

THE CARL B. KERN FUND

of The Dayton Foundation

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Hello,

On the occasion of Carl B. Kern's 146th birthday, the Kern Fund Advisory Board is pleased to present our 2025 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 the total contributions received to date are near \$600,000. 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. These distributions have been to YMCA Camp Kern to provide scholarships, assist with projects, and defer operational expenses.

The fund ended the year at **\$656,767.88**. A **\$20,000** distribution was presented to YMCA Camp Kern at the annual Strawberries & Ice Cream event (occurring this year on May 28th at 6pm). As shared in the November 2025 update, Camp Kern used \$10,000 toward camperships given for 210 campers. The other \$10,000 went toward the new bathhouse and benches; these benches will be installed this spring along with a ribbon cutting.

Total distributions to YMCA Camp Kern on behalf of the Fund since 1987 have now reached more than **\$297,000**. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors. In total, 2025 saw **47** gifts from 43 donors resulting in an overall contribution of **\$21,957**. Thank you for the many kind notes and camp memories included with donations.

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

47 Gifts from 43 Donors in 2025 Totaling \$21,957.00

as of December 31, 2025.

Anonymous (1)	Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Molfenter
Chris Addison	Mr. Todd D. Molfenter
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Bill and Kathy Beck	Gary and Carol Packer
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Gifts Received in Memory of:

J. Martin "Marty" Erbaugh	Gary Saxton
Jenni Waddell Goodrich	Dr. Von Kernberg
Rick E. Molfenter	Stuart T. Weinberg, MD
The Campers and Staff of Camp Mystic	

Gifts Received in Honor of: Anne T. Weinberg

Comments

“I have fond memories of working together [with Stuart] as pediatric residents in Pittsburgh.”

- *Dr. Richard J. Simonds, Jr.*

“I remember my time at Kern fondly. Glad others get that chance.”

- *Jay Silver, Kern Staff 1965-1967*

“Every kid should have a great summer camp experience!”

- *John Pinegar, Kern Staff 1976 & 1977*

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. In addition, Kern alumni can register for the camp's new alumni database at <https://campkern.campintouch.com/ui/forms/application/alumni/App> or contact the camp.

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 **\$297,000** in funds have been used to support many efforts, among them:

- Camper scholarships (camperships) requests (1989-present) – **\$114,500**
- 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**
- Capital campaign for a new bath house (2025) - **\$10,000**
- 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 (Fund 2110 of The Dayton Foundation), including:

- **Credit card via the Kern Fund:** <https://www.stwmd.net/kernfund/index.php?task=Donate%20Online>
- **Credit card, bank transfer, check, gifts of stock or other options via the Dayton Foundation** (please indicate it is for the Carl B. Kern Fund - Fund 2110): <https://www.daytonfoundation.org/donate>. Scroll down to the bottom of page and click on the appropriate box.
- **Check made out to The Carl B. Kern Fund:** Mail to The Carl B. Kern Fund, c/o Anne Weinberg, 1207 Deanna Ct, Franklin TN, 37067. I will forward it to The Dayton Foundation.

“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