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# A note from our Board Chair and Executive Director

It is with gratitude in our hearts that we share the difference YOU make. This truly is a time like no other. Thanks to you, NEF is able to meet the unique needs of this unique time while remaining true to its mission of funding innovative and creative programs for students.

As you read this report, we know you'll feel proud of all that your generosity has made possible, especially providing support to students and families at a time when it really counts. Thank you for caring so much about the students of Naperville 203.

# Removing Barriers to Learning

The **Kid Booster Crisis Fund** is an emergency fund created to provide immediate access to financial assistance for students and families impacted by COVID-19. You asked for a way to help Naperville 203 students and their families. NEF heard you and together we found a way.

Created in March 2020, the crisis fund directly helps our most at-risk students, including the 15% of Naperville 203's 16,500 students who qualify for free and reduced lunch, and the nearly 1% of students who are homeless. These are the families in our community who are most vulnerable to the overall impact of this virus.





"The best in humanity is truly shining during this uncertain moment in time and my heart is so full!"

Kid Booster CrisisFund Recipient

The crisis fund is a part of the **Kid Booster Anonymous Fund**, est. in 1996 to help at-risk Naperville 203 students. The fund supports students' specific and unique educational, physical or social emotional needs as identified by Naperville 203 social workers and staff. In 2019-20, \$27,281 allowed students to attend counseling or participate in school activities. The fund provides a timely response and the "missing link" under circumstances where there is no known family, district, or community system or structure to address the need.

"I am at a loss for words to describe my gratitude and appreciation for all you've done to help not just me, but my girls as well."

Kid Booster CrisisFund Recipient

## Bringing Great Ideas to Life



Naperville staff and students have great ideas for creative and innovative projects that stimulate student engagement and learning experiences. Your contributions turn these projects into reality.

## 2019-20 Annual Grants Winners

These projects will be implemented in the 2020-21 school year.

## **Diversity & Inclusion**

## **Ann Reid READS**

Ann Reid Early Childhood Center, Jean Abbott

## The Boldest and Bravest Voices: Books to Inspire Young Readers

Jefferson Jr. High School, Mandy Bert, Amanda Kahl, Liza Palubicki, Misael Vargas, Christine Warriner

## **Special Education and Diversity**

Madison Jr. High School, Tracey Cowart

## **Using Citizen Social Science to Develop New Literacies**

Naperville Central High School, Seth Brady and Michael Wilson

## **Restorative Circles on Race and Diversity**

Naperville Central High School, Vincent Adamo and Seth Brady

## It's Not About the Robot

Naperville North High School, Mark Rowzee

## **Fine Arts & Physical Education**

## Innovate and Create: Building with Xyloba Musical Marble Runs

Scott Elementary, Susan Tarson and Scott Larson

### **Put Your Heart Into It**

Madison Jr. High School, Adam Schmitt

### **Lancers, Getting DrumFit & Fabulous**

Lincoln Jr. High School, Nadine Stanley

## **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)**

## **Steeple Run Calming Corners**

Steeple Run Elementary, Nicole Donahue and Katie Dugger

## **The Amazing Outdoors**

Steeple Run Elementary, Maura Anderson and Josh Louis

### **Wildcat Mindful Moment Room**

Washington Jr. High School, Lori Kimberley

## **Healthy Relationships for Students** with Disabilities

Naperville North High School, Alicia Ash and John Schwartz

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

**Lego Spike Prime** – Donald G. Schroeter Prize Winner Lincoln Jr. High School, Josh Stumpenhorst

## **NCHS Bass in the Class Program**

Naperville Central High School, Sean Rauen

## **Exploring Chemical, Biological, and Physical Light Phenomenon using Go Direct SpectroVis Plus**

Naperville North High School, Jeromy Bentley

## **Sisyphus Kinetic Art Sculpture Table**

Naperville North High School, Mark Skarr



"This is FANTASTIC news. Thank you very much. I just shared the news with my 7th grade teammates and will send an announcement to the students who helped me write the grant. They will be SO excited!"

- 2020 Grant Recipient

### Literacy

Grants are provided through the Jeanine Nicarico Memorial Literacy Fund, under the auspices of the Naperville Education Foundation. More info found at www.nicaricoliteracyfund.org/grants/



NEW in 2019, Express Grants provided a monthly opportunity for up to \$1,000 in funding for ideas implemented in the current school year. When those great ideas appear, your contributions make them possible.

## **2019-20 Express Grants Winners**

### **Reid All About It!**

Ann Reid Early Childhood Center, Jean Abbott

### **Hip Hip Hurrah!**

Beebe Elementary School, Marisella Weir, Theresa Berdiel, and Gwen Chisausky

### **Purposeful Puppet Play**

Madison Jr. High School, Tracey Cowart

## The Sunrise Spanish Project

Beebe Elementary, Marisela Weir and Veronica Borjas

## Implementing a Multi-Sensory Approach to Teaching Reading

Ellsworth Elementary School, Jennifer Hodonicky

## **Artsonia Upload Stations**

Elmwood Elementary School, Emily Fiedler

## A Pod of Podcasts: Creating Podcats with The Highlands Whales!

Highlands Elementary School, Anthony Kresl and Kyle Wood

## Adaptive Recess Equipment for Structured Peer Interaction

Maplebrook Elementary, Hannah Wood

## **Genius Hours Implementation**

Mill Street Elementary, Kristine Campbell and Julie Comer

## Promoting and Celebrating Multicultural Awareness

Mill Street Elementary, Yvette Almaraz

### **Mind Full of Mindfulness**

Naper Elementary School, Debbie Morris

### **Phonemic Awareness**

Prairie Elementary School, Karen Stokes

## **Building a Ukelele Community**

River Woods Elementary, Cheri Paladino

# Why is Different Awesome?: A Creative and Innovative Approach to Closing The Achievement Gap

Scott Elementary School, Hugh Boger

## A World of (Culturally Responsive) Instruments

Scott Elementary School, Susan Tarson

## **Personal Care Grant**

Lincoln Jr. High School, Lauren Ewanic and Josh Stumpenhorst

### **World Languages Club**

Jefferson Jr. High School, Ana Gonzalez-Pino

### **National Spelling Bee**

Kennedy Jr. High School, Matthew Sniadecki

### **Flight Service Club**

Madison Jr. High School, Matthew Gerwig

### **SUCCESS Program**

Madison Jr. High School, Andrea Szczepanski

## A Performance History of Blues Music in America

Naperville Central High School, Marybeth Reilly



"This is so exciting. Thank you so much. This is wonderful for our program and the students—
I am overjoyed! I can't wait to continue working or this and to see it come to fruition."

- 2020 Grant Recipient

# Supporting Each School's Unique Community

# \$87,000 Funded



## **Before & After School Programs**

Before and After School Program funding extends learning beyond the school bell while giving each school the flexibility to tailor a program to their community's specific needs. Homework or math clubs, supervised study time, or FIRST LEGO League team experiences are just a few examples of programs that you made possible.

In partnership with Naperville 203, you supported the Inaugural FIRST LEGO League District Competition Three hundred elementary students came together to show off all they learned about coding and, more importantly, teamwork.





# \$23,000 Awarded



## **School Appreciation Grants**

All 22 schools and the Connections transition program receive an annual \$1,000 School Appreciation Grant. Your contributions provide these discretionary funds to support each school community's unique needs.

# Bringing Our Community Together

**TEAM NEF 2019** is a group of parents, teachers, staff, community members, businesses, alumni and students who participated as charity heroes in the Healthy Driven Naperville Half Marathon or 5K on Oct 20, 2019, raising funds and awareness for NEF and the schools of Naperville 203. Each TEAM NEF 2019 member committed to raise at least \$203. Members chose to have half of the funds raised designated to a Naperville 203 school of their choice or 100% of the funds to NEF.

# It's about more than running or walking ... it's about community!





"The funds that my choir teacher raises help me and the musical program at my school, Naperville Central."

Corey Pevitz, TEAM NEF
 Volunteer and NCHS Student



"This is my second year running for TEAM NEF. As a pediatrician in Naperville, so many of my patients along with my own 3 children benefit greatly from the extra programs and services that NEF provides for our students."

 Brooke Scherer TEAM NEF Runner and Parent



"I think it's really important to not only be a teacher here but also be a community member and give back. It's not just you that is out there on the course, it's a sea of blue that's out there supporting Naperville 203."

 Anna Kraftson, TEAM NEF Runner and NNHS Teacher

# Our Sponsors

## **Presenting Sponsor**







## **Nancy and Bill Mitchell**























Even businesses went the distance for Naperville 203 students with a bit of friendly competition! Edgewood Clinical Services, 360 Fit, and OrangeTheory Naperville formed business teams to see who could raise the most funds for NEF. Collectively the teams raised \$15,247.96 with OrangeTheory coming out on top!







# Investing in Our Students' Future







Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$7,500 are awarded each year to graduating seniors from Naperville Central High School and Naperville North High School. Individual and organization contributions and established endowment funds make students' dreams of furthering their education possible.

# **2020** Scholarships and Recipients

## **James T. Albrecht III Memorial Scholarship** Joshua Tennyson — NNHS

## **Arrichiello-Imburgia Scholarship**Alexia Ruiz and Ryan Thiele — NNHS

## **Theresa Funke Memorial Scholarship** Indya Smith-Johnson — NCHS

# **David Carleton Hagen Endowment Scholarship**Nicholas Black, Anna Galo, and Spencer Roehll — NCHS

# Judith Griffiths Mattison Memorial Endowment Scholarship Sarah Rose Wittwer — NNHS

## Matt McCallum Memorial Endowment Scholarship Keyin Chan John Delriccio Brennan Forbes

Kevin Chan, John Delriccio, Brennan Forbes, Joe (Bernard) Morgano, John Regan, and Kyle Wodziak — NCHS

## **Hannah Paulsen Photography Legacy Scholarship** Victoria Ventsam and Rebecca Zhang — NCHS

## **John Pearce Performing Arts Scholarship** Samantha Mitchell — NCHS

# Alexandra Grace Piepho Memorial Endowment Scholarship Indya Smith-Johnson — NCHS

## Nancy Bilardello-May 5-Star Scholarship Haley Cush — NNHS

## Naperville Women's Club

Keanu Martinez – NNHS

## Jane Latshaw Scherer Education Endowment Scholarship

Rachel Schlesinger – NCHS

## William H. Scherer Athlete of the Year Endowment Scholarship

Cameron Dougherty – NCHS

## Dan Shanower Memorial Endowment Scholarship

Corey Pevitz — NCHS

## Matt Skowronski Skronkstrong Memorial Scholarship

Liam Hurley – NCHS

## **Donald Smith Scholarship**

Jake Egler – NCHS

## **Team Stuckey Future Educator Scholarship**

Caroline Findling — NNHS and Amanda Laurinec — NCHS

### **Sue Thomas Memorial Endowment Scholarship**

Liberty Spreitzer — NNHS

## Tom Ulbrich "Welcome Home" Scholarship

Hannah Klose – NCHS

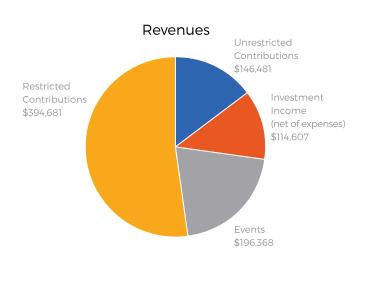
## **Gregory Vasich Memorial Endowment Scholarship**

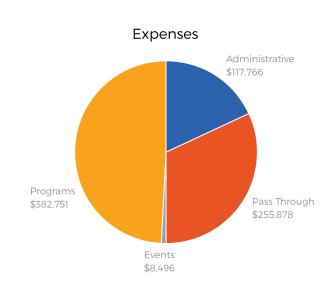
Andrew Merck – NCHS

## **Matthew Richard Voss Memorial Scholarship**

Emily Lin - NCHS

# Financials





**Pass Through Expenses:** As the philanthropic arm of Naperville 203, NEF acts as a fiscal agent for student clubs, departments, scholarships, and the Jeanine Nicarico Memorial Literacy Fund.

## **Statement of Financial Position**

\*June 30, 2020 (with comparative totals for 2019)

Assets	2020	2019
Cash Investments Contributions Receivable Prepaid Expenses Total Assets	\$ 424,644 2,198,177 — 1,000 \$ 2,623,821	\$ 373,767 2,099,065 3,950 — \$ 2,478,782
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 701	\$ -
Accrued Expenses	64,462	42,000
Deferred Revenue	22,291	10,465
Total Current Liabilities	87,454	52,465
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		
General Operating	164,254	76,441
Board Designated Endowment Fund	765,615	747,440
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	929,869	823,881
With Donor Restrictions Total Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,606,498 2,536,367 \$ 2,623,821	1,602,436 2,426,317 \$ 2,478,782

\*Per audited statements

## Donor Honor Roll

From a student's donation of a handful of coins to a foundation's 5-figure donation, we are grateful for each and every generous donor who made the kind choice to support the students of Naperville 203.

The list below includes the individuals and organizations who contributed \$100 or more between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. We are equally grateful for the additional 2,061 individuals and organizations who donated from \$1 to \$99 and the more than 200 volunteers who donated their valuable time and talent in support of our students.

We have made every effort to list each name correctly and we apologize for any errors or omissions.

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"The strong collaboration of NEF and District 203 provides for identifying the programming and assistance needed to best support District 203 students. We have watched this effective relationship grow over the past few years and are happy to contribute to this meaningful work."

- Steve and Jackie Romberg

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