



ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Foundation Awards Two Spring Gripp Grants

Two Spring Gripp Grants totaling \$15,519 were awarded to 12 teachers across all four elementary schools and will benefit students from our earliest learners in the Lechner Early Education Program (LEEP) through fourth grade. The grants address both the need for kids to move their bodies in new and innovative ways, as well as to learn and practice literacy in the digital world.

Railyard Fitness System Gripp Grant

The D39 Educational Foundation is excited to award a grant to the elementary PE department to fund the purchase of two Railyard Fitness Systems for use in all four D39 elementary schools. The Railyard Fitness System can be used in a multitude of configurations that support the district's elementary curriculum and philosophy, which states "movement and activity are essential components of total body wellness and academic achievement." Because the system is made up of many components, it can be easily dismantled and transported so the two systems will be shared among the four elementary schools. The systems also can be configured in a variety of set-ups and locations to support the physical education curriculum as well as for open gym settings and events.

The PE department plans to use the Railyard Fitness System within its curriculum to provide more functional skill training in a fun and active way. The obstacle courses will develop students' upper body, lower body and core strength, as well as flexibility and cardio fitness. In addition, the equipment will help students develop coordination, balance, self-awareness, as well as social awareness and team building skills. Finally, the Railyard Fitness System allows for inclusion as it can be used by students at all ages and with a wide range of physical abilities. Congratulations to Kathleen Peth, PE teacher (Central) along with PE teachers Kevin Aussem (Central), Bill Schaff (Romona), Chris Toy (Romona), Frank Theodorakakis (Harper), Jim Grimes (Harper), Jessica Andricopulos (McKenzie), and Alex Nanut (McKenzie)!

Encore Sphero indi Robots Gripp Grant

The D39 Educational Foundation has awarded an Encore Gripp Grant to the elementary technology department, funding the purchase of 40 Sphero indi robots – 8 for each of the four elementary schools and the Lechner Early Education Program (LEEP). The elementary schools were awarded a grant in the fall of 2018 to purchase the Sphero BOLT robots, which are used by the elementary school technology department across all grades.

The Sphero indi robots are designed to make coding more accessible to our youngest students in Pre-K through first grade, through both unplugged and connected experiences. The indi robots provide a smooth and natural transition to more complex coding provided by the BOLT robots in second grade and beyond. In addition to teaching computational thinking, the robots also will reinforce skills students are learning in their classrooms such as mathematical thinking, visualizing patterns, measurement, and social-emotional competencies through collaboration and problem solving. Congratulations to technology teachers Lauren Wysocke (Central), Julie Garry (McKenzie), Beth Cummo (Harper), and Christina Rosario (Romona)!

2022/23 Gripp Grant Deadlines

Fall Deadline – October 28, 2022

Spring Deadline – March 3, 2023

LAB39

The D39 Educational Foundation's LAB39 STEM class offerings returned this year after taking a break in the pandemic. Volunteer instructors led five classes this year, serving D39 students in grades 5-8. Classes included Sports Physiology, Planets Near and Far, HUMANatomy, Science of Sound and Power Up! Students and parents all provided positive feedback about the experience, and we extend a special thank-you to our volunteer instructors.



We are grateful for all the hard work and dedication you bring to your classroom. Thank you for a great year!

~ The Jones Family

The D39 Educational Foundation offers parents and other members of the community the opportunity to purchase Appreciation Certificates for \$39 in honor of a D39 teacher, staff member or administrator. Recipients receive a certificate and are recognized on the Wall of Honor on the foundation's website. This year, community members purchased 150 certificates, raising nearly \$5,700. After a record high number of certificates purchased in the 2020-21 school year, this year is also well above average and makes clear that this community appreciates the extra effort our teachers and administrators have put forth during the pandemic. The foundation thanks them all as well!



FROM THE CHAIR

For a second school year, Covid-19 affected all of our lives, and the D39 Educational Foundation had to make several adjustments once again. After being thwarted in planning any events for the fall, we managed to host two new-to-us events and one traditional-but-pandemic-adjusted event. And how great it was to finally gather in-person this spring!

In the absence of our traditional events, we have relied heavily on our annual appeal the last two years. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of our community in keeping us going so we can continue to fund grants to our teachers and administrators for innovative tools and programming benefiting D39 students. This year's appeal raised \$14,128, which is fantastic.

While we once again had to forego a couple of our traditional large events, we did manage to gather the community a few times this year, once virtually and twice in person. Our virtual Bingo Night warmed up a late February Saturday night with a fun event in which more than 80 families from across the district played along from home for the chance to win gift cards to local restaurants.

The foundation also hosted two brand new in-person events this spring. On March 12th, contestants gathered at the Wilmette Park District paddle hut for the college-themed Paddle Classic. Then we capped the year with our first-ever Cheers & Beers event, held at Double Clutch Brewing Co. in Evanston on April 29th. The event brought members from all over the community to mix and mingle while bidding on silent auction items and enjoying live music from local bands JuiceBox and Antler Chandelier.

These efforts fund Gripp Grants, and this year the foundation awarded two grants totaling \$15,519 to the elementary PE department and the elementary technology department. These grants both benefit all four D39 elementary schools. Additionally, through the foundation's Sam Mikaelian Fine Arts Fund, we worked with the Wilmette Historical Society to put on a display of student artwork created as part of the Silver Linings Project in the spring of 2021. That project, asking students to create artwork demonstrating the "silver linings" they discovered during the Covid pandemic, resulted in a book. This year, we created a multimedia display of many of the original works, as well as prints and a digital version of the full book at the historical society.

Finally, we remain committed to the "We All Live Here" project in conjunction with the district, the Highcrest PTO and WJHS PTO, using Ray of Light funds which were raised in honor of former Superintendent Ray Lechner. This project, focused on inclusivity, launched in March 2020 and has been on hold ever since, given that part of the project involves large assemblies. All involved are committed to relaunching this project in the fall and completing it in the 2022/23 school year.

I have been so proud to lead the foundation through this time in our history. I'm grateful we have been able to continue to raise money in support of our students, teachers and administrators throughout this trying time so that we are able to continue to support our mission into the future. These past couple of years have taught us all how to adapt and make the most of a challenging set of circumstances. I want to thank our hard-working trustees for their commitment and dedication, and I want to thank the entire D39 community for your continued commitment to our schools, our teachers and our kids.

Sincerely,
Julie Hanahan, Chair, 2021-22

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BINGO NIGHT

Our 8th annual Family BINGO Night took place on Saturday, February 26, 2022. Due to the Covid pandemic, this was the second year that the foundation hosted the event virtually on Zoom. This popular evening of family fun attracted more than 80 families across the district's schools and raised nearly \$4,000 for the foundation. Emcees Mike Lieber and Dave Lundy kept players engaged and excited throughout by mixing up games and announcing multiple winners and prizes. Local Wilmette restaurant JP's Pizza and Grill offered BINGO participants a 20% discount on any food purchased and lucky BINGO winners received gift certificates from local restaurants, including Convito Café & Market, Lefty's Pizza Kitchen, Napolita, Pescadero, Pit and Tap, Torino, and Valley Lodge Tavern. This year's grand prize winner, the Sniader family, celebrated with \$50 cash.

3 Ways to Donate to the Foundation Today!

1. General Donation
2. Corporate Sponsorship
3. Appreciation Certificates

Donate any time by visiting www.d39foundation.org

PADDLE CLASSIC

On a particularly chilly night perfectly suited for paddle tennis, we held the first ever District 39 Educational Foundation Paddle Classic. The event was held on Saturday, March 12, 2022, and raised over \$4,000 for the foundation. This was the first in-person event sponsored by the foundation since the start of the pandemic and it was a great success! A college theme permeated throughout the evening. Twenty-four pairs, decked out in their finest college gear, competed in a lighthearted tournament that combined racquet skills with fun, music, and great prizes generously donated by Share, Midnight Paddle Tennis, Strings Attached, Ost, Ania Kazakevich, Chris Maglocchi, Jessica Reynolds, and Rob Stahl. The Wilmette Paddle Hut was a perfect venue for socializing, made even better with a taco bar, a roaring fireplace, giant Jenga, desserts, beer and wine, and a signature college drink.

CHEERS & BEERS

The D39 Educational Foundation hosted its first ever Cheers & Beers fundraiser on Friday, April 29, 2022, at Evanston's newest gathering spot, Double Clutch Brewing Company. Sponsored by North Shore Community Bank, the evening attracted 157 guests and raised over \$22,000 for the foundation. Guests enjoyed drinks and hors d'oeuvres, live music by two local Wilmette bands – JuiceBox and Antler Chandelier, a raffle of a Porsche for the weekend donated by the Porsche Lincolnwood Dealership and a silent auction with incredible donations of Principal for a Day experiences from District 39 schools and donations from local businesses including: 501 Local, Backyard Barbecue Store, The Bottle Shop, ClimbZone Chicago, CoWorkers LLC, the Wilmette Fire Department, Mayweather Boxing + Fitness Wilmette, Pinkilicious Nails & Spa, Reserve Dermatology & Aesthetics, STRIDE Wilmette, Valley Lodge Tavern, Complete Birkenstock, North Shore Martial Arts, New with Nicole, Nibbles & Nosh, Krystal's Body Shop, Body by Khoshal, the Wilmette Park District, and Cecily George Photography.

THE SILVER LINING PROJECT: Celebrating the Unexpected & Rewarding Moments during Covid-19

The District 39 Educational Foundation worked in partnership with the Wilmette Historical Society to provide the community additional access to student artwork from the Silver Lining Project.

About the Silver Lining Project: In the spring of 2021, the D39 Educational Foundation reached out to students and families and asked "What is your Silver Lining?". The goal was to find and share the positive moments amongst the unknown of the pandemic. We received over 150 submissions of artwork, photographs, and poems and compiled them into an inspirational photo book and uplifting video link.

An exhibit featuring 21 pieces of artwork and original artifacts from the project, in addition to a digitized version of the entire book, was on display at the Wilmette Historical Society from May through July 2022.

ANNUAL REPORT FINANCIALS 2022

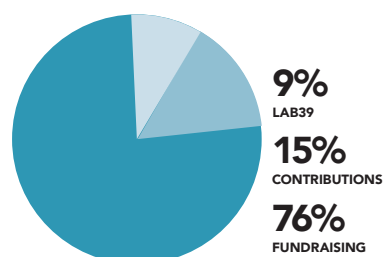
Public Support and Revenues 2022	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL
CONTRIBUTIONS			
PTA/PTO Contributions	\$1,150		\$1,150
Sponsorship Income	\$1,000		\$1,000
Appreciation Certificates	\$5,669		\$5,669
Ray of Light Fund		\$738	\$738
FUNDRAISING*			
Annual Appeal	\$14,128		\$14,128
Paddle Classic	\$4,078		\$4,078
Cheers & Beers	\$22,170		\$22,170
Bingo Night	\$3,974		\$3,974
PROGRAM REVENUE			
LAB39	\$5,332		\$5,332
INTEREST AND AMAZON SMILE			
	\$151		\$151
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$57,652	\$738	\$58,390
EXPENDITURES			
Administrative	\$12,570		\$12,570
Marketing	\$2,517		\$2,517
FUNDRAISING*			
Annual Appeal	\$90		\$90
Paddle Classic	\$749		\$749
Cheers & Beers	\$6,879		\$6,879
Bingo Night	\$225		\$225
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Fine Arts**		\$1,110	\$1,110
LAB39	\$5,482		\$5,482
Gripp Grants***	\$17,321		\$17,321
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$45,833	\$1,110	\$46,943
Change in Net Assets	\$11,819	(\$372)	\$11,447
Net Assets End of FY 2021	\$106,788	\$14,948	\$121,736
NET ASSETS END OF FY 2022	\$118,607	\$14,576	\$133,183

*Fundraising Events were adjusted b/c of Covid

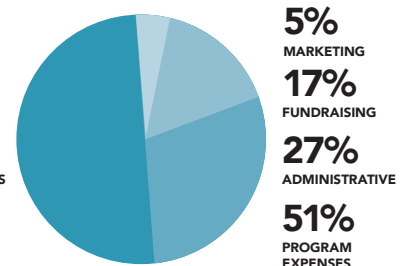
**Silver Lining Project

***Includes Current Year Gripp Grants totaling \$15,519

REVENUE SOURCES:



EXPENDITURES:





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