

About the Detroit Lakes Public Education Foundation

The Purpose

The mission of the Detroit Lakes Public Education Foundation is to fund and promote excellence in education and enhance student achievement through partnerships involving alumni, parents, educators, students, businesses, and the greater Detroit Lakes community.



The History

Started in 2007 by a group of citizens in Detroit Lakes who were concerned about a shortage of public school funding, they established a foundation designed to support our local school system, its students and staff. The foundation has granted over \$55,000 to Detroit Lakes Public Schools through 2015.

The Plan

Through its partnership with alumni, school staff and administration, parents, businesses and community residents, the foundation is building an endowment fund, which will be used to help meet our community's educational needs. The foundation's intent will be to fund grants based on the annual interest earned on the endowed funds. An application process has been established, using an advisory council to review requests for grants to enhance educational opportunities for all ages within our community and to encourage creative and innovative educational programs. DLPEF is a qualified 501-C (3) tax exempt organization through West Central Initiative.



Fund Raising Goals

The foundation has raised over \$250,000 in permanent funds by soliciting funds directly from the community. The foundation will offer donors the option of pledging funds over a three-year period. A payroll deduction option has enabled staff members of the Detroit Lakes school system to make a direct donation to the foundation.

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Making our schools great!

Name				My/Our total commitment is: _____
Address				Spread my/our gift over: (annually)
City	State	ZIP		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3 years
Phone	Email			<input type="checkbox"/> Payroll Deduction \$_____ per pay period.
METHOD OF PAYMENT				<input type="checkbox"/> Contact me regarding a bank draft, real estate or life insurance gift.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bill me <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard				<input type="checkbox"/> I would like my gift to be anonymous.
Name on card				<input type="checkbox"/> My employer will match my gift.
Credit Card #				Employer Name: _____
Signature				Please make check payable to:
Exp. date				Detroit Lakes Public Education Foundation
				PO Box 1862
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“ALL OF US DO NOT HAVE EQUAL TALENT, BUT ALL OF US SHOULD HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP OUR TALENT.” JOHN F. KENNEDY



Through our children and the Detroit Lakes Public Education Foundation, we can make a difference today in the world tomorrow.

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The Need

The grants will help to enhance educational areas such as technology, school-to-work, art, theatre, band, choir and other academics. In addition, grants will be considered to fund programs that build and promote the values of citizenship, character, leadership and community service. The following are examples of grants that have recently been approved by the foundation:

- **Smart Car Robotics** - provides Rossman Elementary students with a real-life application in STEM principles by utilizing interactive robotic cars.
- **Veteran Blanket Project** - purchased materials for students to make blankets honoring our local Veterans for their years of service. They were presented at a special ceremony that included the students and Vets.
- **High-Interest Books** - (below) Elementary students select age-appropriate books to read from areas that interest them. This project helps to promote literacy within the elementary schools.
- **Outdoor Life-Long Activities** - (left) provided elementary students with ice fishing gear and middle school students with passes and equipment rentals at Detroit Mountain.



Other Potential Examples for use of Funds:

- Gifted Program
- Art Education
- Reading Recovery
- Math/Reading Tutors for Students
- Technology Enhancement
- Foreign Language
- Counseling Services
- Curriculum Enhancement
- Supplies/Equipment
- Computers/Printers
- After School Activities
- Music/Arts
- Student Organizations
- Student Wellness Programs
- Summer School
- Other Uses . . .



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