



Hereabouts: Grant to help buy supplies for Dayton students

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The School, Home and Office Products Association's Kids in Need Foundation of Dayton is among 18 organizations and social service agencies nationwide to receive a 2005 Staples Foundation for Learning grant.

SHOPA, an international trade association, was founded in 1991 and is on Elbee Road. Its Kids in Need program, which received \$25,000 from Staples, was begun in 1995 to give back to the community. It enables teachers from low-income schools to shop in free school supply stores to provide their students with supplies for the school year.

"The \$25,000 grant will be used to help supply 21 resource centers across the country," said Penny Hawk, program manager. "Locally, we have two goals — to give free school supplies and to offer grants to teachers for innovative classroom projects.


This year, the Kids in Need program is having a special local give-away. "Every student in Dayton will get a school supplies kit with age-appropriate supplies," Hawk said.

"We're targeting elementary and middle school students, and each kit contains about \$25 worth of supplies, which will get them started up for the school year. We will take the number of students at each Dayton school and drop off that number of kits. We're trying to serve all Dayton kids in this school-box program."

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FirstDay Financial Federal Credit Union is the major sponsor of the giveaway, although other corporate sponsors and the city of Dayton are cooperating.

"They (the city) have their own giveaway, but we'll dovetail into each other," Hawk said. "Next year, we'll work together."

The Kids in Need program also funds grants to teachers for innovative classroom programming. During the 2004-05 academic year, the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation awarded more than \$77,000 to 180 teachers from a field of more than 1,800 grant applications nationally.

Teacher Grant awards range from \$100 to \$500.

For more information, check www.shopa.org/shopa_foundation.

Staples Foundation for Learning Inc. is a private foundation created by Staples, Inc. It awards grants to nonprofit organizations across the country in support of educational and job skills programs for youth.

The only other area recipient was Crayons to Computers in Cincinnati, which received \$15,000.

Learn to plan vacation online at Dayton library

Just in time for summer vacation, the Dayton Metro Library is offering Online Travel Resources, a class to teach residents how to use Internet sites to plan trips.

The main library at West Third and Sinclair will offer the class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 12 in the auditorium; and the Fort McKinley branch, 3735 Salem Ave., will be offering it from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 19.

The library is offering classes on Internet basics, Internet searching and online job hunting.

Computer tutoring from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the main library. Registration is required.

All classes are free. For information, call 227-9500, ext. 251.

Driver receives award for safe operation

Anita Zachery, department of transportation vehicle operator for the Montgomery County Board of MR/DD, was awarded the 2005 Regional Driver of the Year award.

The award was presented by Marie Lozier, regional director of the Western Regional Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation.

Zachery has not had an at-fault accident or a moving violation in 34

years of driving. She's received 20 years of safe driving awards from the MR/DD.

A member of the transportation department's employee council for four years, Zachery was also on the planning team to realign the adult services department program in 1996-97.

She has assisted with the Holiday on Wheels donation program and organizes annual Thanksgiving and Christmas parties for the department.

Delta Sigma Theta elects officers

Elections for the Dayton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta were held last month.

The 200-plus chapter voted in the following officers for 2005-07: Joyce Willis, president; Frieda Bennett, first vice-president; JoHelen Williams, second vice-president; Tina Hummons, corresponding secretary; Adjua Thomas, recording secretary; Icie Evans, treasurer; Rochelle Jones, financial secretary; and Beriel Shafeek, nominating chairwoman.

Newly elected offices were installed on June 7.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for college educated women is committed to development of its members and public service, with a primary focus on the black community.

The national sorority was formed in 1913, and the Dayton chapter was chartered in 1936.

Daytonians place in The View exhibit

Two Dayton artists - Fred Betz and Michael Bonilla — took awards in the 11th annual The View exhibition at Rosewood Gallery in Kettering. Betz won a \$100 Award of Merit and Bonilla won a \$50 Award of Distinction.

Other Dayton artists in the juried show, which will be up through July 29, are Dan Cleary, Meredith Cope, Jane Dunwoodie and Penny Park.

Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

The gallery is in the Kettering's Rosewood Arts Centre, 2655 Olson Drive.

Students in the news

- John D. Taylor of Dayton, graduated from Nyack College last month with a bachelor's degree in organizational management.

Nyack College, whose headquarters just outside New York, is a Christian mission-based college with many outreach branches, including several in

the Miami Valley.

John, the son of Gladys and Richard Taylor, is married to Kenya Taylor, and works in maintenance for Mary Scott Nursing Center.

- Kimberly Simpson Palmer of Dayton received a degree in education from Southern Utah University in May.
- Sheana Powell, a 2003 graduate of Meadowdale High School, has been inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society at Hampton University in Hampton, Va.

Sheana, who's just completed her sophomore year at Hampton, is majoring in mathematics education. She is the daughter of Dayton residents Ivan and Kimberly Powell, and the granddaughter of Betty Powell and Louise Battle.

- At Urbana University's 2005 commencement exercises, Cheryl Lee, Leo Ford and Athena Bledsoe, all earned bachelor of science degrees in business management; and Adam Bennett and Anita Washington, each earned bachelor's degrees in criminal justice leadership.

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