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# GIRARD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Enhancing Educational Experiences

## 2016-2017 Annual Report

Girard School District Foundation Profit and Loss Statement		
	FY17 July 1 - June 30	FY16 July 1 - June 30
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Unrestricted Donations	4,989	1,338
Interest/Investment Income	2,495	1,043
Fundraising	20,428	21,570
Temp Restricted Donations		
ECGRA Challenge		8,675
Student Support	1,000	7,836
Scholarship Donations	3,825	8,406
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>32,737</b>	<b>48,868</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Operating Expenses & Insurance	2,601	915
Fundraising	7,268	6,190
Teacher Grants	7,933	3,659
Unrestricted Expenses	17,802	10,764
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>14,935</b>	<b>38,104</b>
<b>Released from Restriction</b>		
Scholarship Awards	10,150	7,700
Student Support	17,890	7,106

### Student Scholarships



Fourteen (14) Student Scholarships were awarded to the Class of 2017 during graduation at the Warner Theater on June 13, 2017.

#### Congratulations to the 2017 scholarship recipients:

- The Kathleen Roberts Scholarship, \$500 - Adrian Welcheck
- The Brian Simkovitch Memorial Scholarship, \$500 - Kaylee Buziewicz
- The Outstanding Character and Integrity Scholarship, \$500 - Amy Simkovitch
- The Girard School District Foundation Ambassador Scholarship, \$500 each - Emma Oas and Kyle Zampogna
- The Bev Miller Scholarship, \$500 - Lauren Esper
- The Girard/Lake City Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, \$1000 - Jordan Stancil
- The Mina George Scholarship, \$500 each - Adrianna Guanen and Jacob Wetzel
- The Lee Ann Griffiths Memorial Scholarship, \$200 - Morgan Davenport
- The Class of 1965 Scholarship, \$250 each - Ashlie Garipey, Alexis Melleh-Connors and Justin Richter
- The Brandon Charles Roney Memorial Scholarship, \$500 - Camryn McCall

Your contributions have a greater impact on student experiences, because the GSD Foundation is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors. To find out more, visit our website at [www.girardsdf.org](http://www.girardsdf.org).

Girard School District Foundation		
Assets	FY17	FY16
Checking	69,414	35,014
Savings	9,823	59,802
Investments at the ECF	23,451	20,977
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>102,688</b>	<b>115,793</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Teacher Grants	5,592	7,918
Scholarships	24,495	30,820
Playground	4,510	21,400
Arts	1,100	1,100
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>35,697</b>	<b>61,237</b>
<b>Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>66,991</b>	<b>54,555</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>102,688</b>	<b>115,793</b>

### 2017 Hive of Fame



Hive of Fame Class of 2017. Left to Right: Patrick Miller, GSD Foundation Vice-President; Inductees Craig Miller, Caroline Marilla Veith, Gary Mohr, M.D; Posthumous Award Robert H. Bowen (Mary Bowen); and Mary Kay Borkowski, GSD Foundation President.

For several years the GSD Foundation has sponsored the Hive of Fame banquet where distinguished Girard School District alumni are honored. This spring event is one of our signature fundraisers. Many generous sponsors make this evening not only an opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments our graduates have made, but to continue the mission of the GSD Foundation to enhance many exceptional programs for our District students.

### Message from the GSD Foundation President .....

Through the generosity of donors like you, the Girard School District Foundation has been able to continue its mission to provide scholarships for graduating seniors along with teacher grants enhancing educational opportunities for District students both within and outside of their classrooms.

Funding to our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is made possible through support from businesses, alumni classes, and individuals who value education and want to make a real difference. We are very grateful for this partnership with you. What better way to invest in students than giving them opportunities to grow through learning experiences that may not typically be available.

Last school year the GSD Foundation provided over \$7500 towards innovative teacher grants. In addition, we partnered with several organizations and families to award nearly \$6450 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors. This could not be accomplished without your commitment to making a difference in young peoples' lives. We hope you continue this commitment to the GSD Foundation, either financially or through volunteering to raise funds. Please take a moment to review this annual report to see the impact your contribution had last school year.

#### Our Mission

The purpose of the Girard School District Foundation is to enhance educational opportunities for all District students; to increase public involvement in schools; to increase initiatives which support quality instruction and lifelong learning endeavors and encourage alumni and others to support the GSD Foundation through annual gifts, planned gifts and memorial gifts.



**Multi-disciplinary Disney Nature Field Trip, Jill Bashline (RAMS)**

Fifth grade teachers designed multi-disciplinary activities about endangered species as part of a Disney Earth Day program presented at Tinseltown. In the classroom, students used research-based skills to draw conclusions, create posters, write papers, and utilize technology and satellite imagery to analyze the effects of natural disasters on animal habitats around the world.

**Innovation Grants**

The Teacher Innovation grants encourage faculty to develop and implement activities that enhance and enrich academic programs.

**Carnegie Science Center 6th Grade Field Trip, Frank Beachly (RAMS)**

RAMS was awarded a Carnegie Science Center grant for the entire 6th grade class to visit the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. The Carnegie Science Center grant will cover admission, interactive science activities, live demonstration show, lunch, and a stipend toward transportation. The GSD Foundation assisted with busing costs.



RAMS 5th Grade STEM Space Balloon

**STEM - Space Balloon (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Megan Panic (RAMS)**

Student participants worked in teams to design and build a prototype craft to launch into space to collect data. This Space Balloon project was the culminating activity of learning scientific methods, engineering processes, space science topics and technical writing.

**First Lego League Mindstorms Robotics, Sandy Donnelly (RAMS)**

This GSDF grant helped the two RAMS First Lego League robotic teams purchase the new EV3 Mindstorm System. The new system will allow the RAMS teams to remain competitive in regional and national Lego League competitions.



RAMS 6th Grade at Carnegie Science Center

**Enjoy the Outdoor Adventure, Scott Russell (GHS)**

The High School Outdoor Adventure course allows students to explore local and regional resources through participation in activities such as rock climbing, backpacking, geocaching, mountain biking, fishing and cross

country skiing. These activities not only encourage exercise and a love of the outdoors, they build leadership skills, a sense of community, and help raise interest in the environment. Enrollment in this course has doubled over the past several years and the GSD Foundation is pleased to help sustain this important initiative.



GHS Outdoor Adventure

**Hearty, Healthy Hearts, Kailynn Noon (RAMS)**

This project is an extension of classroom learning as it utilizes the Polar H7 Heart Rate Monitors to help students identify and apply ways to monitor and assess the body's response to moderate and vigorous physical activity. Participants should see the direct correlation of exercise intensity to heart rates, with the ultimate goal of improving cardiovascular performance.



Research has shown that physical activity has a direct correlation to intellectual functioning and academic achievement.

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We appreciate your commitment to providing additional opportunities to our students. We hope you continue this commitment to the GSD Foundation, either financially or through volunteering to help raise funds. Tax-deductible gifts can be made in varying forms: monetary donations (i.e. memorial, recognition of an educator, or tribute to someone special), scholarship funds, endowment, will or estate planning, and business partnerships.