



EAST GRAND FORKS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

News regarding community members, alumni, & local businesses
whose mission is to support the students of ISD #595

JANUARY 2024

President's Note

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Dear members, alumni, and friends,

2023 was another wonderful year for the East Grand Forks Education Foundation. Together with you, we continue to accomplish so much for the students of District #595. Let's take a moment to reflect and to celebrate what we have been able to accomplish to support our District and to take the time to honor what you, our members, alumni, and friends contribute to make this all possible through your generosity. In 2023, we awarded over \$25,000 in educational grants and \$8000 in student scholarships. Our grant recipients continue to spark excitement in us with the outcomes of their awards, creating additional learning opportunities and student development across the District. We certainly hope the impact these grants make in enhancing student opportunities in getting an education will in turn continue to influence students on their pathways through life. Creating future leaders who too will contribute to our schools, communities, and our world in incredible ways. We continue to offer our sheerest gratitude to each of you, our members, alumni, educators, administrators, and staff for shaping our school district distinctively into the very best place for students and their learning. It is with your contributions, that we are able to meet our mission in ways that the school district cannot do alone. Together we are better!

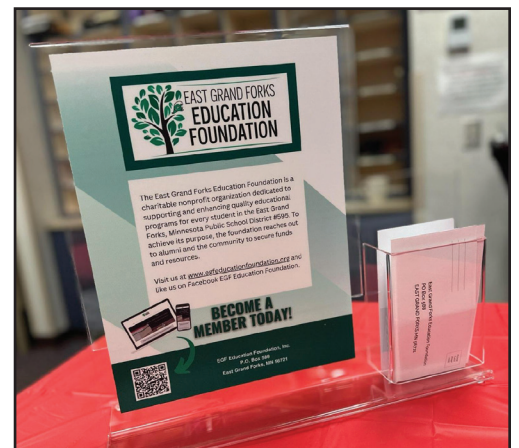
In other news, our Foundation welcomed each of the 10 new District teaching staff this fall with \$50 gift cards to enhance their work as they prepped and planned for their classrooms this school year. We provided new office displays (see side photo) to each of the District school offices to promote membership and awareness of the Foundation. We also provided Foundation promotional flyers to registrants participating in the 2nd Annual East Grand Forks Green Wave Sports Boosters 5K Run-Roll-Walk on October 8th, 2023. This was a wonderful way to collaborate with other organizations within the Green Wave family to support students in the East Grand Forks Public School District.

In a day and age where time is a precious commodity, I want to publicly thank each of our board members for taking time from their busy lives to be a part of our board and for their commitment to our mission of supporting the students of District #595. Words cannot express how grateful I am for your willingness to volunteer, for your time and expertise, and for your dedication to the Foundation. The Foundation's work takes time and effort, which these volunteers continue to give time and time again. Thanks for all you do!

If you or someone you know are interested in potentially serving as part of our board, we currently have an opening, please email a letter of intent to info@egfeducationfoundation.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wishing you and yours a safe and happy 2024!

All my best,
Holly



NOTE: ANNUAL MEETING

February 21, 2024

East Grand Forks Senior High
Room 195 • 4:30 PM

Melanie and Harvey Noteboom

We are both natives of North Dakota and graduated from North Dakota colleges. Melanie received her degree from Mayville State in 1963 and began her teaching career in East Grand Forks that year. Harvey graduated from UND in 1965 and began as a teacher at East Grand Forks Senior High where we first met. Melanie retired from the East Grand Forks school system in 1998 after thirty-five years in the classroom, twenty of those at the Red River Valley Vocational Center. Harvey's teaching career was very short as he moved into government service and sales. He also retired in 1998 following twenty-five years with American Greeting Corporation.

Following retirement, and after experiencing the flood of 1997, we decided to search for a warmer dry climate to relocate. We moved to an adult retirement community in Surprise, Arizona in 1999 and began our new life. Yes, Arizona can be very hot in the summer but the remainder of the year offers great weather and outdoor activities.

Life in retirement has been good. We have volunteered at numerous charitable organizations with many rewarding experiences. Probably the most healthy and rewarding experience was a group of seniors volunteers we organized to pick excess citrus at homes of aging seniors in our area. It was great exercise and we delivered 1,600,000 pounds of fruit to our local food bank over a decade.

Retirement has also allowed us the opportunity to travel the world. Prior to the Covid pandemic, we were able to visit more than fifty countries on all continents except Antarctica.



Having no children, one must seriously consider what will happen to their estate and what their legacy will be when they pass. We actively support a number of organizations but the core of our estate directs support to programs that aid seniors, feed those in need and aid students. We have scholarship endowments at Mayville State University and the University of North Dakota.

We trust our support of the East Grand Forks Education Foundation will aid teachers in bringing new and exciting ideas and concepts to their classrooms.

These projects have opened the doors to many new possibilities and have greatly supported my student's learning. As a teacher in the EGF School District, the EGF Education Foundation has genuinely supported both me and my students tremendously. Without their support, my students would not have had these opportunities.

MEMBERSHIPS / DONATIONS

(TOTAL LIFETIME GIVING THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023)

BENEFACTOR LEVEL (\$5,000 OR MORE)

Jay & Rebecca Debertin
Frandsen Bank & Trust
Jan Jelliff
Kurt & Pat Knoff Family Foundation
Sharon Knowlton
Dolores Lind
Harvey & Melanie Noteboom
Scheels
Securian Financial Foundation/Charities Aid
Foundation of America
CHS Community Giving

SCHOLAR LEVEL (\$1,000-\$4,999)

Walt & Julie Aanenson
Jay & Erin Almlie
American Legion #157
Sylvia Bilden
Don & Diane Blue
Blue Moose---Patrick Boppre & Nate Sheppard
Tom & Sharon Budge
EGF Class of 1973
EGF Class of 1982
Dahlstrom Motors
Lon Ellingson

Terry Fore/Jeff McMaines
Julian "Curly" Gasperlin
Chad & Kelly Grassel
Pat Jacklitch
Pamela Pulkrabek Kelsch Family
Kerry & Jerilyn Knoff
Gary & Stephanie Larson
Brian & Jen Loer
David & Judi Loer
Luther & Sonia Meyer
Miller Girls: Barb, Lorna, & Pat
Suzanne Moe
Kathy Monda

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OUR MISSION

The East Grand Forks Education Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing quality educational programs for every student in the East Grand Forks, Minnesota Public School District. To achieve its purpose, the foundation reaches out to alumni and the community to secure funds and resources.

SCHOLAR LEVEL continued...

Tony & Debbie Palmiscno
Dale & Sheryl Pesch
Alice Jean & Tom Rand
Mark E. Raymond
John Roche
Jim & Cyndi Scanlan
Todd and Tami Schumacher
Judy Sheridan-Christensen
Bob & Brenda Simonson
Wilma Stinar
Alyce & Kent Stokke
Maury Sullivan
Dr. Jim Torkelson
VFW-East Grand Forks
Raanne Wavra
Livia Zitzow

MENTOR LEVEL (\$500-\$999)

Karla Anderson
Jim & Jan Baune
Gary & Charlene Berg
Katie & Brandon Boespflug
Larry Braford
Carol Bushy
Cheryl Danduran
Lloyd Doble
Hannah Larson Driscoll
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #350
Dr. Richard & Cathy Galstad
Mark Grainger
Kristine & Sam Gruenberg
Donovan Hanson
Roger & Leisa Hanson
Jay & Angela Holkesvig
David & Mary Gail Homstad
Sara Jelliff
Christopher & Judy Klaus
Kim & Jill Knoff
Myke Knutson
Brian & Sue Larson
Jeanette & Karl Lindquist
Mark Lundberg
Amy McDonald
Alan Moe
Marilyn Murray
Brian & Katie Nelson
Bruce & Kari Nelson
Opticare-Forks Vision Clinic
Lisa Palmer
Julie & David Pederson
Peterson Veterinary Clinic
Tom & Deb Piche
Rose Skyberg
Dr. Paul Stadem
Virginia Stauss
June Tangen
Bonnie & Dale Taylor
Ordean & Carol Thompson
Beth & Clarence Vetter
Kent & Holly Wavra
Jeff & Carrie Wilson

EDUCATOR LEVEL (\$100-\$499)

Amanda Adams
Vicki Anderson-Wangberg
Ernie & Carol Arvidson
Stacey & Nick Bach
Jeff & Sue Bakke
Gloria Bancroft
Tom & Cindy Barrett
Tim Baumann
Lori Beck
Sue & Rick Black
Mark Bliven
David & Denise Britton
Bud & Ralph's Appliance Service
Dennis Carpenter
Heidi Cash
Christy Clark
Hilary Dahlen
Paula Devine
Deborah & Duane Driscoll
Suraya & Matthew Driscoll
Peggy Dunn
Jim & Jane Enright
Tim & Marva Fairchild
Bev Flicek
Dave Flom
Dawn Nelson Foster
Krystyna & Andres Freeman
Jay & Durene Frydenlund
Randy & Cathy Galstad
Jessica Genett
Wayne & Marsha Gregoire
Christina Haaven
Bryan Hackbarth
Duane Hanson
Kori Hedlund
Tracy Heisler
Mary & Winslow Helt
Dave & Sue Hetland
Landis & Jane Hjelle
Holweger Construction
Jeanette Johnson
Phyllis Kalliokoski
David & Rhonda Kallock
Brooke Keller
Katie Kleven
Melissa C. Kroetsch
Darin & Nan Larson
Rhonda Larson
Judy Lavoie
Chelsey Lee
Linda Leino
Don Leonard
Deborah Lindgren
Dane & Kelly Moe Litke
Mike Lundby
Jen & Patrick Maixner
Ashley McMahon
Jill Stauss-Meulebroeck
Kirk & Nancy Misialek
Tracee & Scott Moe
Richard & Margaret Nelson
Northland Custom Woodworking, Inc.
Mark & Melody Olstad
Darlene Parker
Matt Palmiscno

Bryan Perkins
Dawn Peterson
Rita Sullivan Pond
Rhonda Pribula
Diana Ranten
Vicki Ronkowski
Emily Bydal-Ruemmelle
Dale & Pat Skyberg
Paul & Haley Stinar
Kenley & DyAnn Stordahl
Warren Strandell
Tessa & Dan Stroot
Shelby Swenson
David Tack
Jenny Tarlin
Brent Taylor
Erin Terpstra
David & Jill Thompson
Kevin Thompson
Dan & Michelle Trebil
Eric & Kelly Useldinger
Vaaler Insurance
Marta Vanderpan
Meradith Vanyo
Craig & Jill Walter
Daryl Weiss
Delaine Welsh
Carol & David Wheeler
Kelly Zabriskie
JoAnn Zutz

TUTOR LEVEL (\$0-\$99)

Brian & Kaylen Bakke
Gary Bratvold
Ron Bubendorf
Leah Byzewski
C & H Insurance
Dan & Jennifer Campos
Carrie Cariveau
Allyson Cymbaluk
Daniel Damico
Ann Enright
Dave Flaatt
Chelsey Grassel
Kendra Hatcher
Sarah Hillier
Dawn King
Lindsey King
Verna Lambert
Joyce & Brian Larson
Nicole Lukach
Laura & Dylan McDaniel
Carol Moe
Cale Neuerburg
Alan & Sue Olson
David & Jean Pelarski
Becky Miller Reese
Jeff & Kim Rustad
Betty Schroeder
Michelle Stenberg
Jeanne Tack
Allison Taylor
Tom & Jan Tollefson
Cristy Truedson
Jane & Rob Wagner
Terry Waite

If you would like to donate to the Foundation in memory of, or in honor of, someone who has touched your life, please go to our website: www.egfeducationfoundation.org or use our QR code, opposite.

MEMORIALS (THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023)

**Please note that Memorials and Tributes will be published two times per year unless they are renewed.*

Irene Gasperlin: Julian Gasperlin

Ray Stinar: Wilma Stinar

Michelle Zeleny: Raanne Wavra, Delores Lind, Peggy Dunn, Jeff & Sue Bakke

Robert F. Lind: Delores Lind

Roger Lind: Delores Lind

Esther Doble: Lloyd Doble, Delores Lind

Diane Berg: Delores Lind

Annie Strandell: Warren Strandell

Terry Moe: Suzanne Moe, Myke Knutson

Eldon Leino: Lynda Leino

Mitchell Skyberg, *Class of 2000*: Dale & Pat Skyberg, Delores Lind

Linda Lyche: Dale & Pat Skyberg

Terry Winger: Tom & Sharon Budge

Joyce Olafson: Pat Jacklitch, Curly Gasperlin, Bruce & Kari Nelson, Raanne Wavra, Virginia Stauss, Todd & Tami Schumacher, Brian & Jenny Loer

Bonnie Sorenson: Terry Fore

Bill Lund: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Marsha (Hodge) Spencer, *Class of 1958*: Raanne Wavra, Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Luke Fore, *Class of 1995*: Amy McDonald, Pat Jacklitch, David & Jill Thompson, Todd & Tami Schumacher, Sara Jelliff & Kevin Koenig, Meradith Vanyo & Ella Eggers, Kerry & Jerilyn Knoff, Brent Taylor, David & Judi Loer, Luke & Jessie Brown, Jan Jelliff, Brian & Jenny Loer

Matt Edman: Todd & Tami Schumacher, Kari & Bruce Nelson, Jim & Cyndi Scanlan, Brian & Jenny Loer

Mary Tupa: David & Jill Thompson

Sandy & George Wogaman: Delores Lind

Andrew Westrem: Bob & Brenda Simonson, Carol Moe, Pat Jacklitch, Lisa Palmer, Stephanie & Gary Larson

Doris Vinger: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

James Peterson: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Joel Miller: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Jan Williams: Holly & Kent Wavra

Karl J. Iten: Kent & Holly Wavra

Julie Nokelby: Kent & Holly Wavra

Colleen Crow: Julian “Curly” Gasperlin, Dale & Bonnie Taylor, Pat Jacklitch, Judy Sheridan-Christensen, Carol Bushy, Cheryl Danduran, Diane Helgeson, Terry Waite, Tom & Sharon Budge, Jan Jelliff, Virginia Stauss, Dave & Judi Loer, Sheryl & Dale Pesch, Gloria Bancroft, Tom & Cindy Barrett

Mark Leonard: Gloria Bancroft, Pat Jacklitch, Jan Jelliff, Bob & Brenda Simonson, Brian & Jenny Loer

Mona Feist: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines, Jan Stuverud, Pat Jacklitch

Alexander Hart: EGF Administrators, Brian & Jenny Loer

David Allen McMenamy: Julie & David Peterson

Mary Kay Christensen Klein: JoAnn (Olson) Zutz, Jan Jelliff, Pat Jacklitch

Matt Kinzler: Tom & Sharon Budge

Mark DeLisle: Stephanie & Gary Larson, DyAnn & Kenley Stordahl

Geraldine Nygaard: Stephanie & Gary Larson

John “Russ” Young: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Kathryn “Kay” Kern: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Jane Herceg: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Sharon Gage: Amanda Adams

Diane Mero: Pat Jacklitch, Gloria Bancroft, Luther Meyer, Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines, Wilma Stinar, Ann Enright, Raanne Wavra

Joyce Thibert: Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch

Fred Spencer: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Linda Larson: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Sandy Hodge: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Ellis Larson: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Tim Sullivan: Jan & Jim Baune

Patty Stauss Burton: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines, Sue & Rick Black

Mary Kay Christianson Klein: Jan Jelliff, Pat Jacklitch

Vivian Hamre: Dawn Nelson Fowler

Lynne Berg: Pat Jacklitch

Lavina Vetter: Bonnie & Dale Taylor, Wilma Stinar, Gloria Bancroft

Luke Misialek: Jeff & Sue Bakke

Pat Roche: John Roche

Pat Lindgren: Luther Meyer

Lisa Henry Swanson: Jan Jelliff, Pat Jacklitch

Francis Rapacz: Pat Jacklitch, Diane Burris, Jan Jelliff, Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines, Gary & Charlene Berg

Mike Lundby: Carol Bushy, Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch, Jan Jelliff, Gary & Charlene Berg, Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines, Tom & Sharon Budge, Bob & Brenda Simonson, Brian & Jenny Loer, Daryl Weiss, Rose Skyberg, Virginia Stauss

Karen Pickett: Brian & Jenny Loer

Gary Spielman: Brian & Jenny Loer

Larry Shane: Julie & David Pederson

Ordean Thompson: Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch, Jan Jelliff, Brian & Jenny Loer, Roger Hanson, Curly Gasperlin

Pat Leonard: Don Leonard

Rick Hagen: Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines

Jeffrey Barker: Lynda Leino

IN TRIBUTE TO/IN HONOR OF (THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023)

Bev Flicek: Tribute to our granddaughter, Kaylee Fenton

Delores Lind: Tribute to all of my former students

Lorne & Priscilla Miller: Tribute by Miller daughters Barb, Lorna & Pat

Suzanne Moe: Tribute to Terry Moe

Lon Ellingson: Tribute to Gary & Charlene Berg for their contributions to East Grand Forks

John Roche: Tribute to wife, Patsy Jane

Kathy Monda: In Memory of Gaylord Monda

Judy Sheridan-Christensen: Tribute to all of my former students

Mark & Hsiuhua Raymond: Tribute to the EGF Education Foundation Board of Directors

Pat & Dale Skyberg, Andrea Skyberg, Michael Greer, Evelyn & Priscilla Skyberg Greer, Larry & Barb (Miller) Lancette, David & Lorna (Miller) Blossberg: An eleven year memorial tribute in memory of Mitch Skyberg

John Roche: In Memory of Pat Roche

Class of 1982: In memory of our classmates that have passed.

Raanne Wavra: In Memory of Alice Bestland Goschen (EGF Class of 1958) Go Greenwave!

Marilyn Murray: Tribute to the EGF Class of 1973's 50th year class reunion

Jan Baune: Tribute to the EGF Class of 1973's 50th year class reunion

Linda Leino: In Memory of Eldon Leino

Mark Raymond: Tribute to the Raymond Family

Don Leonard: In Memory of Pat Leonard

Wayne & Marsha Gregoire: Tribute to Merlin & Millie Elie

Jeff & Kim Rustad: In Memory of Gerald “Jerry” Mack, Class of 1965

Dale & Pat Skyberg: In Memory of our son Mitchell, EGF Class of 2000

Raanne Wavra: In Memory of Fred Spencer, 1961 graduate of EGF Central High School

Raanne Wavra: In Memory of Marsha (Hodge) Spencer---1958 EGF Central Graduate

Holly & Kent Wavra: In Memory of Paula Olson, EGF Class of 1993

Rita (Sullivan) Pond: In Memory of Coach (Snooks) Sullivan

Katie & Brandon Boesflug: In Memory of Debbie Quirk

Dave & Sue Hetland: In Memory of Ray Stinar, Mitch Skyberg, Larry Tack, Don Partlow, Pat Sullivan

Lloyd Doble: In Memory of Esther Doble

Terry Fore & Jeff McMaines: Tribute of Phyllis Sjostrand's 90th Birthday

Holly & Kent Wavra: Tribute to Dave & Sara Twite - In celebration of your “Happily Ever After!”

Terry Fore/Jeff McMaines: Tribute to Connie Rasmussen for all the love she gave to her thousands of kids and for keeping them safe.

Kim & Jill Knoff: In Memory of Clara, Kathy, Kristin & Leroy Knoff

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS:

Tom & Deb Piche

FALL 2023 GRANT RECIPIENT AWARDS

- Tina Haaven, Industrial Technology Teacher at CMS/SH: Submitted a grant entitled "Pitsco Impulse Race System for CO2 Cars" to purchase a system with surface mounted electronics to run CO2 cars where students learn about the topics of aerodynamics, friction, gravity, design, and drafting. She was awarded full support in the amount of \$1,875.00.
- Jill Walter and Beth Vetter, CMS administration: Submitted a grant for creating a physically welcoming school environment to enhance Green Wave branding, school spirit and pride. Student pride and connection to learning equals students who take ownership in their education and in their relationships with classmates, teachers/staff, and their community. They were awarded full support in the amount of \$2000.00.
- Amanda Adams, 7th grade Language Arts Teacher: Submitted a grant for items for "Outsiders Day Enrichment." Providing students opportunities to learn beyond the classroom and partner with community members. She was awarded full support in the amount of \$1286.30.
- Jill Brenden, CMS Choir Director and General Music Teacher, submitted a grant for an updated sound system that would be utilized daily to play accompaniment tracks and recordings. Students will be introduced to different composers and instruments enhancing their overall academic environment. She was awarded full support in the amount of \$2,853.44.
- Melanie Nelson, CMS Speech Language Pathologist: Submitted a grant for Group Therapy & Social Skills Work Table. She was awarded full support in the amount of \$539.51.
- Tina Haaven CTE/STEAM Academy Instructor at SH: Submitted a grant for 3D Printers. This project will create technology access for students to learn about a technology that is highly valued by employers in many industries. She was awarded partial support in the amount of \$1,755.06 which covers one printer and all of the necessary filaments.
- Erin Terpstra (SH Counselor) and the Senior High Counseling Staff: Submitted a grant to create a Wave of Relief room, where students can independently go to utilize coping strategies to lessen daily anxieties. They were awarded full support in the amount of \$641.77.
- Donovan Hanson, SH Vocal Music Instructor: Submitted a grant to complete the PAC lighting project at the Senior High. He was awarded full support in the amount of \$8,040.80 which is approximately 25% of the total project cost. The remainder of the cost, Donovan has ambitiously secured through other sources. Way to go Donovan.
- Stacey Bach, Senior High Band Director: Submitted a grant for a new Yamaha Baritone Saxophone creating a more diverse and robust instrumentation selection, thus enhancing the overall sound of the band. She was awarded full support in the amount of \$5,505.00.
- Judy Klaus (SH Special Ed. Strategist) and Katie Kleven, (SH Counselor) submitted a grant for start-up monies for a "Green Wave Pride Club" in order to promote, build and celebrate all activities at the Senior High: They were awarded full support in the amount of \$600.



L-R: Laura McDaniel (EGFEF Board), Brian Loer, Tina Haaven, Stacey Bach, Katie Kleven, Jill Walter, Melanie Nelson, Amanda Adams, Donovan Hanson, Holly Wavra (EGFEF Board). Not pictured: Beth Vetter, Jill Brenden, Erin Terpstra, Judy Klaus

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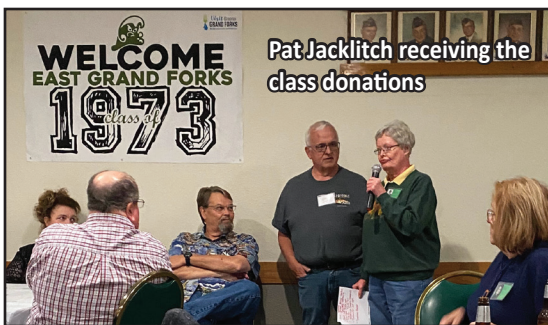
EGF CLASS OF 1973 50TH REUNION

A Place to Gather

The EGF Education Foundation wishes to say thank you to the Class of 1973 for funding the three new benches in front of Central Middle School, making this area into a more welcoming gathering space for students.



EGF Education Foundation is especially grateful to Marilyn Murray '73, et al. for spearheading the Central Middle School bench fundraising effort.



Pat Jacklitch receiving the class donations



The Class of 1973 at the EGF Post Office



The Class of 1973 at the Blue Moose

THANK YOU !

Over \$1500 was collected by the class of 1973 as part of their class reunion this past September 2023. The funds were used to fulfill a grant request for a collaborative student project between the Central Middle School and Senior High.