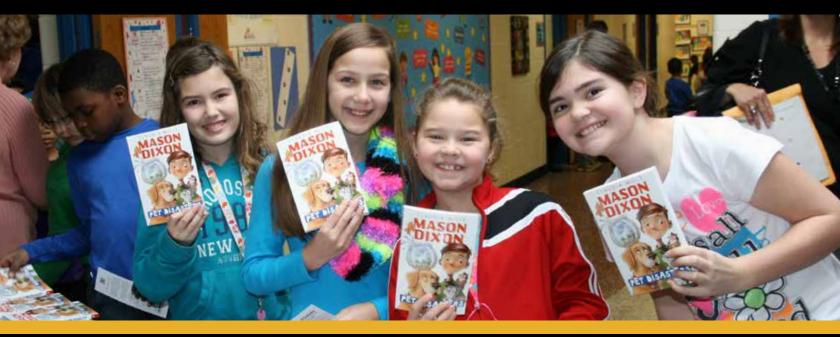
## **2012-13 Annual Report**





## A Message from the President



Dear Friends,



My wife and I grew up in Olathe and we chose to raise our two daughters here for a reason. Olathe schools are outstanding and the cost of living in Olathe is affordable. An excellent, not simply adequate education is what I want for my kids and yours, too.

The Olathe Public Schools Foundation partnered this past year with the district in fostering a generation of readers thru the F.R.E.D. (Families Read Every Day) program. We have also teamed up to shift the culture of our schools to one of kindness and compassion thru the Rachel's Challenge program.

We continue to recognize that it takes every staff member in the district to educate our kids, to be positive role models, to create a safe and nurturing environment. To that end, we continue to recognize outstanding educators and support staff each month with our Educator Excellence and C.E.E.R.A. (Classified Employee Excellence Recognition Awards).

Our work is not yet done. You, the Olathe community, are a huge part of what makes this place and this school district so very special to our family. With a growing level of poverty in our neighborhoods and a world that expects more from graduating seniors, we need the support of our engaged community now more than ever before.

Please join me in supporting Olathe's students and teachers with your gift. Include the OPSF in your company's sponsorship budget for 2014. 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,

Shannon Wickliffe OPSF Board of Directors President, 2012-13



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### 2012-13 Financial Statements

### The Olathe Public Schools Foundation Statement of Financial Position As of June 30, 2013

#### Assets

| Checking Account     | \$129,245   |
|----------------------|-------------|
| CD                   | \$92,583    |
| Money Market Account | \$173,516   |
| Investments          | \$2,439,218 |
| Other Assets         | \$19,000    |
| Total Assets         | \$2,853,562 |

#### Liabilities Funds held on behalf of others......\$30,545

| \$1,056,521 |
|-------------|
| \$1,634,953 |
| \$131,543   |
|             |

Total Liabilities and Net Assets ...... \$2,853,562



## District-wide Innovation Grant Rachel's Challenge

### **Rachel's Challenge**

Sparking a chain reaction of kindness and compassion in Olathe schools, the Foundation brought the Rachel's Challenge program to all 14,000 middle and high school students in September, 2012. Motivational assemblies, Friends of Rachel leadership clubs, and evening community events were presented to each middle and high school community.

Elementary students across the district recorded their acts of kindness in record numbers. In a follow-up activity to the Rachel's Challenge assemblies, K-5 students built their own chain reaction of kindness with each link in the paper chain representing a random act of kindness. Students displayed resulting chains at two high school football games in October, 2013.

Because a culture shift doesn't happen overnight, the OPSF is continuing to invest in Rachel's Challenge programming at the district's request. The district's 5th and 6th graders took part in special Rachel's Challenge activities in the fall, 2012.

## Dream big! Choose positive influences! Speak with kindness! Start your own chain reaction!



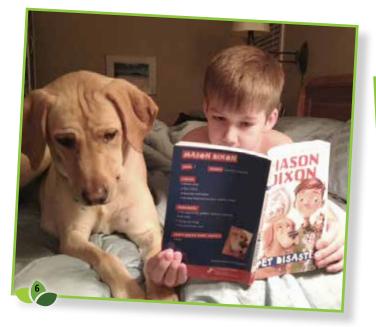


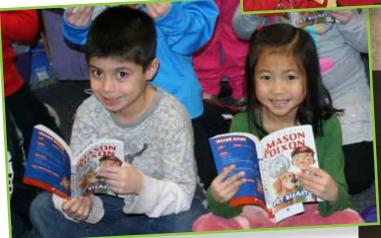


## District-wide Innovation Grant F.R.E.D. Families Read Every Day

With funding from the Foundation's district-wide innovation grant program, the district's media specialists launched F.R.E.D. at all 34 elementary schools in January, 2013. This literacy program is based on the national program "One District – One Book" and has been used successfully across the United States.

F.R.E.D. is designed to foster a love of reading, to allow adults to model positive reading behaviors, to help students read for comprehension and to connect the community to the schools.





"This was a great experience! My son really enjoyed helping dad, who is Georgian (Republic of Georgia, former Soviet Union), learn more English vocabulary words while we all read as a family. I really enjoyed the story too! What a great way to educate a community. It was even pretty cool to discuss the book with my son's friends at basketball practice from neighboring Olathe Schools, knowing many were reading the same thing we were."

– Melissa Eker, parent



## **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.











"Thank you to the Foundation for recognizing these amazing teachers who touch our children's lives every day!! Not a day goes by that I don't say a prayer of thanksgiving that Donna Chapman came into our lives. What a true blessing she has been to Chloe!!

- Carolyn Nelson Chaffin, parent

# 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.





"Our AVID students work so hard to make it to college. Donors to the A.L.L. Fund are really giving the gift of a brighter future to these AVID kids... because sometimes the only thing standing between some of our students and a better life is the cost of a college education."

- Tammie Milke, Olathe North counselor

## **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 Lego Mindstorm kits, leveled reading books, active learning tools, ukuleles and bells for music class, or funds to start a school garden to teach lessons on sustainability and nutrition. You will find a complete list by visiting our website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.









## Wimmer 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.

Last year, donors gave over \$12,000 to provide assistance with needs such as winter utility bills, emergency rent payments, before- and after-school care and transportation. In all cases, it helped ease the burden of the student, while district social workers explored community-based resources to support the family. To help, you can go online at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org to donate or mail a check to:

Student Care Fund c/o OPSF 315 N. Lindenwood Olathe, KS 66062







## Backpacks

Through generous donations from Farmers Insurance and supporters throughout the community, the Foundation provided **1,300 backpacks** filled with school supplies for Olathe's most vulnerable students.



# meeting the need

### **Scholarships**

With an endowment surpassing the \$2.5 million mark, the Olathe Public Schools Foundation provides oversight and management of 33 scholarship funds, disbursing \$105,000 in scholarships to 73 Olathe students this past year. New this year were scholarships for debate and forensics students, children of veterans, visual artists and students heading to Johnson County Community College. For a list of our scholarship opportunities, check out the OPSF website at www.olathepublicschoolsfoundation.org.





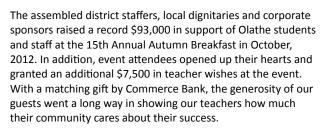


## 15th Annual Autumn Breakfast



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Dr. Marlin Berry, Olathe superintendent of schools delivered the State of the District address. He outlined several district programs that help students with transitions including the middle school WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program, the Link Crew, which welcomes freshmen to the high school experience, and Camp Kindergarten. He also emphasized the small-town community feel the district continues to exhibit with our large "family" of caring citizens.



#### **Presenting Sponsor Olathe Medical Center**

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Save the Date! June 12, 2014 18th Annual Golf Classic

## **17th Annual OPSF Golf Classic**

Add up a gorgeous June day, award-winning course, abundant hospitality and prizes donated by local vendors and 200 relaxed golfers and you end up with over \$75,000 raised to support Olathe teachers and students. This year's 2-flight tournament was a great success.

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When an individual has passed away, friends and relatives many honor that individual by making a memorial gift to the Olathe Public Schools Foundation.

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## **Ways YOU can contribute!**

#### Annual Fund Contributions

#### A gift to the OPSF Annual Fund Campaign supports the programs listed in this annual report. Gifts may be made throughout the school year, via check, credit card or pledge.

#### Bequests

An attorney can advise you on the many ways to leave a gift to the OPSF while saving estate taxes and/or providing for a survivor.

#### **Gifts in Memory**

Pay tribute to someone who valued the Olathe School District or whose life was changed for the better by a district employee. The Foundation will acknowledge your thoughtful gift with a letter to the honoree's family.

#### **Tribute Gifts**

Consider a gift to support the OPSF for a graduating senior, teacher or that special someone who has everything. Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be acknowledged by a gift letter to the honoree.

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### For more information contact Cynthia VonFeldt at 780-8249.



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