

# Sheboygan Public Education Foundation

## Annual Report 2012-2013

### Message from the President

The numbers are out, and once again the Sheboygan Area School District has grown! Our public school system is truly one of the best in Wisconsin, thus many people are choosing to enroll their children in our district. While budgetary constraints and state funding issues continue to remain a cause for concern, the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation is proud to offer substantial financial assistance during these trying times. Through the continuous and generous support of teachers, administrators, local businesses, community foundations, and individuals, the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation has been fortunate to be able to donate over \$710,000 since our inception 11 years ago. Whether the Foundation has funded iPads, iPods, SMART Boards, non-technology projects or books and supplies, all have a direct and positive impact on our children's education. As a community based volunteer board, we will continue to strive for excellence in our schools, as STRONG STUDENTS create a STRONG FUTURE for our community. Thank you Sheboygan for your ongoing and generous support!

Very sincerely yours,  
Brian J. Versey

*"Grants from the Foundation make things happen in our classrooms that the district otherwise could not afford. Gifts to the SPEF are investments in Sheboygan because they support the education of a growing number of children in our community."*

—David Gallianetti,  
President SASD Board of Education



## Giving With A Heart

### *Students Benefit From School Supply Program*

The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation is proud to support a wide variety of programs within the Sheboygan Area School District that focus on the whole student, inside and outside of the classroom. Several years ago, school staff voiced concern that low income students were not attending school because they could not afford bus transportation to and from school. The start of the SPEF Bus Token donation was started. Each year, the SPEF donates money to purchase bus tokens that are distributed to needy students to make sure they get to school. Another heart-warming program is the mid-year School Supply Give Away. Teachers and staff mentioned that the school supplies given away by local charities at the beginning of the school year would run out by the end of the first semester. The SPEF responded by purchasing school supplies which are requested by each school during the month of January. SPEF continues its commitment to provide ALL students within the SASD positive educational opportunities.

### Annual Fund Drives

► **Staff Solicitation** - The staff of the Sheboygan Area School District continues to be generous. Over \$14,000 was raised in 2012-2013 from generous staff donations, which in turn is given back to the schools in the form of non-technology and technology grants.

► **Every Dollar Count\$** - In its second year, parents and guardians were given the opportunity to financially donate to the SPEF during school registration. Lincoln-Erdman led all schools with \$743 in donations. Every Dollar Count\$. Thank You!

► **Annual Appeal** - Appealing to the entire Sheboygan Area School District community, the SPEF asks local business/community members to financially support our mission during this December fundraiser. We thank them for their continued support of public education in Sheboygan.

## ALL IN FOR EDUCATION

TEXAS HOLD'EM SHEBOYGAN STYLE

The 2013 "All In For Education" Texas Hold'em fundraiser was held on Friday, Oct. 11 at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms with Katie Pauls taking home the first place plaque. Our 10th annual event raised \$14,000 from our generous contributors. A new twist this year was the inclusion of schools within the SASD donating Silent Auction items and the adding of Black Jack games.

**Next year's date:** Oct. 24, 2014 at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms.

## 2013 Scholarships

By the Numbers

**\$1,300,000**

In Scholarship Funds Held by SPEF

**147**

Number of  
Students Awarded  
Scholarships by  
SPEF

**16**

Number of  
Scholarships  
Named In Memory  
of a Loved One

**18**

Different  
Scholarships  
Administered  
through SPEF

**240**

Pounds of  
Scholarships  
Applications  
Reviewed by SPEF

## Grants Awarded

2012-2013 school year

Reading is Contagious Scholastic Books  
Asian Cultural Diffusion Project  
Thumping Bass Project  
Walking Home Book Bags  
Opera for the Young  
Lakeshore Kiwanis Club Graduation Party  
Instrument Repair & Replacement  
Teaching STEM with Lego education  
iPads  
SMARTBoard Technology  
Document Cameras & Data Projectors  
Science Curriculum Materials  
Tier 2 & 3 Reading Interventions  
Orff Musical Instruments  
MacBooks Laptop Computers  
PBIS Support  
Project Lead The Way Science Technology  
iPod Listening Centers  
Sheboygan County Historical  
Education Grades 2-5

[2002 - 2013]

**\$710,000+**

Given back to the  
Sheboygan Area School District  
in grants over the past

**11 years**

# 11 Years of Making a Difference

The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation, Incorporated, will raise contributions to enhance our students' educational opportunities by supporting high quality facilities and programs.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDS

The overall financial status of the Sheboygan Public Education Foundations is growing thanks to a group of Board members and local investment professionals who have been excellent financial stewards of the funds donated over the past decade. Trying to continue the successes during the last ten years has been a challenge; yet, the SPEF has seen growth in its investments and overall portfolio due in general to generous contributions from community residents who recognize the importance of a strong public educational system. The next decade will be a period of time to continue our fundraising efforts to ensure future generations have the educational opportunities to succeed. Our financial supporters of the past, and of the future, want us to grow. We are constantly looking for new contributions from individuals and businesses within the Sheboygan community who recognize the work we do on behalf of the students and families within the Sheboygan Area School District.

## CELEBRATING EDUCATION TOGETHER

After years of discussing a possible "Family Friendly" fundraising event, the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation came up with its Diploma Dash held the Saturday before graduation in Sheboygan. The 3rd Annual Diploma Dash (10&5K run/walk and one mile grade school run/walk) set for Saturday, June 7 will continue to provide a "family friendly" fundraising event that celebrates the educational year of all of our students and staff while allowing them, their families, and community members to exercise and enjoy the lakefront at the same time. To see individual families and schools run with their "colored" shirts supporting each other is a sight to see. Through the generous support of local businesses and runners, SPEF raised \$8800 last year. Get a group together or run yourself and come join the celebration on Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Vollrath Bowl!

➤ Visit our website for upcoming events, programs, scholarships, and information.  
[www.the-e-foundation.org](http://www.the-e-foundation.org)

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