

2015 Annual Report

The 12th annual Cumberland Educational Foundation “Light of Legacy” banquet was held on April 11, 2015, at the Das Lach Haus. Our entertainment once again was dueling pianos, who thoroughly entertained our guests. 250 guests attended this year and thanks to your overwhelming support the foundation raised \$31,379.

A big thank you to Mark Fuller who was our emcee and Bob and Darlene Paffel who handled the auctioneering for the evening.

This is the 10th year of awarding a grant. We decided to split the grant this year between three applicants. Two of the grants went to supporting or expanding previous recipients to continue their programs:

“A Day in the Life” was last year’s grant, submitted by Ann Kysely. This was a very successful program in which students got a chance to learn about homelessness in an urban setting, importance of affordable housing, and to develop a stronger sense of responsibility for the community in which they live.

“Middle School Foundation Camp”, submitted by Eric Becker is an expansion of the already successful Foundation Camp. A week long resident camp was done for grades 5-8. This was a traditional summer camp setting to foster growth in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and math using the STEM curriculum with activities in a camp setting.

The 3rd grant was given to “Maker Space”, submitted by Jennifer Snowbank is an area created to use the tools and technology, such as a sound booth and green screen for creating video productions, to support current curriculum requirements in various classes. Students will be able to use the Maker Space environment supplied with new tools and technology to explore interests and career paths.

In May we held our annual meeting to elect new officers and trustees for the 2015-2016 year. Congratulations to Chad Olson who will be the next Foundation President. Vice President is Casey Rohl, Secretary, Jeanette Olsen, and Treasurer Adam Skinner. Please welcome new board members Jordan Erickson and Erica Miller!

I would like to give a big thank you to Carla Daubenspeck for her six years of service to the Foundation. Carla has been instrumental in working on the banquet and our website! Thanks again Carla for your dedication!

I would also like to thank all the board members for their awesome work and the many community members who gave countless hours making the Educational Foundation a big success! We continue to hear wonderful stories of the great experiences kids have received through the opportunities created by the Foundation. This could only be made

possible by your generous support, and what a great opportunity for the youth of our community!

To date, alumni and friends have given close to a half a million dollars with close to \$200,000 awarded in grants!

I would like to close by saying that I am very grateful to have been able to spend six years on the foundation board, very honored to have served as this past years' President. I truly believe we have given our children outstanding educational opportunities and hopefully inspired them to become outstanding people!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Hendricks
Past President