



Local
Education &
Activities
Foundation
2008-2009
Annual Report

LEAF BRANCHES OUT: 2008-2009 IN REVIEW

AN EXPANDED MISSION & A NEW FUND

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.



“Life is a progress,
and not a station.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) was founded in 1993 as a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based extracurricular activities and educational opportunities in District 742 Public Schools. LEAF's endowment fund provides supplemental funding for academics, activities, arts and athletics in the District's schools. Since its inception, The LEAF Student Activities Fund has provided over \$600,000 to support District 742 activities.

On July 1, 2009, LEAF established a second fund, the Academic Opportunities and Enhancement Fund, which will provide academic grants to District 742's educational program. The Academic Opportunities and Enhancement Fund will make grants to a variety of educational efforts, including projects that remove barriers to learning, creative curricular ideas to challenge students, innovative teaching ideas, projects with a student achievement focus, pursuit of excellence projects for/by staff in District 742 schools, and a variety of other ideas or projects submitted by teachers or other District staff.

2008-2009 IN REVIEW

15-YEAR CAMPAIGN

LEAF celebrated its 15-year anniversary by launching a special fundraising campaign which raised nearly \$350,000 in pledges despite a challenging economy. Laura Pfannenstein, Mike Faber, and Wayne Schluchter were tri-chairs for this campaign.

GRANTS AWARDED

During the 2008-2009 school year, LEAF awarded \$27,072 to enhance various activities in District 742.

Cumulatively, LEAF awarded \$176,366 directly through grants from the endowment to support District activities:

33% to Academics
20% to Arts
34% to Athletics
13% to General Activities

34% to Elementary School
15% to Junior High School
51% to High School

NIGHT OF THE STARS

The seventh and eighth annual *Night of the Stars* performances again showcased the many talents of our District 742 students and faculty. In 2009, the event included a Friday performance as well as the traditional Saturday performance. Over the past two years, the event returned over \$9,760 directly to activities through ticket sales, as well as over \$16,113 to the LEAF Endowment. Please visit www.leaf742.org for information on the 2010 *Night of the Stars* to be held on February 12 & 13, 2010.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In August 2009, the LEAF Board named Bruce Hentges as the new Executive Director. Bruce is a former District 742 teacher, coach, administrator, and currently serves on the School Board. Bruce was one of the original founders of LEAF and has been involved with the organization since 1993.

NEW WEBSITE:

WWW.LEAF742.ORG

With thanks for the time and talent of LEAF Board member, Don Farleo, LEAF is excited to announce its new website. The new website will allow LEAF to highlight grant opportunities, giving opportunities, special events (i.e. *Night of the Stars*), and students who are benefiting from LEAF's efforts. Please visit the site to learn more about LEAF.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all of the donors, volunteers, coaches, staff and students who made the 2008-2009 year so successful. We appreciate your continued support.



2008 & 2009 EVENTS



As LEAF has grown and expanded its base of support within the St. Cloud area, three major events have become significant for both planners and participants.

ANNUAL KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

The first annual fall Kick-off luncheon was held in August 2008. The event recognizes the efforts of our student participants, coaches and advisers. It highlights the wide variety of opportunities LEAF helps to make possible to District 742 students and “kicks off” the start of a new school year. Increasing both community awareness and excitement is the major goal. The event attracted about 250 participants, including students, coaches and advisers, and community leaders.

The second annual event was held in August 2009. In only its second year, the event attracted a number of sponsors, putting it into the category of successful fundraiser. The event returned profits to both the Academic Fund and the Student Activities Fund.

2009 KICKOFF SPONSORS

LEAF SILVER SPONSOR
Sherburne State Bank – \$2,500

TABLE SPONSORS

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Benson Funeral Home
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Don Farleo Advertising & Design Company
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ANNUAL APPRECIATION AND AWARDS RECEPTION

Beginning in 2004, The Board of Directors began publicly honoring service to the organization and District 742 with an annual awards reception. This event recognizes service by thanking donors and honoring volunteers while increasing community visibility and cultivating the loyalty of LEAF supporters.

In 2006, the addition of sponsors for the event moved it into the fundraising category. In November of 2008, a new tradition was initiated. The venue alternates between Tech and Apollo High Schools, and showcases student talent by including a student performance of each school's annual musical theatre production.

2008 AWARD RECIPIENTS

PHIL WELTER VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD
Bob and Sue Hanks

GEORGE AND SHIRLEY TORREY AWARD
FOR CHARITABLE GIVING
Barclay and Janet Carriar
Don Farleo Advertising & Design Company

COACHING/ADVISING EXCELLENCE AWARD
Sue Williams, Apollo High School Swim and Track Coach
Mick Boatz, Tech High School Math League Head Coach

2008 RECEPTION SPONSORS

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“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education”

John F. Kennedy

NIGHT OF THE STARS VARIETY SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

The longest running LEAF event brings attention to supported activities and opportunities, helps raise funds for the endowment, and showcases local student talent. The *Night of the Stars* is made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers who plan and promote it each year. In 2009 it moved to Friday and Saturday evening performances. Through the successful efforts of the *Night of the Stars* event committee, this annual event has become a highlight in the school year and a great opportunity, not only to raise funds for the LEAF Endowment, but for students and staff to be “stars for the night”!

The *Night of the Stars* will be held February 12 & 13, 2010. It continues to be a major fundraising event for LEAF. Proceeds are divided between the school activities programs that sell tickets and the LEAF Endowment. The event has grown to generate nearly \$25,000 gross revenue annually.



2009 SPONSORS

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St. Cloud Morning Optimist Club
Tom & Joyce Schlough
Viking Coca-Cola

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Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
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Plaza Park Bank
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St. Cloud Education Association
St. Cloud Orthopedics
St. Cloud Surgical Center
Scheels All Sport, Inc

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Other sponsors of the *Night of the Stars* over the years have included: Northern PCS/Sprint PCS, CMAB, CMFC, Eich Motor, Trobec Bus Service, Kendeco Tool Crib, Abbott Northwestern, Ken and Tammy Spanior, and Schluchter Investment Strategies.

GRANTS: FALL 2008 AND SPRING 2009

2008 - 2009 Cycle I

ALC Wilson	Reading Program Pairing	\$1,000
ALC Wilson	Youth Service Project	\$1,000
ALC Wilson	MAAP Stars	\$1,600
Apollo	Wrestling Mats	\$3,000
Apollo	Sign Language Interpreter	\$600
Apollo	Masterworks Concert Assistance	\$700
Discovery	Tennis Nets	\$400
Madison	Transportation to Orchestra Hall	\$400
North	Sign Language Interpreter	\$400
South	Science Club Supplies	\$1,200
Tech	Disadvantaged Students' Funding	\$2,000
Tech	Girls Basketball Jerseys	\$1,200
Tech	Choir Trip Expenses	\$793
Tech	Track Stop Watch	\$400
Westwood	iPods	\$600
	Total	\$15,393
	Cumulative	\$164,687

**2008 - 2009 Cycle II**

Apollo	Gymnastics Mats	\$700
Apollo	Swimming Pace Clocks	\$750
Apollo	Boys Soccer Uniforms	\$929
Apollo	Softball Fields	\$1,000
Apollo	Girls' Soccer Uniforms	\$1,000
Apollo	Upgrade Football Fields	\$1,000
Apollo/Tech	Girls' Lacrosse Expenses	\$500
Apollo/Tech	Alpine Skiing Expenses	\$750
Discovery	Kindergarten Field Trip	\$400
Kennedy	Football and other Programs	\$1,000
South/Tech	At-Risk Youth Assistance	\$500
Tech	Tennis Wind Screens	\$400
Tech	Weight Room	\$1,000
	Total	\$9,929
	Cumulative	\$174,616

2008-09 Contingency Grants

Apollo	FPS to national tournament	\$1,000
Tech	Math student to regional tournament	\$250
Tech	NFL to national tournament	\$500
	Total	\$1,750
	Cumulative	\$176,366

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Statement of Financial Position September 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009:

INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Public Support -		Program Services -	
Contributions	168,203	Grants to District	139,146
Earned Income -		Supporting Services -	
Special events, net of expenses	47,214	Fundraising	9,932
Investment Income -		Management & General	21,341
Investment Activity	(83,648)		170,419
	131,769	Change in Net Assets	(38,650)
		Net Assets – Beginning of Year	535,300
		Net Assets – End of Year	496,650

“It is by acts and not by ideas that people live.”

Anatole France

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BARCLAY CARRIAR – President
Johnson, Carriar, Kruchten,
Anderson & Associates

TARRYL CLARK
Honorary
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TAMI DELAND
Instructor MN School of Business,
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Plaza Park Bank

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Marketing Professional
Success by 6 Early Childhood Coalition

DON FARLEO
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Design Company

KENTON FROHRIP
Retired SCSU Professor

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District 742 School Board

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Retired SCSU Professor
Former Legislator



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DON WATKINS
Retired Businessman

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PAT WELTER
Retired Educator

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much”

Helen Keller

Thank you to all of our donors who gave so generously in 2008-2009. Your continued support of LEAF's mission during times of economic uncertainty confirms the strength of our vision and our community's commitment to the students of District 742 and a world-class education. If you are a new LEAF supporter and interested in making a tax-deductible contribution, please visit our website: www.leaf742.org.

\$65,000 +

Viking Coca-Cola, Inc (Mike Faber)*

\$50,000 - \$64,999

Anonymous

\$25,000 - \$49,999

St. Cloud Morning Optimists*

10,000 - \$24,999

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(Tom & Joyce Schlough)*

\$5000 - \$9999

International Association of Lions, St. Cloud
Ken and Sharon Voss

\$1000 - \$4999

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Eich Motor Company
David & Betsy Eickhoff*
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Tech Class of 1997
Trobec Bus Service
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\$100 - \$999

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