2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT





LEAF Mission: The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) is a citizens' organization whose purpose is to secure and channel private funds to support and enhance the educational process. The Foundation shall serve to promote the value of a comprehensive educational program and to increase public confidence and involvement in the public school system. It shall build links among the public school system, business and industry, government, civic organizations, and the public.



DEAR FRIENDS OF LOCAL EDUCATION & ACTIVITIES FOUNDATION.

Last year I shared that we had exceeded our strategic goals of increasing our endowment and increasing our annual financial impact to District 742 students. We also invited supporters to help us reach one million dollars in total endowment funds. We are happy to report that as of December 2014 our total endowment reached \$1,004,950.90! In the 2013-2014 school year we granted over \$132,000 to District 742 academics, activities, arts and athletics. Through year end in the 2014-2015 school year we have granted nearly \$70,000 to district programs. Details on these grants can be found elsewhere in this annual report and on our website.

Not only have we been able to increase our endowment compliments of our donors and increase our financial impact through successful ongoing programs such as *Night of The Stars*, Adopt a Classroom, Learning Renaissance fundraiser for academic and our annual campaign, we have been asked and have helped create new funds to benefit students. With the input of parents of the District Immersion program, we helped create the District 742 Immersion Program Fund to help fund the Chinese and Spanish Immersion Programs. When we were approached by concerned community members we helped create the Homeless Student Services Fund that provides financial assistance for the homeless students of District 742. We are working with District representatives and program participants to make these funds as successful as our activities fund, academics fund and many legacy funds.

We were also fortunate enough to receive an innovation grant from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Social Innovation (CNESI). That grant benefited the PAKRAT program.

As we reflect on our current successes and new initiatives, we look back in our history and note that our endowment has grown more than threefold in the last ten years and our annual district financial impact has grown six fold during that time. We are grateful to our many supporters, hard-working volunteers and generous donors, who without their commitment and dedication, none of this would be possible. Although we are pleased to, once again, help increase our impact to district students, the more we do each year, the more we recognize that much more needs to be done to help our students, our district and our community. We thank you for all you do to help us help our students.

Barclay Carriar

President of the Board

Milestones and Momentum

LEAF ENDOWMENT REACHES \$1 MILLION!

With a generous gift of \$9,000 on December 31, the LEAF endowment surpassed the \$1 million mark for the first time in its history. In addition, LEAF has granted \$1, 097,759.00 to District 742 academic, activities, arts and athletic programming since we began making grants in 1996! Our thanks to the many District 742 residents who have made LEAF one of their charities and allowed us to provide support to the students of District 742! LEAF continues to work hard to help ensure that every student in District 742 continues to have access to a great education!

IN MEMORY

A gift to education is a great way to honor the memory of a loved one and support the education of future generations.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, LEAF received gifts in memory of the following:

Vance Stanoff; Warren Hutchens; Christina Buckner; the Bettendorf Families; Earl "Hummer" Schramm: Pat Dolan; Gordon Nelson; Cathy Sell; Marilyn Golembecki; Jean Veenstra; Tom Downs; and James B. Svee.

In addition, LEAF received gifts in Honor of Phil Welter and Donald & Adeline Burgett.

INNOVATION AWARD FROM CNESI

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation received the 2014 Innovation Award from the Center for Nonprofit Excellence and Innovation (CNESI). CNESI defines innovation as "A novel solution to a social problem this is more effective, efficient, sustainable, or just, than existing solutions for for which the value created accrues primarily to society as a whole rather than private individuals".

LEAF won the award for the PAKRAT program, an innovative child literacy and parent involvement program which LEAF has been supporting for the past three years. With LEAF's support, PAKRAT has been expanded to all K-3 elementary schools in District 742. Recently it was expanded to all preschool programs. With help from a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation, LEAF is now able to include PAKRAT books in all three St. Cloud Boys & Girls Clubs to provide an opportunity for students who don't go home after school or who don't have a caregiver at home that can read with them. The grant also provides an expansion of the PAKRAT libraries in all District elementary schools and provides funding for the summer Read and Roll Program in the Talahi attendance area.

LEAF is honored to receive this recognition from CNESI. A special Thanks goes to Mary Dank, retired Talahi teacher who brought the PAKRAT idea to St. Cloud, Sara Martini who serves as our PAKRAT district coordinator and the LEAF Board for providing ongoing support for the literacy goal of all students reading at grade-level by grade 3.



LEAF BEGINS TWO NEW FUNDS

LEAF HOMELESS STUDENT SERVICES FUND

Recently, LEAF was approached by a group of citizens who asked if LEAF would start a fund to provide assistance to our homeless students to help ensure that they have as fair an opportunity to access the quality educational program as other students. Every day homeless students face the daunting task of focusing on a quality education while worrying about the basic needs of reliable food, clothing and shelter. The result was the establishment of the LEAF Homeless Student Services Fund, designed to provide opportunities for homeless students in District 742. The fund has attracted a great deal of community support in a short time and within a month has grown to over \$27,000! The response to the LEAF Homeless Student Services Fund shows the compassion of St. Cloud area residents and delivers a message of support to our homeless students!

DISTRICT 742 IMMERSION PROGRAM FUND

District 742 has two quality Immersion Programs. The Spanish Immersion Program is offered at Clearview Elementary and South Junior High School, while the Chinese Immersion Program is offered at Madison elementary and North Junior High School. This past fall parents with students in both programs approached LEAF regarding a fund specifically set up to provide supplemental assistance to these quality programs. The LEAF Immersion Program Fund has two subfunds; one for the Spanish Program and one for the Chinese Program. Donors may contribute to either program through LEAF. In addition, an endowed fund of \$50,000 has been established through a generous grant from the Morgan Family Foundation. Donors may also choose to support the endowed fund which will provide assistance to both Immersion Programs.





LEGACY FUNDS

Major gifts from generous donors provide a solid foundation for the success of LEAF. Gifts of \$25,000 or more (given over a period of up to 5 years) allow donors to set up a Legacy Fund within LEAF that can be directed to benefit a specific activity or educational program, or be given in the donor's name to a program/activity chosen through the LEAF grant process.

CURRENT LEAF LEGACY FUNDS

- George & Shirley Torrey Fund in support of student activities
- Michael Faber Family Fund in support of student activities and academic programming
- Tech High School Athletics Fund
- Tech High school Football Fund
- Apollo High School Activities Fund
- Retired District 742 Educators Fund in support of student activities and academic programming
- South Junior High School Activities Fund
- District 742 Chinese & Spanish Immersion Program Fund
- District 742 Homeless Student Services Fund

LEGACY RECOGNITION

LEAF Legacy Recognition goes to those individuals who have made a provision for a future gift to LEAF in support of education in District 742 through their will, trust, retirement or life insurance plan or a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.

Current LEAF Legacy Recognition:

- George & Shirley Torrey
- Linda Prescott

LEAF's annual events bring together likeminded people for food, fun, entertainment, and of course, fundraising.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION AWARDS RECEPTION AND HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The 2013 Appreciation & Awards Reception and Performance was held on Saturday, November 30 at Apollo High School. This event is all about thanking some of the many in our community who have helped LEAF do what we do. Guests gathered to share company and stories, to introduce this years award winners, and finally to enjoy some excellent musical theatre - this year it was Spamalot pictured above.

2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Lifetime Service Award George Torrey

Phil Welter Award for Volunteer Service

Paul Muller

George and Shirley Torrey Award for Charitable Giving MARCO. Inc.: Jeff Gau. CEO

St. Cloud Morning Optimist Club, Carrie Tripp, President

Coaching/Directing Excellence Award Bernie Rolle, Apollo High School Garv Zwack, Tech High School

Instructional Excellence Award Jen Day, WE ACT Program Advisor Sara Martini, Talahi Media Specialist

Special thanks to this event's sponsors:

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NIGHT OF THE STARS

Presented on February 21 and 22 at the historic Paramount Theatre, The 2014 Night Of The Stars presented 31 separate acts and the performers delighted the large crowds with their talent and poise! Thanks to the supporters, volunteers, sponsors and audience, over 125 District 742 students had the great experience of performing to near sold-out crowds.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors.

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At the Learning Renaissance event, a record \$42,624 was raised for the LEAF Academic Fund and Fund-A-Need Fund

ANNUAL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

The sixth annual Fall Kick-off Luncheon was held on August 14, 2014 at the Holiday Inn. Many Apollo and Tech Seniors gathered with area business sponsors to celebrate the beginning of the school year.

This year's guest speaker was Al Kremers, Chairman of the Board - DeZurik Corporation. Other speakers included the Superintendent of St. Cloud Schools Willie Jett, St. Cloud Mayor Dave Kleis, LEAF President Barclay Carrier, and LEAF Executive Director Bruce Hentges. Diane Moeller, Retired Principal and Assistant Superintendent was the emcee.

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LEARNING RENAISSANCE

Fourth Annual Food, Wine and Art Experience Supporting Music, Science and the LEAF Academic Endowment

The early cold weather did not keep people away for the Fourth Annual Learning Renaissance event Sunday, November 16, 2014. A record \$42,624 was raised for the Fund-A-Need and academic fund. \$6,806 will benefit the Music Program, \$6,439 will go to Science and the remaining, \$11,617 will benefit all academic programs through the Academic endowment.

Special thanks to this event's sponsors:

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PAKRAT Progress

LEAF RECEIVES OTTO BREMER FOUNDATION GRANT

In late May, 2014, LEAF received a \$29,414 grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation for the purpose of supporting the District 742 Partners And Kids Reading A lot Together (PAKRAT) program. PAKRAT is a preschool through grade 3 child literacy and parent involvement program. This grant will allow the PAKRAT program to continue in during the 2014-15 school year in 9 District 742 elementary schools. With LEAF's assistance, the PAKRAT program has been expanded to include all District 742 students in grades preschool through third grade.

As a result of the Otto Bremer Foundation grant, additional books and needed supplies were purchased for each building PAKRAT library. Also, the PAKRAT program was expanded to the three St. Cloud Boys and Girls Club locations. Finally, funds were available to run the 2014 summer Roll & Read Program for the Talahi attendance area. The Read & Roll program delivers books to several locations in the Talahi attendance area and is available for students attending any District 742 elementary school.

PAKRAT SUMMER ROLL & READ BUS PROGRAM

With the success of the Talahi summer Roll & Read program, LEAF is supporting an effort to expand that summer program to all District 742 elementary school attendance areas! Research shows that 85% of the achievement gap is caused by the "summer slide" where, especially low income students are not exposed to quality reading material. The intention is to provide these quality reading materials via a renovated school bus which will make stops throughout the district on three days per week during the summer months.

Watch the newspaper for announcements regarding this project and contact LEAF's executive director if you'd like to join others in supporting the PAKRAT Summer Roll & Read Bus!



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Sept. 1, 2013 to Aug. 31, 2014

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Income:	
Public Support Contributions	\$183,181
Earned Income	
Special events, net of expenses	\$84,558
Investment Income	\$103,024
Total	\$370,763
Expenses:	
Program Services Grants to District	\$188,556
Supporting Services Fundraising	\$13,467
Management & General	\$48,794
Total	\$250,817
Change in Net Assets	\$119,946
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$857,270
Net Assets End of Year	\$977,216
Sept. 1, 2014 to Dec. 31, 2014 Income:	
Public Support Contributions	\$145,991
Earned Income	
Special events, net of expenses	\$63,512
Investment Income	(\$11,517)
Total	\$197,986
Expenses:	
Program Services Grants to District	\$99,634
Supporting Services Fundraising	\$6,585
Management & General	\$11,311
Total	\$117,530
Change in Net Occate	Ć90 45C
Change in Net Assets	\$80,456
Net Assets Beginning of Year	\$977,216

FALL 2014 – ACTIVITIES GRANTS

School	Project Grant	. Amount
Apollo/Tech	Choir Performance of "The Peacemaker"	\$3000
Tech	Chamber Orchestra music and transportation	\$300
Tech	Jazz and Dixieland Bands supplies	\$300
Tech	HOSA Program competition and conference expenses	\$300
District-wide	Ex Curricular support for homeless/disadvantaged student	s \$803
Tech	Baseball uniforms	\$2000
Lincoln Elementary	All Star Choir for disadvantaged students	\$750
ALC/McKinley	Service Learning Project	\$450
North Junior High	Service Learning Day Project	\$2000
Madison Elementary	Battle of the Books	\$135
Madison Elementary	Robotics/Kano afterschool activity	\$500
District-wide	WeAct activities	\$700
Apollo/Tech	Alpine Skiing expenses	\$500
ALC/McKinley	Entrepreneurship Camp	\$300
North Junior High	Funding for "Eagle Act" activities	\$1,000
Tech	Yearbook technology needs	\$250
Tech	Drama technology needs	\$2,500
Clearview/South	Supervision of participants going from Clearview to South	\$1,500
North Junior High	Afterschool Art Club activities	\$800
Tech	Girl's Soccer uniforms	\$1,000
Talahi Elementary	Talahi Elementary Art Residency match	\$350h
District-wide	Robotics Program	\$2,200
North Junior High	Eagle Pride funding	\$300
	Total Fall 2014 Activities Fund Grants	\$21,938

Contributions may be mailed to

LEAF P.O Box 1132 St Cloud, MN 56302

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SPRING 2014 - ACTIVITIES GRANTS

School	Project	Grant Amount
Tech High School	Athletic Legacy Grant	\$1,775
Tech High School	Football Legacy Grant	\$1,556
South Junior High	Drama Program - Wireless mic	\$800
ALC	Veterans Service Program	\$750
ALC	MAAP Stars Conference & Legislative Day	\$1,000
Roosevelt/District	Assistance & participation fees for homeless and	
	economically disadvanated students	\$650
North	Art aftersschool program electronic tablets	\$400
Tech High School	Yearbook Chrome book & supplies	\$500
Apollo	Golf shirts	\$252
Apollo/Tech	Robotics Program	\$1,500
Tech	Jump boxes for weight rooom & gym	\$800
Tech	MSHSL mandated soccer uniforms	\$1,000
Tech	Speech Program supplies & expenses	\$1000
Tech	Softball pitching machine & catchers gear	\$1000
	Total Spring 2014 Activities Fund Grants	\$12,933

SPRING 2014 - ACADEMIC GRANTS

School	Project	Grant
Discovery School	Level B,C & D Kindergarten books	\$400
Discovery School	Visual & Verbalizing for Language Comprehension	
	& Thinking Program	\$250
South Junior High	Fitness Center learning tools/cardio equipment	\$700
Oak Hill School	Leveled Literacy Intervention support	\$1,250
Apollo H S	Technology device carts w/ Chrome books and iPad minis	\$1,000
Westwood School	Grade 2 Ready to Go nonfiction books	\$300
Lincoln School	Library graphic novels	\$300
Lincoln School	Chrome books for student use	\$555
Talahi School	Summer Roll & Read program	\$1,000
Madison School	Mobil devices for school & after-school use	\$1,500
Talahi	Special Education Leveled Literacy interventions	\$1,375
Lincoln	21st Century Listening center	\$250
Madison	Classroom VIP program	\$1000
Roosevelt Preschool	Sitting Mats	\$200
	Total Spring 2014 Academic Fund Grants	\$9,530

LEAF Awarded \$132,411 through a variety of grants during 2013-14 school year. So far in the Fall of 2014, LEAF has awarded \$69,259! See the total grants by category and the specific grants from the Cycle I & II Endowed fund grants below.

2013-14 LEAF GRANTS

Cycle I & II Activities Grants	\$36,358
NOTS Ticket Sales Grants	\$3,945
Ticket Revenue Grants	\$10,533
Contingency Grants	\$2,950
Cycle II Academic Grants	\$9,530
Adopt a Classroom Grants	\$14,750
PAKRAT Grants	\$29,414
Fund-A-Need Grants	\$19,930
Direct Flow-Through Grants	\$5,000
Total	\$132,411

FALL 2014 GRANTS

Cycle I Activities Grants	\$21,938
Adopt a Classroom Grants	\$18,250
Fund-a-Need Grants	\$13,245
Contingency Grants	\$2,950
CNESI Innovation Award Grant	\$2,000
Apollo Activities Grants	\$7,194
Tech Athletics Grants	\$6,966
Homeless Student Services Gran	nts \$298
Direct Flow-Through Grants	\$5,000
Total	\$69,891

LEAF Adds New Members

At the Annual LEAF Board of Directors meeting on January 12, LEAF said goodbye to outgoing Board members Barclay Carriar, Tami Deland, Debbie Erickson, Don Farleo, Mark Sakry and John Weitz. We also welcomed ten new members to their first 3-year term. New members include Tim Beck, Tarryl Clark, Heidi Everett, Mark Helminick, Patrick Kruchten, Pat Krueger, Jim Michaud, Laura Pfannenstein, Elizabeth Reisinger and Hassan Yussuf.

Thanks to all of our donors who gave so generously in 2013-2014. Your continued support of LEAF's mission during times of

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