

# GAHANNA PARKS & RECREATION FOUNDATION

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### Local Business Leader Donates \$8,000 For Local Arts Fund

*Money to establish Arts Fund in Gahanna*

**GAHANNA, Ohio** – The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation announced that they received a donation of \$8,000 from Mrs. Mina Dioun and Mr. Mo Dioun, President and owner of the Stonehenge Company, to establish an arts fund for the downtown area of Gahanna.

“We are so grateful for the Diouns’ generous donation,” said Lee Tucker, Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation president. “This fund will help bring more arts and artists to the Creekside District for all of Gahanna’s residents and visitors to enjoy.”

The goal of the fine arts fund is to assist in acquiring and commissioning public art for the downtown area as well as fund programs for art education in the community. This fund will showcase the talents of local and regional artists while educating the community. Programs such as this, the Foundation believes, will continue to energize and enrich the Creekside District, the heart of the Gahanna community.

The Foundation is currently seeking volunteers and artists to participate and help guide this program. Those interested in being a part of the local arts program should contact the Parks & Recreation Foundation.

The fine arts fund is just one of many programs the non-profit foundation supports. Other programs the foundation are responsible for are children’s’ camp scholarships and their recent campaign to privately fund next year’s Freedom Festival and fireworks.

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**About the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation**

Parks & Recreation services are essential for our City’s quality of life. They benefit our lives each day by encouraging businesses and new residents to settle in Gahanna; they provide lifetime family memories; they improve our health and preserve our natural area. Like other resources, these services are funded by the City. However, the needs of our parks, facilities and recreation programming may exceed our financial resources. The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation was founded to assist the Gahanna Department of Parks & Recreation in supporting these needs. This non-profit 501(C)(3) organization is a group of hard-working volunteer citizens who donate their time and talents to protect, nurture, and grow the opportunities our residents deserve. <http://www.gahanna.gov/departments/parks/foundation.asp>

