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"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

- Benjamin Franklin

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to 2014! I hope everyone has had a healthy and prosperous 2013 and that 2014 smiles upon you and is better than last year. On behalf of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**, I want to thank you for once again supporting the Foundation and its mission. Whether you have donated money or time, words cannot express the gratitude I have as president of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** for your gracious giving. I am always humbled by your response to this appeal and our summer golf outing.

Over the last few years I have tried to write about my personal experiences and how they relate to the education I received from Hiawatha and to the Foundation. I have written about the music program, journalism class, and a trip to Germany. Hopefully by doing this it has helped you to relate your own experiences in the same way. This year I am going to be a little more philosophical.

Many things happen in life to mold who and what we are and the surroundings in which we live. There are many things that maybe we cannot necessarily control but we can help determine the outcome by being involved and engaged. Personally, I have developed regrets because some of life's outcomes have left me unhappy and disappointed. This is true within the community, my business, and my personal life, but the only one to blame is myself. I made the choice to not be engaged and let things happen without being involved. Do not misunderstand me, I am very happy about my life and I am probably involved in too many things (I am sure some would agree on that point). I know you don't live life looking back! Nevertheless, my involvement may not have changed the result, but at least I can look back and feel gratified knowing that I put forth my best effort.

We cannot be involved with everything so we have to accept the direction that life sometimes points us. We can apply this same involvement to this Foundation and what its mission is. So many times we can complain about the direction things are going: youth; society; politics; work; and so on. This Foundation is a conduit for you to make a difference, stay involved and be engaged. With your contributions, we are able to help mold and make that difference in the education of the students of Hiawatha. This year, the Foundation doubled the grants due to a change in the grant process from spring to fall. As a result, this is providing twice as many opportunities for our children. The grants supplement educational experiences that would not be possible with the taxpayer-funded education.

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I wish there was a way to measure the results of the grants that we have done over the last 14 years. I am confident that all of us together, (the Foundation and you the supporter) have helped make a difference. We have helped mold and change the end result. We can all be proud that we are doing what we can to help make a difference in the education of the youth of Hiawatha! I ask for your continued support, so we all can continue to be at peace knowing our efforts are impacting lives by making the choice to be involved.

Sincerely,



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois as a method of providing a long-term, self-sustaining financial program to complement and enrich the educational opportunities and experiences for the students and staff of Hiawatha Public Schools, Kirkland, Illinois.

The mission of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is to provide and secure resources for enrichment activities, programs, and educational opportunities for all students and staff of the Hiawatha School District.

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** would like to thank the many wonderful people and organizations who have contributed to the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** this past year (many of whom give on an annual basis) and the grants awarded as a result of these generous contributions.

WHY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SO IMPORTANT

Your contributions will help the Foundation achieve its mission to provide resources that will enhance and enrich educational opportunities, programs and activities for students and staff of the Hiawatha Schools.

Our long-term financial goal is to establish a \$250,000 endowment fund, the earnings of which will be used to provide resources for grants and other educational opportunities and experiences for our students.

You can help us reach that goal! If you are a current donor, we encourage you to continue to help; if you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so today and join with others as together we can make a difference in the lives of our young people. You may wish to contribute annually (or even quarterly).

Make your check or money order payable to the *Hiawatha Education Foundation* and mail to PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146. Your contributions are always welcome.

ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is pleased to announce a new program recently instituted. Do you have old band instruments sitting around your house collecting dust? The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is starting a new band instrument donation program. The board members of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** believe that music education is a great benefit to our youth. It helps develop discipline and confidence in students, as well as enhance their abstract thinking skills. We realize that for some students, participating in the band program is not financially possible.

Our goal is to collect your unused and unwanted band instruments. We will be happy to collect any unwanted musical instruments from you.

We will have the band instruments assessed by a qualified person to determine if it is usable by the band program. If the instrument is deemed unacceptable, you may donate it anyway for parts/scrap or you may take the instrument home with you. If the instrument is acceptable, we will provide verification of this in a letter to you so you may use it for your tax purposes. Note that the instrument will invariably become the property of the school district and will become part of the band program.

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** will then turn these instruments over to the band program at Hiawatha for their use in the band program to loan to students. Children who would not normally be able to participate in the band program might get a chance through your donations.

To donate an instrument, contact Amy Polzin at 815-262-5069 or e-mail her at apolzin87@yahoo.com to make arrangements to pick up or drop off instruments.

ARE GIFTS TAX EXEMPT?

Yes. The *Hiawatha Education Foundation* is an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. Check with your tax consultant on taking advantage of this tax break.

OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONTRIBUTED THIS PAST YEAR:

American Family Insurance/Jamie Ullmark
 Leah and Malcolm Anderberg
 Barry and Kris Aves
 Diane Aves (in memory of Jody Vandling)
 Norma Benson
 Marv and Wanda Bernhardy
 Blake Oil Co.
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And, of course, all who support our golf outing in one way or another.
 If we have overlooked your contribution or have misspelled your name, please contact us.

A heartfelt thank you to all of you!

GRANTS AWARDED THIS PAST YEAR

Name of Grant	Area(s)
<i>Adler Planetarium Trip</i> Field trip – learn about the solar system.	Third Grade
<i>State History Fair; Library Books</i> Defray history fair costs and increase the history library.	History Club
<i>Burpee Museum</i> Field trip – study of Native American cultures and tour the museum.	Second Grade
<i>Tolkien Library</i> Materials to enhance and replace old materials.	High School Language Arts
<i>Burpee Museum</i> Field trip/workshop to study water systems and all they contain. Collect water samples and then use the Aqua-Aerobic Systems water lab to ID and analyze them.	Fifth Grade
<i>Buzzer System</i> New buzzer for practice and for tournament use. Questions used in matches reinforces what is learned in all classes.	Entire school
<i>3-D LCD Projector</i> To enhance the science and math classes with 3D images. (software is free)	Entire school (potential community use)
<i>Literacy – Title I</i> Literacy stations give students independent practice to reinforce and to extend learning while differentiating for each student.	K - 2
Fine Arts Week Visiting Artists share their craft and talent throughout the week of May 2014.	Entire school
<i>PBIS - Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports</i> Reinforcing respect, responsibility, and readiness through “Hawk Pride” tickets.	Entire school

To date, over \$52,000 in grants has been awarded.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Our fourteenth annual golf outing was a wonderful success. We were hosted, for our second year, by Prairie View Golf Course in Byron. Despite a little rain (not enough to dampen our spirits!), we had a great day and will continue to hold

our golf outing at Prairie View Golf Course again in 2014. We had 97 golfers this past year and everyone had a great time. The golf outing has become the main source of revenue on a yearly basis for the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**. It not only provides income for the **Hiawatha Education Foundation**, but all involved have a great day of fellowship and fun.

The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** would like to extend a special thank you to all the sponsors. Hole sponsors were: Alpine Bank/Kirkland Branch; Aves Family Farms; Blake Oil Co.; DNA Communications; Dial Machine; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Quick Stop; Lane's Farms Trucking and Hogs; LDR Cleaning and Restoration by Len and Donna Roach; Maplehurst Farms; Merrill Lynch – David Caselene & Michael Mulford; Dean Miller – Country Companies and Dr. Ken Brooks – Kirkland Chamber of Commerce; Jack and Sharon Schreier; Shape Master Tool; United Methodist Churches. Table Sponsors include: Aves Farms; Dean Miller – Country Companies; Hoffman Realty; Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce; Kirkland Lions Club; Kirkland Mini-Storage – Ed and Helen Davis; Jarod Poynter and Family; State Representative Bob Pritchard; Jim and Peggy Stuntz; and Dr. Sarah Willey – Hiawatha Schools Superintendent. We would also like to thank the many individuals and businesses who donated raffle/auction prizes. Also, we owe a big debt of gratitude to auctioneer, Lyle Lee, who did a great job for us this year. And last, but not least, we would like to thank all the golfers. With support like this, the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** can realize its goals and visions -- to provide resources which will enhance and enrich the educational opportunities, programs and activities for all students and staff of the Hiawatha Schools beyond regular funding revenues. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please support all these businesses who have so generously supported the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and their endeavors.

GOLF OUTING 2014

Plans are under way for the **Fifteenth** Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 27, 2014 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2014** may be obtained at the Alpine Bank - Kirkland Branch or by contacting the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at PO Box 83, Kirkland, IL 60146. Come participate in the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and get a great start to the Fourth of July Weekend and know you are also helping the students in the district.

ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2014 will be held Friday, July 4, 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Elementary Learning Resource Center, Kirkland, IL. The 9th Open House continues in connection with the Kirkland Lions Club 4th of July Celebration which is Thursday, July 3 – Saturday, July 5, 2014. Last year was the first time at the LRC and it worked well for visiting and for looking at yearbooks, scrapbooks, graduating class photo composites, and other displays.

Each year, new people hear about the event and are glad they came. Nova Quigley and Carole Buhl ask you to please help us pass the word on to more people who have not heard about the event yet so that this year even more people come and are glad they heard about the event reuniting former classmates, school friends, attendees, teachers, and their spouses.

Look for further information in school and church newsletters, on Kirkland-Hiawatha Facebook, and at the school website (<http://teacherweb.com/IL/HiawathaSchools/DistrictHomePage/SDHP1.stm>) which can also be accessed via the 4th of July link at www.villageofkirkland.com.

Alumni are encouraged to contact the school to verify they have your correct address. Contact the school by phone at (815) 522-6676 or by mail at Hiawatha School District 426, PO Box 428, Kirkland, IL 60146. You may also send your current address information to apolzin87@yahoo.com. Please include the following: your name (including maiden name, if applicable), the name of your spouse (if applicable), the year you graduated, your address (city, state, zip), your phone number (including area code), and your e-mail address (if you have one). **Please encourage all your classmates to do the same.**