



# Cumberland Educational Foundation

Inspiring excellence, one grant at a time



## 2017 Annual Report

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Cumberland Educational Foundation "Light a Legacy" banquet was held on April 22, 2017, at the Das Lach Haus. The Light a Legacy Committee offered a night of live and silent auction fun followed up with entertainment by comedian and juggler Sean Emery. As always, Carl Bents and his staff served a great meal to our 241 guests that were in attendance. We had overwhelming support to the foundation, which we are truly grateful!

A big thank you to Ron and Graham Ruppel who emceed our event and Lee and Amy Thomas who handled the auctioneering for the evening.

It was another exciting year for me as president of the Cumberland Educational Foundation. In June, we held our annual meeting and elected trustees and officers for 2017-2018. We welcome back Vice President, Casey Morrison; Secretary, Jeanette Olsen; and trustees Erica Donatelle; Jordan Erickson; Jon Hile, Ashley Knutson and Barry Rose. The newest member to our Board is Shay Horton, elected as Treasurer. Please join me in thanking Brenda Kupferschmidt for her dedicated service to the Foundation. One of the many reasons for the success of the Cumberland Educational Foundation is the spirit of service exemplified by the leadership of the Board of Directors. We have a dedicated group of volunteers - from our trustees to those who work on the Light a Legacy banquet - who continue to give their time and talents to the Foundation. We have wonderful teachers, who continue to propose interesting ideas for enriching the education of Cumberland's students.

The Board of Trustees is excited to announce the 2018 grant recipient. Reach New Heights, a proposal submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Mr. Tom Warnberg has been granted \$12,000 to establish a low ropes course at the District's School Forest. Multiple team building challenge activities will be situated in this outdoor environment. The course is intended for instructional use with students of all ages. In addition, the equipment will be available for use by community businesses and organizations. The Reach New Heights objectives include enhanced communication, teamwork, collaboration, and problem solving skills among students, with over \$31,000 raised this year from alumni and friends of Cumberland Schools. To date, alumni and friends have raised over \$500,000 for

the Foundation with \$212,000 being awarded in grants. This could only be made possible by your generous support, and what a great opportunity for the youth of our community. You all play a vital role in the success of the Cumberland School District. In closing, I am very grateful and I truly believe we have given our children outstanding educational opportunities and hopefully inspired them to become outstanding people!

Respectfully submitted,  
Chad Olson, President



The 2017-2018 Board of Directors for the Cumberland Educational Foundation. Pictured left to right: Barry Rose; Vice President, Casey Morrison; Treasurer, Shay Horton; Ashley Knutson; Secretary, Jeanette Olsen; Jon Hile and President, Chad Olson. Not Pictured: Jordan Erickson and Erica Donatelle

**Please mark your calendar for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Light a Legacy Dinner!**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018  
at the Das Lach Haus**

**Featuring:**



**Please contact Melissa Weaver at  
715-822-5124 for reservations.**