

Growing a stronger community
through academics, activities, arts
and athletics.



Local Education &
Activities Foundation

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.

UNION SQUARE

NIGHT OF THE STARS

FEB 18 & 19

YOUNG ART CENTER STUDIOS

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Friends of LEAF

Last year, we were happy to report a remarkable year for LEAF and this year I am once again pleased to share news of another outstanding year. Thanks to our hardworking board, volunteers, and most notably our generous donors, we were able to raise more than \$100,000 to add to our endowment both in the Student Activities Fund and our newer Academic Enrichment Fund. Even more importantly, we were able to grant more money to District 742 students and activities than ever before in our history.

As will be detailed elsewhere in this report, we engaged in a number of activities to help raise money, showcase the talent of our students and honor volunteers, coaches, and individuals that have helped contribute to student success. One of our newest fund-raisers, A Learning Renaissance, was held in October, 2011 to raise money for the Academic Enrichment Fund. Many people attended for an evening of wine tasting, food sampling and fun – all for a great cause. This inaugural event raised more than \$23,000. Pictures and more details can be found on our web site.

Also as I noted last year, our mission to raise money to help fund student activities and academic enrichments – key components of student success – remains as critical and vital as ever. Since state and local funding remains tight as governments struggle to provide adequate financial resources, we believe our work is more important than ever and continue to seek ways to make our impact on students even more significant. We wish to thank our generous donors for their support and look forward to working with them and others to help contribute to our students and communities to make this an even better area and world.



Barclay Carriar

President, LEAF Board of Directors



2010/2011 events



Annual Appreciation and Awards Reception

On Saturday November 20, 2010 The Board of Directors welcomed honored guests and LEAF supporters to the seventh annual awards reception. This event seeks to publicly recognize service and to thank donors and volunteers. The 2010 venue was Tech High School where, following the reception and festivities, guests were treated to an excellent performance of the Tech fall musical theatre production. This continues the current tradition of alternating between the two district high schools, where students and staff enthusiastically host and showcase outstanding creative work.

2010 Award Recipients

Phil Welter Volunteer Service Award: **Bob Feigh**

George and Shirley Torrey

Award for Charitable Giving: **Dick Anderson, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites**

Coaching/Directing Excellence: **Kevin Kiffmeyer, Tech High School Choral Director** and **Jason Parker, Apollo High School Choral and Band Director**

Instructional Excellence: **Meredith Boucher, North Junior High** and **Denis Huebsch, Madison Elementary School**

Annual Appreciation and Awards Reception Sponsors:

Bronze: Bernick's Beverages & Vending, Liberty Savings Bank and Mahowald Insurance. **Contributing:** KDV

Donor Sponsor: D.J. Bitzan Jewelers

Night of The Stars Variety Show and Online Auction

A sold-out success! The 2011 Night of the Stars variety show was held on February 18 and 19, 2011 at the St Cloud Paramount Theatre. This popular event showcases local student talent, performance accomplishments, and adds excitement for and awareness of district activities. The Night of the Stars is longest running LEAF event and is made possible by a group of dedicated volunteers who plan and promote it each year. Through their efforts, the 2011 event broke attendance records and brought many together while earning support for LEAF's mission. Approximately \$24,800 was raised for the LEAF Activities Fund through ticket sales, sponsorships and the online auction.

Night of the Stars Sponsors: Bronze: Gray Plant Mooty Mooty & Bennett, P.A., Holiday Inn and Suites, Johnson, Carrier, Kruchten, Anderson & Associates, St. Cloud Education Association. **Contributing:** Qdoba Mexican Grill, Bremer Bank, Central MN Community Foundation, MARCO, Inc, St. Cloud Orthopedic Associates, Ltd, St. Cloud Administrator's Association, and Scheel's Sports. **Donor Sponsors:** Plaza Park Bank, St. Cloud Surgical Center, and Voigt's Bus Service.





A Learning Renaissance

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On October 16, 2011, LEAF raised over \$23,000 at its first annual food, wine and art experience supporting the LEAF Academic Endowment. The event was held at Café Renaissance in Waite Park. Food and wine was served from three European countries/regions. Guests had an opportunity to bid on over 25 one-of-a-kind hand painted tables by local artists and over 50 books by Minnesota authors during both a silent and live auction. Attendees also could participate in a Central Minnesota trivia contest for a chance to win a Kindle and purchase a cork from the cork pull to win either wine or books. Nick Barth of Cru Wine Specialists, Inc. served as Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer. We thank all who attended and supported the event for such a fun and successful evening!

A Learning Renaissance Sponsors: Silver: MARCO, Inc., Anonymous, Eich Motor Company. **Bronze:** Anonymous, Eich Motor Company, Cafe Renaissance and Cru Wine Specialists. **Contributing:** Stearns Bank. **Donor Sponsor:** American Heritage Bank, Coborn's, Barclay & Janet Carriar, Don Farleo Advertising & Design Company, Mike & Karel Helgeson, and Johnson, Carriar, Kruchten, Anderson & Associates.



Annual Kick-Off Luncheon

The fourth annual Fall Kick-off luncheon was held on August 16, 2011 at the Kelly Inn. This event has become a tradition aimed at getting the new school year off on the right foot. A full house was on hand to hear guest speaker Mark Bragelman, President and CEO of Liberty Savings Bank, deliver a great message on giving back to the community. Other speakers included Bruce Watkins, District 742 Superintendent of Schools, philanthropist George Torrey, Mayor Dave Kleis, LEAF President Barclay Carriar, and LEAF Executive Director Bruce Hentges. Dr. Patricia Welter served as the emcee.

Fall Kick-Off Luncheon Sponsors: All Star Trophy & Awards, Benson Funeral Home, Central MN Community Foundation, Don Farleo Advertising & Design Company, First Fuel Banks, Gold'n Plump Poultry, Jennings Insurance Agency, Johnson, Carriar, Kruchten, Anderson & Associates, Rasmussen College, Spanier Bus Service, Inc. & Pearl Limousine, Inc., St. Cloud Refrigeration, Inc., St. Cloud School of Business, St. Cloud Times, and Viking Coca-Cola.

Adopt A Classroom

In the fall of 2011, LEAF raised \$12,500 in the Adopt A Classroom program! As Education funding continues to face many challenges, LEAF recognized an opportunity to connect businesses and individuals to specific classrooms to help provide needed supplies that teachers and families often purchased on their own. Businesses or individuals were able to "adopt" a classroom by making a tax-deductible \$250 contribution for the needed supplies. Many community members chose to support this program and we were able to provide support for 48 classrooms during the 2011-2012 school year.



See our Adopt A Classroom contributors at www.leaf742.org/adopt-a-classroom

2010/2011 grants

2011 - 2012 Cycle I Activities Fund

School	Project	Grant Amount
Clearview, Lincoln, Talahi, Oak Hill, South	Youth Football Equipment	\$1,500
North Jr. High	Service Learning Day Assistance	\$2,500
City Life	Resilience Art Contest	\$300
District-Wide	Help for homeless/low-income activity participation	\$1,300
South Jr. High	Art Club and Studio Time	\$500
Apollo	Wrestling Mat	\$2,500
Apollo	B & G XC Printable Timer	\$400
Apollo	Robotics Competition	\$2,000
Apollo	Target Student Service Project	\$500
Apollo	Gymnastics Mats	\$1,000
Tech	Start-up Costs for Track Meet	\$320
Tech	Speech Competition Costs	\$1,500
Tech	Start-up Costs For Super Mileage Vehicle Club	\$2,282
Tech	Ball Cart for Basketballs	\$250
Tech	Girls BB Practice Jerseys	\$300
Tech	Tech Jazz Ensemble	\$120
Tech	Boys BB Uniforms	\$900
Apollo	Contingency Grant: Yearbook to Conference	\$500
Tech	Contingency Grant: Girl's Hockey Jerseys	\$2,000
Total:		\$20,672
Cumulative:		\$267,554

2011 - 2012 Cycle II Academic Fund

School	Project	Grant Amount
Clearview/District	Mississippi Strings Camp	\$1,000
Lincoln	Classroom Library Project	\$250
Lincoln	K-1 Literacy Technology	\$1,000
Lincoln	PAKRAT*	\$1,000
Apollo	Touch-Screen cash register for special needs students	\$1,000
Apollo	Books for ELL Jumpstart Program	\$1,000
District-Wide	Advance Placement Prep (Summer Program)	\$2,787
Madison	Chinese Immersion Program Books	\$750
Madison	Planet Turtle Interactive Learning Project	\$1,000
Madison	PAKRAT*	\$1,000
Kennedy	Daily 5/Café Reading Program	\$500
Oak Hill	PAKRAT*	\$500
Discovery	PAKRAT*	\$350
Total:		\$12,137
Cumulative:		\$246,142

*Child Literacy and Parental Involvement Program



2010 – 2011 Cycle II Activities Fund

School	Project	Grant Amount
Tech	Skills USA Team to State Competition	\$500
Roosevelt	Homeless/Indigent Student participation	\$500
Apollo	St. Cloud Robotics Team to State Competition	\$3,000
Apollo	Football Sideline Parkas	\$675
Apollo	Daneline equipment	\$700
Apollo	Soccer equipment for games/practices	\$1,200
ALC	Outdoor Experience for Middle School Students	\$865
ALC	MAAP Stars Program	\$2,067
ALC	Your Service Project at Veterans Hospital	\$500
Total: \$10,007		
Cumulative: \$234,005		

2010 – 2011 Cycle I Activities Fund

School	Project	Grant Amount
Roosevelt	Financial Assistance for Homeless/Indigent	\$1,500
Lincoln	Science Trip and Play at SJU	\$282
ALC	Health Careers Competition	\$1,000
ALC	Artist In Residence	\$600
District	College Bound Field Trips	\$1,205
Tech	Drama: Sewing Machine	\$450
Tech	Speech/National Forensics League	\$2,000
Apollo	Robotics Program	\$2,000
South	WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Program	\$1,500
South	Wild Thinkers Science Club	\$1,500
South	Music Composition Club	\$1,675
South	Band Festival	\$550
Total: \$14,262		
Cumulative: \$223,998		

Statement of Financial Position September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011:

Income	
Public Support <i>Contributions</i>	\$149,754
Earned Income <i>Events, net of expenses</i>	\$50,350
Investment Income <i>Investment Activity</i>	\$119,552
Total	\$319,656

Expenses	
Program Services <i>Grants to District</i>	\$106,073
Supporting Services <i>Fundraising</i>	\$8,701
<i>Management & General</i>	\$33,190
Total	\$147,964

Change in Net Assets	\$159,100
Net Assets <i>Beginning of Year</i>	\$580,749
Net Assets <i>End of Year</i>	\$739,849

2010-1011 LEAF Grants Total \$56,571

For the 2010-2011 school year, LEAF granted a total of \$57,571.00 to the K-12 academic and student activities program in District 742 through its twice-yearly grant cycles, ticket surcharge return and Night of the Stars ticket sales grants. This represents a nearly 10% increase over the previous academic year grant total!

Grant Breakdown for 2010-2011

2010-11 Cycle I Grants (October 2010)	\$14,262.00
2010-11 Night of the Stars Ticket Grants	\$8,049.00
2010-11 Cycle II Academic Grants (April 2011)	\$12,137.00
2010-11 Cycle II Activities Fund Grants (April 2011)	\$10,007.00
2010-11 Ticket revenue Grants (Granted August '10)	\$12,616.00
2010-11 Total LEAF Grants to District 742 Activities	\$57,071.00

Since LEAF began making grants to District 742 programs in 1996, over \$699,000 has been given in support of academics, activities, arts and athletics!

Thanks

Thank you to all of our donors who gave so generously in 2010–2011. 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.

\$20,000+

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\$5,000 – \$19,999

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St. Cloud
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St. Cloud Morning Optimist Club

\$1,000 – \$2,499

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