

Chelsea Education Foundation

IMPACT STATEMENT

2020



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Mission

Enhance the Chelsea School District's educational experiences by financing projects beyond the resources of the district and by providing scholarships to district graduates.

Vision

Chelsea Education Foundation is a highly regarded valuable and caring resource to students and teachers and is a trusted and beneficial conduct by all community members.

Values

Mission Driven, Strategically Grounded, Financially Sustainable, Community Focused



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 provide assistance to ensure investments are maximized.

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 the school, businesses and the 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 scholarships for Chelsea High School graduates and grants to innovative teachers and administrators.

President's Welcome



Lynn Fox, CEF President

Dear Chelsea Community,

Most of us could not have imagined the world as it currently is in 2020.

At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year the Chelsea Education Foundation Board had planned our annual teacher grant cycle for October, student scholarship awards at Class Night in June and, of course, our annual fundraising Gala that was scheduled for March 16th. In the school year 2019-2020, we were able to fund almost \$40,000 for 30 teacher grants and awarded \$29,500 to 29 graduating students. The Gala, however, was cancelled.

The CEF Board is so thankful for our generous sponsors and Gala ticket holders who allowed us to retain their funds for the 2020-21 teacher grant cycle. The Board has made the decision to hold three teacher grant cycles - one in October, one in January and the last in April. We hope that by providing multiple opportunities we will help CSD teachers with innovative ideas as the schools move through the changing landscape of virtual and hybrid teacher - student interaction.

We continue to look for community-minded people to help strengthen the CEF organization and our connection to every student within the Chelsea School District. We need your support as much now, if not more than before, so we can support Chelsea K-12 students.

We look forward to engaging with you in many new and innovative ways. Please follow us on Facebook and subscribe to our monthly newsletter to keep abreast of CEF events.

I am thankful for the wonderful people on this Board who give to the organization in varied ways with their time, talent, and financial support. Please ask any Board member how you can help or contact me at president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

Chelsea Community Foundation Grant

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) provided the CEF with funding to support its strategic planning process and the annual gala.

CCF has awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants to non-profits who address community needs and opportunities that improve the quality of life in the city of Chelsea and surrounding areas.



Impact of Chelsea Education Foundation:

46K

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

STUDENTS



GRANTS



600

Programs including arts, musical performances, field trips, physical and mental health, literacy development and more.

900

awarded to students with outstanding character, service or academics.

SCHOLARSHIPS



DONATIONS



\$1 MILLION

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



Grants

Beach Middle School was the recipient of a large grant from the Mansfield Family Foundation for outdoor learning space

Beach Middle School sixth-graders competed in a “Shark Tank” style product pitch. They worked on an outdoor learning space project that involved research, development, and writing product pitches.

The “Teacher Tank” panel chose a winning design based on the presentation and what would be feasible for Beach Middle School. “The design project was also closely tied to the Chelsea School District’s goal of enhancing student critical thinking this year,” said 6th Grade Teacher Mr. Lott. “Students were asked to investigate a challenge, analyze evidence, solve authentic problems, and make accurate judgments and decisions, and then try to justify their decisions to a public audience in a professional way.”

Please note CEF accepts applications only from Chelsea School District teachers and administrators. Questions email: president@chelseaeducationfoundation.org.

2019-2020 Grants \$39,989 to Chelsea Schools

Chelsea High School

#WHYYOUMATTER
CHS Link Crew
Hometown Holidays Concert
Quiz Bowl
Empty Bowls
Independence Hall Cultural Events
Moanin’ Frogs
Psychologist/Social Worker Space
Arbor Club’s 50th Alumni/Earth Day
Bulbs for Alumni Arbor

Beach Middle School

8th Grade Trip DC Scholarships
Science Olympiad
8th Grade Science Unit
6th Grade Camp
7th Grade DIA Field Trip
Where Everybody Belongs
Moanin’ Frogs
Civil War Reenactor
Strength, Speed, & Conditioning
Authors in Chelsea

South Meadows Elementary

Summer Reading Initiative
3rd Grade Native American Experience
4th Grade Museum Visits
Media Center Entry Way
Makerspace
Physical Education
Mosaic Making
Authors in Chelsea

North Creek Elementary

Bursting with Books
Book a Day
Lucy Caulkins Books
Reading Workshop
Authors in Chelsea

2020 CEF Scholarship Awards \$29,500 to Chelsea Schools

The Joseph Piasecki Scholarships
Thea Higgins, Kayala Sweeny

CEF Academic Scholarships
Ella Ashe, Madison Burlett, Aidan Delwiche
Savannah Fisk, Morgan Kurth, Reagan
Lehman, Lilian Maynard, Christopher White

CEF Community Service Scholarships
Madison Brodeur, Emily Chizek, Pamela Doss
Nicholas Fannin, William Fredenberg
Sarah Loring, Olivia Prodin, Kyra Van Batavia

Jillian Lea Drow Memorial Scholarship
Sydney St. Amour

**Robert Wagner Engineering
Scholarship**
Abigail Robbins

**Judith Lynn Wagner Owens Teacher
Scholarship**
Sarah Loring

**Mary Merkel Memorial Nursing
Scholarship**
Emily Chizek

**Doris Schumacher / A Henry
Schumacher Memorial Scholarship**
Emma Hess

Female in Finance Scholarship
Myranda Montoye

Chelsea Family Dentistry Scholarship
Josiah Fitch

**Chelsea Rod and Gun Club
Scholarships**
Morgan DeYoe, Abigail Robbins

**Joel Gentz Memorial Leadership and
Service Scholarship**
Emma Hess

**Brian McGrath Memorial
Scholarships**
Aidan Delwiche, Will Scott

Scholarship Awards

Since 2001, over 900 scholarships have been awarded through Chelsea Education Foundation to students with outstanding character, service, or academics. In 2020, CEF awarded \$29,500 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.



*2020 Scholarship recipients
Olivia Prodin and Reagan Lehman*

2019-20 Finances

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2020

REVENUE

Pledges and Contributions	29,143
Fundraising Events	41,088
Scholarship Income	7,323
Investments	26,562
Total	104,116

EXPENSES

Grants	49,989
Scholarships	23,823
General and Administrative	18,643
Fundraising	10,635
Other	149
Total	103,239

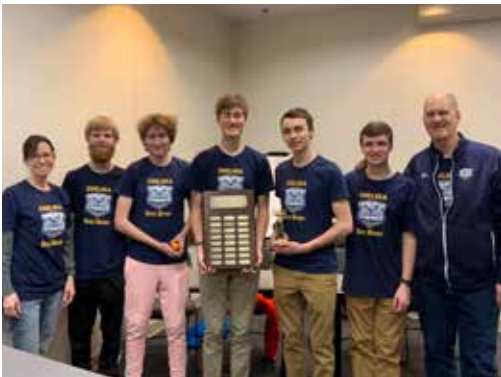
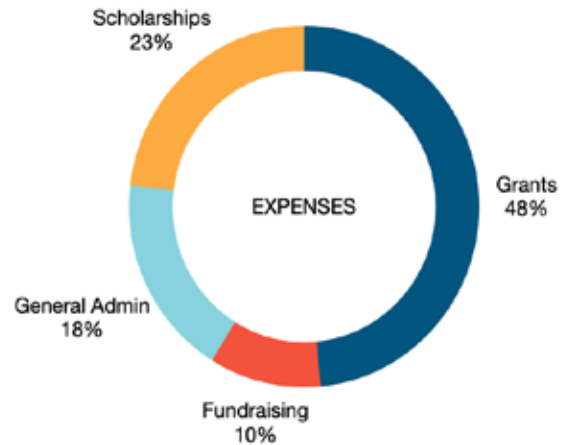
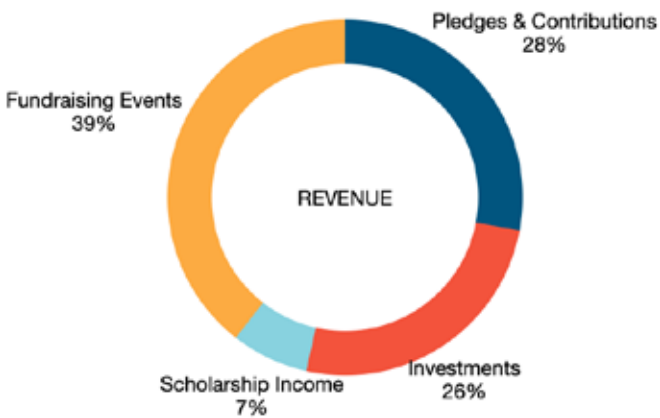
NET INCOME

878

In the fall of 2019 CEF began its first Strategic Planning initiative. After many months of work as a committee, we met with the full Board and facilitators from D&B Strategic Marketing and NEW (Non-profit Enterprise at Work).

Survey input from community stakeholders showed us where we needed to become more visible in the schools and how we could improve our funding efforts, allowing us to provide more support for all students in the Chelsea School District.

We are evaluating bylaws, policies, board development and governance as well as managing changes to committee structure and function. CEF is committed to strengthening the CSD by supporting its educators and students.



Our Generous Donors

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. Since our establishment, we have directed **\$1 Million dollars** of our donors' money to over **46 thousand students**.

PLATINUM

Chelsea Community Foundation
Stieper & Brust Orthodontics

GOLD

Coy Labs
Edward Jones

SILVER

Chelsea Milling Company
Chelsea State Bank
Clark Construction Company
Lane Animal Hospital
Dan & Cindy Rhodes
Thompson's Pizza
Susan Whitelaw & Larry Ledebur

BRONZE

Jim & Andrea Alford
ArborOne Mortgage
Jennifer Baghdoian - Reinhart Realtor
Debbie Bourdon - Real Estate One
Chelsea Family Dentistry
Chelsea Lumber Company
Rick Eder - Farm Bureau Insurance
Mark & Amy Heydluaff
Brittiany & Nathan Hough
Dr. Nathan Keiser
The Forehand Company
Jeff Klink & Associates - Reinhart Realtors
Northstar Bank
Silver Maples
Kevin & Megan Smith
TorranceLearning

The Mansfield Family Foundation Donation

The Mansfield Family Foundation elected to make a \$10,000 contribution to further support CEF's mission of enhancing the educational experience for students within the Chelsea School District.

The intended purpose was for the educational instructors and administrative staff of Beach Middle School (BMS) to further develop and implement a functional outdoor classroom for all students to experience learning through observation, hands-on activities, problem solving and critical thinking by using



an innovative and unconventional educational structure. Given the location of BMS and the ability to walk between educational buildings, the land in which the school resides and

existing developments of a phased in outdoor learning space the timing seemed ideal. Whether standard educational curriculum courses or electives all courses can be taken outside, the one common denominator is that all students can benefit from fresh air and green surroundings both which become limited to students once they reach middle school.

The Mansfield Family Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to helping people shape their own futures by providing support and opportunities in the arts, education and human services.



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 2021

Stay tuned as we reinvent our annual fundraiser for 2021. Proceeds benefit the Chelsea School District through grants awarded to innovative teachers and administrators.

2. Annual Fundraiser | Mar 2020

Although the 2020 Gala was cancelled because of COVID-19, loyal sponsors still committed more than \$30,500 for the 2020/21 grant programs, supporting educational programs and initiatives in the Chelsea School District.

3. Strategic Planning | Feb 2020

The Chelsea Community Foundation (CCF) awarded CEF with funding to support its strategic planning process led by D&B Strategic Marketing and NEW.

4. 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.

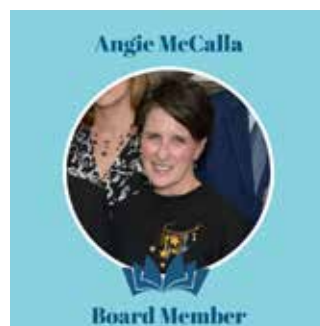
5. Rivalry Match | Aug 2019

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.





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



Board Members

The Chelsea Education Foundation board currently meets the third Monday each month. Committees include: Executive, Impact, Finance, Marketing/Communications, Events, Donor Development, and Volunteer Coordination.

If you are interested in joining or volunteering, please contact us online at www.chelsealeducationfoundation.org or email president@chelsealeducationfoundaton.org.



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