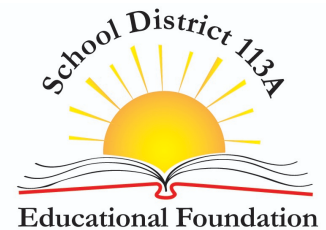


SD113A Educational Foundation

2020-21 Annual Report

Building a strong Foundation for a Bright Future.



The past year or so has been a challenge in so many ways. We want to thank the staff in our school district for the many things they have done to continually change and adapt to these challenging times, while maintaining an incredible focus on the health and social/emotional well-being of our kids...in addition to the focus on their education!



While schooling was a bit different during the 2020 – 2021 school year, the needs of our teachers remained...in fact, the need to be more innovative in teaching programs and materials has arguably increased. The Foundation remains committed to support them however we can, which means that we continue to raise money wherever possible. In past years, we have been able to coordinate community-based fundraisers.... events that brought people together to have fun and support a common cause. In consideration of Covid-19 and the many restrictions on getting together in large groups, we held our first virtual fundraiser, with our Cinco de Mayo split-the pot raffle event. It didn't bring us together in person, but it brought many of us together in spirit, as we had several people forgo buying raffle tickets and simply chose to donate to support our grants. Net ticket sales totaled just over \$13,000, so the split-the-pot ended up being a distribution of \$6,500 to the Foundation and \$6,500 to one lucky winner...Kelly Zurek of Lemont! In addition to the raffle split, we received additional donations which increased our fundraising total to almost \$8,000 to help support grants for innovative projects in our school district.

The 2020 – 2021 school year was also my first as President, and we gained new members Tom Boyle and John Parde, both parents and Lemont residents. A huge Thank You goes to our other board members, Dr. David Rupert, Laura Harkness and Nicole Friscia. At a time when we all struggled with work, school and family commitments, they all continue to volunteer their time and efforts to help support our cause.

The mission of the 113A Educational Foundation is to:

- Seek and provide financial and other resources to support education, innovation, and enrichment in pursuit of academic excellence for the SD113A community.
- Provide a charitable vehicle through which individuals, businesses, and corporations may make financial contributions and endowment.
- Provide funds beyond the normal operating budget of the school district for specific educational programs and activities for students and staff.

The Foundation relies on volunteers to coordinate fundraising events, manage donor and community relations, and help with general operations. If you would like to lend your time and talent to the Foundation, we want to hear from you. We invite you to attend a meeting or contact a board member to learn more about our activities. (mail@sd113AFoundation.org)

Tony Ward

2020-21 Business Donors -

Corporate Donors

Diamond Level (\$10,000+)
Citgo

Business Sponsors (\$1-499)
Amazon Smile
Calumet City Plumbing
Silicon Valley Community Foundation



2020-21 Donors -

Generous donations from families in our community make grants possible.

Friends of 113A

Silver (\$226-\$451)
Greg Cicci

Bronze (\$113-\$225)
Amanda & Chris Roth
Brad & Traci Sarpalius
Jane & Patrick Woytek
Susan Wulczyn



Grant Awards -

Nearly \$8,000 in grants!

Grant Awards

Augmented Reality Project - Oakwood - \$2,200
This project will provide the digital tools needed for students to create a new form of artwork.

Hummingbird Robotics Professional Development - River Valley - \$2,250
Teachers will be provided additional robotics training.

Solar Car Kits - River Valley - \$2,548
Fourth graders will build and race solar cars!

Life Skills Community Trips - Old Quarry - \$800