Community College. This is the capstone class for students who are marketing majors. Senior student Tracey Radick from Anna has planned, developed and created the 4 new display boards for our office. Ruth Barney, the instructor of the class, believes that service learning opportunities give her students some of the necessary 'on the job training' with real purpose. **TFBT** is very pleased to continue this relationship with Edison Community College.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND STRAWBERRY SALSAS

Look for our booth in the middle of the levee at the Strawberry Festival and stop by to sample the delicious Strawberry Salsa. Winner of the 2004 Best Strawberry Culinary Award, all proceeds from salsa sales support *The Last Dollar Grant*.

For more information, visit www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org or call 332-0467

FESTIVAL PARADE

Students, parents, Lunch Buddies and board members will participate in the parade. The float design is a huge jar of Strawberry Salsa wearing a graduation mortar board on the top. This symbolizes the program's goal to help students graduate and links the Strawberry Salsa to this program. Salsa sales proceeds go toward *Last Dollar Grants*.



Board Appointments



The Future Begins Today announces the appointment of two new members to the Board of Trustees. Lisa Schelin and Paul Hinkelman will each serve a three-year term on the Board. Lisa is the Branch Manager for MainSource

Bank located at Market Street. She is an active community leader including volunteering as a Lunch Buddy for **The Future Begins Today**. Paul is owner of BIZassist, which provides contract support in Human Resources and Business

Administration including database development. As a volunteer, Paul developed and now maintains the computer-based business system that helps manage the day-to-day operation of **The Future Begins Today**.



Volunteers Make a Difference

TFBT is grateful to those who give their time and talents to support our mission. Susan Jackson helps by working in the office each week. Susan is retired from Troy jr. High and said, "This is my way of staying involved with the students."



Troy Graduates: Apply for Last Dollar Grant

The mission for **The Future Begins Today** is to provide a community based nurturing and financial support program for Troy Students to succeed with their education. Once the students graduate high school they can apply for **TFBT Last Dollar Grant**.

Applications are now being accepted for the *Last Dollar Grant* to college and are due before June 30th. To qualify for the grant, the student must be a graduate of THS or TCHS within the last 5 years. He/she must have a 2.0 grade point and show with official documentation the financial need for the grant. The *Last Dollar Grant* can help to narrow the gap with up to \$1,200 needed to pay the tuition, room and board. Past grant recipients are encouraged to apply each year.

For more information and application, visit www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org or call 332-0467

Leadership Troy Program Assists TFBT

The Future Begins Today feels lucky again this year to be selected by the Leadership Troy Program to receive an intern from the class of 2009. Jerel Noggle, Director of Wealth Management for MainSource Bank, will help in planning future activities with **TFBT**. Jerel will serve as a non-voting member of the Board from March through October.



SUPPORT THE FUTURE WITH A GIFT TO TROY STUDENTS

YES, I want to support the important work that **The Future Begins Today** is doing! Here is my tax-deductible contribution. If you would like to make your gift in honor or in memory of someone special, please indicate below.

In Honor or In Memory of _____

Please send acknowledgement of this gift to:

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Enclosed is \$_____ to support the students of Troy and **TFBT**.

Make check payable to: **The Future Begins Today**, PO Box 511, Troy, OH 45373

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No tax dollars support **The Future Begins Today**. All donations directly benefit students and are used for the Lunch Buddies and Homework Helper Elementary Program, as well as the Jr. High and High School Programs and The Last Dollar Scholarship Grants.

The Future Begins Today is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt, publicly supported organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Get Help With FORMS

TFBT FORMS Program (Filling Out Required Materials for Students) is designed to assist any Troy parent and their students planning to attend a college, university or trade school next year. Forms will provide help in completing the FAFSA and college applications. All personal information will be confidential. By appointment only; 332-0467

Give Hope and Help

Established in 1993, **The Future Begins Today** is focused on helping Troy children succeed with their education and to become active citizens within their communities. Your financial support for **The Future Begins Today** is essential to continue giving hope and help to students, parents, counselors, and teachers.

TFBT does not receive any public money. Our funding comes from private donations and various foundations and grants, including The Miami County Foundation, The Paul G. Duke Foundation, The Troy Foundation, Thomas E. and Patricia D. Robinson Fund and the United Way of Troy.

Your tax-deductible contribution will always stay in Troy.





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TIM HORTONS SENDS THE FUTURE BEGINS TODAY STUDENTS TO CAMP

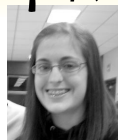


Laughman



Hermann

Tim Hortons Restaurant will send two elementary boys from **The Future Begins Today**, with all expenses paid, to The Tim Hortons Camp in Campbellsville, Kentucky, in June. Eric Laughman, a 5th grade student at Cookson School and Xavier Hermann, Van Cleve 6th Grade School, will attend the 10 day camp that focuses on building leadership skills and self confidence. This is the fifth year Tim Hortons has sent **TFBT** students. Local owners Ryan and Alison Holland and Stella Davies along with The Tim Hortons Children's Foundation provide the funding for the camp. Each restaurant has camp boxes at the registers for donations of change. In addition, each store has a Camp Day in the spring and all coffee sales go toward sending the kids to camp. Over 10,000 children from the US and Canada attend each summer.



Jessica



Eria

Let Us Brag About the Kids

Jessica played on Freshman JV Tennis Team at THS and is on the Honor Roll.

Dallas ran Freshman Track and Field at THS.

Bria played on Girls' Jr. High Basketball Team.

Kurtis played on the Jr. High Football and Basketball Team and is on the Honor Roll.



Dallas



Kurtis

Holiday Chef's Table Winners

Thank you to everyone who supported **The Future Begins Today** and the Holiday Chef's Table fundraiser. The winner for the Gourmet Dinner Party for 8 was Mrs. Sandy Hemm of Piqua. The winner of the Gourmet Basket from Tim Hortons was Lou Moran of Piqua. The winner of the gourmet Salsa Basket was the Lopez, Severt and Pratt Office of Troy. Please watch for the next Chef's Table Fundraiser coming in Spring 2010.



THE FUTURE BEGINS TODAY IS VERY GRATEFUL TO NOLAN, GIERE & COMPANY AND MR. TOM GIERE FOR CONDUCTING OUR YEARLY REVIEW.