



Elkhart Education Foundation

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” -Nelson Mandela



Mission Statement

The Elkhart Education Foundation **ignites** the power of community, **connects** generous hearts with education, and **provides** the resources needed for **EVERY** child to excel inside and outside of the classroom through extraordinary learning experiences.

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Annual Report

March 1, 2015

Dear EEF Friends & Supporters,

We are **ELKHART!**

We are a **COMMUNITY** of resilient, generous, “**WORLD CLASS**” people!

We are **ONE CITY** with **ONE MISSION!**

Imagine a school system that is the envy of all schools in Northern Indiana, one that provides opportunities for ALL students to discover their “spark” and encourages college and career readiness.

Imagine a school system that prepares our youth to enter the highly skilled, technical job openings right here in Elkhart County that go unfilled because of the lack of qualified applicants.

Imagine a school system that makes Elkhart a highly sought-after destination for young families because they want their kids to go to school here.

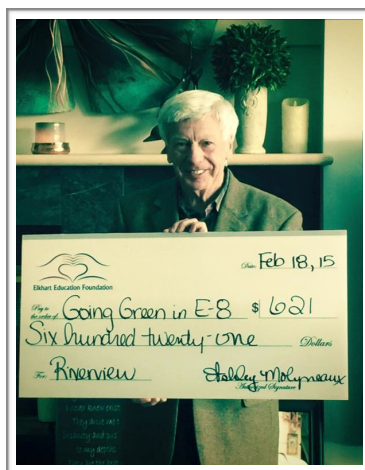
The evidence is overwhelming and quite compelling: Participation in student activities increases students’ standardized test scores, GPAs, graduation rates, college acceptance rates and college success rates. Additionally, it practically eliminates the likelihood that a student will choose to drop out of high school. Unfortunately, many of our Elkhart students are not able to afford the athletic and activity fees that are associated with participation in extracurriculars. Less than 1% of the Elkhart Community School’s budget is dedicated to funding athletics, arts, and clubs, yet extracurricular activities are one of the most effective tools in increasing student engagement and graduation rates.

This is why the Elkhart Education Foundation was born – to level the playing field for Elkhart youth by making participation in these engaging activities possible for all children, no matter their socioeconomic status.

Elkhart Community Schools can and will be the system we imagine with the support of the Elkhart Education Foundation (EEF) which is funded by generous community members and business leaders. By joining the “One City One Mission” movement, you will help EEF fund extracurricular programming, innovative teaching grants, and special programs that will enhance the educational experience for all students in Elkhart Community Schools. We are ELKHART!



Bristol Elementary -
Moby Max Grant



Riverview Elementary -
Going Green in E8 Grant



Mary Daly Elementary -
Project CLICK Grant

Board of Directors



“I have been a part of other education foundation start-ups, and the Elkhart Education Foundation is by far the most action-oriented I have seen. The fact they are giving away \$12,500 in innovative teaching grants in less than 18 months is nothing short of amazing.”

*- Dr. Robert Haworth,
ECS Superintendent*

The Elkhart Education Foundation is grateful to have an amazing group of dedicated board members that are committed to making Elkhart a great place to live, learn and grow.

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West Side Middle School Staff showing off their EEF “One City, One Mission” Pride!

Message from the President

The Elkhart Education Foundation is all about filling in the gaps for students and teachers. We strive to support innovative learning opportunities while ensuring that all kids have equal opportunity to find their passion through engaging activities in and outside of the classroom.

"We must assist Elkhart youth in finding their "spark" - their motivation - to help get them, and then keep them, engaged throughout their school-age years.
-Hayley Boling, MBA

We believe this foundation is an exceptional opportunity for our community to unite under a common mission - to enrich the education experience for all. This enrichment will come from the strengthening of extracurricular opportunities in addition to the encouragement of educators to engage students through innovation and exploration.

In essence, we must assist our youth in finding their "spark" (aka motivation) to help get them, and then keep them, engaged throughout their school-age years.

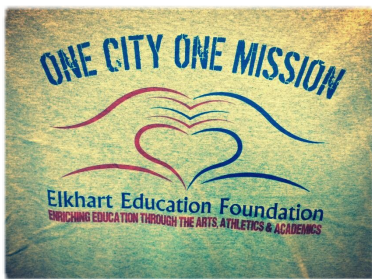
We hope to facilitate "spark discovery" by allowing kids the opportunity to experience extracurricular activities - arts, athletics, academic clubs/ service organizations. By doing so, we believe that our youth will have a better chance of succeeding both in and outside of the classroom now and in the future.

Thank you for your interest and excitement regarding the Elkhart Education Foundation. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

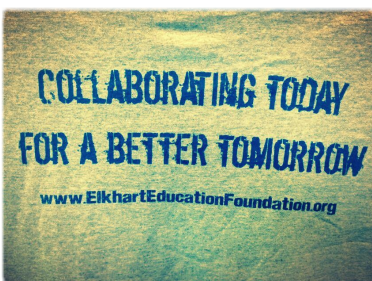
Sincerely,

Hayley G. Boling, MBA

Board President & Co-Founder



Front of EEF T-Shirt



Back of EEF T-Shirt

2014 Highlights

The EEF Board of Directors looks forward to collaborating with the Robert F. Kennedy Speak Truth to Power Foundation in 2015, as we bring social justice & awareness to Elkhart Students, Educators & the Elkhart community as a whole.

The Elkhart Education Foundation is an action-oriented community organization! We realize that Elkhart's need is certain, so we have committed to making a major impact early and often! As a result, 2014 was full of excitement!

Event Highlights

Tools for Schools - School Supply Drive. EEF raised & distributed 5 crates of school supplies to each school in the district, which are distributed directly to classrooms in need.

Community Kick-Off Classic & Red Blue Pep Rally. More than 1000 people gathered to kick-off the EMHS vs ECHS football rivalry, including the rival bands, cheerleaders & fall sports teams!

Horns of Plenty - Jazz Concert Benefit, featured Jazz Specialist Tim Cunningham & smooth vocalist Ty Causey. A great evening filled with great music for a great cause!

Grant Workshop - Tips & Tricks for a Successful EEF Grant Application. Provided helpful information to local educators looking to apply for innovative teaching grants in 2014.

Financial Highlights

Raised nearly \$30,000 through private donations for community events & teaching grants.

Received more than 20 requests totaling more than \$40,000 for EEF's 1st round of Innovative Teaching Grants.

100% of all donations went directly to the EEF Mission and goals. No overhead costs.

The EEF Board of Directors set a Fundraising Goal of five million dollars in five years.

Business Highlights

EEF received the IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status further encouraging charitable donations.

EEF is working to distribute nearly \$30,000 in Innovative Teaching Grants in 2015.

The EEF Board of Directors has voted and approved to hire a full-time Executive Director in 2015.

EEF looks forward to hosting 6 events in 2015, including 4 fundraising initiatives & 2 grant distribution parties.



Tools for Schools Radio Interview with founders, Ashley Molyneaux & Hayley Boling

EEF Loves Elkhart Teachers!



“We are so lucky to have the EEF”

-Carolyn Lesperance, West Side Middle School Teacher



2014 Financial Summary

Financial Summary	2014	2013	Growth
Total Income	\$27,192	\$2,068	1,215%
Total Expenses & Donations	\$19,492	\$7	278,357%
Net Ordinary Income	\$7,700	\$2,061	274%

*The Elkhart Education Foundation earned the IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt status on December 20, 2013.

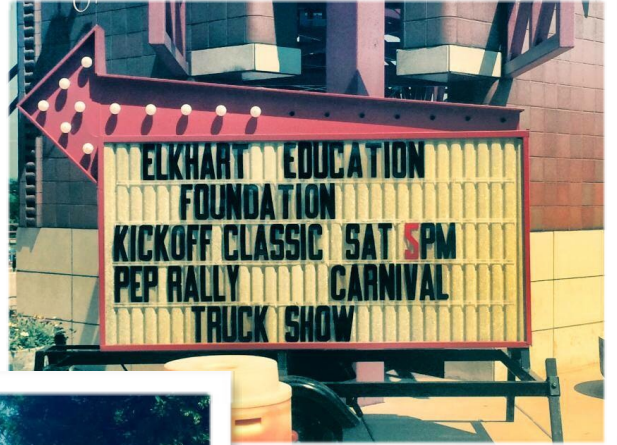
"It is a sincere pleasure working with the Elkhart Education Foundation. I feel most honored to be a part of an organization that is doing so much for the Elkhart Community."

-Hass Hakim, Seifert Drug Store, EEF VP

More EEF Action - Tools for Schools



More EEF Action - Community Kick-Off Classic



Elkhart Education Foundation's Elkhart Community Kick-Off Classic

Bring this ad for
**2 FREE
Carnival Tickets**

Saturday, August 9th, 2014
From 5-9 p.m.
At the Elkhart Civic Plaza

- Carnival Games, Hosted by Elkhart Community Schools' Athletic Teams & Coaches
- Touch-A-Truck, A hands-on opportunity to explore heavy machinery and to meet the people who build, protect and serve our community
- LARP Tournament, Live Action Roleplay (Pretending with rules)
- Raise the Bar Drum Line, Pre-pep rally performance
- City-wide Pep Rally, Battle of the Bands (EMHS vs ECHS)



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Collaborating today for a better tomorrow.
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Horns of Plenty!

Smooth, Sultry, Funky Jazz
Elkhart Jazz Festival Preview Event
Saturday, November 1 • 7:00 pm



All proceeds to support enrichment programs for Elkhart students
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More EEF Action - Horns of Plenty

Ty Causey, Soul Singer



Tim Cunningham, Jazz Specialist

2015 Preview

The EEF Board of Directors is collaborating with the Robert F. Kennedy Speak Truth to Power Foundation in 2015, bringing a much-needed program to Elkhart Community Schools and our city as a whole. Coming in May 2015.

EEF is collaborating with the City of Elkhart, The Lerner Theatre & Premier Arts in 2015 to bring Ms. Kerry Kennedy to Elkhart, IN! The event will be hosted by Mr. Art Decio, and will be a formal EEF Community Kick-Off event!

EEF is partnering with The Elkhart Truth and Martin's Supermarkets for a Spring Break Food Drive, so that all Elkhart kids can have full bellies over the Spring Break week.

EEF will be sponsoring catered lunches for school staffs that show their EEF Spirit on the 1st Friday of each month. Principals feel the "EEF Spirit" has improved morale and overall school excitement!

"The Elkhart Education Foundation is proud to introduce Speak Truth To Power to the Elkhart Community through EEF's very own Ripple of Hope Reception! We look forward to seeing you there!"
-Hayley Boling, MBA
EEF President

The Elkhart Education Foundation presents the
**ONE CITY, ONE MISSION
RIPPLE OF HOPE RECEPTION**

Hosted by Mr. Art Decio

*Featuring a meet and greet with human rights activist and daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, Kerry Kennedy

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

Join us in the Lerner Theatre Crystal Ballroom for Dessert and Champagne at 6:30pm
To be followed by a public address from Ms. Kennedy at 7:30pm on the Lerner Theatre Mainstage

Location: Lerner Theatre, 410 S Main St, Elkhart, IN 46516
RSVP: email elkhartedfoundation@gmail.com or call 574-361-1258 to RSVP before May 1st



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SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

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