

East Lansing Educational Foundation

Annual Report 2008

The East Lansing
Educational Foundation
works to enhance
excellence in public
education by raising and
distributing private
resources for the benefit
and enrichment of all
students.

Students Cheer for Foundation Grants in Every East Lansing School

East Lansing Educational Foundation (ELEF) gave out over \$19,000 to district teachers through its Grants for Teachers Program. Enthusiastic "Prize Patrols" awarded teachers their grants while they taught in their classrooms, giving students a chance to cheer their teachers.

"This Prize Patrol tradition gives us a chance to applaud our great teachers throughout the district," says Julia Cawood, ELEF's President. "Our grants fund books, world music, guest authors and even a science experiment with live bats!"

"We had the largest number of requests ever," continues Cawood, reporting



Students and teachers celebrate their grant from the East Lansing Educational Foundation. ELEF put over \$19,000 directly into classrooms during 2008.

that ELEF gave out \$9,000 to 39 teachers during the Spring 2008 round of awards. The Fall 2008 grant cycle funded ideas from 36 teachers.

Every school in the district receives ELEF funding, affecting the classrooms of hundreds of children through out the district. "In good times and lean times, we look forward to stepping forward with funds. Our teachers and students count on us." says ELEF's Grant Committee Chair Lola O'Meara. "The scope of the ideas we fund highlights for us the scope of our teachers' imaginations."

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A Note from ELEF's President - Julia Cawood

A strong school system translates into a robust, successful and flourishing community. The East Lansing Educational Foundation recognizes this important connection. For over two decades, community members have served on the ELEF board, diligently executing their

role as stewards of funds attained from individuals and area businesses.

While sustaining its goals and purpose, the ELEF has steadily grown and secured its role as a significant contributor to our schools. As we continue to grow, we will have an even more substantial im-

pact on East Lansing Schools, helping to preserve the excellence in education for which our

district is known.

It is my privilege to be part of this organization, dedicated to enriching our children's public education experience. Dear ELEF,
Hi my name is Farid and I
am from Afghanistan and I
think you know that in my
country is war for 30 years...
I speak Farsi, Russian,
English. Thank you for all of
the books and I love all of

son

Farid's teacher won an ELEF grant to purchase books

them. The best one is the

scary stories. Thank you!

Farid (4th grade)

New Collaboration Grant Puts \$16,000 into Classroom Technology

The East Lansing Educational Foundation surprised East Lansing teachers gathered for a day of professional development with the announcement of the winners of the foundation's first Collaboration Grants focused on technology.

Red Cedar Elementary, Marble Elementary and MacDonald Middle School will all receive funding for digital projectors and cameras as winners of the ELEF awards. In total, \$16,000 was distributed among the three schools.

"With this new Collaboration Grant," explains Rich Mikel of the



ELEF President Julie Cawood (left) and Rich Mikel (right) award the first ever Collaboration grant to representatives from Marble and Red Cedar Elementary Schools and MacDonald Middle School. The \$16,000 distribution will help equalize available technology across the district.

ELEF Board and Grant Committee, "we are moving the foundation forward into the realm of technology, especially technology that brings students and teachers together to collaborate around the curriculum." The foundation, Mikel explains, also keeps equity among the schools in mind as it considers grant requests.

"We found a situation tailor-made to foundation work," says Mikel. "In some schools, every classroom had projectors and cameras. In others supply was more sporadic. Our awards insure that every classroom in the district has a projector, and a supply of digital cameras."

A District Tradition: The Sarah Tarpoff Writing Awards

The Sarah Tarpoff Creative Writing Award Project was established in 1985 as a memorial to Sarah Tarpoff, an East Lansing student who loved to write and draw. For 24 years, every student in East Lansing has been invited to submit an original poem, essay, story or play. Each manuscript is read and evaluated; every entrant receives a ribbon honoring his or her participation.

Each year the ELEF publishes a school calendar showcasing some of the blue ribbon entries from schools across the district. Bound volumes of all blue ribbon entries are available at the East Lansing Public Library.

Want to be a part of this wonderful program? New volunteers to be readers of student work are always welcome. Please contact Michele Huisgen at 517-333-7439.

Dear ELEF,
Thank you for all of the books.
What do you do for your job?
How early do you get up for
work? - Juan (4th grade)

ELEF Board of Directors—18 Community Volunteers



Front row l to r: Ann McDaniel, Linda Grua, Mary Crawford, Michele Huisgen (Admin.), Cindy Herfindahl, Amy Uecker, Julia Cawood (Pres.), Joan Berardo.

Back row l to r: Jane Bitsicas, Dave Brogan, Rich Mikel, Mary Strolle, Dennis Hamilton (VP), Eric Schertzing, Dave Chapin (Superintendent).

Missing: Andrew Branoff, Michael Forman, Mike LeMense, Barb McMillan, Eric Rosekrans



L-R: Joan Berardo, Ann McDaniel and Julia Cawood



New Board Members Andrew Branoff and Mary Strolle



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Come to our Annual Golf Outing and Awards Dinner!

Every year community leaders and leading educators come together for the Annual ELEF Awards dinner to honor those who inspire us with their work with students in the East Lansing School District. The May 7, 2009 event will continue this tradition. honoring eight awardees for their contributions. "It is an evening," says Dennis



Jason Colthorpe will return as MC of the Foundation

Hamilton, ELEF's Vice President and Chair of the Awards Dinner

Committee, "that gives us all a chance to applaud the people who make our community strong. These awardees are a link in the long chain of amazing people who work with our children. There are students all over the world who owe thanks to these folks."

This year's awardees are: Distinguished Alumni -Dan Gross, ELHS '85; Outstanding Alumni -Judith Brown Clarke ELHS '79; East Lansing Educational Foundation Award-Jill Young; Diane Tarpoff Award-Dave Ledebuhr ELHS '76; Distinguished Dave Ledebuhr ELHS '76; Distinguished Alumni -Dan Gross, ELHS '85; Outstanding Alumni -Judith Brown Clarke ELHS '79; East Lansing Educational Foundation Award-Jill Young; Diane Tarpoff Award-Dave Ledebuhr ELHS '76; Distinguished Dave Ledebuhr ELHS '76; Dist

tinguished Community Service (Theda Assiff Award)-Rod Ritchison; Excellence in Teaching, Elementary-Mike Berry, Donley; Excellence in Teaching Secondary-John Brandenberg, ELHS; Spartan Village GLOBAL Award-Mary Lou Turnbull, MacDonald Middle School.

Dear ELEF.

Thank you so much for the books we really appreciated them all. I am reading the bright pink Dear Dumb Diary and so far it's so funny and I am only on the 29th page. We are on our mystery unit and you guys sent a lot of mysteries. Jasmine (4th grade)

\$15,000 Raised at ELEF 2008 Golf and Awards Dinner

From corporations to families, from golfers to bidders, ELEF welcomed 250 people to their 2008 golf outing and awards dinner.

"I love hearing stories from the awardees," said attendee Bridgett Paff. "The night just reminds us about the *It Takes a Village* idea. I'm glad I'm raising my kids in this East Lansing Village!"

Funds raised allow ELEF to make annual grants to dozens of teachers and hundreds of students across



Above: 250 people attended last year's ELEF Awards Dinner. Right: Golfers head out at Eagle Eye .

every school. From books to LEGOs to math games to software, students are working with materials provided by ELEF grants. Last year's honorees were General Robert B. Neller, Julie Mehretu, Diego Rivera, Amy Uecker, Dave Brogan, Mary Hennessey, Dorothy McDonald, Paula Scrimger and Joanne Preston.



Endowment Campaign for East Lansing Public Schools

"Times like these," says ELEF's Development Coordinator Dorsey Gude, "are made for endowments!" The model of private funding for public education becomes even more critical in economic downturns, Gude continues. Non-profits step in globally and locally when traditional funding—like government and taxes—can't continue to do 100% of the job. ELEF's Campaign for East Lansing Public

Schools has moved past the \$250,000 mark within the past year. "Come fall 2009," says Gude, "we will begin to distribute money from our new endowment funds.

Classrooms and the arts are two areas which will see an uptick in foundation support due to generous donors. Foundation board member Joan Berardo, also a member of the

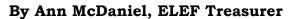


Development Coordinator Dorsey Gude

Endowment Leadership Team agrees that "our work to raise private funding for public education is even more critical now. Traditionally in all philanthropic endeavors, when funds diminish, need increases...our students in school today are looking to us. "

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Financial Report 2008





The donations received during 2008 were plentiful and steady! Despite the difficult economic times, donors continued to generously support the East Lansing Educational Foundation through the Annual Giving Drive, Awards Dinner and Golf Outing, and the United Way Campaigns. Highlighted below are the primary initiatives the Foundation was able to fund using the income realized through these programs in 2008.

v	Teacher Grant Program (69 grants approved)	\$18	8,800.00
v	Corey Cafagna Fund Grant (ELHS Jazz materials)	\$	500.00
v	Sarah Tarpoff Writing Program	\$	760.00
v	ELPS Elementary School libraries	\$	150.00
v	ELHS Post Prom event	\$	500.00
v	East Lansing Public Library: 'One Book One Community'	\$	500.00

The East Lansing Educational Foundation is also the steward of a growing number of restricted endowment funds which are managed by the Capital Region Community Foundation. The ongoing support of these funds will allow ELEF to provide the financial resources, in perpetuity, for the purposes cited below.

- *General Endowment Fund (established in 2002): Supplements the teacher grant program.
- *Asa Bromley Fund (established in 2002): Provides funding for high school debate activities.
- *Calder Bromley Fund (established in 2002): Provides funding for elementary school libraries.
- *Corey Cafagna Fund (established in 2004): Provides funding for: 1) K 12 special education in the ELPS school district; and 2) Choral and Jazz music programs at East Lansing High School.
- *Dorothy McDonald Fund (established in 2008): Provides funding for the orchestra program at East Lansing High School.
- *Jason Wildman Scholarship Fund (established in 2007): Supports a financially at-risk student in the East Lansing Public Schools to succeed in school and college.
- *John Ropp Fund (established in 2008): Addresses the need for non-conventional schooling opportunities for children in East Lansing Public Schools.
- *Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund (established in 2008): Provides funding for visual and performing arts in East Lansing Public Schools.

FUND BALANCES	12/31/08	12/31/07
Unrestricted General Fund Total:	\$65,404.96	\$53,427.41
Restricted Endowment Funds		
General Endowment Fund	148,660.96	152,197.01
Asa Bromley Fund	7,771.44	9,931.04
Calder Bromley Fund	7,704.73	9,768.41
Corey Cafagna Fund	16,310.91	17,074.69
Dorothy McDonald Fund	2,745.09	N/A
Jason Wildman Fund	23,728.88	13,220.22
John Ropp Fund	27,365.67	N/A
Mary Anne Sternberg Marshall Fund	17,121.76	N/A
Restricted Endowment Funds Total:	\$251,409.44	\$202,191.37

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Mrs. Ware's Big Zoo Lesson—The Story of an ELEF Grant

Mrs. Ware's third grade students weren't at their desks that week; they were at the zoo! Students became researchers and writers and artists and teachers during a week-long interdisciplinary lesson, designed to teach ecology, conservation and problem-solving. Participation in

the program was made possible in part by a grant from the East Lansing Educational Foundation. Third grader Supritha V. said, "The best part of the BZL was that



Third graders moved their classroom to the Potter Park Zoo as part of a weeklong Big Zoo Lesson, made possible in part by an ELEF grant.

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by an ELEF grant.

Lessons learned at
the Big Zoo Lesson
spill into the classroom, says teacher

Lorraine Ware. "Perhaps one of the most interesting and important phenomena that I have observed as a teacher participating in the BZL is that underachieving

I got to learn so students, those who previously much about anihave not excelled in the classroom mals. I got to prior to the BZL, become so enmeet lots of people gaged and passionate about learnwho were experts ing throughout their week at the on animals and zoo, that they suddenly begin to they taught me a emerge as more confident and selflot. Being at the motivated learners. Amazingly, zoo for a whole this behavior continues in the week was almost classroom during the weeks and like living there months following the BZL week. " with the animals!"

Dear ELEF,

"I just loved the Big Zoo Lesson, I don't want to brag, but I didn't know much about animals before and now I'm kind of an expert on tigers"

- Karen (3rd grade)