

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

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