

Sheboygan Public Education Foundation

Annual Report 2021-2022

"...As one of the "founding mothers" of the Sheboygan Public Education Foundation twenty years ago, I have greatly appreciated SPEF's hard work and energetic commitment to the success of our students. SPEF's grants support innovation and excellence in our classrooms and truly make a difference in our schools!

The Sheboygan Area School District is deeply grateful to SPEF's donors, its Staff and Board of Directors who enrich our children's education. Thank you so much!"

—Mary Lynne Donohue,
SASD School Board President

Fall/Spring SPEF Project Proposals Grants Awarded

2021-2022 school year

34 Newline Boards
13 Display Televisions
Maker Space iPads
VEX Kits
Graphic Arts Printer/Cutter
iPads
Ozobots for Coding Learning
Hand Chimes
Cheerleading Uniforms
Magnetic Letters for Learning
Memory Craft Sewing Machine
Maker Space Items
Two-Way Theater Radios
Educational Games For English
Class
Leveled Reading Books
Floor Seat Cushions
Bands Books
Gardening Project
Posture & Tone Band Seating
Heritage School Reading Books

Working Behind The Scenes To Improve Education

By Jerry Jones

SPEF Board President

The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation (SPEF) is 20 years old/"young" and probably one of the best kept secrets in the Sheboygan Community. SPEF has worked "behind the scenes" on a wide variety of programs.

SPEF administers over 14 different programs every year, ranging from: Mid-Year School Supplies For Needy Students, Read & Recycle Book Drive, Mural Wall Tiles, Back to School Bash Cash for Classroom Teachers, Retiree Recognition, Fieldhouse Seat Naming, Every Dollar Counts, All-In For Education Texas Hold'em, Staff Solicitation, Take The Lake 5K/1Mile Run/Walk, Annual Community Solicitation Drive, Fall & Spring Grant Proposals, LINKS Musical Instruments, and SPEF Local Scholarships for graduating seniors.

SPEF started as a way to enhance the public education experience for its students and staff. Over the past 20 years, through fundraisers, donors, sponsors, and public support, it has grown as a "asset" to students, families, and staff through a wide range of programs. Its volunteer Board of Directors meet once a month to discuss, plan, and vote on current programs to assist students and staff.

Some "behind the scenes" highlights within the past 20 years...SPEF has donated @ \$1.4 million dollars back into the classrooms via its Fall & Spring Grant Proposal Program. These grants are written by students, staff, and community for items that are not covered in the school district's yearly budget. Graduating seniors within the Sheboygan Area School District have received scholarship monies to help them with their post-secondary education plans. SPEF's Scholarship Program started with one scholarship 20 years ago...TODAY...SPEF administers 57 scholarships! The Naming Rights of a variety of building areas within the two high schools which helps supports all schools via the many programs SPEF administers.

Another "behind the scenes" program was SPEF assisting the school district's music department with the updating of its schools' pianos several years ago, when it was found that almost of them needed to be replaced. In addition, SPEF LINKS Program asks for used musical instruments, makes any repairs, cleans them, and then donates them back to schools where students interested in learning to play an instrument, but can't afford to purchase one/rent one, use that instrument for the year free of charge.

This past Spring, 2022, SPEF donated some \$50,000 in Technology (Newline Boards and Display Televisions) to teachers/schools to update their non-functioning SmartBoards and/or classroom projectors.

As president of SPEF, I am proud to lead the Board of Directors and all of our supporters/donors/volunteers to improve public education in Sheboygan. We are fully committed to keep this "behind the scenes" non-profit organization going for the next 20 years..."To enhance public education in Sheboygan."

[2002 – 2022]

\$1.4 Million

Given back to the Sheboygan Area School District in grants over the past

19 years



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TEXAS HOLD'EM SHEBOYGAN STYLE

Mark Mancl won the 18th Annual 2021 "All In For Education" Texas Hold'em in-person fundraiser which was held at Pine Hills Country Club. Our event raised **\$21,856.00** from our generous contributors/donors, and bidders. Thank You!

If you want to learn more about The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation and participate, volunteer, or donate, please contact us at
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19 Years of Supporting Public Education

The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation, Incorporated, will raise contributions to enhance our students' educational opportunities by supporting high quality facilities and programs.

YEAR IN REVIEW

- ▶ **Staff Solicitation** – The staff of the Sheboygan Area School District continues to be generous...THANK YOU! Some **\$12,055.00** was raised in 2021-2022 from generous staff donations, which in turn is given back to the schools in the form of non-technology and technology grants.
- ▶ **Local Scholarships** – Some 146 SASD graduating seniors applied for 43 of The Sheboygan Public Education administered local scholarships. There were 79 seniors receiving at least one SPEF sponsored scholarship amounting to over **\$323,150.00!** SPEF "congratulates" the scholarship recipients and "thanks" the generous donors and all seniors who applied for the scholarships!
- ▶ **"Take The Lake" 5K/1Mile Run/Walk** – Was held this year with 145 participants. SPEF sponsors/donors and participants raised **\$5,800.00** (THANK YOU!) for this 5K/1 Mile Run/Walk to assist in the operations of The Sheboygan Public Education Foundation.
- ▶ **Annual Appeal** – Local businesses and community members are asked to financially support our mission during this December fundraiser. We THANK them for their continued support of public education in Sheboygan with a total of **\$10,105.00** raised.
- ▶ **Mid-Year School Supplies** – This year, six school secretaries, guidance counselors, administrators, and support staff, asked SPEF to supply them school supplies for their needy students. Due to the financial support by individuals and businesses within the Sheboygan community of SPEF fundraisers, SPEF has been able to buy those items asked for by school officials for needy students within the district...pencils, markers, backpacks, scissors, crayons, notebooks, earbuds, etc. Thank You!
- ▶ **2021 Friends of Education** – Mike Martin, Vortex Optics, and Early Learning Center were recognized last year as SPEF'S Friend of Education. Mike retired from the SPEF Board of Directors after serving nine years. Vortex Optics has been a continuous supporter of SPEF's All In For Education Silent Auction over the years and its products in the Silent Auction has brought in thousands of dollars. The Early Learning Center Staff has always supported SPEF's Mission via creative Silent Auction baskets, staff solicitation donations, and program support for many. Congratulations to all three for promoting and supporting The Sheboygan Public Education's Mission: "To enhance our students' educational opportunities by supporting high quality facilities and programs."

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