

Chelsea Education Foundation

IMPACT STATEMENT

2019



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Mission

“The mission of the Chelsea Education Foundation is to enhance the Chelsea School District’s educational experiences by financing projects beyond the resources of the district and by providing scholarships to district graduates.”

Values

Strengthen the Chelsea School District by supporting its educators and students.



Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) is a non-profit organization that provides funding for a wide spectrum of educational activities benefiting the students of Chelsea, Michigan. Funds raised through endowments and events are managed by local investment professionals and distributed to recipients by the CEF board. The Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan and Edward Jones provides assistance to ensure we are maximizing our investments.

In 1990, the Chelsea Education Foundation was founded by Joe Piasecki, then superintendent of the Chelsea School District. The goal of the foundation was to provide a link between school, business and community to strengthen Chelsea’s future. Thanks to strong community support and several significant endowments, the Foundation grew steadily and in 1999 was registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Since its beginning, over 150 Volunteers from the Chelsea community have served one to three year terms on the CEF Board.

Many school board members, administrators, and student representatives alongside countless others have donated time, energy, resources, and services throughout its 30 year existence.

Community Impact

Contributions to CEF are given back to the Chelsea community through college and trade scholarships for Chelsea High School graduates and grants to innovative teachers and administrators.



CEF Founder Joe Piasecki

President's Welcome



Lynn Fox, CEF President

Dear Chelsea Community

As we recently shared in the "2019 CEF Reflection" newsletter, gratitude helps you grow and expand. In 2019, the generous support of Chelsea community members and businesses helped CEF continue to grow and expand our reach.

During fiscal year 2018 -2019, we provided 26 scholarships for students totaling \$25,500. We provided \$31,997 to renovate the South Creek Media Center. We awarded 30 grants to support projects, materials, trips and learning opportunities for students and staff. CEF collaborated with the Educational Foundation of Dexter (EFD) to host our first annual Rivalry Match, a cooperative fundraising event. This collaboration was recognized by the Michigan Education Foundation and both the CEF and EFD were invited to Okemos to present the details of the joint Rivalry Match fundraiser.

A frequently used quote from Maya Angelou that goes like this: "I have great respect for the past. If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you're going." As we move into our 30th year of serving the Chelsea School District, it is with great pride and humility that we carry on the vision of Joe Piasecki, the founder of Chelsea Community Foundation. The board is involved and committed to maintaining a high standard. We want to make the schools better for our kids by providing grants to teachers to enhance the educational experience of each child and scholarships to graduating seniors. None of what we do would be possible without the generosity of our donor community for which we will be forever grateful.

Serving Chelsea Schools for Over 30 Years!



Founding Board Members

Front from left:

Amy Heydlauff, Treva Winans
Barbara Rose, Anne Comeau

Standing row from left:

Helen Lancaster, Dr. Richard Ernst
Joe Piasecki, Patrice Fahrner
Kenneth Gietzen, Janet Roberts
Tom Huetteman

Not pictured:

Peter Flintoff, David McLaughlin
Tim Merkel, Charles Skelton
Mary Beth Rosenberg

Impact of Chelsea Education Foundation:

46K

Forty-six thousand students have benefited from the donations made by CEF

STUDENTS



GRANTS



600

Programs ranging from art installations, to robotics, to field trips, to financial management.

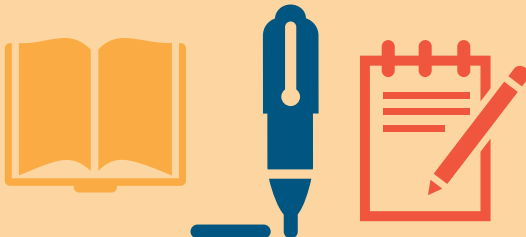
900

awarded to students with outstanding academic performance.

SCHOLARSHIPS



DONATIONS



\$1 MILLION

have been collected to support grants & scholarships throughout the Chelsea School District.



Grants

South Meadows Elementary recipient of large grant

The media center at South Meadows Elementary School has become a destination for students and staff thanks to significant improvements with help from the CEF. The improvements include flexible seating such as chairs, stools and a sofa, tables, reading domes, and a new media clerk check out station. "Students and staff alike enjoy coming into the media center because it looks inviting and engaging," said Stacie Battaglia, principal of South Meadows. "In addition, it offers the opportunity to collaborate more comfortably and easily. All of the furniture moves very easily and can be rearranged for whatever purpose we need."

Please note CEF accepts applications only from Chelsea School District teachers and administrators. The window for receiving applications is from September 9 to October 21 each year. For questions email president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

2019 Grants \$21,968 to Chelsea Schools

Chelsea High School
#WHYYOUMATTER
CHS Link Crew
Music Cultural Exchange
Breaking Barriers
Independence Hall Cultural Performance
9th Grade PE Equipment
Lunch Career Talks
Gettysburg Field Trip

Beach Middle School
8th Grade DC Scholarships
Science Olympiad
6th Grade Camp
7th Grade DIA Field Trip
Where Everybody Belongs
Civil War Re-enactor
Spanish Field Trip
Outdoor Classroom
Authors in Chelsea

South Meadows Elementary
Psychology Office Seating
4th Grade Museum Visits
Native American Experience
Makerspace Supplies
Makerspace Workshop
Authors in Chelsea

North Creek Elementary
IXL Math & Language
Orton-Gillingham Training
Sulzby Books
Literacy Conference
Reading Support
Authors in Chelsea

Scholarship Awards

Since 2001, over 900 scholarships have been awarded through Chelsea Education Foundation to students with outstanding academic performance. In 2019, CEF awarded \$25,500 in scholarships to Chelsea students.

Scholarship Applications are accepted April 1-April 30 each year. Applications for all scholarships can be accessed online through the Chelsea School District's Haiku Learning Portal. Email scholarships@chelseaeducationfoundation.org for information.

2019 CEF Scholarship Awards \$25,500 to Chelsea Schools

CEF Academic

CEF Community Service

CEF Scholarships for Non-Traditional
Returning Students

Chelsea Family Dentistry

Chelsea Rod and Gun Club

Female in Finance

Brian McGrath Memorial

Doris Schumacher/A.H. Schumacher
Memorial

Jillian Lea Drow Memorial Scholarship

Joel Gentz Memorial Leadership and
Service

Joseph Piasecki Memorial

Judith Lynn Wagner Owens Teacher

Mary Merkel Memorial Nursing

Robert W. Wagner Engineering



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2019 Finances

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2019

REVENUE

Pledges and Contributions	5,032
Fundraising Events	79,365
Scholarship Income	66,060

Total 150,457

EXPENSES

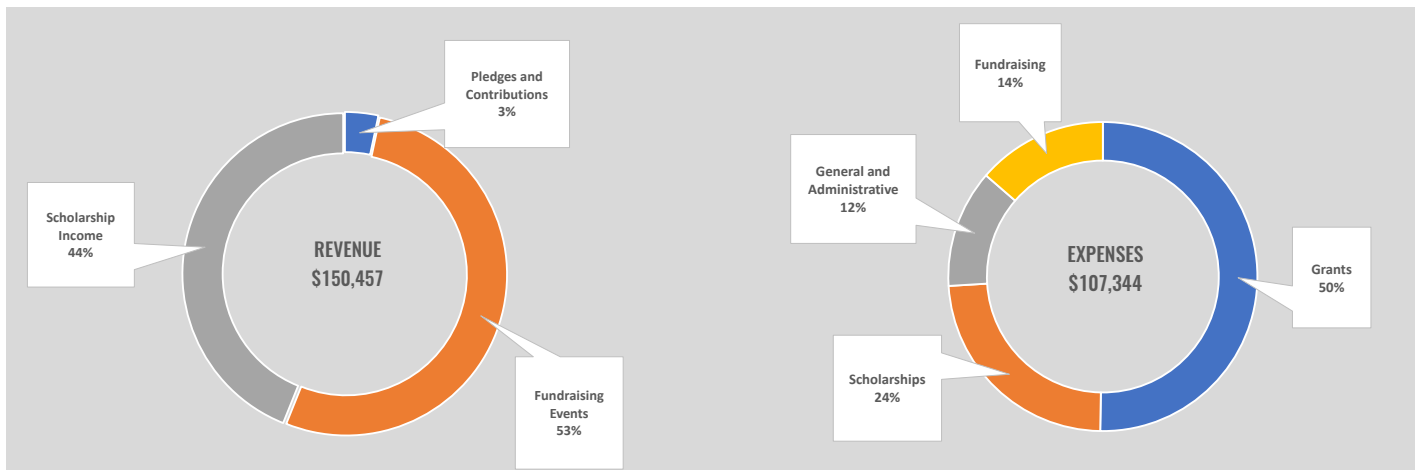
Grants	53,965
Scholarships	22,500
General and Administrative	13,232
Fundraising	14,647

Total 107,344

NET INCOME 43,113

CEF hosted a breakfast fundraiser for South Meadows Elementary School in October 2018. This event made a significant contribution to CEF's fundraising capacity. 100% of the proceeds received were directed to the project.

We have also embarked upon the development of governance, brand image, and simplicity and consistency in our messaging.



Our Generous Donors

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Jiffy Mixes



Chelsea Community Foundation

Edward Jones

Stieper & Brust Orthodontics



Clark Construction Company

Stephen Zoran

Susan Whitelaw & Larry Ledebur

Thompson's Pizza



Chelsea State Bank

Chelsea Lumber Company

Curtis Chiropractic

Dr. Nathan Keiser

Farm Bureau Insurance - Rick Eder

Jeff Klink and Associates

Reinhart Realtors

Kingscott Associates

Lane Animal Hospital

Northstar Bank

Sharee Burkel of

Nelson, Kellmann & Associates

Silver Maples

The Gietzen Family

TorranceLearning



Jiffy Mixes Donation

CEF reached out to the community and asked them to support a large project at South Meadows Elementary during a Fundraiser Breakfast in October 2018. Thanks to a matching donation of \$9,000 by Howdy Holmes of Chelsea Milling Company, the breakfast raised \$31,997 toward new furniture for the student designed media center.

The Mansfield Donation

The Mansfield Family Foundation of East Lansing liked what it saw in the Chelsea Education Foundation. So much so that it gave a \$10,000 donation to the CEF so it could in turn help with the idea Beach Middle School students created in the school's own "Shark Tank-type" contest.



News & Events

Chelsea Education Foundation sets out to make a difference in the lives of Chelsea students by providing them with the resources they need in order to succeed. To learn more about the projects we're funding, click on our news tab at www.chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

1. Annual Fundraiser | Mar 2020

Proceeds benefit the Chelsea School District through grants awarded to innovative teachers and administrators.

2. Presentation to MEF | Oct 2019

Chelsea Education Foundation and the Educational Foundation of Dexter presented their collaboration at the Michigan Education Foundation meeting in Okemos.

3. Rivalry Match | Aug 2019

Chelsea Bulldogs and the Dexter Dreadnaughts went head-to-head to raise money for their Education Foundations. \$10,000 was raised during the friendly text-to-donate event.

4. Annual Fundraiser | Mar 2019

The 2019 Gala raised more than \$44,000 for the 2019/2020 grant programs. Over 150 donors attended the event, supporting educational programs and initiatives in the Chelsea School District.

5. Fundraiser Breakfast | Oct 2018

CEF held a fundraising breakfast to help fund a large project at South Meadows School. Principal Stacie Battaglia, accompanied by a group of students, talked about the goal to make the school's "library" a comfortable and inviting media center for students.





“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.” Lynn Fox Board President

Lynn Fox



President

Megan Smith



Vice President

Brittainy Hough



Secretary

Sharee Burkel



Co-Treasurer

Sharon Hillis



Co-Treasurer

Lori Coryell



Grant Chair

Amy Forehand



Strategy Chair

Kimberly Gillow



Marketing Chair

Michael Kapolka



Board Member

Edward Kryzik



Board Member

Joshua Kuck



Board Member

Angie McCalla



Board Member

Susan Whitelaw



Board Member

Julie Helber



Board Member (non-voting)

Board Members

The Chelsea Education Foundation board currently meets the third Monday each month at WSEC 100 building. Committees include: Scholarships, Grants, Finance, Marketing, and Policy/Bylaws.



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