

Mukilteo Schools Foundation

2019-2020 Annual Report

Hello Mukilteo Schools Foundation supporters! What a year it has been, hard and challenging, but also so much to celebrate! One thing we at MSF are thankful for are all our amazing supporters that have helped us make this year one of the most impactful yet! This report is jam packed with successes that you have all helped to make happen!



2019 Breakfast

We started the 2019-2020 school year with a successful Breakfast with an Author fundraising event in November! Our keynote author, Sandra Vea, delivered an amazing message about the American Dream and how one man used his diversity to help save dozens of lives during WWII in her book *Rising Son*. King 5's, Mark Wright, eloquently hosted our breakfast and brought such an

amazing energy to our event. One of our private donors, James Abbott, announced his new fund, The James Abbott College Fund to help foster youth with the costs of college. And former Mukilteo School District student Jerod Grant tied it all together with his personal stories about how essential access to quality education and resources is helping disadvantaged students succeed in our schools. Our breakfast raised over \$52,000 and was one of our biggest fundraisers to date!

Foundation Board and Staff updates

This past year has been filled with many changes to our board and staff. We have said some pretty hard goodbyes to a few of our amazing members while also welcoming some equally as amazing new members to our team.

MSF wants to honor and say thank you for sharing your time and talents with us and helping to make our schools a better place:

Andy Muntz served on MSF's board since 1998 and was one of the founding members of our annual breakfast with an author fundraiser! He retired this past year from the Mukilteo School District and is using his retirement to focus on being an author and hydroplane historian!

William Graves served on MSF's board for three years and recently moved to Arizona to pursue a career with Amazon as well as recently graduating with his MBA from UW!

Karla Rios served on MSF's board for three years while she also worked at MSD and ESD as a student support advocate. Karla is pursuing her master's degree in the fall to become a school counselor!

Teacher Grants

The money we raised at our breakfast helped fund over \$20,000 in teacher classroom grants this past year! More than 40 MSF teachers and counselors were able to provide creative and alternative learning opportunities for MSD students ranging from a virtual 5k, to funding multi language books in classrooms, STEM supplies for a hands on learning projects, books for a new equity and inclusion library, helping to fund a makers lab station, and for a student support advocate to help purchase much needed basic items for struggling students and families! Thanks to all of MSD's amazing teachers and staff for dedicating so much of yourselves to our students and their future. We appreciate you and love being able to support the amazing work that you do!

Dave Fischer served on our board for six years as our treasure and CPA! Dave recently sold his firm and started at a new company and raising his kids in the Mukilteo School District!

Jenn Flathau worked as MSF's administrator for a year and a half and helped successfully execute two breakfast fundraisers! Jenn transitioned out of MSF to focus on her career in banking!

Welcome and thank you to our outstanding new members and staff:

Aaron Alonso joined our board in March and is our boards new President as of June! Aaron is the Production Manager of Kidstage at Village Theatre and is a MSD alumni!

Vikki Strand joined our board in March and is our boards new Vice President as of June! Vikki has a background in financial services and also has served on several other local nonprofit boards and committees!

Ron Johnson joined our board in March and is serving on our Grants and Scholarships Committee. Ron is a Technical Program Manager at Resources Online and has served with several other nonprofits throughout our community including being on the MSD School Board!

Alex Zitnik joined our board in March and is serving on our Community Outreach Committee. Alex is the Business Development Manager at IRG Physical Therapy and has served with several other nonprofits throughout our community!

Kim Gaffney joined our board in April and is serving on our Events and Fundraising Committee. Kim is the Director of the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club and has served our community in several capacities!

Andre Graham is our newest member and joined our board in June. He is the Director of the South Everett Boys and Girls Club and has served throughout our community in several ways!

Kristin Kimmerling joined our team February as our new accountant! Kristin and her husband own their own firm and have raised their family in the Mukilteo School District where they have lived for 21 years!

Please visit our website for full bios and board updates at www.mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org/board

Covid19 Relief Response

We asked, you responded! When Covid19 closed down our schools and thousands of students were faced with at home learning we decided to help ease the burden by supplying basic school supplies to students at all 12 free lunch sites. We put out an ask for cash donations and wish list items and you all responded immediately! We raised over \$5,300 plus thousands of items donated! Packages were rolling in so fast it was impossible to keep up with them all! Not only were we successful in delivering supplies to all 12 lunch sites (for a total of 1,227 students!) but we had so many supplies left over that we donated two large boxes to the Mukilteo Boys and Girls Club and two large boxes to the Mukilteo YMCA! This ended up being way bigger and more successful than we could have ever imagined! Thank you everyone for answering the call and getting basic school supplies to so many students. The smiles on the students faces were priceless!

Klein Honda Family Chromebooks for College Scholarships

The second part of our Covid19 Relief Response was our Klein Honda Family Chromebooks for College Scholarship. With schools transitioning to online classrooms we saw how the lack of access to technology made it challenging for some families to participate in this style of education. The district was able to get chromebooks to all their students but once seniors graduated they had to return them, leaving them without one for college. We received over 90 applications for chromebooks and thanks to our loyal sponsors and donors we raised enough money to provide 25 chromebooks for college bound graduating seniors throughout our district! A special thanks to Klein Honda for helping to make this happen!

What's Next for MSF

We are looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year and all the ways that we may be able to support the students and teachers throughout our district. Currently, we are planning our annual fundraiser which is typically a breakfast but with all the unknowns we decided to change to an online virtual format and host it later in the day for easier viewing. This year our fall fundraiser will be Happy Hour with an Author on Wednesday November 11th (Veteran's Day) from 4pm-5pm! Our Keynote Speaker is local poet Laura Da, author of *Tributaries* and *Instruments of the True Measure*. We are excited about this years author fundraiser and have a lot of great things planned for it. Visit our website for more details and to purchase tickets!

In the fall we are also planning to fund College in High School classes at Mariner High School. Our generous private donor, James Abbott, who started the fund this past year to help foster kids with the costs of college has expanded his fund to include low income students. Through the James Abbott College Fund we are donating over \$23,000 to Mariner High School to help pay for 100-200 college credited classes for the 2020-2021 school year. If the program goes well we will continue to fund this program for three years until 2023 (for a total of \$69,000) when Washington State steps in to fund this program. We couldn't be more excited about this partnership and how it will help many students in the coming years!

That is all we have to report on for now! We are busily planning our next steps for this coming school year and are excited to be able to continue our work in supporting the students and teachers throughout our district. Please visit our website, follow us on Facebook, and/or add yourself to our mailing list for updates and ways that you can get involved! www.mukilteoschoolsfoundation.org

!!!THANK YOUS!!!

We wish we could personally shake each of your hands and thank you for your generosity, but until we can meet in person:

Thank you to everyone that helped make our breakfast fundraiser such a success!

Thank you to everyone that donated money and/or school supplies to our school supply drive!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Klein Honda Family Chromebooks for College Scholarship Fund!

And a special thank you to the following for going above and beyond in your support for our Foundation!

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