



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

HEF Mission

To foster educational opportunities for Hudsonville Public School students by providing funding for resources that enhance education and encourage innovative learning.



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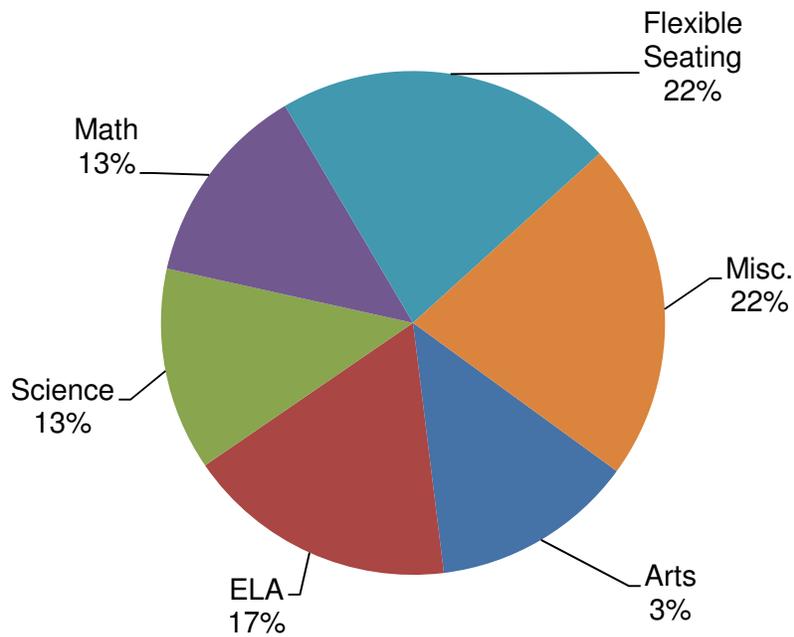
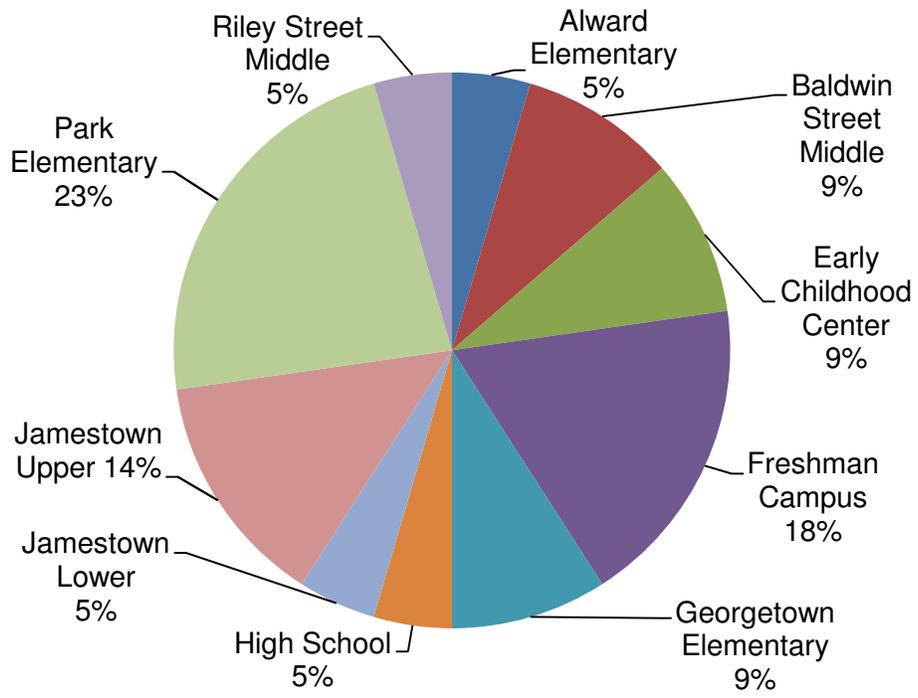
Thank you for your continued support of the Hudsonville Education Foundation in 2018. Because of your generosity we were able to award 20 grants to enhance the educational experience for the students in the classrooms of Hudsonville Public Schools. In addition, we inducted four new members to the Hudsonville Public Schools Academic Hall of Fame at our Gala in October of 2018. As we look forward to 2019, we are excited to add two scholarship opportunities for the students of Hudsonville Public Schools to continue their education. This has been a long-standing goal for the Foundation and we are excited that it is becoming a reality.

Thank you again for your support of the organization.

Respectfully,

Drew Ysseldyke
President

Grants Approved



Grant Spotlight*

When Char Greenlund saw the network of pathways and bridges that went around and across the wetland areas between Hudsonville Middle School and Georgetown Elementary School, she had a dream of making it all into a teaching tool.

That dream has become a reality through funding from the Hudsonville Education Foundation, and the labor of the Hudsonville Venturing Crew Troop 2146.

Greenlund, who teaches second grade at Georgetown Elementary, was awarded a grant to build a pond sign near the main pond between the two schools which would identify the wetland plants and animals along the pedestrian paths that circle and cross the area. When funding was approved, she turned to the Venture Crew for help.

Over the summer, the Venture Crew -- a unit of the Boy Scouts of America which includes males and females ages 14 to 21 -- built and erected the sign structure. It houses a display that students will be creating to identify and describe various pond species.

Second- and fourth-graders will use photos and drawings to document their discoveries and observations of seasonal changes around the pond. High school students under the direction of science teacher Christine Webster will be helping the elementary students to get started.

Greenlund, who has been teaching for 31 years, said the opposite side of the display will be a whiteboard for use by all teachers for outdoor classes. She said the public regularly uses the walkways and will go by the sign. "I'm sure the display will be used many different ways," she said.

There are about 20 members of the Hudsonville Venturing Crew, according to leader Barry Kohley. About 15 of them worked on the structure.



Officially launching the new pond sign and shelter were, from left in front, Venturing Crew President Catherine Tutt; teacher Char Greenlund, who wrote the grant for funding; and Emily Borden. In back, from left, are Crew Adviser Barry Kohley; Crew Assistant Adviser Pam DeVree; construction adviser Bob Deline; and Hudsonville Education Foundation board member Deb Watson.

*source: Mlive

Eagles of Excellence Gala

On October 22, 2018 the second annual Eagles of Excellence Gala was held at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville. The agenda for the Gala included the following:

- Performances from the orchestra and varsity voices.
- Recognition of students attending Middle School and High school who have demonstrated the values of Hudsonville Public Schools in academics and school/community impact.
- Recognition of the following individuals inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.



Jim Serum



Larry Gemmen



Kurt VanderSchoor



Tom Warke

The development of this award, and the gala itself, has been many years in the making. The Eagles of Excellence Gala is another opportunity for HEF to celebrate and support the students, faculty and alumni of the Hudsonville Public Schools. Donations gathered and money raised at this event help fund continued grant-giving to the district's faculty who purchase curriculum-enhancing teaching aids, technology and supplies that are deemed outside of normal education budgets.

Innovation in Education Award

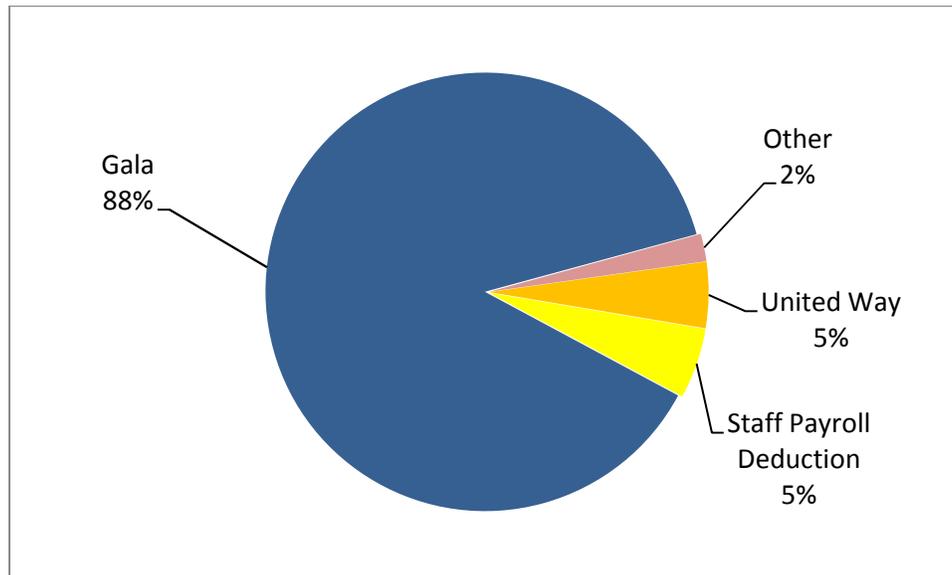
Maggie Bandstra and Celine Nienhouse received the award as a result of their work with students for the 2017 Art Prize submission.



Fundraising

The Foundation and its mission would not be possible without the generosity of our donors including business partners of Hudsonville Public Schools, staff and friends and family of the Hudsonville community. To learn how you can help support, please visit www.hudsonvilleeducation.org.

Below represents the funding sources for 2018:



Looking Ahead to 2019...

- Distinguished Alumni nomination: January 1 – April 1
- Innovation in Education nomination: April 1 – May 15
- Eagles of Excellence Gala: October 28
 - Interested in being a sponsor of the Gala? Contact Rod at Rweersing1@yahoo.com.
- Grant Applications: October 1 – November 1
- Want to get involved with the HEF? Contact Robin at 616-669-1740, ext. 1 or rvandenb@hpseagles.net.
- Connect with us on social media on Facebook and LinkedIn