



## Meet Our New Executive Director



Natalie (Allen) Rohlfs has been named Executive Director of **The Future Begins Today** and replaces Cheryl Cotner who served in the role for twelve years. Rohlfs is a Troy High School graduate and a graduate of Ohio University's Scripps School of Journalism, where she earned a degree in journalism and public relations. Most recently, she has been with Urbana University as the Director of University Advancement, and previously the Director of Annual Giving at Wright State University. Rohlfs is president of PTO at Forest Elementary School and serves on the Alumni & Friends committee at St. Patrick School. Rohlfs said, "I've been privileged to see the educational support that the program (**TFBT**) has offered our Troy students for the past two decades. It is my hope that these opportunities will become something that many more families can experience."



## Troy Graduates Receive Last Dollar Grants

**TFBT** awarded 31 *Last Dollar Grants* totaling \$43,000 for 2015-2016: Audrey Banning, Megan Besecker, Zechariah Bond, Andrew Bricker, Nick Burk, Patrick Canavan, Matt Davis, Brianna Duben, Haley Farr, Jacob Farr, Victoria Fenter, Valeri Gibson, Mike Hoffman, Kurtis Johnson, Gregory Joseph, Ashley Littrell, Victoria Merrell, Courtney Metzger, Stephanie Metzger, Lillian Minnich, Tianna Newton, Gregory Peterson, Alex Prouty, Isaiah Purves, Raiann Rohlfs, Jeremy Sierra, Jason Slone, Carolann Stanley, Celia Stanley, Bradley Stapleton, and Trent Wood.

## TFBT Award Reception

**TFBT** began awarding *Last Dollar Grants* to Troy High School and Troy Christian High School students in 2000. **To date over \$620,000 has been awarded.** With the financial help from **TFBT**, graduates are now working as doctors, lawyers, engineers, social workers, ministers, teachers, business and finance persons, and artists, just to name a few. We are proud to have helped each and every one. **TFBT's** founding members, board members, volunteers, and others who have assisted the program during the past 22 years were also recognized.



## Katie makes us proud!

It is our tradition to ask a recent college graduate each year to speak at the August Awards Reception. Katie Stanley is a 2015 Cleveland Art Institute graduate with a Bachelors of Fine Art in Biomedical Art Illustration. Katie was chosen as one of the six Ohio finalists for the Award for Excellence in Visual Arts, awarded by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio. Katie started with **TFBT** in 4th grade at Kyle Elementary.

## LUNCH BUDDY PROGRAM

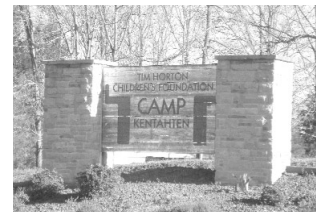
Lunch Buddy orientation was held at Hayner Cultural Center for volunteers. The time that



our Lunch Buddies spend with their little buddies may not see immediate results. Buddies begin by spending their lunch hour once a month with elementary students. Do you have time to be a Lunch Buddy? **TFBT**, in cooperation with the Troy City Schools, has openings for community friends to become a Lunch Buddy to an elementary student in grades 4, 5 and 6. If you may be interested in learning more about the program, please call the office at 332-0467 or e-mail [nrohlf@TheFutureBeginsToday.org](mailto:nrohlf@TheFutureBeginsToday.org).

## Tim Hortons Children's Foundation Supports The Future Begins Today

Fifty-eight students in grades 6, 7 and 8 had fun at the Tim Hortons Camp Kentahaten in Kentucky during April 2015 Spring Break. All transportation, lodging, food and activities are provided by Tim Hortons. Along with normal camp activities, the program builds self-esteem and confidence in the children.



In June 2015, Tim Hortons Children's Foundation sent six elementary students to its 10-day summer camp where they made new friends and enjoyed the beautiful camp. Students included Miles Kelly, Jayden Lee, Aden Nave, Jacob Ross, and Katie Starner, **TFBT** is very grateful to local owner Alison Davies and the THC Foundation for making these opportunities possible.



# GIVE HOPE AND HELP



Established in 1993, *The Future Begins Today* focuses on helping Troy children succeed with their education and to become active citizens within their communities. Your financial support is essential to continue giving hope and help to students, parents, counselors, and teachers. **TFBT** does not receive any public money and is 501(c)(3) tax exempt. We greatly appreciate the support from private gifts and various foundations and grants, including: The Acorn Society of Troy, The Paul G. Duke Foundation, the Mayor's Wedding Fund, the Miami County Foundation, The Troy Foundation, and United Way of Troy. **Your tax-deductible contribution will always stay in Troy. YES, I want to support the important work that TFBT is doing!** Make check payable to: **The Future Begins Today**, PO Box 511, Troy, OH 45373.



## Lucy Award

Award recipients were Carolann Stanley, Kurtis Johnson, Lilly Minnich, and Matt Davis.



## Alan Zunke Education Award

The Alan Zunke Education Award was awarded to Tianna Newton (OU).

## WACO Museum and Van Cleve 6th Grade School

Sixth grade students from Van Cleve School spoke to the Troy Rotary Club and said 'thank you' for collaborating with **TFBT** to provide the field trip for all Troy 6th graders to visit the WACO Museum. The WACO Project allows the students to learn the important world history of the former plane company.



## The Bill and Carla Lohrer Leadership Award

The Bill and Carla Lohrer Leadership Award was awarded to Brad Stapleton (UC).



## Elementary Leadership Clubs

Cookson Elementary students



## Family Fun Night at Lost Creek Preserve



## 8th Grade Goes To College

Thanks to grants from the Miami County Foundation and the Troy Noon Optimists Club, 335 students from Troy Jr. High had the opportunity to visit the campus of WSU.



## Edison Community College and UVCC

**TFBT** 4th and 5th grade students were taken on a college tour. Students visited the Upper Valley Career Center then hopped next door to visit Edison Community College.



## US Bank Foundation

Thank you for the \$2,000 awarded to the **TFBT** Jr. High Homework Helper Program.



## MainSource Golf Outing

Thank you to MainSource Bank for presenting **TFBT** with a \$600 check at its golf outing. This will support the *Last Dollar Grants* for students going to college. Pictured are Cheryl Cotner, Diana Davis, Lisa Schelin, Steve Rebernak, and Ed Westmeyer.



## Buy Strawberry Salsa and Help Support Program

Simplify your gift shopping and give jars of Strawberry Salsa. All proceeds support the *Last Dollar Grant*. Available in Troy: Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Co, Fulton Farms, and Winans Chocolate & Coffees.