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Area Students Offered Auto Collision Repair Training in State-of-the-Art Educational Facility

Students in Summit County's Six District Educational Compact have a new state-of-the-art facility in which to learn automotive collision repair and refinishing.

A \$15,000 grant from the Community Fund is helping pay for materials and textbooks the students will use to learn the trade.

The Jacob and Clara Faber Community Enrichment and Education Foundation, which is helping provide the training to students at Tallmadge, Stow-Munroe Falls, Hudson, Kent, Woodridge and Cuyahoga Falls schools, was created to offer this facility as a way of thanking the community that supported the Faber family's automotive repair business in Cuyahoga Falls for more than 50 years, said Guy Klapp, the foundation's president and executive director.

The Faber Foundation is built on Front Street on the same site where the Jacob Faber Body and Paint Shop stood. Clara, his widow, donated \$6 million to create the foundation and a \$1.5 million school was built to help the youth of this area get the



In the two-year program students learn everything from repairing vehicles to estimating repair work. The training readies students who don't plan to attend college to enter the \$30 billion collision repair industry.



Students from Summit County's Six District Education Compact learn automotive collision repair and refinishing at the Faber Foundation, which was built on the site where, for more than 50 years, the Jacob Faber Body and Paint Shop stood in Cuyahoga Falls. Clara Faber, Jacob's widow, created the foundation to thank the community that supported the business for so long.

training they need to continue the trade, Klapp said.

The foundation relies on the income from its invested donations to operate and on donations of equipment and materials.

"We've gotten wonderful donations from the community," Klapp said, including new cars wrecked in transit for the students to get hands-on experience.

"I don't know of any other automotive repair school that operates this way," he said.

Woodridge High School, which developed the program and provides the instructor, is the host school

for this two-year auto collision repair career program. It is the compact's first career program offered at an off-site location and is in its first year of operation.

In this first year of operation, 19 students will receive classroom instruction and hands-on training, including repairing, painting and cost estimating.

Second-year senior students will learn the business end of a collision repair outfit. Customers from the community will be able to take advantage of collision repair by paying for material and parts only, and donations from customers above the amount charged will be encouraged and accepted.

Another component of the second-year program will be part-time job placement in an auto collision repair shop for on-the-job training and potential employment upon graduation.

Be sure to visit Akron Community Foundation's Web site at www.akroncommunityfdn.org for many new features. Our Around Akron Community Calendar, available from the home page, is bursting with information about events across the region. We encourage the area's nonprofit organizations to submit their important events.

The site also now features a password-protected area housed on the foundation's own secure server where donors can make a contribution to any of the foundation's funds online using their credit card.

The Planned Giving Design Center offers financial advisors useful information and up-to-the-minute news items to help them help their clients make informed planned-giving decisions.

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