



## **Kent Community Foundation**

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### **Kent Community Foundation - President's Corner**

#### ***August 2015***

At the end of May we co-hosted a scholarship event with the Kent Rotary Clubs. This was a first-time event we hope to grow to be a community scholarship celebration. We have already been contacted by the Kent Area Council PTA to discuss including them next year! If you would like to help and/or be a part of this, please let me know.

In early June we participated in the Kent International Festival by sponsoring the Art Exhibit. Over 60 pieces of student art were on display. It was a fun and colorful addition to the event. We wrapped up the 2014-15 school year by awarding \$4,500 in grants to support arts and education in our community. We supported three programs in the schools – one for an after school program robotics at Martin Sortun Elementary, another for the Robotics Club at Kentridge that will be used to support their efforts in building robots for first responders and also to support the STEM Club they facilitate in elementary schools, the third grant was to Kentridge for a class that will develop STEAM toys for girls. A fourth grant was awarded to support a program entitled Youth Voices. This was a leadership opportunity for immigrant students from the Kent School District. The program was designed to teach leadership skills to the students while honoring their cultures. We are looking forward to being part of the panel discussion with the students on Tuesday, August 25. Our final grant was to support 2016 Kent Kids' Art Day.

We will be spending time this Fall planning for our scholarship cycle and event and looking forward to mapping our path to 2016. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

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Art Exhibit at Kent International Festival

