

THE CARL B. KERN FUND

of The Dayton Foundation

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February 29, 2024

Hello,

For the first time since the Carl B. Kern Fund's inception in 1987, and with a heavy heart, the Annual Report is presented by someone other than our Chair, founder, and guiding light, Dr. Stuart T. Weinberg.

As many of you know, Stuart passed away on July 17th, 2023, aged 63 and the passage of the intervening months has not lessened the sense of loss we all feel. The outpouring of support, memories and love has been greatly appreciated by all who knew Stuart, and has been a testament to his character and the impact he had on the world. You can find his obituary here: <https://www.williamsonmemorial.com/obituaries/stuart-weinberg>.

The Carl B. Kern Fund was born thanks to a \$1,000 check from Stuart dated November 18th, 1987, and today the Fund balance sits at more than \$500,000. More importantly, the Fund has distributed more than \$250,000 to YMCA Camp Kern to provide scholarships, assist with projects, and defer operational expenses. Behind these staggering numbers was the tireless work of a dedicated and talented individual who harnessed the power of Camp to create a community of support and fellowship, with the goal of helping spread the magic of Camp.

Realizing that Stuart is truly irreplaceable, we humbly accept the challenge before us to continue his work, protect his legacy, and deliver on a promise to support the campers of YMCA Camp Kern.

After market losses in 2022, the Fund rebounded well in 2023 thanks to market gains and many generous donations in memory of Stuart. The fund ended the year at **\$502,090.53**; including a **\$21,000** distribution presented to YMCA Camp Kern at the annual Strawberries & Ice Cream event.

YMCA Camp Kern Executive Director, **Todd Brinkman**, explained that \$11,000 of the distribution was used, "To support a partnership scholarship program with a local El Puente program that helps first-generation, English speaking kids come to camp. We had 20 campers this year. We are confident in more next year." Todd continues, "The remaining \$10,000 was used to build and establish our new petting zoo at the barn. It has been a big hit! We now have goats, ducks, and mini horses and we will be adding chickens and sheep this spring. This new addition has added an all-new camp where campers will visit a local farmer and learn about composting, growing, and taking care of the animals."

2023 saw **101** gifts from **87** donors contribute **\$21,490**. At a recent Board Meeting, Anne Weinberg, Stuart's wife of more than 30 years and Kern Assistant Director 1989-1992, was elected as Board Chair to guide us through the next 12 months as we begin the process of restarting operations of the Fund. Bill Pees was also elected to serve another term on the Board, bringing many years of service and knowledge to our cause.

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.

Understanding that the Fund will never be the same without Stuart, the Fund Advisory Board appreciates your patience and understanding during this period of transition.

On behalf of Stuart, in whose memory we strive to continue and elevate the mission of the Carl B. Kern Fund, we thank you for your time, contributions and support.

Sincerely,

The Carl B. Kern Fund Advisory Board

Thanks to Our Estate Gifts

There have been five (5) estate gifts since the creation of The Carl B. Kern Fund. Thanks for 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 - 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.

101 Gifts from 87 Donors in 2023 Totaling \$21,490.00

as of January 30th, 2024.

Anonymous (8)	Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Molfenter
Chris Addison	Mrs. Marisela Moreno
Kumie Allbery	Kathleen Summers Motoike
Jeff Anderson	Ted Newill
Liz and Yarnell Beatty	James W. Osterwisch
Mr. Anik Bhattacharjee	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Parkinson
Ms. Kelly Brown	Hannah Parks and Jason Pleva
Kinsey Brown	Mr. and Mrs. Michael M. Parks
Phil Burckle	Dr. Barron Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burckle	Si Pitstick
Scott Burris	Mr. Kevin Postlethwait
Jennette L. Caden	Emily and Jon Roberts
Colin Campbell	Laura Robertson and Litt Upshur
PCC	Terri Hemmerle Roden
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Sarah E. Kuhn	Amy Rietman
Shirl Kuhn	Mr. Russell L. Waddell
Tim Kuo	Anne, Nathan, and Sarah Weinberg
McKay's Mill Book Club	Mrs. Gay Weinberg
HIMSS	Red Hat, Inc.
Laurie and Brent Leon Family	Stuart and Anne Weinberg
Laurie Dearworth Leon	Rich Whitney
T.J. and Pam Maroon	Saralyn R. Williams
Michelle Massie	Dr. Joseph Zickafoose
Judy and Greg Mersch	Deanna Zikias

Gifts Received in Honor of: Mike Sherman, David and Camdyn Thompson, Dr. Von Kernberg, Stuart Weinberg, Anne T. Weinberg.

Gifts Received in Memory of: Stuart T. Weinberg, MD, Steven W. Kuhn, Rick E. Molfenter, William Parkinson, Jack and Marilyn Singerman, Tony (Zang) Zangaro.

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 **\$259,000** 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**
- 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**
- 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 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