

YSEF MISSION The York Suburban Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization providing funding for innovative programs that enhance the educational experience and foster continued academic excellence for district students.

We do this by raising funds that are used to award grants to teachers, administrators and students who have new ideas for improving the culture of excellence in the YSSD schools. Donor support also funds the student-led Impact Foundation (IF) which operates Impact Closets located in all six York Suburban buildings and Food for Thought, a weekend food backpack program.

WANT TO HELP? Visit our website at www.ysef.org and like us on Facebook to see details about upcoming events, pictures of grants in action, purchase Tribute Cards for teachers, and donate online.

*Annual YSEF Alumni Event at Vito's Pizza, November 2017.
L to R: Wiley Kurcheski, '00,
Kathy Leithiser, Karen Campbell,
Brynn Kline, '01*



NEWS from YSEF

2017 Grants

YSEF awarded \$55,078.54 in grants in 2017. See details inside.

Impact Foundation

In 2017, the Impact Foundation (IF) expanded their reach and raised funds to start Food for Thought (FFT), a weekend food program, to help address food insecurity in the York Suburban School District (YSSD). FFT is a partnership between IF, Luther Memorial Church (LMC) and YSSD. A generous contribution from the Central PA Chapter of the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) provided the startup funding. Students renovated workspace at LMC over the summer, and FFT was launched at Valley View Elementary in September and expanded to Indian Rock in November. IF students pack and deliver the food backpacks weekly. FFT learned from the backpack program started in 2016 at East York Elementary by Eastminster Presbyterian Church. St. John Lutheran Church partnered with Yorkshire Elementary and launched a program in January 2018, and the Middle School has provided food this school year by partnering with LifePath Ministries. Our York Suburban community is grateful to these generous community organizations who are passionate about working together to do more for York Suburban students.

*L to R: Joel Snyder, '65;
Connie Shorb, '65;
Dan Mazzolla, '65 and
Bob Hildebrand, '64.*



IF students preparing food backpacks



IF student board inside the YS High School Impact Closet.

- Back Row: Marianna Rodas, Ben Salazar (Treasurer), Ali Reinecker (President), Caroline Liu.
- Middle row: Sweeta Rasiyan, Elizabeth Bryant, Eryn McBride, Olivia Pindzola (Vice-President).
- Front Row: Imani Carroll, Lilly Cook, Rachel Peters, Zoë Hornberger.
- Not pictured: Isobel Smith (Secretary), Luke Babinchak, Katherine Mooney, Declan Ridings.

York Suburban Education Foundation STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION December 31, 2017

ASSETS		
	2017	2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$131,653.56	\$156,109.16
Richard Guyer Fund	\$15,544.94	\$14,796.79
Jeffrey D. Sindicich Endowment Fund	\$29,326.63	\$26,707.59
York County Community Foundation	\$292,685.77	\$184,948.74
Total Assets	\$469,210.90	\$382,562.28
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Net Assets	2017	2016
Unrestricted	\$370,946.45	\$305,131.61
Restricted	\$98,264.45	\$77,430.67
Total Net Assets	\$469,210.90	\$382,562.28

Financials prior to audit completion

YSEF's VOLUNTEER VILLAGE

TEAMWORK. This is what it takes to make any effort thrive. YSEF is very fortunate to have a strong and talented volunteer base that makes things tick behind the scenes so together we can do more for York Suburban students.

With sincere gratitude, we thank our outgoing board members for their years of service. Special thanks to founding board members Cathy Shaffer and Mark Schmidt who each served on the board for 11 years and played an integral role in YSEF's continuing success. Cathy served for seven years as YSEF's first board president, and Mark led the team that structured the YSEF grant making process. Laura Horowitz served for six years, chairing the Marketing Committee and shared her professional writing expertise to produce various publications. Serving three years each, Justin Leber, '01, chaired and launched YSEF's Alumni Committee, and Penny Ayers served as chair of Governance. YSEF thanks each of our volunteers for sharing their talent.



Top: Justin Leber, '01, Cathy Shaffer, Laura Horowitz

Bottom: Valley View students thank Mark Schmidt for his service.



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Thank you to the following community members who donated their time and talent to YSEF in 2017:

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Through the 2017 grant program, the York Suburban Education Foundation (YSEF) awarded eleven grants totaling \$55,078.54.

Greenhouses . . . To Grow Healthy and Successful Students

— Dr. Denise Fuhrman and East York Third Grade (East York Elementary School)

A grant of \$1,549.34 allows the third graders at East York Elementary to participate in experiential learning opportunities in science and mathematics through the purchase of portable greenhouses. As these students apply their content learning by “getting dirty” growing their own seedlings, they also engage their community by marketing and selling the plants they grow at the annual East York May Day. The greenhouses are also utilized by East York’s newly created Envirothon team for fifth graders as they conduct experiments and research. This grant was made possible from the Jeffrey D. Sindicich Foundation through an endowment fund established at the York County Community Foundation to support YSEF grants. The fund is in memory of Jeffrey Sindicich, York Suburban graduate class of 1986.



Escaping Language Limits —

Laura Gordon (East York and Yorkshire Elementary Schools)

In 2016, YSEF supported this pilot program that aims to build connections through “Imagine Learning,” an award-winning software program that features interactive content for our increasing population of English Language Learners. This program provides first-language support in 15 languages, while gradually translating reading for the students to begin acquiring essential English language skills. To encourage consistent participation when school is not in session, this \$750 grant

funded three face-to-face activity meetings throughout the summer with students and their families to keep the program active and celebrate student progress with families through fun incentives.



Mindful Moments and Yoga for Kids

— Lorie Meckley (Valley View Elementary)

The goal of these two grants, totaling \$2,339.54, is to enhance the district’s innovative approach to improving students’ social-emotional well-being through lessons in mindfulness inspired by The Mind Up Curriculum. This grant facilitated the creation of a Mindful Moments Room, a private space with a calming atmosphere where students can go to focus on the present, calm down, relax, and re-center. It also provides teachers professional development on the benefits of yoga, yoga-based breathing and relaxation techniques. Yoga classes for students, led by a professional instructor, will also be part of the learning experience with the goal of working toward independent skill use. Students who learn to effectively use mindfulness strategies have more effective concentration during instruction, are better able to nurture and develop healthy friendships, have improved academic skills, have better time management skills, have lower anxiety and stress levels, and have improved working memory.



Learning Commons District Initiative: From Library Media Center to Learning Commons

– Amy Kendrick (YSHS); *YS STEAM Lab Classroom* – Tac Thomas (YSHS); *STEAM Integration* – Donna Kran, Matt Moran, Karen Campbell and Jared Moore (YSMS); *2017 Kindergarten STEAM* – Marilyn Henning (Valley View and Yorkshire Elementary Schools)

YSEF awarded \$40,000 that was distributed among these four grants in support of a district wide “Learning Commons” strategic initiative to incorporate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) concepts into the York Suburban curriculum at all learning levels. STEAM promotes inquiry and project-based learning, collaborative learning, critical thinking skills, innovation and creativity. From incorporating coding, engineering, and design into kindergarten lessons to enhancing STEAM labs in the high school to transforming the middle and high school libraries into flexible learning spaces that allows for collaboration and exploration, the collective “York Suburban Learning Commons” grant reinforces the district’s dedication to maintain academic rigor, critical thinking and problem solving skills. These grants are supported with corporate funds donated to YSEF through the PA State Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and a major gift by a YS alumnus.



Trout in the Classroom

– Katie Green, Nancy Karkoska and Jamie McFadden (YSMS)

In 2016, YSEF granted funding to Katie Green to launch “Trout in the Classroom” (TIC), an interdisciplinary program provided by the Pennsylvania Fish

and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Environmental and Ecology, and Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited. This successful pilot program, which allowed students to raise brook trout by observing and monitoring a coldwater ecosystem in a classroom aquarium, exceeded student engagement expectations. This \$3,000 grant allowed the TIC program to expand into two more science classrooms so that all 7th grade York Suburban students benefit from this exciting experiential learning.



Job Ready Career Skills Online Program

– Jill Feltenberger and Beth Milkowski (YSHS)

This \$1,295.00 grant provided funding for a web-based product that is designed to teach students the fundamental skills that employers have identified as key to success in the workplace. This cross-curricular program covers topics including work habits, workplace effectiveness, communication skills, business etiquette, and the job search. This program offers necessary tools for success upon graduation regardless of a student’s post high school plan.

Stand Up For Kids

– Kristie Kopp and Lorra Cummings (YSMS)

Growing on the pilots of similar grants awarded for adaptive furniture options in 2015 and 2016, this \$6,144.10 grant for alternative classroom furniture in middle school math classes provided for standing desks benefiting the physical, cognitive, and emotional needs of middle school students. These desks enable students to focus and boost brain function, which research has shown to promote academic growth. Providing students with desks where they can stand will continue to benefit students through increased levels of engagement while encouraging more discussion, collaboration, and ultimately, higher level thinking.

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Left: (L to R) Karen Moyer, Jason and Melissa Plotkin. Right: Neil Slenker (L) and Ron Hershner (R).

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Alumni Committee Class Gift Challenge

In 2016, the YS Class of 1965 presented YSEF with a class gift in honor of their 50th reunion. With this check presentation, they challenged the Class of 1966 to join them in continuing the tradition of academic excellence at YS by coordinating their own class gift. On April 29 at YSEF's annual Celebration of Excellence, YS Class of 1966 classmates Mike Gwilt, Jeff Kuhn and Sue Shearer Pfaendler represented their classmates as they met that challenge and presented a check to YSEF for \$10,500.



Would your class like to explore ideas of how to partner with YSEF to do more for YS students? YSEF can help organize your class effort, and keep you updated on alumni events and YS happenings. Send us a message by visiting www.ysef.org to update your contact information and LIKE the York Suburban Education Foundation on Facebook.

Above: Class of 1966 alumni Mike Gwilt, Sue Shearer Pfaendler and Dr. Jeff Kuhn present their class donation to YSEF Alumni Committee Chairman Justin Leber, '01 and President Sarah Reinecker.

Annual Alumni Event

Alumni (representing classes from 1963-2015), retirees and current staff gathered at Vito's Restaurant on November 25 for YSEF's 3rd annual alumni event to celebrate great YS memories and support YSEF's mission of providing learning experiences for YS students that are outside the scope of the usual school budget. The event raised over \$1,500 and more than 160 food items were collected at the event's Food for Thought donation drive.



*Annual Alumni Event.
Left: Lydia Leik, YS Retired Staff, Jenny Bell Lewis, '97, Rich Lewis.
Below: From L to R: Tasha Koontz, Derrick Bobb '09 and Sharon Stutts, YS Retired Teacher*