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2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Suzanne Askelsen

Great accomplishments begin with a strong vision and commitment to make it happen. Thanks, in large part, to the vision and commitment of Ballard alumni, friends, parents, current and former staff, and businesses, the Ballard Education Foundation was established in February 2015.

The Foundation is all about our community coming together to make a difference in the lives of our children. We are deeply proud of all the accomplishments that the community has helped us achieve so far with a total of over \$118,000 raised in monetary and in-kind donations the past fiscal year.

On October 12, 2015, the Ballard community gathered for the Foundation’s kick-off breakfast to hear about the Foundation’s vision and goals to support the success of Ballard students and teachers. The first Annual Gala was held on April 16, 2016, in Ankeny, and nearly 300 guests helped raise significant funds which directly benefits Ballard students and teachers through teacher innovation grants and school programs.

As a Ballard Community and because of YOU, each of our schools were touched by Foundation donations this year. Together, we made a great impact on our students! To each supporter, the board extends our deepest thanks. It has been an honor to serve as the Foundation’s President this past year and to be a part of this incredible organization and community. Thank you to our Foundation Board and to our volunteers for their dedication to enhance the education of our students, for their hard work and countless hours in planning events, and for their generosity towards helping Ballard schools. We look forward to continuing our work together throughout 2016 and beyond!

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: Oattie Maxey



As we usher in the second year of the Ballard Education Foundation, it is a great opportunity to express gratitude for the efforts of the Board and many volunteers for their time and energy, the generosity of hundreds of donors from near and far, and the Ballard community for embracing this new organization to join our school’s greater mission of supporting students in a well-rounded educational experience.

When I arrived at Ballard over four years ago, I was told repeatedly this was a community that supported schools. I saw evidence of this at events with people of all generations in attendance, area businesses lining up to support programs, and parents volunteering in every way, shape and form.

Not long after I arrived, I believed that an education foundation would be a great fit at Ballard. All it took was a conversation with a couple of the right people, and they were off and running! That conversation led these two individuals to invite some others to the discussion. The discussion turned into a committee, the committee evolved into a Board of Directors, and one year ago a foundation was born. Eighteen months of earnest planning resulted in an inaugural year that surpassed even the loftiest goals of the Foundation Board!

The Foundation’s success in touching the lives of Ballard students is a tribute to our community. It is evidence beyond any doubt that at Ballard, students are the number one priority! Let me offer enthusiastic congratulations and a heartfelt thank-you to all those who have made this past year a success. Best wishes for an even better second year, and on behalf of all the Ballard students and staff, thanks for all you do!

2015-16 FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

Monetary donations and investment income received*	\$103,014.36
In-kind donations	\$15,145.00
Total gifts received	\$118,159.36

*\$20,611.13 of the Foundation's assets are in a permanent endowment resulting in \$82,403.23 available for immediate monetary use.

EXPENSES

Operating/start-up expenses	\$13,723.71
Grants paid**	\$33,979.30
Total functional expenses	\$47,703.01

Curriculum enhancement	\$25,271.29
Teacher grants funded in FY16**	\$3,435.21
Ag start-up	\$4,272.80
Infrastructure enhancements***	\$1,000.00
Total projects funded	\$33,979.30

**An additional \$18,047.95 has been granted to teachers and will be paid after June 30, 2016.

*** Concrete donated by Mannatt's for the middle school sidewalk and parking lot.

2015-16 GRANT RECIPIENTS

(Note: All of the projects have been granted and money allocated; however, some purchases had not been made or shared with the Foundation prior to June 30, 2016. Those projects will be funded in our next fiscal year.)

BALLARD SCHOOLS:

- Sponsorship for teacher retirement open house (\$150)

WEST ELEMENTARY:

- Literacy resources (\$12,500)
- Indoor recess educational games (\$51.04)
- School to home books - Linda McCormick & Kelli Payne (\$1,000)
- ELP resources/books - Stephanie Zielke (\$503.03)
- Wooden library shelves - Cindy Upah & Kayle Wierson (\$998)
- Art drying rack - Tina Hanson (\$1,000)

EAST ELEMENTARY:

- Literacy resources (\$12,500)
- Indoor recess educational games (\$46.04)
- Voice amplifier - Mindy DeVries (\$368)
- Science Center field trip - 3rd grade teachers (\$1,035)
- Leveled Reader books - 4th grade teachers (\$2,000)
- Time for Kids magazine subscription - 5th grade teachers (\$425.10)

DONOR SUMMARY

Total donations	364
Total "unique" donors	245
Founding members	70



MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Classroom library boost/refresh (\$2,500)
- Literacy resources - 6th grade teachers (\$300)

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Career Day keynote speaker, Scott Siepker (\$1,000)
- School supplies (\$400)
- Start up funds for the new Agricultural Ed Program - Jenny Lichty (\$5,000)
- Acrylic frames for artwork - Amy Endres (\$952.20)
- Garden shed, tiller - Jeriann McLaughlin (\$3,586.30)
- Refrigerator for Backpack Program - Jeriann McLaughlin (\$413.70)
- 3D scanner, 3D printer, industrial training software - Nick Steenhagen (\$4,250)
- Model UN Conference fees - Whitney Hulse (\$80)

DONORS

Tax-deductible donations received 7/1/15-6/30/16

PRINCIPAL: \$ 5,000-9,999

Kreg Tool
South Story Bank

VALEDICTORIAN: \$ 2,500-4,999

Kathie Sommerfeld

SALUTATORIAN: \$ 1,000-2,499

2 Anonymous
Suzanne and Chad Askelsen
Ballard Class of 1959
Chicken Shed
CIT Charters
(Kim and John Grzywacz)
Lisa and Steven Domino
Dream Home Inspection
(Lacey and Corey Loewe)
Amy and Rob Drew
Heidi and Dan Engstler
Fareway
Fidelity Bank
Kris and Brian Foddrill
Kris and Chris Gardner
Beth and Stephen Gaul
General Insurance
Carol and Charlie Gilbert
Howard Hammond
Hedrick Construction
Sara and Jeremy Hillebrand
Janet and John Hilleman
Sherry and Travis Hosteng
Huxley Communications
Huxley Family Physicians
Hy-Vee Ankeny/Huxley Pharmacy
Insulation Contractor Services
Kurrent Electric
Tracy Kangas and Christian Ledet
Jessica and Mike Leeds
Manatt's
Pat and Lyle Martin
Loren Nelson
Kristyn and Jamie Nobiling
Joyce and Jerold Peterson
Peterson Family
(Kirk, Liz, Lindy and Riley)
Precision Underground
Anne and Steve Quick
Quick's Hardware and Rental
Lisa and John Ronca
Shirley Rosenfeld
Marita and Gene Rouse
Jody and Justin Sample
Valerie and Troy Shoen

Susan (Weeks) and David Skei
Sara and James Sparks
Spectrum Advantage
Jennifer and Kevin Thompson
Brandie and Jeremiah Ubben
Kim and Jeff Van Pelt
VisionBank
Weeks Construction
(Angie and Sam Weeks)
Weeks Farm (Julie and Craig Weeks)
Sara and Travis Wilson
Peggy Wilson and Family
Deanna and Darin Wohlgenuth
Shayla and Jonathan Zeigler

HONOR ROLL: \$ 500-999

Ballard Dental
Bella Homes
Karen and Brad Brunia
Bud's Auto
Carrel Family Chiropractic
Melissa and Scott Cogdill
Jen and Kent Doolittle
Shannon and Gabe Greco
HERO
Chris Hoskins
Hutson Thompson Plumbing
LilyPad Learning Center
Sara and Tim Locker
Tammy and Dave Maire
Mallon Excavating
Melissa and Ottie Maxey
Dave Mikkelsen
Stacey and Dan Noe
Amanda and Greg Ploeger
Principal Financial Group
Lori and Doug Schonhorst
Swanson Dental
Audra and Mark Watson
Mandy and Russ Zimmerman

MENTOR: \$ 250-499

Anonymous
Adams & Soderstrum Funeral Homes
Ballard Class of 1965
Ballard Class of 1978
Chris and Kevin Brooks
Captured By Heidi Photography
Angela and Bryon Carson
Casey's
Central Financial Group
D.R.A Properties
DeAnn Thompson, Edward Jones
Kate and Mark Ehresman
Extreme Concrete
Family Chiropractic & Wellness
Hunziker and Associates
Huxley Vision Clinic
Interstate Battery

Keystone Storage
Kinzler Construction
Derek Miller
Robin and Jason Pesci
Pioneer Seeds
Kim and Jon Remsburg
Salon 101
Sandy's Grill
Megan and Josh Stagg
Erin and Seth Tjaden
Town and Country Market
Toy Box Storage
Angie and Sam Weeks

PARTNER: \$ 100-249

Kathryn and Chris Albrecht
Maggie and Chad Anthony
Julie and Ed Astarita
Ballard Community Schools
Kara and Matt Baltes
Barb and Mark Baumgardner
Merea and Rick Bentrott
Beta Sigma Phi
Tammi and Chad Borsheim
Kristina and Phil Brekke
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Sonny and Adam Jablonski
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Laurie and Tom Moore
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Nite Hawk Bar & Grill
Merle Olberding
Tiffany and Chad Ott
Jaclyn Pieper
Karla Przybyszewski
Charlie Purcell
Crystal Reinertson
Wendy Ringgenberg
Krystal Ruby
Jean and David Saveraid
Kameron Shugar
Jill and Nick Smith
Nancy Stensland Cross
Jennifer and Brian Thomas
Darcy and Frederick Van Bergen
Janell and Eric Van Gorp
Melynda and Brian Van Zee
Samantha and Lucas Wheeler
Chad Winterboer
Kendra and Todd Wuestenberg

FRIEND: UP TO \$ 99

Kelvin Adams
Stacey Agena
Andrew Allen
Emily and Ben Berka
Black Rooster Glass
Karen Blum
Michele and Jon Borg
Kathleen and Michael Claeys
Kathy Cook
Kelly and Tyler Domino
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Jennifer Dovre
Amanda Eller
Kari Ellis
Sharyn and Mark Erickson
Matt Fjelland
Matt Fletcher
Foundation Group
Beverly Grabau
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Sharon Hernandez
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Kristina and Phil Brekke
Gina and Brandon Brown
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Sheri and Jeff Gatchel
Patty Grove
Darren Herrold
Ashley and Ethan Hokel
Erika and Patrick Inglett
Jennifer and Jeff Johnson
Amanda and Elliott Josephson
Lynae and Josh Kruse
Andrea and Tom Maher
Modern Woodmen
Megan and Rob Mudd
Rowena and Nels Nord
Suzanne Owens and Ian Lawler
Caryn and John Paulin
Holly and Matt Petersen
Emily and Randy Robinson
Ashley and John Rohden
Kayla and Eric Scherder
Michelle and Matthew Siepker
Jane and Tony Solon
The Cartridge Connection
Erin and Mark Thompson
Shanna and Weston Wunder

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- I (We) wish to make a tax deductible contribution: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____
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- My (our) donation should be applied to: Foundation Fund Foundation Endowment
- I'd like to volunteer my time and/or talents. (Check to Ballard Education Foundation) (Check to Story County Community Foundation, memo: "Ballard Ed Foundation Endowment")
 Please contact me.

The Ballard Education Foundation is an independent non-profit organization 501 (c)(3) that enhances and enriches educational experiences so that our students excel at Ballard and beyond. Thank you for your support!