

2023
VOLUNTEER
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ENRICHMENT
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VOLUNTEERS

The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation would like to thank these dedicated volunteers who gave countless hours in 2023 to help us make a difference our community.

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KICKSTART to Career

KickStart to Career is a children's savings program managed by the Barry Community Foundation, Highpoint Community Bank and Barry County schools. Beginning in kindergarten, KickStart provides all Barry County students with a savings account seeded with \$50. The goal is to help students save money for college or career training expenses while introducing the concept of savings and the importance of financial literacy. Students can begin to access their funds upon graduation from High School.

At Thornapple Kellogg Schools, through an essential partnership with the Barry Community Foundation, students receive incentives for completing key grade levels as

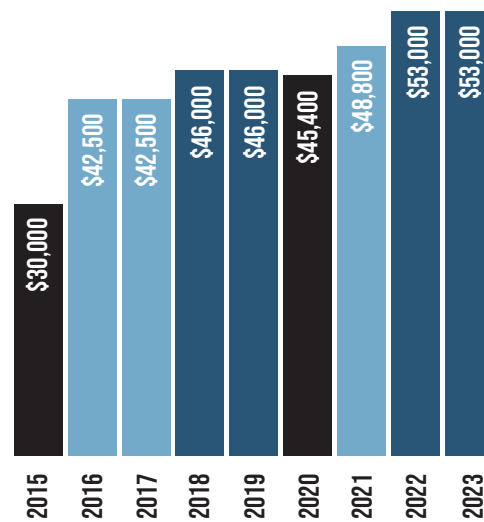
well as achievement and behavior successes. The TAEF board feels strongly that supporting students' growth and fostering potential while they attend TK Schools positively impacts every student at TK. By providing community support through financial incentives, the KickStart to Career program is a great way for TAEF to enhance an already stellar educational experience.

"This is a perfect way for TAEF to contribute to our students and families," TAEF Liaison Annie Halle says. "Since the beginning of the program in 2016, 1,758 savings accounts have been opened for TK students. TAEF has also contributed over \$15,000 to positive student incentives."



2023 SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

Congratulations to the 2023 scholarship recipients! This year \$53,000 in scholarships were awarded to students furthuring their education.



Alejandro Rodas
TK Class of 1957



Andy Liu
Adam Dipp
Lorraine Dahlgren
Memorial



Anna Davis
Barry County
Humane Society



Cailin Redman
Travis Wenger 4-H



Carsen Burbridge
Logan Michael
Kimbrue
Lois Ann Nagel
Seppanen



Catherine Densham
Alecia Lorraine Holst
Memorial
Samuel McKeown
Memorial - Medical
Tad Thatcher



Dylan LeClaire
Brian Appel



Ella Palazzolo
Jody Helrigel Pratt
Education
McCullough Family
Millicent Grace Knox
Terri Yoder



Emelia MacDonald
Julie Bender
Women's Athletic



Henry Leon
Coleman Agency
General Federation
of Women's Club -
Gun Lake



Hope VanderHeide
Rodney and Rena
Schad Memorial
Samuel McKeown
Memorial - Business
Emil Tyden Founders



Jacob Rodriguez
Ray Page Scholar-
Athletic Memorial



Leona Heinrich
Mom's Scholarship



Marshall Warner
McCullough Family



Mia Dickman
Dr. Wayne and Marie
Finkbeiner
Adele and Arnold
Parker
Thomas Hamilton
General Federation
of Women's Club -
Gun Lake
Southside Pediatrics



Molly Shepard
Robert Evans
Memorial
Thornapple Kellogg
Aulumni Association



Natalie Alden
Beth Helrigel Wester
Memorial
Gerald and Ceta
Williams
Samuel McKeown
Memorial-Business



Parker Steward
Ethel Denton Groos
Lynn Helrigel
Summers
Village Players of
Middleville



Payton Stahl
Jon and Kay
Simpson
RKW Working
Student
Samuel McKeown
Memorial-Medical



**Stephany Lopaz
Tapia**
Gerald & Lois Page



Tag Fortuna
Don & Catherine
Williamson



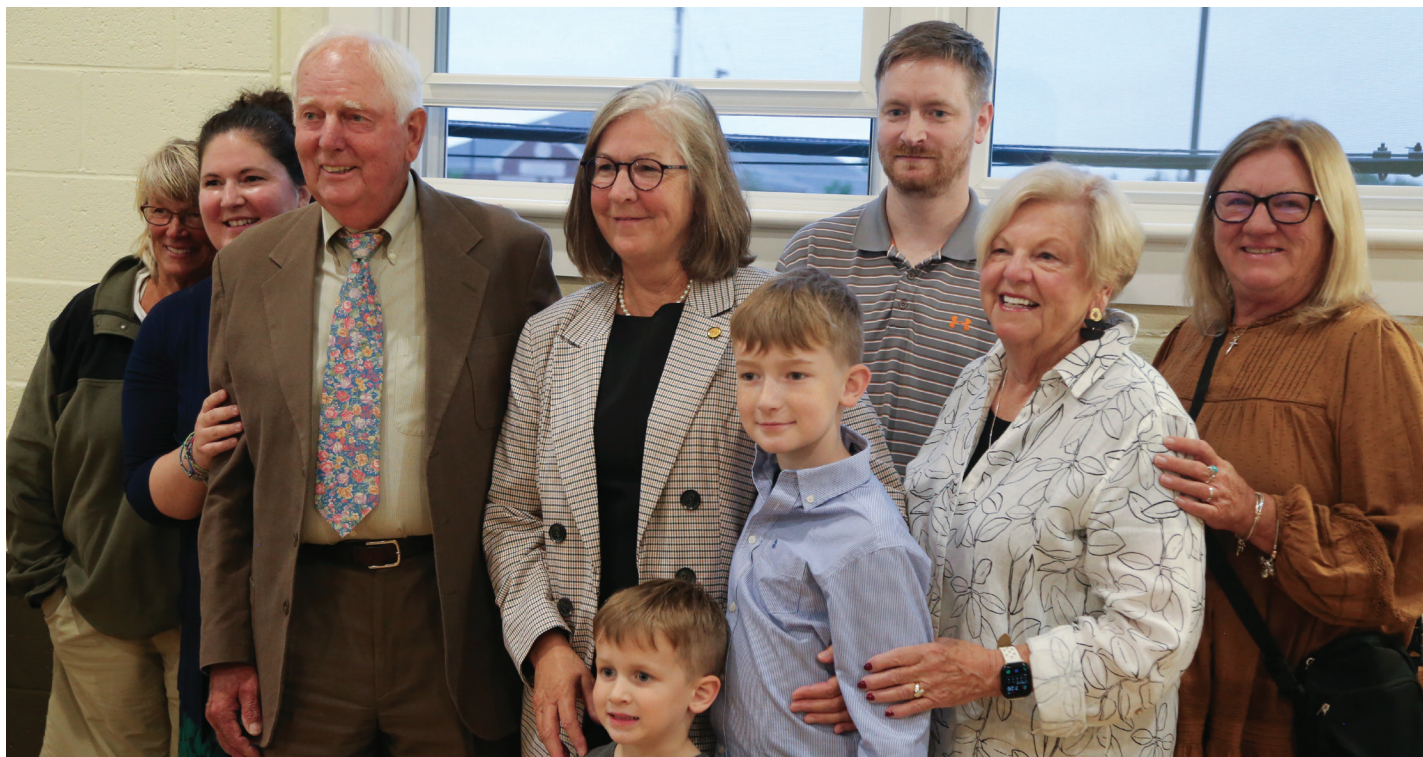
Thea Zellmer
Katherine and
Edward Wieringa
Middleville Women's
Club
Lydia Cole
Jane Morris 4-H
West Michgian
Viking Group
Gordon and Carolyn
Worth



Zane Walters
Thornapple Kellogg
Aulumni Association

Lane Cross (not pictured)
Clay Hill Farm

HOMETOWN Hero



Keith and Cindy both contributed to TK schools through decades of teaching, coaching, mentoring, and engaging with their community and students. Keith helped launch the TKMS Student of the Month program and started the Student Teacher Assistant program during his time as a teacher, and as president of the teacher's association, Keith began the district's involvement with the Adopt-aHighway program and connected with the Barry County fair to purchase 4-H animals from TK students. Cindy helped students find success in countless ways, such as the Middlebush Treasure Hunt at the end of the school year, the VIP club, with a monthly lunch at Phil's Pizza, and running the popcorn club at Page. Her help to families even meant providing lunch money, picture money, arranging transportation, sponsoring students for summer YMCA camp, and even providing temporary housing. The Middlebush family continues to have a positive

impact on the Middleville community. Cindy says, "It was important to live where we taught, so being part of the community and raising our daughter, Cary, within the TK family is the accomplishment I'm most proud of." TAEF is excited to honor such deserving recipients with the Hometown Hero Award.



GRANTING

In 2023 the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation supported its community in the form of grants totaling \$10,602. These grants were funded through TAEF's General Fund and went toward supporting and improving all aspects of the Thornapple Kellogg Schools and community.

\$2,618.42

TK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Graphing Calculators: \$1,049 Brought graphing calculators into the middle school, preparing students to use technology in their further education.

Digital Art & Yearbook: \$910.42 Gave students access to high-quality photography equipment to use in art classes and the yearbook.

Temp Probes: \$659 Prepared students for science education by purchasing a set of temperature probes for science experiments.

\$3,489.81

TK HIGH SCHOOL

Podcast Recording Studio: \$1,145.31 Innovated high schoolers' physics classes by providing two mobile podcast studios, giving students an opportunity to be creative while they're learning.

Graphing Calculators: \$1,083.50 Made math more accessible to students with a new classroom set of graphing calculators.

Equipment Upgrade: \$899 Improved safety in the skilled trades program by replacing an outdated table saw with a newer model.

Adaptive Physical Education Equipment: \$362 Developed physical education habits that will last beyond their school years.

\$4,493.48

TK ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

E-Writers: \$114 Purchased technology meant to improve students' writing capabilities.

Musical Instruments: \$537.33 Brought music to elementary school students, adding new instruments to their collection.

Flexible Seating: \$721.87 Provided different options for seating in the classroom by purchasing more comfortable chairs.

Literacy Games: \$107.49 Engaged students' interest in reading by adding literacy games to classrooms.

Bright Star STEM Touring Theatre: \$1,470 Brought living history to elementary students, introducing them to some of the most influential black leaders in American history.

Composition Notebooks: \$540.55 Developed penmanship and writing skills in second graders by giving them notebooks meant to practice these techniques.

Science Technology Engineering Mathematic Materials: \$1,002.24 Prepared students for the future from an early age by providing first graders with materials for STEM education.

FUNDS

Adam Dipp Memorial Scholarship Fund
Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund
Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund
Ball Family Scholarship Fund
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Kickstart to Career – Saving Matters
Logan Michael Kimbrue Memorial

Scholarship Fund
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Lorraine Dahlgren Scholarship Fund
Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund
McCullough Family Scholarship
Middleville Rec Center Fund
Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund
Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund
Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Hoover Harrison Root
Promote Pickle Ball Team Fund
Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund
RKW Student Working Fund
Robert Evans Memorial Scholarship Fund
Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for Industrial Arts
Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarships
Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund
Terrie Yoder Fund
Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship
Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Alumni Association Fund
Thornapple Kellogg Public Library
Thornapple Kellogg Tradesman Scholarship
TK Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund
TAPRC – Special Project Fund
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William McGee Memorial Scholarship
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