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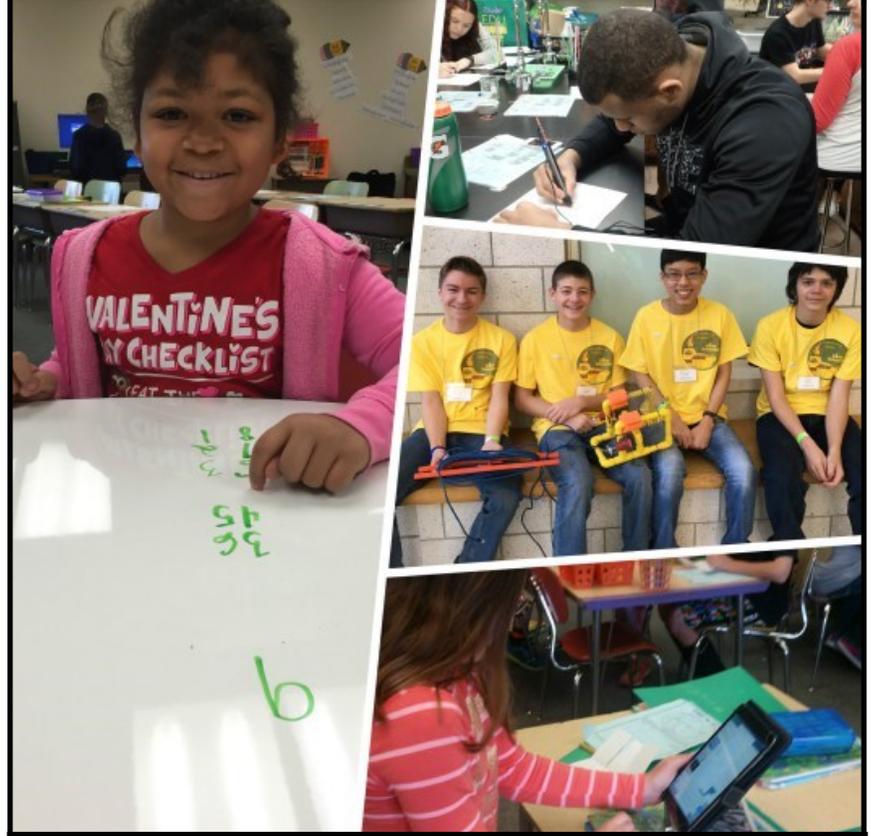
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2015-2016 Annual Report

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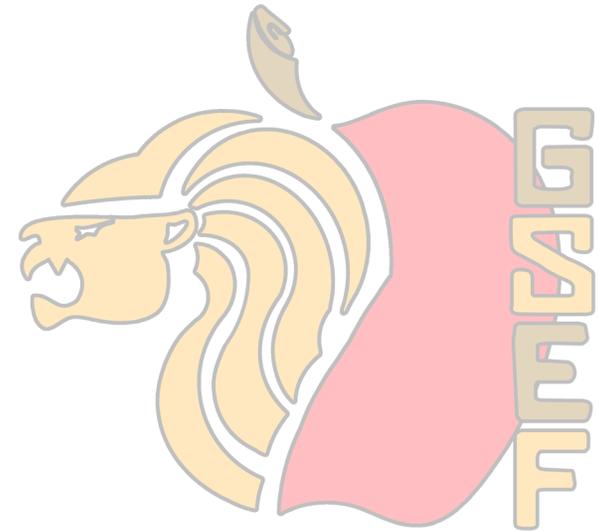


Greensburg Salem Education Foundation Mission

The Greensburg Salem Education Foundation's goal is to encourage community-wide participation and philanthropy to enhance learning and promote success for Greensburg Salem School District students.

Focus Areas

- To create initiatives which support imagination and creative opportunities for excellence and innovation.
- To collaborate with educational, cultural, public, and private entities to enhance and enrich the educational experiences of students.
- To develop supportive relationships between the District, community, and alumni in order to raise funds for the purposes stated above.



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2015-2016 Financial Report

Year Ending 6/30/2016

Beginning Balance as of 7/01/2015 \$ 30,652.76

SOURCES

Commemorative Brick Sales	\$ 816.42
Designer Handbag Bash	8,883.13
Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner	4,979.95
Donations	3,366.39
Jeans Days Contributions	3,665.00
Membership	6,146.65
Nava Scholarship Fund	<u>2,425.00</u>
Total Source of Funds	\$29,282.54

USES

AP & Golden Apple Student Awards	\$ 1,158.75
General Operating Expenses	1,601.58
Golden Apple Grants	14,414.87
Nava Scholarship (2015 Awards)	2,250.00
<i>Supporting the Arts Ads @ GSMS & GSHS</i>	<u>880.00</u>
Total Use of Funds	\$20,305.20

Ending Balance as of 6/30/2016 \$39,630.10

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Golden Achievement Designated Funds	\$ 2,000.00
Golden Apple Grants	25,000.00
Joseph Nava Scholarship Fund**	7,095.00

NET AVAILABLE FUNDS **\$5,535.10**

** 2016 Scholarships distributed after end of fiscal year.

Dear Friend of
Greensburg Salem,

I am delighted to report that within just a few short years, GSEF has awarded approximately \$36,000 in grants that benefit the students of the Greensburg Salem School District. The Foundation's board of directors is greatly thankful for donations from members, alumni, and others who want to help GS kids thrive.

My love of Greensburg Salem is lifelong – daughter of a graduate, alumna myself, parent of graduates, city-of-Greensburg resident, and GS teacher – and it makes me tremendously happy to see the GSEF grants being utilized and enriching the lives of our young community members.

We have done much in our few years of existence, and the journey has been exciting and busy. Our successes can be credited to our donors and supporters and the team of community members who work together to positively impact the children of Greensburg Salem. We are proud to have hosted our third annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet and our second annual Designer Handbag Bash this past spring. The public is recognizing the lasting beauty of our commemorative bricks, GSHS alumni are taking notice of the opportunities they have to inspire current students, and more teachers are applying for exciting grants.

As we move forward with enduring enthusiasm, our board of directors will continue to work hard to promote our Foundation, which we believe will ultimately enhance the education of the students of Greensburg Salem. I am extremely proud to be part of the GSEF team, and I recommend that you visit our website to see some of the wonderful opportunities provided our students as a result of the generosity of others.

Barb Garofola
GSEF Chairperson



GSEF Chairperson, Barb Garofola ('85) with GSHS Principal David Zilli ('82) and Dr. Jack Smith ('63) at the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet.

The Distinguished Alumni Award

Our signature event each spring is the Distinguished Alumni Award Banquet where GSEF honors Greensburg Salem graduates who are dedicated to public service and the community. Most importantly, the honored alumni are role models for youth.

The 2016 Distinguished Alumni are Howard “Huddie” Kaufman ('46), Paul S. Murphy ('64) and Jack Smith, MD ('65). All three honorees were involved in the Greensburg Salem Athletic Program in different capacities during the same time period — Huddie as a sports writer, Paul as a coach, and Dr. Smith as the team doctor.



Pictured (left to right) are Paul Murphy, Huddie Kaufman, and Dr. Jack Smith..

Their love of the game, the players, and each other was apparent at the banquet in the stories told that emphasized comradery and shared history. Each of these GS graduates was, and is, a role model to the youth of the community with many former students and athletes attending the event and sharing stories of admiration and affection.

These distinguished alumni are active in the community serving on various boards and, still true to the “brown & gold,” can frequently be seen at Greensburg Salem events.

Thank you to event coordinators and GSEF board members Tom Abraham, Todd Turin, and David Zilli and their committees.

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Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner Donors

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Gifts to General Fund

Class of 1966
 Class of 1985 Reunion
 Class of 1985 T-Shirt Sales
 GSHS National Honor Society
 Memorial Gift(s) for Carol Thomas
 Memorial Gift(s) for Daniel Zilli
 New York Life (Matching Funds — Frank & Eileen Amato)
 New York Life — “Your Cause” Matches on Behalf of Eileen Amato



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Membership by Levels

LION (\$25—49.99)

Zana Aebi
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Lindsay Scarpo
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Jaime Derbish
Maxine Forbes
Charlotte Kemerer
Joe Maluchnik
Todd McMillen
James Meyer
Al Novak
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Vicki Sheffler
Chris Suppo
Suzanne Wright

GOLDEN MANE (\$500 +)

Eileen & Frank Amato
Kelly Gustafson
Georgia & Jack Smith
Lisa & Chris Thomas

Designer Handbag Bash

Spring is also when a young girl's fancy turns to purses, purses, and more purses at the second annual Designer Handbag Bash.



Vicki Manley proudly shows the Coach bag that she won at the Purse Bash.

A fund-raising collaboration with Greensburg Hose Co. 8, the fun-filled day featured purse raffles, baskets, and great food for the 500 plus individuals in attendance while raising \$9,033 for each of the organizations.

The members of the Gbg Fire Co #8 and the GSEF have been dedicated to working for the past two years to raise funds for each organization to benefit the kids of Greensburg Salem and to purchase equipment for fire department needs. The purse bash has been such a success for each organization that we hope to continue the working relationship for years ahead.

— Mahlon Manley

Thank you to Hose Company 8 and GSEF board member Barbara Vernail and volunteer Angela DeMarino Tooch and their committees for another outstanding job.

GSEF was involved in several other activities during the course of the year including:

- Fiscal management of the Joseph Nava Scholarship which awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Nicholas Slider and a \$500 scholarship to Deanna Holby to help with their college expenses.
- Distribution of incentives to Advanced Placement students who complete their AP class, take the optional exam, and score high enough to get part or all of their testing fee refunded.
- Recognition of five graduating seniors for their scholarship, leadership, service, and character with a gift card to Barnes & Noble.
- Support for the spring musicals at GSMS and GSHS by sponsoring an evening's performance of *The Lion King, Jr.*, and *Fiddler on the Roof*.

GSEF Commemorative Bricks

Why buy them?

If you stroll past the marquee in front of the Greensburg Salem High School and read the bricks that



have already been installed, you would find there is no single answer to that question.

The existing bricks honor graduating classes, Golden Lion families, individual graduates, and GS employees – past and present. Family and friends have used the bricks to remember a loved one who is no longer with us, and they have been used to share words of encouragement or favorite quotes.



"What a wonderful tribute to our beautiful friend, Bettina Kirkland. She fought a long battle, but sadly, an organ donor was not meant to be. She would have been honored to know she was remembered at her alma mater where she proudly served as President for the Class of 1983 and was a gifted athlete. She will be forever missed, but forever remembered by this commemorative display."

— Teresa Testa Zamagias

If you are interested in showing your Golden Lion pride this way, you can still purchase bricks.

Order forms are available at the GSHS office, by calling 724-832-2907, or by visiting our website –

www.GSEdFound.org.

2014-2015 Golden Apple Grant Awards

Cindy Mondy – \$666

STEAM Activities for Kindergarten extends the learning of our students through STEAM activities that support the Kindergarten Literacy Common Core State Standards, while integrating the Common Core Writing Standards. The lessons would have a close tie to the current Kindergarten curriculum. Students will learn “how to think, not what to think” through a variety of hands-on interdisciplinary activities.

Jessica Pritts/Jenna Galloway – \$511

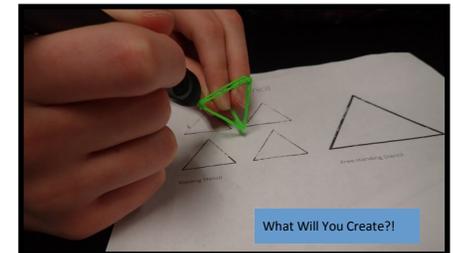
Sensory Integration to Increase on Task Behavior Sensory processing is the ability of the brain to properly integrate and adapt to the onslaught of information coming in through the senses. This funding purchased appropriate sensory equipment to assist in on-task academic, social, and emotional behavior for students in regular and special education classrooms at Nicely Elementary.

Jessica Pritts – \$517

Behavior Booth: Schoolwide Positive Behavior Reward Program supports the Behavior Booth school store, at Nicely and Metzgar Elementaries, where students are able to use “behavior bucks” to purchase merchandise, school spirit wear, and other incentive items. Behavior bucks are earned by students displaying appropriate behavior that directly corresponds with the school-specific Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support Program.

Andrea Redinger – \$1,062

In **What Will You Create?!** students use 3Doodles in various classes, cross-curricular, as a tool to bridge the gaps between content areas. This tool allows students to use their creativity to bring their designs to life – from heart valve prototypes to sculptures to fusion models to circuit diagrams to congruent triangles, etc. Students will be exploring course content while using the engineering design process.



Michelle Sparrow – \$806

Think, Make, Share at Hutchinson! is a new initiative that enables students to experience elements of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) within their school day. All of the students within the school would have the opportunity to create new and innovative ideas with various types of materials and technology.

Liz Zeglin – \$617

21st Century Learning supports seventh grade Language Arts students by providing an iPad 2 to help them learn how to use modern technology and become digital learners. The iPad will help struggling readers listen to the book while enabling other students make iMovies and use Apple apps to enrich their understanding of the novels they read.

2014-2015 Golden Apple Grant Awards

Amy Harvey – \$958

Sensory Solutions for Continued Success incorporates sensory modulations treatment into the Emotional Support classroom setting using technology. By using iPads and several sensory-based apps, students will be able to identify when they are having difficulty and use the sensory-related items to help calm and regulate their systems. The technology will also be used to help students academically.

Mary Jo Holtzer – \$540

Building Independence enables students to use the Boardmaker software which generates basic picture symbols paired with words. It is designed to help students with varying levels of abilities interact and be able to understand and express basic wants and needs. It will benefit the Nicely Life Skills classroom by helping students with speech and language impairments.

Lynn Jobe – \$2,500

Fitness Center Refurbishing Project was initiated to provide students the opportunity to enhance wellness levels and encourage positive lifestyle behaviors by giving them access to up-to-date, functional fitness equipment. Located at GSHS, the Fitness Center is an integral part of the school's Physical Education curriculum and training center for the athletic program.

Pamela Leonard – \$539

Bricks, Mortar, and Multi-Media provides technology to the classroom because all students need to have equal access to technology to support their learning. The two iPads purchased will not only support English, Language Arts and the writing standards but multi-media will be used in all content areas and will be utilized by the Metzgar Math Club.



Holly Miller – \$344

Whiteboard Writing Works! enhances the instruction of students in the Intermediate Learning Support Classroom by utilizing a whiteboard table. Students are actively engaged in learning and are able to receive immediate teacher feedback. It will increase attention-to-task, promote multi-modal learning, and foster student interest and enthusiasm for learning.

Cindy Mondri – \$522

Listening Centers for Kindergarten are effective because children come to kindergarten with a variety of cognitive abilities, developmental skill stages, and social/emotional levels, and their needs must be met at their level. Listening centers in each classroom will keep children actively engaged and exposed to stories and vocabulary above their independent reading level during their Listen to Reading time.

Greensburg Salem Grad Gives Back Through GSEF

Mark L. Stewart, GSHS class of 1985, attended his 30-year reunion and learned about the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation during a tour of the high school. During the reunion itself, the class of 85 donated money to GSEF, and Mark became inspired. After returning to his home in Florida, Mark spearheaded a T-shirt campaign that offered both a retro '85 and a GS Lion design in 12 different shirt styles. Alumni across the country pitched in and raised over \$1,000 for GSEF through the sale.



Mark and his son Ashton model two of the designs from his very successful T-shirt fundraising campaign.

I was inspired in the beginning when I heard what dire straits our school district was in for funding. Then I was inspired to do more when I saw what we could do with a little crazy notion between friends all on Facebook with the first Booster campaign and ultimately inspired to tears by the generosity, compassion and love for the GS community.

The funds raised were a blessing but there isn't enough money on earth that can buy all the amazing kindness, hugs, kisses, smiles, laughs, funny foibles (too many to list) that I will keep with me. That is how I feel about the whole thing. I am luckiest guy on earth to have the best friends on earth.

— Mark Stewart

Mark – a veteran U.S. Army Airborne medic and nurse and currently a hospice nurse and father of two – wasn't done with his philanthropy. In his vision to continue to give back to the children of Greensburg Salem, Mark decided to coordinate (from Tampa!) and host the "First Annual Bowling Bonanza Extravaganza" on October 1, 2016, at Hillview Lanes in Greensburg. The objectives for the event were to be family-friendly, to raise additional funding for GSEF and to bring alumni and community members together for a fun and worthwhile cause. GSEF honors Mark Stewart for his love of helping others and giving back to the community that provided him with a great education and childhood.

GSEF Webpage Updated!

Please visit our new and improved website at www.GSEdFound.org.

It now features an easier to use navigation format, Golden Apple Grant history, Annual Reports, event information, photos, and more.

Our Mission in Action

GSEF was created to enhance the educational experience of Greensburg Salem students. This is largely accomplished through the teacher-initiated Golden Apple Grants process. The Foundation's relationship with teachers is definitely a two-way street; it is not just about us funding their innovative ideas but also about them supporting us.

Our startup funds came exclusively from Teacher Jeans Days, in which, for a small fee benefiting GSEF, teachers are allowed to wear jeans to work one day a month. This popular event continues to be one of our top sources of income. But teachers support us in a number of other ways, too. They back the Foundation financially through their memberships, donations, and attendance at our special events. They share their stories of the difference that GSEF funding has made in their classrooms and for their students.

Perhaps Middle School lifescills teacher Jessica Haerr said it best —

“As a teacher, I want to give my students every opportunity to experience the world around them. At times, there are obstacles beyond the students' or my control. Physical, medical, and sensory barriers inhibit my students' ability to take part in these experiences. It is heartbreaking when a student wants to participate to the fullest but obstacles are in the road. Part of my job is to help find a different route. The Go Pro purchased through a Golden Apple Grant has given my students an alternate route to witness field trips, assemblies, and adventures. The Go Pro has not only influenced those viewing the footage but also those capturing the images.



Modeling the Go Pro Unit

It was fascinating watching students ask for the Go Pro because they wanted to help create an experience for their friends who couldn't attend various events. It was even more exciting seeing how each student used the Go Pro to capture a moment in time for his/her peer to view back at school. The Go Pro has been to classrooms, assemblies, Camp Soles, and Washington D.C., and every time that camera was recording, know that the footage has changed the way a child views the world around him/her.

When the road is bumpy every day for a student, finding an alternate route to an educational experience is the least we can do, and the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation is helping us navigate that road.”

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2014-2015 Golden Apple Grant Awards

Zana Aebi – \$965

Improving On-Task Behavior provides students who suffer from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) with a tool to keep their bodies actively engaged while seated. Using the adapted seating promotes better balance, improves posture, and strengthens core muscles over time as well as provides stimulation to the senses needed to distract students from their fidgets and help them to focus on instruction.

Teresa Barkley – \$606

Wetlands: The Incredible Journey is a water cycle educational experience, directly related to the sixth grade science curriculum during the outdoor adventure at Camp Soles. Through the Wetlands unit, students will experience visual, hands-on learning while gaining a greater understanding of the importance of preserving clean water – a main source of life.



Wetlands: The Incredible Journey

Cheryl Carnicelli – \$682

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Cheryl Harper – \$676

Sea Perch Innovative Underwater Robotics Program, sponsored by the U.S. Navy, is a nationwide competition where students work in teams to create underwater robots using engineering technology, physics concepts, and programming skills. Using funds from this grant to purchase four Sea Perch kits enabled the Navy to provide an additional four kits as a match.

Jessica Haerr – \$325

Go Pro to GO! is designed to afford event opportunities to students with special needs. Students may not be able to attend field trips based on medical, physical, or sensory needs. With a Go Pro camera, the students will be able to virtually tour the event site through the eyes of one of their peers while hearing the comments and conversations that take place.



Think, Make, Share @ Hutchinson

Amy Harvey – \$910

Sensory Solutions for Success is designed to establish an area within the classroom for students to go to calm down and receive the sensory input needed to help them remain in control. Many emotional support students do not know how to calm down. This is especially true for children who display chronic agitation and/or defiance.