



HOW TO DONATE TO THE FOUNDATION

GENERAL ENDOWED GIFTS

Make your check out to KCF/PEF General Endowment Fund.

NON-ENDOWED GIFTS

Make your check out to KCF/PEF Non-Endowed Fund and note in the memo section how you would like your gift to be used or if it is an unrestricted donation. Non-Endowed gifts do not qualify for the Michigan Tax Credit.

Note: Donations are made out to the KCF/PEF since the Portage Education Foundation is a component fund of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Mail your donations to the PEF at P.O. Box 2043, Portage, MI 49081



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The PEF, led by a volunteer community board, is a 501(c)3 non-profit and is a component fund of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Donors who contribute to any of the PEF endowments may qualify for the Michigan Tax Credit, in addition to the federal tax deduction for gifts to qualifying non-profit organizations.

The Board of Education established the Foundation in 1990 in accordance with the Board's 1989-1990 goals, inspired by a generous gift by L. Donald Pipe, MD, who wanted the District to have a middle school computer lab. School foundations were a relatively new concept in K-12 public education at that time.

The Foundation has made a total of 204 grants totaling more than \$354,000.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- President Holly Schuck
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- Secretary Julie Clancy
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PAST PRESIDENTS

- Joshua Weiner: 1990-1995
- L. Donald Pipe, MD: 1996
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- Patricia Dolan: 2000-2003
- Fi Spalvieri: 2004-2007

District Liaisons

- Executive Secretary Tom Vance
- Corresponding Secretary Jerri Reynolds

For More Information

- Contact Tom Vance at 323-5167 or tvance@portageps.org
- See the Foundation link at www.portageps.org
- PEF, P.O. Box 2043, Portage, MI 49081



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Foundation Honors Retiring Trustees



Eric Lum (middle left) and James Ridders retired from the Foundation board at the end of the year. Fi Spalvieri (left), who served as president since 2004, and Superintendent Marsha Wells honored the two trustees for their years of service.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your Education Foundation enjoyed another successful and productive year. During 2007 (we follow the calendar year, not the school year) we continued our endowment campaign and have now raised almost 1/3 of our goal of \$1 million. We will continue working to achieve this goal. Raising funds for endowments is challenging, but critical to the future of the Foundation and the impact it can have on students in our district.

In December we honored two retiring trustees: Eric Lum and Jim Ridders. Eric, Vice President, Tax, at Stryker Corporation, served as treasurer throughout his tenure. Jim was superintendent when the Foundation was created in 1990 and served as its Ad Hoc Advisor until his retirement in 2002, when he actually joined the board as a trustee. They both provided invaluable leadership in helping to move the Foundation to a higher level of service to the stakeholders of Portage Schools.

Meanwhile, we welcomed the addition of Linda Lueth, a finance professional who is a retired trustee of the Board of Education where she served as board treasurer.

Assisting me for 2008 on the executive committee are Dorilee Schieble as vice president, Jon Werme as treasurer, and Julie Clancy as secretary.

I hope you find this report useful, and I urge you to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you as we all work together to provide the best education possible for the students of Portage Schools.

Holly Schuck



2007 IN REVIEW

15 GRANTS AWARDED: \$31,454

- \$9,400: Technology Pilot Classroom.
- \$6,385: Angling Road sign in memory of former Angling Road principal Len Holmes.
- \$5,138: Northern Debate and Forensics programs.
- \$2,300: Seed money for a library at Community High School
- \$2,124: STAR Mentoring at North Middle School
- \$1,600: Central High School Performing Arts grants
- \$:1,077: Beam Family Elementary Reading Endowment grants
- \$1,110: Northern High School DECA Program
- \$1,000: Middle School tutoring
- \$1,000: Southwest Michigan Science Educators Symposium for PPS faculty registration.
- \$320: Seed money to help establish the Michigan International Baccalaureate Association

6 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: \$3,500

- \$1,000 for two Dwight Hodgkin Memorial Scholarships at Central High School
- \$1,000 for two Ken Draayer Memorial Scholarships at Northern and Central for auto-tech
- \$1,000 for one Sue Nelmes Scholarship for a female senior pursuing the study of history
- \$500 for one Education for Employment Endowed Scholarship awarded through the EFE Program by Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency
- Board of Education Endowed Scholarship not awarded

272 DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$91,863

- \$79,771: General Endowment Campaign
- \$5,710: Restricted Endowments
- \$6,382: Non-Endowed

OPERATING EXPENSES: \$3,603

FUNDS AT YEAR-END

- General Endowment: \$217,249
- Beam Family Elementary Reading Endowment: \$26,543
- Non-Endowed Funds: \$15,051
- Northern Communications Endowment: \$14,312
- George L. Conti Endowment for Vocal Music: \$13,253
- Board of Education Endowed Scholarship: \$10,150
- Glen Leadley DECA Endowment: \$9,874
- Dwight Hodgkin Memorial Scholarship: \$8,379
- Education for Employment: \$6,925



FOUNDATION PROVIDES FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOM PILOT

The Foundation provided a \$9,000 grant to Portage Schools to fund a technology-enhanced classroom as a pilot, allowing a variety of K-12 classes to “test drive” new technologies to help the District evaluate instructional technology tools.



COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY ESTABLISHED WITH PEF FUNDING

The District's Community High School, located in the Community Education Center on West Milham, began organizing its first-ever library thanks to \$2,300 in seed money from the Foundation. Art students at Community High volunteered to paint the room being converted into the library.