



East Grand Forks Education Foundation

Spring/Summer 2020

Community members, alumni, and local businesses whose mission is to support the students of ISD 595

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Greetings from the Foundation

by Erin Almlie, Board President

Well, this spring was certainly a first for most of us! Our skills and patience were tested as educators, parents, and citizens of the world. Our students missed out on school programs, final concerts, dances, and time spent with teachers and friends. It was hard on all of them, but especially for those seniors who were denied the opportunity to savor those last two months of their high school careers. Our hearts break for all the "lasts" you didn't get to experience.

Foundation Grants

During this time of COVID-19, the advancement of education did not cease. Donations to the EGF Education Foundation continued to come in, and teachers did not stop planning for the future. At our last meeting, we met in a socially-distanced conference room and awarded over \$ 4,000 to deserving applicants in our district. We are so proud to be a small part of your success. Giving away grant dollars is our favorite part of our mission.

Sincerest Thanks

We would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all the teachers, administrators, and support staff in our district:

- Who worked hard to shift their classes from in-person to on-line in ways to best serve their students.
- Who made sure all students in the district had access to computers and internet services.
- Who ensured all students were fed, even though they could not come to school to eat lunches.
- Who planned a parade in order to say "hi" to the students who were now missing from their classrooms.
- Who planned a graduation ceremony to remember, even though students and families were not allowed to gather in one place to celebrate.

Your dedication to the children in our community is what makes East Grand Forks a great place to live and work.

We sincerely hope that the summer brings a sense of refreshment and renewal for both teachers and students, and that we will all come back stronger in the fall.

Best wishes,

Erin Almlie



Featured Recipient - Donovan Hanson

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Memberships, Memorials, and Tributes

It is your contribution that allows us to support our teachers and students in ways that the school district alone cannot.

Featured Recipient - Donovan Hanson



Mr. Hanson

Mr. Hanson received his first EGFEF grant in the fall of 2016 to purchase new music for the middle school choir program. It was the first of six grants he has been awarded since starting in the district.

Donovan Hanson has just completed his second year as the choir director at the EGF Senior High. He joined the staff of EGF Public Schools in 2016, teaching 6-8 choir and sixth grade classroom music at Central Middle School. Previously, he taught K-12 vocal music at Sleepy Eye Public Schools and K-6 classroom music at Tracy Area Public Schools.

Mr. Hanson grew up near Ada, MN and is a 2011 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Morris. In addition to his nine years of teaching in public schools, he has led church and community men's and women's choirs, and spent three summers working as a counselor and assistant conductor with the Minnesota All-State Lutheran Choir.

Mr. Hanson has been fortunate to receive funds from the EGFEF to help diversify and update the choral sheet music libraries at both CMS and the Senior High, help fund the purchase of world music drums to enhance the 6th grade general music curriculum at CMS, and most recently, to fund the purchase of a set of acoustic guitars for an elective guitar class that will be offered beginning this fall at the Senior High.

Student interest is strong, with over 20 students enrolled in the new class already. Participants will learn the basics of strumming chords as well as playing melodies, and will learn to read and perform music in both traditional notation and guitar tablature. Community members can expect to see guitar ensemble performances on existing music department concerts near the end of each semester.

Mr. Hanson hopes that this new class will be another way to "hook" kids on music. "Learning to make music is a skill that can bring a lifetime of joy to our students and any audience they choose to share with. As our world changes and we continue to face new challenges every day, music and the arts foster the creativity and grit our kids need to rise to the occasion - and they offer a release to help cope with life's struggles. Music truly is for everyone, and I hope that this new opportunity will pull in some students that our department hasn't been reaching in the past," he said.



EGF CONCERT CHOIR IN MINNEAPOLIS

Tributes

Ted & Bev Flicek---in honor of our granddaughter, Kaylee Fenton
Delores M. Lind---tribute to all my former students
Terry Fore/Jeff McMaines---tribute to educators in our family...Matthew, Lucas, Tricia, Paul, Jennifer
Gale Tangen---tribute by Myke Knutson
Patsy Roche---memorial to honor wife by John Roche
Jan Jelliff---tribute by Mark Raymond for her contributions to the education of so many students
Robert Simonson---Tribute by Tim & Marva Fairchild, and Clara Knoff, for all his years of service to ISD #595

Mark Raymond---Tribute to 38 Raymond Family graduates of EGF Senior High...Jean Kiesau, Margaret Sullivan, Margretta Hambrecht, George Raymond, Gerald O. Raymond, A. Pershing Raymond, Earle Raymond, Dwayne Raymond, Calvin Raymond, Virginia Kiesau, Richard Raymond, Raanne Sullivan, Pat Sullivan, Gerald A. Raymond, Robert Raymond, Rita Benham, Terry Hambrecht, Rita Sullivan, Nancy Carter, Myra Hartwig, Gary Raymond, Ruth Ann Taylor, William Raymond, Kathryn Langei, James Raymond, Lois Raymond, Jon Raymond, Mike Raymond, Robert (Buck) Hambrecht, Mark E. Raymond, John Thomas Leroy Raymond, Cheryl Jean Ward, Margo May Arnesen, Ron Raymond, Scott Raymond, Todd Raymond, Shelly Raymond, Jeff Raymond.

Lorne & Priscilla Miller---by Miller daughters, Barb, Lorna, and Pat
Dr. Paul Stadem---Tribute to DeeDee
Raanne Wavra - In Tribute to "Snooks" & Margaret Sullivan, Pat Sullivan, Michelle Zeleny
Sylvia Bilden---Tribute to Rick & Cathy Galstad
John Roche---Tribute in memory of my wife, Patsy Jane
Terry Moe---by Suzanne Moe & Family
Stanley Jensen---by Mark Jensen Family



MEMBERSHIP LIST – THROUGH MAY 2020

BENEFACTOR LEVEL - \$5,000-\$24,999

Scheels Sports
 Jay & Rebecca Debertin
 Kurt & Pat Knoff Family Foundation
 US Bank Foundation

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

Walt & Julie Aanenson
 Jay & Erin Almlie
 Sylvia Bilden
 Blue Moose---Patrick Boppre & Nate Sheppard
 Tom & Sharon Budge
 Colleen Crow
 Florence Danielson
 Frandsen Bank & Trust
 Julian "Curly" Gasperlin
 David & Rebecca Gottberg
 Roger & Liesa Hanson
 Pat Jacklitch
 Jan Jelliff
 Clara Knoff
 Sharon Knowlton
 Delores Lind
 Gaylord & Kathy Monda
 Judy Sheridan-Christensen
 Bob & Brenda Simonson
 Alyce & Kent Stokke
 Dr. Jim Torkelson
 VFW-East Grand Forks
 Raanne Wavra

MENTOR LEVEL - \$500-\$999

American Legion #157
 Jim & Jan Baune
 Gary & Charlene Berg
 Lorna Blosberg
 Don & Diane Blue
 Katie Boespflug
 Dahlstrom Motors
 Lon Ellingson
 David & Mary Gail Homstad
 Terry Fore & Jeff McMains
 Dr. Richard & Cathy Galstad
 Chad & Kelly Grassel
 Kerry & Jerilyn Knoff
 Myke Knutson
 Gary & Stephanie Larson
 Brian & Jenny Loer
 David & Judi Loer
 Luther Meyer
 Suzanne Moe
 Michelle Mosher
 Bruce & Kari Nelson
 Melanie Noteboom
 Palmiscno Financial Services
 Mark & Hsiuhua Raymond
 John Roche
 Jim & Cyndy Scanlan
 Todd & Tami Schumacher
 Virginia Stauss
 Wilma Stinar
 David R. Thompson

EDUCATOR LEVEL - \$100-\$499

Karla Anderson
 Laurie Arnason
 Ernie & Carol Arvidson
 Jeff & Sue Bakke
 Teresa Bakken
 Tim Baumann
 Kristin & Jody Beauchamp
 Rachel Benson
 Sue & Rick Black
 Sonja Brandt
 Bud & Ralph's Appliance Service
 Larry Braford
 Carol Bushy
 Dennis Carpenter
 Carrie Cariveau
 Heidi Cash
 Christy Clark
 Hilary Dahlen
 Cheryl Danduran
 Alice DeLisle
 Paula Devine
 Hannah Larson Driscoll
 Peggy Dunn
 Eagles Aerie #350
 Jim & Jane Enright
 Tim & Marva Fairchild
 Jessica Genett
 Mark Grainger
 Kristine & Sam Gruenberg
 Christina Haaven
 Donovan Hanson
 Duane Hanson
 Mary & Winslow Helt
 Dave & Sue Hetland
 Landis & Jane Hjelle
 Jay & Angela Holkesvig
 Sara Jelliff
 Jeanette Johnson
 Phyllis Kalliokoski
 David & Rhonda Kallock
 Christopher & Judy Klaus
 Kim & Jill Knoff
 Mike & Cathy Kolness
 Brian & Sue Larson
 Chelsey Lee
 Travis Lindgren
 Jeanette & Karl Lindquist
 Mark Lundberg
 Mike Lundby
 Amy McDonald
 Miller Girls: Barb, Lorna, Patricia
 Kirk & Nancy Misialek
 Al & Barb Moe
 Michelle Mosher
 Katie & Brian Nelson
 Richard & Margaret Nelson
 KariJo O'Keefe
 Mark & Melody Olstad
 Opticare Vision Clinic
 Marilyn & Lisa Palmer
 Debbie & Tony Palmiscno
 Matt Palmiscno
 Darlene Parker
 Julie Pederson
 Bryan Perkins
 Dale & Sheryl Pesch

Peterson Veterinary Clinic
 Tom & Deb Piche
 Rhonda Pribula
 Tom & Alice Jean Rand
 Diana Ranten
 Jared Sanger
 Sickies' Garage
 Rose Skyberg
 Florence Soule
 South Point Staff
 Dr. Paul Stadem
 Tessa & Dan Stroot
 Mark Swenson
 David Tack
 June Tangen
 Dale & Bonnie Taylor
 Corey & Missy Thompson
 David & Jill Thompson
 Jana Thompson
 Ordean & Carol Thompson
 Dan & Michelle Trebil
 Henry Tweten
 Employees of Vaaler Insurance
 Beth & Clarence Vetter
 Kent & Holly Wavra
 Delaine Welsh
 Jeff & Carrie Wilson
 Livia Zitzow

TUTOR LEVEL - \$25-\$99

Gloria Bancroft
 Lori Beck
 Jessica Bina
 Alison Ciekliniski
 Lloyd Doble
 Matt & Suraya Driscoll
 Bev & Ted Flicek
 Matt & Tricia Fore
 Krystyna & Andres Freeman
 Jay Fryenlund
 Randy & Cathy Galstad
 Kori Hedlund
 Shari Johnson
 Brooke Keller
 Leah Klein
 Melissa C. Kroetsch
 Hannah Larson
 Nan & Darin Larson
 Tammy & Steve Larson
 Jen Maixner
 Matt Palmiscno
 Dawn Peterson
 Vicki Ronkowski
 Deb Schantzen
 Stacey Searle
 Cheryl Seydel
 DyAnn Stordahl
 Shelby Swenson
 Marta Vanderpan
 Meradith Vanyo
 Anthony Walsh

MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES

If you would like to donate to the Foundation in memory of or in honor of someone who has touched your life, fill out the membership form on our website:
www.egfeducationfoundation.org

Memorials

Through May 2020

Irene Gasperlin—Julian Gasperlin
Ray Stinar---Wilma Stinar
Michelle Zeleny---Raanne Warva, Delores Lind, Cheryl Seydel
Roger Lind---Delores Lind
Dick Grassel---Chad & Kelly Grassel
Glen Sjostrand---Jan Jelliff, Pat Jacklitch
Bud Basgaard---South Point Special Education Staff
Chuck Peterson---Curly Gasperlin
Larry Tack---Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch, Kent & Holly Wavra, Lon Ellingson
Dave Dohman---Lisa Palmer
Florence Danielson---Pat Jacklitch, Cheryl Danduran, Julian Gasperlin, Jan Jelliff, Tim & Marva Fairchild, Kerry & Jerilyn Knoff, Lon Ellingson, Al & Barb Moe
Gene Burns---Brian & Jennifer Loer
Sandy Amundson---Brian & Jennifer Loer
Mary Jane Nudell---Carol Bushy, Pat Jacklitch, Jan Jelliff, Julian Gasperlin
Norm Vanderpan---Bob & Brenda Simonson, Pat Jacklitch, Carol Bushy, Todd & Tami Schumacher, Kent & Holly Wavra, Lon Ellingson, Jan Jelliff, Mark & Melody Olstad
Ted Flicek---Carol Bushy, Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch, Sylvia Bilden, Karla Anderson, Rose Skyberg, Jan Jelliff, Lon Ellingson. Melody & Mark Olstad
Lucille Langheid---Pat Jacklitch, Al & Barb Moe
Gracia High---Bob & Brenda Simonson, Pat

Jacklitch, Todd & Tami Schumacher, Kent & Holly Wavra, Al & Barb Moe
Barb Wavra---Beth Vetter, Barb Wavra Family & Friends, David & Julie Gregerson, Lon Ellingson
Jim Bilden---Mark & Melody Olstad
George Wogaman---Pat Jacklitch, Jan Jelliff, Kent & Holly Wavra
Robert Lind---Delores Lind
Clarice Koupang---Delores Lind
Natalie Wavra---Kent & Holly Wavra
Sonia Link---Lon Ellingson
Brad Beiwenger---Lon Ellingson
Rainy Bakken---Lon Ellingson
Art Miles---Lon Ellingson
Nathan Foss---Lon Ellingson, Jim & Jan Baune
Donny Partlow---Mark E. Raymond, Dave & Sue Hetland
Duane Sanden---Julian Gasperlin
Aldene Avery---Julian Gasperlin
Wayne Goschen---Carol Bushy
Deb Wikoff---Tom & Sharon Budge
Nicholas Wizakowski---Dawn Peterson
Hazel Ellertson---Dan & Tessa Stroot
Steven Driscoll---Vaaler Insurance, Heidi Cash
Terry Moe---Carol Bushy, Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch, Gary & Charlene Berg, Jan Jelliff, Tom & Sharon Budge, Colleen Crow, Marta Vanderpan, Virginia Stauss, Darlene Parker, David & Judi Loer, Rose Skyberg, Judy Sheridan, Julian Gasperlin, Karla Anderson, Lon Ellingson
Ed Hellekson---Gary & Charlene Berg, Jan Jelliff, Pat Jacklitch
Bonnie Sprague---Cheryl Danduran, Pat Jacklitch
Kathy Desautel---Clara Knoff
Kristin McCoy---Clara Knoff
Stanley Jensen---Wilma Stinar, Tom & Sharon Budge, Colleen Crow, Lon Ellingson
Stephanie Tetrault---Mark & Melody Olstad, Lon



Ellingson
Roger Moe---Pat Jacklitch, Julian Gasperlin
Jim Johnston---Jan Jelliff
Kenneth Mosolf---Todd & Tami Schumacher
Margaret Woods---Todd & Tami Schumacher
Dick Palmer---New Heights Sunshine Fund
Lee Norman---Sue & Rick Black, Lon Ellingson
Norma Hanson---Julian Gasperlin
Pat Leonard---Pat Jacklitch, Gary & Charlene Berg, Julian Gasperlin, Lon Ellingson, Sue & Rick Black
John Smith---Julian Gasperlin
Ron Mack---Rose Skyberg
Ken Mosolf---anonymous
Sebastian Figueroa---Lon Ellingson
Chalyse Koshikawa---Lon Ellingson
Donald Haines---Jan Jelliff
Don Partlow---Dave & Sue Hetland

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