Partnerships Support And Provide Teacher Grants

After 26 years of service to the Greenville Public Schools, the Education Foundation of Greenville continues to supplement the funding that supports the schools and enrich their programs. Through generous donations, EFG fundraisers, and endowment and investment proceeds, the EFG continues to improve opportunities for GPS students and allow staff members to provide more and better programs. In recent years, our partnership with the Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF), and the Greenville Public Schools has allowed a collective effort, which best provides the most effective grant funding options to our GPS teachers and instructors and their programs.

The photo here is from one such program, Machine Tool Technology, funded by the GACF for GHS Instructor, Mr. Adam Hopkins. We would like to share some comments from Mr. Hopkins’ letter, explaining how much this support has meant to the students.

"With the support of the Precision Measurement Tools that was granted, we have ventured into the NIMS (National Institute for Metalworking Skills) Machining curriculum. Currently the students are completing the Measurement and Safety Exam along with the Manual Layout, Milling and Turning performance tasks due to the support of the new equipment."

"Also, these tools have greatly impacted our students learning experiences. In tracking my student progression this past fall in a collaborative effort, machine tool students had an average growth of 14% on the MMS Exam from the pretest to the final exam due to your support! Thank you to all of those involved with supporting this program and what it generates annually for our programs at GPS. If it was not for this support in 2018, we would not be in the current learning experiences we hold for our students in Machine Tool Technology."

"This allows students to have an opportunity at becoming an entry level apprentice with layout, measurement, and machining experience already accommodated. The potential is to have longer-term participating students earn CNC Certification before graduating high school. As the program continues to step toward CTE Standards and curriculum development with the Michigan Department of Education, we are very excited for these new content progressions."

"In comparison, we have started a very similar certification process with the Welding Technology Program, funded by the EFG, utilizing the AWS Sense Level 1 - Entry Level Welder program and curriculum. This past fall we became an AWS member facility recognized AWS Level I Training Partner. With participating in these industry level curriculum and expectations for training entry level employees, we are allowing secondary students to develop an understanding and shape themselves with the expectations for the skilled trade industry. Ultimately, learning the technical knowledge and applying it in class will prepare them for any skilled trade facility in Machine Tool and/or Welding Technology nationally. Paired with our current Work-Study program & partners at GHS, we have a superior opportunity being created over the next few years here at Greenville Public Schools for secondary students."

The EFG, the GACF, and the GPS also thank everyone who has supported our efforts in the past. Within this newsletter you can learn more about other programs that have been supported by your donations and how Greenville Public School students have benefitted.
Financial Health Of The Foundation

The Education Foundation of Greenville continues to enjoy strong support despite challenging financial times. Income has come from two areas: direct support from gifts and grants, and fundraisers.

Trustees especially appreciate the generous contributions made by Greenville Public School employees. During the 2018 school year, they contributed $5,327 mostly through payroll deductions. Total direct support through GPS employees, businesses and individuals, and fundraisers was $35,939. In total, the EFG then awarded $76,873 in grants and scholarships to the Greenville Public Schools in 2018.

Stafford Media Solutions has been a strong and consistent supporter of the Foundation. They have underwritten the cost of the Holiday Pops Concert with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra for 19 consecutive years. Proceeds from this event now total over $194,718 and have been used for teacher grants and student scholarships.

The OUR3 Campaign is in its 9th year. It receives gifts and pledges that are used to support the Performing Arts Fund, the Academic Enhancement Fund, the Athletic Fund, the Braman Scholarship Fund, and the new Cook Music Fund. These five funds, housed at our partner foundation, the Greenville Area Community Foundation, now total more than $1,042,044. In 2018, $40,989 in grants were awarded to GPS from these funds.

Trustees make every effort to be good stewards of their resources. The Foundation acknowledges the expert services provided by the accounting firm of Hungerford Nichols.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2018

ENDOWMENTS

- Wysel Funds $250,876
- OUR 3 - Academic Enhancement $318,788
- OUR 3 - Performing Arts $383,688
- OUR 3 - Athletic Fund $27,586
- Braman Scholarship Fund $26,446
- Byron/Dolores Cook for Music $285,536

ENDOWMENT GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Wysel Fund $8,100
- OUR 3 - Academic Enhancement $16,078
- OUR 3 - Performing Arts $23,911
- Braman Scholarship Fund $1,000

FOUNDATION ASSETS & INCOME

- Cash/Checking $41,230
- Investments $180,085
- Donations & Fundraisers $35,939

EXPENSES

- Operational Expenses $13,429
- Grants & Scholarships $25,184

The EFG and GPS are so grateful to Dee and Byron Cook for their utterly fantastic commitment and support for our music programs with their 2nd $250,000 donation to the OUR3 Campaign, the Byron & Delores Cook Endowment for Music. This brings their donations over 10 years to $500,000. Please see Cory Smith’s article in the Daily News below:

https://thedailynews.cc/articles/for-the-joy-of-music/
Congratulations to recipients of 2018 grants and scholarships

Teacher Grants

Each year teachers are invited to submit proposals for grants that are consistent with both the mission of the Foundation and of the Greenville Public Schools. Applications are considered for individual, team, and interdisciplinary projects, for specific subjects, grade-level and building-level projects. Grants totaling $12,000 were awarded this past year.

The EFG, thanks to the YJC, was able to award $6084 in wellness grants.

Trustees gratefully acknowledge the collaboration we enjoy with the Greenville Area Community Foundation (GACF). The two foundations coordinate their grant cycles to prevent duplication and overlapping of grant awards.

OUR3 Endowment Funds

In 2018, Academic Enhancement and Performing Arts Grants totaling $39,989 were awarded for Camp Newaygo, GMS Mandarin Literacy, GHS AP Gov’t Trip, GMS Band & Orchestra, Performing Arts Center, Speakers, Music stands, Orchestra Tuxedo Shirts & Pants, Bass, Cellos, Concert Underwriting, Symphony, Choir, & Lollipop buses, Elementary Classroom headphones, iPads, Music, and Music Express.

EFG Summer Camp Scholarships

The EFG was pleased to award 80 Summer Camp Scholarships totaling $8,000 in 2018. These scholarships are available annually to students in grades K-11 to expand their education by attending camps and clinics.

Other Scholarships

Wysel Scholarships: Scholarships totaling $8,100 were awarded to ten graduating seniors to attend college.

Bob Reed Scholarship: GHS student, Noah Amidon, received the $1,000 scholarship.

Warnshuis Scholarships: In 2018, a $500 scholarship was awarded to high school band student, David Duncan to attend the Aquinas College Jazz Camp.

Dar Morgan Baseball Scholarship: $200 to Noah Day to attend baseball camp.

The Bill Braman Memorial Scholarship: $1,000 to Aubriana Wedge for college.

Total EFG Grants and Scholarships from all sources, $76,873.

For some time, Jacket Video Productions has had to work with only one piece of functioning lighting equipment (above). A grant from the EFG has allowed Program Director, Mr. Wilson to purchase standing lights, colored gels, diffusers, digital audio recorders, microphones, and so much more. In video production, lighting and sound are so important to the success of any film.

A grant from the EFG allowed Mr. Ayres Middle and High School Jazz bands to bring guest artist and professional saxophonist, Jim Hayward, in to spend a day rehearsing with and giving instruction to the Jazz bands and perform in concert with them, for 2018 Jazz Day at GPS.

2019 GPS BLOCK PARTY
August 7, 2019
4:30-7:00pm
Yellow Jacket Stadium & Legacy Field
(111 N Hillcrest Street, Greenville)
More information: www.gpsjackets.org
Fundraising Activities Support EFG Mission

In addition to generous donations, each year the Foundation holds the following fundraisers to help support its mission as well as benefit the community:

**Grand Rapids Symphony Holiday Pops Concert**
For nineteen consecutive years, the Grand Rapids Symphony, under the sponsorship of Stafford Media Solutions and the Stafford Family, has been coming to the Greenville High School Performing Arts Center in December to perform its Holiday Pops Concert to sold out audiences. During that time period, proceeds have totaled well over $194,718 for the EFG and Greenville Public Schools, $9810 in 2018.

**EFG Fall Festival**
For the past eleven years, the EFG has been holding its Fall Festival Dinner & Fundraiser, “Celebrating Our Future,” featuring an appreciation dinner and fundraising activities and auctions. During that time period, the event has raised $85,541 ($12,715 in 2018) in support of the Foundation’s work. This year’s event will be held at a date yet to be determined this coming fall.

**Collage Concert**
The early spring 2018 Collage Concert raised $2,098 for the OUR3 Endowment Campaign, Performing Arts Fund.

Greenville graduate, Jason Brown (L), and his Sugar Skies Aviation, donated to our auction, a helicopter fall color tour ride, to two lucky couples, up to Sleeping Bear Dunes and back.
THANKS TO THIS PAST YEAR’S EFG STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

**Adele Kemp** is the daughter of Alex and Tammy Kemp. She is class president, in student council, Youth Advisory Council, Nat’l Honor Society with 3.99 GPA, very active in community service, DECA State and International qualifier, YJC, youth volunteer and mentor, very athletic in cross country, basketball, and track. GR Press BB Dream Team, DN BB player of the year, MHSAA Class A Scholar Athlete. Adele will attend Northwood University, play basketball and pursue sports management.

**Hannah MacDonald** is the daughter of Jim and Wendy Baty, and Aaron MacDonald. She is in basketball, Village Green Singers, Student Council, Greenville Renaissance and Inclusion Team, National Honor Society, and Rotary Interact Club. She has had the opportunity to visit several countries in Europe and Central America and is interested in International business. She plans on attending Michigan State University as her college destination.

**Jake Rasmussen**, is the son of Lee and Norice Rasmussen. He is a member of 4H and National Honor Society. He has been a 4-sport participant in football, track, bowling, and skiing. He is Academic All-State in track and Honorable Mention in football. He is a YJC volunteer as well as for the community’s Little Free Libraries. Jake will be attending Michigan State University and major in Animal Science.
Chris Hansen

September 1992, also in Portland, Oregon.

The family would return to Michigan in 1994 when Chris became Pastor of Worship and Arts at Fair Haven Ministries Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan. There, in a church congregation of up to 3,000, Chris led over 200 music and arts participants. Soon after, he founded his own music arranging company, Hansencharts LLC. Since then, the company has produced a variety of thousands of specially composed and arranged pieces of music for a number of different markets and purposes. He also became Music Director at Calvary Church in Grand Rapids in 1995.

Since 2000, Chris and artist, Debby Bell, have gone into the schools and helped students create artwork to music.

Chris became Executive Director of Hark Up Music in 2006. Hark Up is a non-profit community-based music and arts ministry involving more than 200 volunteers in presenting dozens of God honoring musical events throughout West Michigan. Most events are designed to create mentoring opportunities from seasoned music veterans to younger musicians and singers. Each year, Hark Up’s culmination is its annual Christmas event featuring various contemporary music, drama, dance, and media components.

In 2007, Chris became an adjunct instructor at Cornerstone University, teaching music theory, orchestration, and also worked with worship teams.

Chris and a partner created Great Stuff Music Company in 2009 offering unique and hard to find music which they could offer immediately via today’s download technology. They also offered a variety of new and innovative music that could add a fresh touch to church and community expressions.

Since 2010, Chris has been Day Break Music Director at Community Reformed Church in Zeeland, Michigan where he and Nancy now live.

In 2013, while Chris was also serving as the conductor for St. Cecilia Music Center’s Grand Band, he won the ART Prize-Original Musical Composition for Concert Band Composed, with the entry, “The Grand Rapids Shuffle.”

Since his graduation from Greenville High School, Chris has blazed a simply awesome trail through his education, religion, worship, leadership, mentorship, service, and love for music. He has touched and influenced so many, young and old, and has enriched their lives. It is with great pleasure that we award the Outstanding Alumnus Award 2019 to Chris Hansen, Class of 1975.

Chris will be recognized with the award at this year’s Greenville Alumni Association Banquet on Saturday, June 1, 2019. See page 7 for more information and contacts about the banquet.

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**Previous Recipients**

1993 Stan Kemp Class of 1963
1994 Ray Tower Class of 1936
1995 Linda O’Connor Stafford Class of 1956
1996 Fred Meijer Class of 1937
1997 Susan Brace Lovell Class of 1956
1998 Jerry Blumberg Class of 1956
1999 John Stafford Class of 1956
2000 Richard Rasmussen Class of 1931
2001 Bob Hansen Class of 1951
2002 Larry Sweet Class of 1952
2003 Byron Cook Class of 1950
2004 William L. Johnson Class of 1961
2004 Dr. N. Peter Sorensen, Jr. Class of 1956
2005 Kathy Thomas Holt Class of 1962
2006 Stella Royce Class of 1944
2007 Einer Jorgensen Class of 1949
2007 Gerald Nelson Class of 1954
2008 Karen Carbonelli Class of 1958
2009 William Cook Class of 1953
2010 Walter B. Jaehnig Jr. Class of 1960
2011 Michael Stafford Class of 1983
2012 Tim O’Brien Class of 1981
2013 Bruce Towne Class of 1986
2014 Jeff Day Class of 1971
2015 Dr. Anthony Youn Class of 1990
2016 Patrick Cameron Class of 1986
2017 Robin Walters Class of 1973
2018 Blake Hollenbeck Class of 1986
OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Education Foundation of Greenville is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Established in 1993, the honor is awarded annually to candidates who meet the following criteria: The recipient MUST:

1. Be a graduate of Greenville Public Schools.
2. Have been out of high school for ten years.

CONSIDERATION will be given to a candidate's involvement in any or all of the following areas:
3. Has demonstrated a high level of achievement in his/her chosen profession or career.
4. Has modeled good citizenship by providing leadership, good character, volunteerism, and service to their community.
5. Has demonstrated a willingness to share of their talents, time, and resources to assist their community in the development of youth and others.

Using this form, you may nominate yourself or anyone else who meets these criteria. Please attach a narrative explaining why you believe this individual is deserving of being considered for the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Please make sure you include your contact information.

Note: Current EFG Trustees are not eligible for nomination.

The EFG selection committee will determine recipients based on the information provided. Please be as complete as possible. Those qualified nominees who are not selected this year will automatically be candidates for the following four years. Please complete this form using black ink or type and mail/email it to the EFG as follows by January 17, 2020:

EFG Outstanding Alumnus Award Committee
1414 Chase Road
Greenville, MI 48838
Or submit online to: www.efgmi.com
email: batyw@gpsmi.us
(616) 225-1000 ext. 8302

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

Outstanding Alumnus Nominee

Year graduated from GHS__________________
Home address_________________________________City_________State______Zip______
Phone: Home_________________________Email ______________________________

Nominator _________________________________________________________________
Home address_________________________________City_________State______Zip______
Phone: Home_________________________Work_____________Email ______________________________

Another person to contact for more information about nominee:
Name__________________________________________________________________________
Home Address___________________________________________________________________
Phone: Home_________________________Work_____________Email _____________________________

The Greenville Alumni Banquet will be Saturday evening, June 1, 2019, at the Winter Inn in Greenville, 4 - 7pm. For further details or to make reservations, contact Kemp Insurance (616) 754-4673.
Giving to the Foundation

EFG - 501(C)3, non-profit, charitable organization

Your gift to the foundation makes a difference. Every gift, large or small, helps Greenville Public Schools move toward reaching its mission of assuring all students the education necessary to participate as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world.

Important to know

Gifts to the OUR3 Campaign go directly to the endowment funds at the GACF, http://www.efgmi.com/efg/our3/.

Your choice, donate to the Academic Enhancement, Performing Arts, Athletic fund, EFG Bill Braman Scholarship Fund, or the new Byron & Delores Cook Endowment for Music.

Your gifts benefit the students of Greenville Public Schools directly.

Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

How to give directly to the EFG

Monetary gifts can be given by cash or check made out to the “Education Foundation of Greenville.” or directly to the iGive link: http://www.efgmi.com/efg/igive/.

The Foundation also accepts gifts of stock and mutual funds, or, you may give through a bequest from your will and estate plans.

Please contact the Foundation if you have questions about how you can participate in its mission.

For more information about the EFG, visit our website at: www.efgmi.com or Facebook. Contact our Executive Director, Wendy Baty, at batyw@gpmsi.us or (616) 225-1000 ext. 8302.