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“Education is the transmission of civilization.”

-Ariel and Will Durant

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is time to close the book on 2015 and 2016 is off and running. On behalf of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** and its Board of Directors we want to thank you. Once again you have continued your support this past year to this foundation. Your dedication to the mission of the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** has been unwavering no matter what the economic climate may be.

Our grant applications received this past fall were numerous and I am ecstatic to announce approval and we are sponsoring 14 grants this school year. There are multiple positives in this number, the main one being there are 14 opportunities for the students of Hiawatha. These are chances for an educational experience that without the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** would not be possible. Another highlight is that teacher participation rate continues to climb. One third of the teachers are now taking advantage of the availability of the grants.

Over the past year both Kirkland and my family business lost individuals who displayed a commitment to doing what they felt was right. Both of these individuals did this with no regard for themselves and looked for no recognition for their actions. One of these people, Bobby -- an employee of my business, was a basketball star in Rockford in the 1960s and he had the chance to play Division 1 basketball in college after high school. I know we are representing education and this may seem contrary, but Bobby did not feel it was right for him to go to college and play basketball while his friends and neighbors were going to fight in Vietnam. So, he gave up that chance to go to college and play basketball and enlisted and fought in Vietnam. I have always admired what he did, especially knowing it was not the most popular thing to do at the time and he gave up a chance of a lifetime.

The other individual I'd like to recognize for his commitment was a local man who did more to help organizations and people within our community than most will ever know or remember. Jim Patterson was an individual Kirkland was lucky to have as a resident. He gave his time over and over again. Utilizing his auctioneering skills, he helped local organizations such as the Lions Club, girls softball, the little league, and the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** raise funds over the years. These organizations benefitted immensely because of Jim's generosity with his time and skills.

I bring up these two individuals because, although their contributions seem different, they are actually very similar. I also don't want this to be taken as a somber, down-beat sounding letter, but instead I want to honor two individuals who gave of themselves in different yet similar ways. Both of these men did what they felt was right! Regardless of the different ways, both gave back to community and country and did what they felt was

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right to make the world a better place. Whether it was my employees or the people of Kirkland we are all better for being able to know them and the legacy that they have left behind.

You are probably wondering where this rambling appeal is going, but it comes back to doing what is right and good. The **Hiawatha Education Foundation** is a way for us all to give back and do something good within the Hiawatha School District. I hope, over the years that we have been in existence, we have demonstrated that we have made good decisions with the funds you have donated to us and that we are doing beneficial things for the students in our community. This is a conduit for you to give back and help enlighten and broaden the education that the children of Hiawatha receive. I hope that both Bobby and Jim can look down and smile and know we all have learned from them what it means to do what is right. Thank you again for your continued support.

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.

You may also access information about the **Hiawatha Education Foundation** at the school's website at <http://www.hiawatha426.org> and click on the *For Parents* link, choose *Organizations*, and then select **Hiawatha Education Foundation**.

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. **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.

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:

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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 made possible by your generous donations to the Hiawatha Education Foundation:

Name of Grant	Area
Buddy Bench To help Hiawatha Elementary School become a more welcoming and safe environment.	All Elementary Students
Standing Desks/Tables Helpful for students who have a tough time focusing, fidgeting, and sitting still. Standing desks are a good way to repurpose energy into focused work.	Third Grade
HP Stream Tablets For use especially in Reading and Math. The HP Streams will not only motivate students, but also help 2 nd grade students meet many learning standards.	Second Grade
Audio/Media Center Increase excitement, eagerness, and involvement in reading which in turns has helps increase guided reading levels. Wireless headphones help with the noise level during center rotations which in turn help all students.	First Grade
Challenger Learning Center Trip Field trip – Field trip to Woodstock, IL to explore solar system & simulate a space mission	Fifth Grade

State History Fair Defray history fair costs. Last year, 14 students received “Superior” ribbons at the State History Fair.	Sixth through Twelfth Grade
Burpee Museum Field trip – “Fossils & Dinosaurs” and “First People: Native Americans”.	Second Grade
Caliphone 4 Wireless Headsets & MimioView The wireless learning system offers a flexible learning situation where students no longer need to be sitting next to one another or plugged into a cd player. The MimioView is a document camera that works as a real time video camera which is projected on to the whiteboard.	Kindergarten
Rolling Carts/WhisperPhones WhisperPhone is an acoustical voice-feedback headset that enables children to focus and hear phonemes more clearly. The carts are for greater ease of organizing and sharing materials.	Kindergarten Reading and Math
Chicago Symphony Orchestra Students focus on elements such as intonation and performing as an ensemble on a professional level.	High School Band Members
Ti-Nspire Cx Calculators Graphing handheld calculator enables deeper understanding of abstract concepts in math and science subjects.	High School Chemistry and Physics
Kidney Table The close proximity of enables teacher to see all students and closely monitor working habits and progress.	Fourth Grade
Medieval Times Students get a hands-on experience of life in the Middle Ages. This will tie concepts in both history and English classes.	Sixth Grade
Music White Board and Music Rug Students can practice music concepts such as rhythm, writing, melody, composing, and more. Rug – The rug has a grand staff in the middle and other musical symbols surrounding the edges. The students can see where music is composed and can practice identifying notes on the staff through movement activities.	Kindergarten – Fifth Grade

A few comments from teachers on this year’s grants:

Standing Desks: I think that one of the largest benefits of this project is that students can work in ways that fits them. It provides an alternative to the status quo that is welcomed by students who just can’t sit for longer periods of time. Students will say, “I feel like I’d like to stand for a while, can I use one of the standing desks?”



Students in Mrs. Mattison's 1st-grade are very excited to be able to use a **Wireless Audio Media Listening Center** during their ELA reading time. They are eager for their turn to listen to new audio stories while using wireless

headphones. The use of the new Audio Media Listening center has sparked an added interest in reading while helping each student become better readers. What a GREAT addition to their classroom!

Music White Board and Music Rug: Students use the carpet to learn notes on the staff and other music symbols. Students were able to visualize the grand staff and step on each note on the carpet while reciting them; this helped them repeat and memorize each note. Additionally, classes were able to use the carpet to learn other music symbols. With the white boards, students practice writing notes and symbols, compose projects and create poems to be accompanied by instruments and more. The results with both materials ended with students learning and applying skills so that they could read music and perform it appropriately.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Our sixteenth annual golf outing at Prairie View Golf Course was a wonderful success, once again. We had a great day and will continue to hold our golf outing at Prairie View Golf Course again in 2016. We had 88 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; Dial Machine; Fairdale Says Thank You; Kirkland Historical Society; Kirkland Lions Club; Kirkland Quick Stop; Lane's Farms Trucking and Hogs; Merrill Lynch; and Shape Master Tool. Table

Sponsors include: Aves Farms (Barry Aves); John Begun; Marv and Wanda Bernhardt; Bruch Financial Advisors; R. J. Daniels Fuel and Tire; Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce; Dean Miller Country Financial; Pardridge Insurance; Jared Poynter and Family; Dr. Barb Runne; Jack and Sharon Schreier; Jim and Peggy Stuntz;. 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 2016

Plans are under way for the **Seventeenth** Annual Golf Outing to be held on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Prairie View Golf Course in Byron.

Pre-registration forms for **Golf Outing 2016** 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.

11th ANNIVERSARY ALL-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

The Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House continues on with its 11th year on July 4, 2016, 1-5 p.m., at the LRC (Library/Learning Resource Center) of Hiawatha Grade School. For information about the Kirkland-Hiawatha All-School Open House 2016, please see school and church news-letters, Nova's emails (you may also contact Ralph and Sarah Ziegler – the new chairs of this event at skz712@yahoo.com), and Kirkland-Hiawatha Face-book page. There will be information at the school website (<http://www.hiawatha426.org>) and also 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. 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.**