

2013-14

Annual Report



Olathe Public Schools
Foundation
meeting the need

A Message from the President



Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for the tremendous support this community shows all of our children....sharing your time, talent and treasure so that our kids have the tools they need to be ready to learn, to be challenged to reach higher, and to love learning. Through the Olathe Public Schools Foundation, our community's desire to support our students and teachers is realized.

We've captured the highlights of the past year in this annual report. Take a few minutes to thumb thru and learn more about how Olathe teachers have taken an innovative idea, applied for a grant, and used the proceeds to prepare students for their future. We also provide college scholarships, recognize outstanding staffers and work to support Olathe's most vulnerable students.

Our work is not yet done. With each kindergarten class entering school larger than the last...our ever-expanding district continues to be challenged by the state funding formula, a growing level of poverty among our families, and a world that expects more from graduating seniors.

Please join me in supporting Olathe's students and teachers with your gift. Include the OPSF in your company's sponsorship budget for 2015. Consider a planned gift which will help students long after we are gone. Include OPSF in your family's annual giving plans. Find a way that works for you...so that together we can work for the future of our kids.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hamilton".

Brian Hamilton
OPSF Board of Directors
President, 2013-14



2013-14 Financial Statements

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
As of June 30, 2014

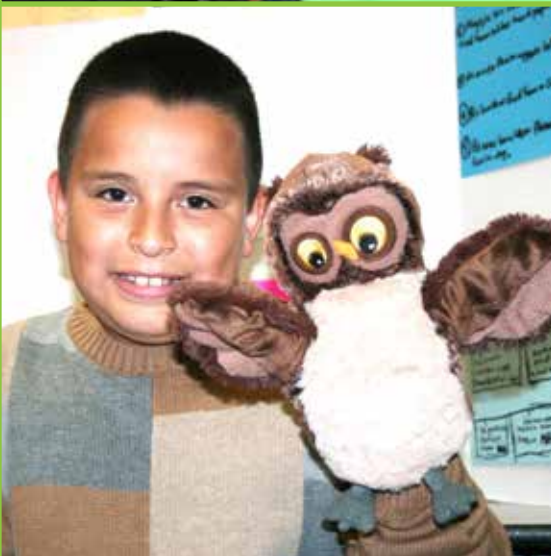
Assets	
Checking Account	\$43,373
CD	\$92,970
Money Market Account	\$89,087
Money Market Restricted Funds	\$186,340
Investments	\$2,876,817
Other Assets	\$12,110
Total Assets	\$3,300,696

Liabilities	
Funds held on behalf of others	\$21,800

Net Assets	
Unrestricted Endowment	\$1,187,575
Temporarily Restricted	\$1,990,931
Increase in Unrestricted Assets	\$109,390

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$3,300,696
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*unaudited



District-wide Innovation Grant

Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's Challenge

Focusing on the concept that each one of us can make a positive difference in the lives of those around us, Rachel's Challenge reaches Olathe students at all grade levels with a message of hope and compassion. The Olathe Public Schools Foundation remains committed to providing resources to help staff guide students thru making positive choices. The focus in the 2014-15 school year will be staff training and introducing Kindness and Compassion (KC) Clubs at the elementary level. A culture shift is occurring in our Olathe schools. The new norm is treating others with respect, with kindness, with compassion.

Dream big!

Choose positive influences!

Speak with kindness!

Start your own chain reaction!





Wimmer Student Care Fund

Student Care Fund It's hard to focus on science homework when you worry about how your mom is going to get to chemo treatments in a car that won't run. Trouble at home weighs heavy on some students and makes learning difficult. The Wimmer Student Care Fund helps meet the need when families of our most vulnerable students face financial hardships. Established as a tribute to former superintendent Dr. Ron Wimmer, the fund allows the current superintendent flexibility to direct these non-taxpayer funds to families within 24 hours.



Backpacks Farmers Insurance, Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, and Sunnyside Elementary Class of 2014: It's easy to assume that all students show up at school ready to learn. However, for a growing number of Olathe students and their families, back-to-school expenses are a real hardship. This year, OPSF volunteers stuffed **1,650** backpacks with school supplies donated by the community and purchased with grants from the above organizations.

Student Care Fund

c/o OPSF

315 N. Lindenwood

Olathe, KS 66062



AVID Lifetime Learners

The A.L.L. Fund

Students who start their college transcripts while still in high school are more likely to attend college upon graduation, be successful at college, and graduate from college. A college education can end the cycle of poverty for a hard-working, financially challenged student.

As part of Olathe's rigorous AVID curriculum, students are encouraged to take the ACT test and enroll in AP-level courses or College Now classes which allow them to earn college credit while still in high school. These options are fee-based and challenging for students who come from families that struggle

financially. Some AVID students find themselves taking the advanced level class, but not getting college credit because they can't afford the fees or tuition.

With your support, the ALL (AVID Lifetime Learners) Fund last year provided \$17,000 in scholarships and test fee stipends...to give these students a hand up towards a better future. **While \$17,000 is a great start, we were not able to provide support for all deserving candidates. To support the ALL Fund, visit our website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.**



Recognizing Excellence

Educator Excellence/CEERA Awards

Each year, outstanding Olathe district educators and support staffers are chosen to receive the Educator Excellence and Classified Employee Excellence Recognition Awards. These valuable team members are nominated by their colleagues, students, parents and community members for excellence in meeting the needs of students in the classroom and for their work supporting our outstanding education system.

Each month, the OPSF Prize Patrol surprises two educators and two support staffers by bringing together the school staff, students, family and community members who present the unsuspecting recipients with checks for \$500.



Classroom and Extended Learning Grants

Olathe students benefit when their teachers apply for OPSF grants. Their innovative ideas pave the way for learning excellence. Our donors fund classroom and building grants which support teachers and students in a wide range of learning opportunities such as active learning tools, equipment to measure cellular activity in organisms, Google Glass, new textiles for the art room, and funding for advanced equipment for photojournalism class.

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\$96,000 awarded in 2013-14



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Scholarships

With an endowment surpassing the \$2.9 million mark, the Olathe Public Schools Foundation provides oversight and management of 30 scholarship funds, disbursing \$92,750 in scholarships to 82 Olathe students this past year. Scholarships include debate and forensics, children of veterans, visual artists, and students going to school to become educators. For a list of our scholarship opportunities, check out the OPSF website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.



Women's Giving Circle

In April of 2014, the inaugural group of 45 women voted to fund a \$5,000 grant which encouraged female students in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math (S.T.E.M.) while attending a summer camp. "Powerful things happen when women gather," said OPSF board member Nancy Ingram. Each woman in attendance had donated \$100 for the opportunity to be a part of the

very first OPSF Women's Giving Circle. Future gatherings will be held twice a year. For funding and membership information, please contact the Foundation office at (913) 780-8222.



16th Annual Autumn Breakfast

Guests at the 16th Annual Autumn Breakfast helped raise more than \$100,000 which will directly benefit Olathe students and teachers. Empowered to make a difference by contributors, the Foundation provided more than \$610,308 last year to directly support Olathe students and staff.

The Foundation highlighted grant recipient teachers Libby Whittle and Kody Willnauer as students from Ravenwood and Regency Place elementary schools sang "Somewhere over the Rainbow" while playing ukuleles they received from a Foundation grant.

Breakfast guests granted more than \$5,000 in wishes submitted by Olathe teachers. The wishes, which were displayed on the breakfast tables, included welding boots for technical students, iPad applications for classroom learning, and CD players with headphones for reading exercises. It was announced during the breakfast that Commerce Bank would match the first \$5,000 in donations granting teacher wishes, extending the total of wishes granted to more than \$10,000.



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Save the Date!

June 11, 2015

19th Annual Golf Classic



18th Annual OPSF Golf Classic

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation's 18th Annual Golf Classic was a resounding success, driving in a record \$93,000 in support of Foundation programs. Initiatives such as Rachel's Challenge, the FRED (Families Read Every Day) Program, and grants for innovative classroom projects are just a few of the ways the Foundation supports Olathe students and teachers.

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Rain showers gave way to beautiful weather on June 12th for the 220 golfers at Prairie Highlands Golf Course in southwest Olathe. Nearly every golfer was rewarded for his or her day on the course as there were prizes for every hole and over 100 door prizes. In total, the Foundation gave away over \$10,000 in prizes donated by area businesses.

"The annual Olathe Public Schools Foundation golf outing is a first class event," said Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray. "It is a great way to spend a few hours enjoying exceptional hospitality and a great golf course while raising funds to allow the Foundation to provide opportunities and support for students and staff in Olathe."



Olathe Public Schools Foundation

Directed Gifts



Olathe Northwest High School – Tensile Compressor:

As part of Olathe school's 21st Century Program, Olathe Northwest's Aerospace and Engineering program preps students for this nation's most rigorous college engineering programs. With the addition of a \$34,000 tensile compressor, made possible with a grant from the Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust, students are done testing their structures with a rope and a bucket of sand. In-depth data analysis is now possible, allowing students to alter their designs and re-test for improved results.

Olathe Advanced Technical Center – Plasma Cutter: As architects were designing the welding workshop at the new Olathe Advanced Technical Center, welding instructor Gary Pommier asked them to leave a large open area with a computer drop and electrical access. He dreamed of finding resources to place a Plasma Cutter in that location, allowing his students to train on cutting edge, industry-standard equipment. First National Bank and the OPSF made his dream come true with their \$16,000 grant to purchase this area's first plasma cutter.

Ralph Dennis Legacy Fund: In the mid-1950s, a young basketball coach made a huge impression on his players. One of those players, Jim Kean, came back to Olathe this past year to honor Ralph Dennis and create a permanent legacy in his honor. Jim and his family made a \$150,000 gift, creating an endowment in support of the Olathe North men's and women's basketball programs.





The James H. Kean Family

Olathe
Foundation

Date February 24, 2014

Ralph Dennis Legacy Fund \$150,000.00

Pay to the order of
One-Hundred and Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars

Benefiting the Olathe North
Basketball Programs

James H. Kean
making the need

Honor Roll

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation would like to thank those who have so generously given to support our educators and our students. (Gifts from July 1, 2013)
Every effort has been made to make this report as accurate as possible. If you find an error or omission, please accept our apologies and notify the Olathe Public Schools Foundation at 913-780-8222. Thank you.

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