



CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS



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OUR MISSION

To support and enrich educational opportunities for students in partnership with the district and community.



AHEF helps each student connect with their interests and abilities so they do their best in school.

POWER OF COMMUNITY STRENGTH OF PEOPLE

Your AHEF Board of Directors

Members of the Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation (AHEF) are parents, community members and students who donate their time to support and enrich educational opportunities for Anoka-Hennepin students.

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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Your donor impact is greatest in three strategic areas:

ENRICHING EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

– so that our youngest learners get off to the best start possible.

With grants that provide updated curricula, books and toys, and opportunities for new parents and their little ones to go on field trips to learn how to leverage community resources.



ADVANCING TALENT AND OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT

– so every student has the chance to develop her or his talents, interests and abilities.

With grants that bring artists in residency to schools, provide enrichment experiences, afford participation in after school activities like sports, theater and robotics, and put innovative technologies in the hands of students.

EXPANDING CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS

– so that our students are prepared for the next chapter in their educational and life story.

With Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate testing grants for students who otherwise couldn't afford to take these college credit earning tests. Grants also fund college preparation opportunities and curricular materials to enhance student readiness.



PROGRAMS

Donor impact is realized through the work of district teachers and staff who receive grants that align with AHEF's mission and strategic priorities.

GRANTS ARE AWARDED ANNUALLY

GROWTH MINDSET GRANTS

Ensuring students K-12 learn that their brain is like a muscle, it needs to exercise and be challenged in order to grow.

Because of donors like you, more students like first-grader August will learn how their brain sparks and grows when they are challenged. They will also learn strategies to unlocking their own potential. Your donation makes opportunities like this possible for students. It's not that you can't do it, it's that you can't do it...Yet!



WI-FI HOT SPOT GRANTS

Providing internet access so students can continue to learn at home.

Alissa is a ninth grader whose family doesn't have internet access or a computer at home. Because Alissa couldn't work online at home, she quickly found herself falling behind in her classes. As a result, Alissa was frustrated and embarrassed. Fortunately, because of support from donors, Alissa was able to check out a Chromebook and Wi-Fi hotspot throughout the fall and caught up to her peers and improved her grades. Students like Alissa are extremely grateful for the access and continue to use the Wi-Fi hotspots funded by AHEF donors, to advance their learning outside of the classroom.



“ My parents have some medical bills they haven’t been able to pay off yet and there are more medical bills coming next month. I just want to say thank you so my parents don’t have to worry about this expense. ”

Tony, a junior who was able to take the AP History and French tests because of donors to AHEF.

AP AND IB TESTING GRANTS

Enabling high school students to earn college credits.

Every year high school students across the district successfully complete Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes which could earn them college credits if they also take the corresponding AP or IB test. Unfortunately, some students can’t afford the testing fees which range from \$35 to \$94 for subjects like Physics, Art, European History, and Calculus. AHEF donors removed these financial barriers by funding testing grants and fueling college dreams for 113 students this year.



THE DRUMMING GRANT

Creating opportunities to learn music and life skills through drumming.

Students and staff are very grateful for the donations that launched the drumming program at Eisenhower Elementary. Josh, a fourth grade student explained “drumming is teaching me to be a leader.” The music teacher reports that the students have been challenged to listen to each other, create and improvise their own rhythms, and perform as a team. They have learned foundational techniques and vocabulary and look forward to building on that knowledge next year.

AHEF is the only foundation addressing the needs of all students regardless of age, location and socioeconomic status.

ONGOING INITIATIVES

In addition to annual grants, donor funds support ongoing Initiatives that the district is otherwise unable to fund

THE CHANCE FUND

Giving all high school students a chance to swim, play and act.

Michael is sixteen and **thanks to donors like you** he is an accomplished three sport athlete in Cross Country, Nordic Skiing and Track. With four siblings, Michael's parents didn't have the means to pay for all of his activity fees. But, because of **generous support from donors like you**, Michael has been able to participate and excel in after school activities. Michael's mom even attributes his success in school to the sports teams he is involved in. **Thank you** for giving Michael and students like him a chance to play, swim and engage in after school activities.



THE DICTIONARY PROJECT

Providing all third graders their own dictionary.

Donors like you and partners like the area Rotary Clubs and Connexus Energy, make sure that every third grader (3,000 of them) in the district receives a free dictionary to keep as their own. The dictionaries also include encyclopedic information including the Constitution, information about the solar system and information about the 50 states.

AHEF levels the playing field by creating opportunities for those who otherwise might not have them.

DONOR IMPACT

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K-12 STEM FAIR GRANT

Supporting STEM education for all district students.

Every year more students participate in the district-wide, K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fair. This year, over 2,000 students presented their projects to volunteer judges. Hosting the state's largest STEM fair is possible in part because of generous support from donors like you.

DENNIS CARLSON SCHOLARSHIP

for Music and the Arts

The Dennis Carlson Scholarship for Music and the Arts was established to honor retired Anoka-Hennepin School District Superintendent, Mr. Dennis Carlson. This is a district-wide, endowed scholarship for students pursuing post-secondary education in music or the fine arts. The \$2,000 scholarship is made possible by donors to the Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation.

Photo on right: Denny Carlson and the 2016-2017 recipient, Mr. Nathaniel Birkner, graduate of Anoka High School attending the University of Minnesota - Duluth.



AHEF supports innovative ideas of teachers and staff.

ANOKA-HENNEPIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION VALUES



Compassion

We keep students at the core of all we do.



Equity

We benefit all students in our district.



Integrity

We are honest and forthcoming in every interaction and we do what's right.



Impactful

We make a difference in student success.



Collaboration

We realize that our best work involves others.



Social Responsibility

We believe that better students make better communities, and that better communities make a better world.



Resourcefulness

We are thrifty and responsible stewards of our resources and resources of our funders.



Situated in the Northwest corner of the Twin Cities, the Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation serves the more than 37,000 students (pre-K through Adult Basic Education) and 5,000 staff in the Anoka-Hennepin School District. AHEF serves students in Hennepin and Anoka counties and communities that are urban, suburban, exurban and rural including Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Fridley, Ham Lake, Nowthen, Oak Grove, and Ramsey. Our students are increasingly diverse, with 27.5 percent students of color and 35 percent qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch.

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ANOKA-HENNEPIN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Income

Certificate Sales	\$ 30,245
Fundraising	\$ 115,197
Grants	\$ 2,000
Donations	\$ 92,453
Administration fees	\$ 4,577
Interest	\$ 90
Unspent grant funds	\$ 31
Total Income	\$ 244,593
Cost of goods sold	\$ 29,374
Gross Profit	\$215,219

Expenses

Fundraising	\$ 38,965
Grants	\$ 95,952
General & Administrative	\$ 92,311
Depreciation	\$ 2,641
Total Expenses	\$ 229,869

Net Income **\$ - 14,724**

**2016-2017 Net Income was negative due to intentional board decisions to award additional grant funding from net assets.*

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash	\$ 365,904
Accounts Receivable	\$ 10,952
Inventory	\$ 3,241
Fixed Assets	\$ 2,631
Total Assets	\$382,728

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 65,508
Directed Accounts	\$ 124,896
Total, Liabilities	\$ 190,404

Equity

Opening balance equity	\$ - 20,356
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 48,725
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 178,605
Net Income	\$ - 14,651
Total Equity	\$ 192,324

Total Liabilities & Equity **\$382,728**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Northern Stars Celebration

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Gallagher Memorial 5k Fun Run & Walk for Literacy

Saturday, April 28, 2018

"Putt-ing" Kids First Best Ball Scramble Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 8, 2018



THANK YOU SPONSORS

Your charitable gifts directly address priority needs for Anoka-Hennepin students and staff



THE PRIVATE BANK



Navigating Your Financial Future

- Advanced Planning Technology
- AGL Consulting
- AKA Sport
- Allina Health
- Anoka Hennepin Education Minnesota
- Anoka Hennepin Credit Union
- Anoka Kiwanis
- Anoka Rotary
- Anoka/Champlin Super America
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- Anoka Technical College
- Barna Guzy & Steffen
- Blaine/Ham Lake Rotary
- Capital Street Financial Services
- Carlson Advisors
- Colvin & Co., LLP, Farmland Investment
- Concept Fire Protection LLC
- Connexus Energy
- Coon Rapids Rotary
- Drain King Incorporated
- Earthbend
- ECSI System Integrators
- Educators Financial Services
- Egan Automation
- Felhaber Larson
- Fifth Avenue Dental
- First Minnesota Bank
- First Student
- Hallberg Engineering Inc.
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- Hillyard Floor Care
- Horace Mann
- Hy-Vee
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- Jam Hops
- Lifetouch
- Main Motor Chevrolet
- Mary T. Inc.
- MAVO Systems
- Medica
- Metro North Chamber of Commerce
- Metro Sales
- Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors
- MidwestOne Bank
- Mike Kraft Architects
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- Northern Roofing
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- Pro-Tec Design
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- Ramsey Rotary
- RBC Wealth Management
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- Springsted
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- Twin Cities Orthopedics, P.A.
- United Educators Credit Union
- Velocity Sports Performance
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
- Wells Fargo Private Bank

THANK YOU DONORS

AHEF donors fill the gap between where public funds end and student and classroom needs continue.

AHEF INSPIRES



25 PERCENT OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS ARE STUDENTS

56 COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE PARTNERS

2,028 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED IN 2016-17

8,432 GALLAGHER MEMORIAL 5K FUN RUN AND WALK FOR LITERACY RUNNERS AND WALKERS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE 5K IN 2003



50 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES **91** MIDDLE SCHOOL

803 DISTRICT TEACHERS AND STAFF DONATE TO AHEF



58 "PUTTING" KIDS FIRST GOLF TOURNAMENT 58 CONSECUTIVE YEARS (PREVIOUSLY CALLED THE "BOOKMEN'S CLUB TOURNAMENT")

3,000 DICTIONARIES GIVEN TO STUDENTS ANNUALLY



2,000



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE DISTRICT-WIDE K-12 STEM FAIR



DISTRICT STAFF HONORED

14 ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD RECIPIENTS THIS YEAR

333 HONORED OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS (ABOVE AND BEYOND AND TOPS AWARDS)