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HEF GRANTS—BENEFITING OUR CHILDREN

The Hopkins Education Foundation strives to enrich educational experiences within the Hopkins School District. Support for the Foundation comes entirely through contributions from a variety of sources – individuals, corporate contributions and matching funds, events, and projects. HEF awards grants for innovative projects initiated by staff, parents, or students. These are projects not normally funded in the school district's budget.

Through the generous support of our donors, the following grants totaling over \$280,000 were made by the Hopkins Education Foundation in the 2003-2004 school year.

GRANTS AWARDED

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Awarded funds for a health and nutrition program designed to educate students about the positive benefits of appropriate food choices and a physically active lifestyle in order to address the growing problem of obesity.

Provided funding for Men's and Women's Book RAP groups, designed to encourage literacy and create a social setting outside of school to promote reading for enjoyment.

Provided funding for programs to complement the Peer Insights class in the FACs department. Outside activities supported by this grant will help build bridges between students with and without disabilities, allowing both groups to learn from each other.

Provided support for a program designed to promote academic success beyond high school for students of color by encouraging educational advocacy by and for the students and their parents.

GRANTS CONTINUED

WEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Granted funds to continue a book club designed to encourage a love of literature among all students.

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Awarded funding for the development of Learning Centers at all elementary schools in the district. This sizeable grant of \$45,000 will fund specialized instruction for students requiring basic skills instruction. The Learning Centers will provide direct instruction in reading, writing and/or math. Improving the skills of targeted students outside of regular school hours will help all students by providing the classroom teachers with more time and greater opportunity for differentiated instruction for all learners.

ALICE SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Supported a grant to address reading fluency among 5th and 6th grade students with small-group, concentrated reading study and continued intervention in order to develop fluent, independent readers.

EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Funded an enrichment activity for the Compass Program, supporting an over-night experience at Camp Courage for a group of students with special needs.

Awarded a grant to fund the installation of amplification systems in third grade classrooms to enhance students' listening and learning behaviors by minimizing background noise.

GATEWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Provided funds for Project Peace, designed to foster peaceful attitudes for the students. The project includes the rebuilding and rededication of the Peace Garden and anti-bullying book discussion groups for students, staff and parents.

KATHERINE CURREN

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Awarded a grant to fund the installation of amplification systems in third grade classrooms to enhance students' listening and learning behaviors by minimizing background noise.

TANGLLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Awarded a grant to support Project Empowerment, consisting of artistic walls at the building's entrance including a variety of student designed and created art. The project is rich in symbolism and reflective of the diversity of people who enter.

STAR FUND GRANTS

The STAR fund was successful in raising over \$200,000. The Hopkins Education Foundation will use this money to Secure Teachers and Resources for a brighter future by funding these three STAR grants:



Hopkins High School

Awarded \$30,000 to restore sections of a writing class, preventing the number of students in those classes from rising to 28 from the current 16-20 students. This allows teachers to give individual, immediate feedback leading to improved writing skills.

North and West Junior High

Awarded \$48,000 for the schools to restore five sections in core classes like English, Math, Science and Social Studies. This helps to decrease class size allowing instructors to sustain a higher level of teacher to student/family contact and services.

Elementary Schools

Awarded \$115,000 buying back over 4,900 hours of LRT (Learning Resource Teacher) support. This is equivalent to restoring one hour per day to a grade level across all elementary schools.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2004

Changes in unrestricted net assets:

Support and revenue:

Special event:

Revenue \$ 212,807

Cost of special event (60,701)

Total unrestricted revenue 152,106

Public support 39,472

STAR Fund campaign 202,075

Interest income 1,361

Total unrestricted support and revenue 395,014

Functional expenses:

Program services 286,465

Management and general 7,518

Fundraising 49,877

Total functional expenses 343,860

Changes in unrestricted net assets 51,154

Changes in permanently restricted net assets:

Contributions 25,000

Change in net assets 76,154

Net assets, beginning of year 146,958

Net assets, end of year \$ 223,112

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