

# 2018-19 Annual Report

"ENHANCING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS"



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## [ MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ]



# **Dear friends,**

THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR MARKED 25 YEARS OF PROVIDING GRASS-ROOTS FUNDING FOR INNOVATIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES IMPACTING TEACHERS AND THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS.

n line with our mission to support the school district in providing an excellent education, we were able to provide teacher classroom grants and professional growth opportunities, student scholarships and funds to help provide food and shelter security for district families in need.

As part of our ongoing strategic planning, we were excited to provide funding for new and innovative classroom initiatives. We know that tax dollars don't cover all costs, however studies show that innovative classrooms push students and teachers to always be changing, adapting and improving. All skills needed in the everyday world.

We recognize that success is founded on partnership. No individual organization can flourish without the assistance of like-minded local partners. The Foundation is no exception. We work collaboratively with other non-profits, local business vendors, the school district and our generous donors.

Additionally, the expertise and dedication of our board members, volunteers and staff have been instrumental to our continued development. We've been able to remain flexible and adapt to our changing world while successfully carrying out our mission. Working together in providing an excellent education for all students - our common goal unites us.

Dawn Hank
Executive Director

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Deb will be forever remembered in our hearts.

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[ ABOUT THE FOUNDATION ]

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation is a Nonprofit Corporation Organized Under Chapter 317A of Minnesota Statutes.

# Our Mission

The mission of the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation is to enhance the White Bear Lake Area School District's ability to provide excellence in education for all students.

# Our Goals

- To support educational programs and services in School District 624 by providing funds not available through local, state, or federal sources.
- To involve the community in the support of high-quality public education.
- To provide a perpetual source of funds through gifts from individuals, businesses, alumni, and other foundations.
- To encourage student achievement and skill development, and support and recognize teachers for exemplary teaching.

# **Our Future**

Through our commitment to students, educators, the District and community, the Foundation continues to be an outstanding resource for supplemental funds to support various educational initiatives in the District. The Foundation values service, educational excellence, innovation, enhancement, and outreach to meet the needs of the District and community. With the support and involvement of families and businesses in this community and alumni from all over the country, the Foundation aspires to be a reason people will want to live and work in the School District and have their children graduate from the White Bear Lake Area School District.









[ OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE ]

# IN 2018-19, THE WBLAEF AWARDED OVER \$141,618

to students, educators, and families in the White Bear Lake Area School District, making a positive impact in the community and helping to achieve excellence in education for all students.

SOME OF OUR LARGEST GRANTS AWARDED IN 2019 INCLUDE:

\$23,855

AWARDED IN TEACHING GRANTS TO 11 EDUCATORS
TO ENCOURAGE CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE WAYS
TO ENHANCE CURRICULUM





\$4,650
TO 7 EDUCATORS TO
FOSTER ELEMENTARY
ART EDUCATION



OPPORTUNITIES FOR

STUDENTS

TO PARTICIPATE IN

CO-CURRICULAR &

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ACTIVITIES

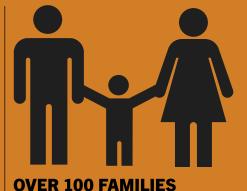
\$24,984

\$13,835

MEMBERS, STAFF AND STUDENTS TO ENCOURAGE INITIATIVES AROUND INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, COMMUNITY AND



WAS AWARDED TO 4
EDUCATORS TO ENHANCE
ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES
AND AWARENESS
FOR STUDENTS



TOUCHED BY PROVIDING

OVER \$13,745

IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

THROUGH THE ANGEL FUND TO HELP FAMILIES

WITH EVERYDAY
NECESSITIES, FOOD AND
HOUSING SECURITY

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[ GRANT PROGRAMS ]

# **Grant Summaries and Spotlight Stories**

# **RYAN FAMILY ART GRANT**

The Ryan Art Grant awards elementary teachers up to \$500 per teacher or team for the purchase of art supplies, instructional materials, or to assist with the expenses of an Artist-in-Residence.

### SPOTLIGHT: JELLY BEANS THE CHEETAH AND HOPE

The Ryan Family Art Grant provided a portion of the funding for the first ever Birch Lake Elementary school play called Jelly Beans the Cheetah and Hope. Teachers, students, parents and the Children's Performing Arts Center worked hard to make this first play happen. We hope it will be one of many to follow.



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# 2019 LYNN MIELKE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

Lynn Mielke was a speech clinician and Special Education Coordinator in the White Bear Lake Area School District.

Lynn's compassion and love for children was at the forefront of all she did. She was known as a warm and loving person who worked to create a positive environment for everyone around her.

This award was established to recognize an individual who has exemplified Lynn's dedication and care for the students and staff in our district. Educators are nominated by their colleagues, supervisors, students, parents or community members. Each year many wonderful, deserving people are nominated for the Lynn Mielke Award.



#### SPOTLIGHT

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation presented its 2019 Lynn Mielke Distinguished Educator Award on April 23 to Katie Sorenson, Special Education paraprofessional at Lakeaires Elementary School.

Sorenson was nominated by School Psychologist Heather Musich, Administrative Assistant Michon Sommers, and Teachers Laura Bege, Karen Broza and Jennifer Elias. As stated in the nomination letters, "No matter how significant a child's unique needs, Katie builds a strong relationship with that child, which is based on trust and unconditional acceptance. She always puts others first. You will not find a more dedicated, compassionate or kind person. It is an absolute dream having her in my room everyday!"

# J. STANLEY AND DORIS HILL LEGACY AWARD

Sponsored by the White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation, Century College Foundation, and the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation, this award honors the memory of J. Stanley and Doris Hill, for their strong commitment to the White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi communities.

Stanley embraced a strong sense of service to others, and deeply believed in education. Because of his generosity, many individuals, families and local organizations have thrived. This honor is given to a deserving individual who demonstrates J. Stanley Hill's dedication to lifelong community service.



## **SPOTLIGHT:**

Congratulations to Don Craighead who was selected as the 2019
J. Stanley and Doris Hill Legacy Award recipient. A reception honoring
Craighead took place on Tuesday May 21, 2019 at Century College East Campus in the Library Fireplace Area. Craighead was recognized
for his extensive volunteer service to the White Bear Lake area and
beyond its borders.

When interviewed, Craighead stressed the importance of networking and connecting businesses and people to causes, organizations and civic engagement. He has a talent for connecting nonprofits and business leaders and letting anyone he meets know how they, personally, can make a difference.

# **BROSIOUS GRANT**

The Brosious Teaching Grant is designed to enhance the rigor of the curriculum or instruction within the classroom, providing a rich learning experience for all students.



## **SPOTLIGHT: KERNALS FOR KIDS**

Central Middle School Special Education Students were excited to kick off Kernels for Kids on April 9. The Foundation awarded a Brosious Grant to Student Support teacher Susan Hicks and Special Education teacher Lisa Olson to provide funding to start a student focused initiative. Kernels for Kids will allow 50 special education students to have a hands-on opportunity to develop work-related skills by creating a small business run by "the kids". The students will plan, purchase supplies, prepare, fill popcorn orders, market, sell and deliver to Central and District employees. Popcorn sales are ongoing and fifty cents per bag on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the District Center 2nd floor.

# E3 GRANT

The E3 Grant, created from Legacy Funds was established to further WBLAS students' understanding and attitudes toward science, the outdoors, our community, and the world. Additional environmental learning opportunities can transform our students by endowing them with increased academic skills, civic and community leadership, environmental stewardship, and global awareness. Our goal is to provide opportunities for the students in our district to become inspired and responsible environmental

## **SPOTLIGHT: THE PRAIRIE SCHOOL-PHASE 2**

Congratulations to this year's recipients of an E3 Grant. \$4000 was granted for Phase II of Otter Lake Elementary's Prairie School outdoor classroom, to educators Kristi Olness, Elizabeth Olson, Sara Starke, and J.J. Parker.

The Prairie School is an outdoor learning space for students and teachers to creatively explore and honor the unique natural environment that surrounds the school. The primary objective of the project is to strengthen the outdoor learning experiences

> for the students, with a focus on complementing the prairie and Otter Lake Elementary's Otter Trail.



Because of funding through an E3 Grant, 611 students and 25 teachers at Otter Lake Elementary now experience a year-round outdoor learning space. The grant provided funding for Phase 1 in the 2017/18 school year and awarded funds for Phase 2 in 2018/19. The "Prairie School" is built on a concrete slab, with a roof structure, sidewalks and seating, and allows students of all ages to explore and observe the weather, animals in their natural habitats, and will encourage creative exploration of the environment for decades to come. In the future, OLE intends to expand the space, including native landscaping, sustainable vegetable gardens, rainwater harvesting and a weather station.



# **GLASRUD FAMILY FELLOWSHIP**

The Glasrud Family Fellowship is a beloved grant, intended to assist educators in pursuing opportunities or experiences for personal and professional growth that would not otherwise be possible.

# SPOTLIGHT: ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE

In February 2018, Tiffany Dittrich and Catherine Olson (North Campus / Area Learning Center) were awarded a Glasrud Fellowship to spend 10 days visiting iconic locations from the civil rights movement. They toured Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Tennessee, and Mississippi in the Summer of 2018. Tiffany and Catherine are educators with a passion for social justice.

"During his march to Selma, Alabama, in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asked, "How long will justice be crucified, and truth bear it?" He referenced nineteenth-century abolitionist Theodore Parker when answering, "Not long, because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Sadly, this year marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's assassination and many of the goals he so passionately advocated for have yet to be

accomplished. While the United States has made marked civil rights advancements, many issues still remain. The criminal justice system disproportionately impacts members of the African American community and wealth and opportunity gaps persist."

"As educators, we feel it is important to highlight how the African American community has triumphed over oppression and to illuminate our students' understanding of contemporary civil rights issues. We believe that it is impossible to fully understand who we are as a nation and where we are going without first fully understanding our complete history."

- Tiffany Dittrich and Catherine Olson.



On their trip, Tiffany and Catherine had a chance to meet civil rights warrior Annie Pearl Avery, pictured second from the left.

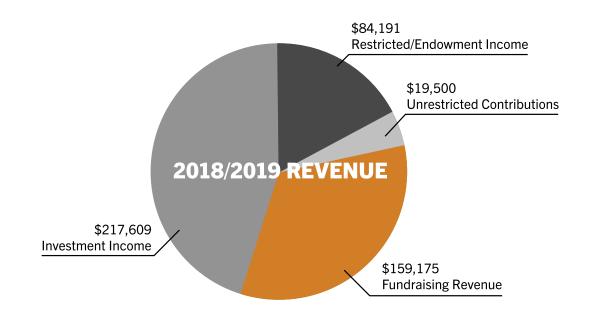


## **FINANCIALS**

REVENUE:	
RESTRICTED / ENDOWMENT INCOME:	\$84,191
UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$19,500
FUNDRAISING REVENUE:	\$159,175
INVESTMENT INCOME:	\$217,609
TOTAL INCOME/REVENUE:	\$480,475

EXPENSES:	
RESTRICTED / ENDOWMENT SUPPORT:	\$180,838
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES:	\$48,802
PROMOTIONAL:	\$6,196
ADMINISTRATIVE:	\$39,385
PAYROLL AND RELATED:	\$81,458
PROFESSIONAL FEES:	\$8,412
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$365.091

NET OPERATING INCOME:	\$115,383
OTHER INCOME:	\$39,415
NET INCOME:	\$154,799



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