

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation



Celebrating Ten Years



and Roaring into the Future!

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2022 - 2023

Dear Friends of Greensburg Salem,

It is my honor to present the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation's annual report for fiscal year 2022-2023. When I started to write this letter, it got me thinking of how much time flies by. As a child you don't really worry about time, but as you begin to grow up you are always looking forward to the next milestone, and thinking boy I can't wait to be double digits, or I can't wait to drive, then it's I can't wait to graduate go to college and get out of this place. Then your adult years hit, and time seems to go by so fast. Just a few short years ago the world changed, and our teachers and students had to learn a new way to teach and attend school. Most students were now learning through a lens in the computer. Now here we are in the 2022-2023 school year, and this is the first-time students have physically been in school the entire school year. First grade students are now in Fourth Grade, that is something to think about. It didn't really hit me until my daughter, and I were talking one afternoon. She is a student at WVU and was a product of the covid years. She graduated in 2021, so part of her junior year, all her senior year and even some classes in college were all

virtual. During our conversation she was talking about taking a test, I asked her if was ready and she said, yes, but it's going to be strange taking a in person test. I said what do you mean? She said, "Mom, I haven't taken an in-person test since my junior year of high school", she was now a sophomore in college. Time...has it flown by or traveled at a normal speed? I guess it all depends on how you look at it.

Our foundation celebrated our 10-year anniversary in 2023. To me it doesn't seem like it was 10 years ago. I joined the foundation shortly after the foundation was formed. In that time we served the students and teachers in the Greensburg Salem School district in so many ways. With our fundraisers, numerous donations from businesses, community members, teachers and friends of the district, we have been able to have a positive impact on thousands of students' education during their time at Greensburg Salem. We have given back over \$100,000 in these 10 short years. To me, this is a great achievement, and we could not have done it without you. We also are planning with our growing endowment.



Time...to some it is slow to most of us adults it flies by, but one thing for sure is that our foundation is growing and planning for the future, and in time we will positively impact more students and teachers with your continued support!

Sheila Brumley, GSEF Chairperson



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William “Bill” Lendl Class of 1980

Bill graduated from Greensburg Salem in 1980 and then in 1984 from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a Master of Business Administration.

Bill started his career at Procter and Gamble in Mehoopany, PA, as a Process Engineer. His next move was to work as a Six Sigma Consultant for Van Leer. During this role, he relocated to California, Maine and Europe. Bill was then recruited by Avery Denison for the Waco, Texas, plant and was soon promoted to Plant Manager for Avery Denison’s flagship facility in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where, under his leadership the business grew to over \$200 million per year. Bill’s final move brought him to the Cincinnati area as the site leader of the Merck Pharmaceutical location in Fairfield, Ohio, where he led the startup and growth to become the third largest private employer in Butler County. After retiring from his corporate career, Bill exercised his inner entrepreneur starting a wealth management and a real estate company, both of which he leads today. Bill hopes to never really retire.



Bill enjoys being a West Chester, OH, resident along with his wife Rene’ who is the Librarian at Shawnee Early Childhood Center. He has two grown children, Anna and David, who both graduated from The Ohio State University. Anna is a Medical Technology developer and entrepreneur, and David is a Staff Engineer with Kenexis.

Community involvement is very important to Mr. Lendl, and he actively serves as a Board Member on the Miami University BTE Board, C3 Caring Community Collaborative, Olde West Chester Christmas Walk, Olde West Chester Founders’ Day Festival, and Olde West Chester

Architectural Advisory Committee.

Bill created a program called “Flags Over West Chester” for Local Boy Scout Troop 940, which is a major source of fundraising and helps instill values and encourage character growth while showcasing patriotism in the community. The program is nearing 600 flags posted and retired by Boy Scouts in the community six days a year. In 2014, West Chester recognized Bill as the Citizen of the Year.

Donor Match Challenge



Lendl Family Match

The Greensburg Salem Education Foundation (GSEF) has been presented with an incredible opportunity. The Lendl family has generously offered to donate up to \$50,000 to GSEF in a Donor Match. The proceeds will go directly to GSEF’s Endowment fund, which was established in 2020 to ensure the stability and long-lasting impact of GSEF for the Greensburg Salem School District.

General Fund Match

We are now challenging you - the faculty, alumni, parents, and general Greensburg Salem community members - to donate to GSEF’s Endowment Fund today in order to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. Any amount is appreciated and will be generously matched dollar for dollar. Our goal is to raise at least \$50,000 from the community in the coming months, which would provide for an investment of \$100,000 into the GSEF Endowment Fund. Thank you in advance for any amount you can give to this wonderful endeavor. Together, we can make a difference for our GS faculty and students!



John Sphon class of 1975

John grew up in Southwest Greensburg, attending Welty Street Elementary School (now Hutchinson Elementary). He is the son of the late John (Ike) and Rena Sphon and the older brother of Jim and Tom (deceased).

While in high school, John was a member of the band and a four-year letterman on the GSHS swim team. He held numerous school records, one of which stood for 45 years. He also played and lettered in baseball.

Upon graduating from high school in 1975, John was recruited to swim at IUP where he was a four-year letterman and a two-year captain of the team. John earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degree from IUP. While earning his Master's degree, John served as a graduate assistant and assistant swimming coach at IUP.

Upon graduation from IUP, he returned home and was hired on a part time basis at Westmoreland Hospital in the Health Education Department. He also coached swimming at the Greensburg YMCA where he produced a number of State champion and Division I collegiate swimmers.

John continued work at Westmoreland Hospital and Excela Health for 39 ½ years in various leadership roles... serving as the Sr. Vice President of Excela's Physician Practices to its Sr. Vice President of Diversified Services, Ambulatory Services and Home Health and Hospice divisions.

He also was the CEO and President of MedCare Equipment Co, a medical equipment company that is affiliated with Excela Health and 8 other health systems across the region. Under his leadership, the company grew from a \$16 million company in 2009 to a \$90 million company within 10 years. It now serves over 75,000 active patients in 5 states.

In 2019, with a change in leadership at Excela Health, the Board of Trustees asked John to lead the health system as its interim CEO (Excela is a \$650 million organization with 4,500 employees, three hospitals and numerous outpatient facilities and physician offices across Westmoreland county). After an intensive national search for a CEO, which John encouraged, he was appointed as the permanent CEO of Excela in December of 2019, after serving as interim CEO for 8 months.

Little did he know (at the time), that three months later, he would be faced with the start of the worst healthcare crisis that any of us have experienced in our lifetimes with COVID 19. As we all know, Excela Health and other health care providers across the country became the bedrock for their communities as the nation shut down.

During this last year, John successfully led Excela Health through the analysis and recent announcement of a merger with Butler Health System on January 1, 2023. The newly merged organization is



projected to generate over \$1.1 billion in revenue and will employ over 7,300 employees. Although John recently retired on March 31, he will continue to serve on the Board of Trustees with the new organization.

In addition to serving on the new health system Board, John will remain on the Board of MedCare Equipment Company and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County.

John has been married to Donna Behun Sphon for nearly 38 years, and they have one adult son, Lucas and daughter-in-law Maggie Laderer. He is also the proud uncle of Taylor and Nate Sphon, former GSHS graduates.



Steven E. Snider

Coach, Teacher, Mentor

“It’s a beautiful day.” It was a signature statement heard by anyone at Greensburg Salem Cross Country track and field events.

It is one of the gifts Steve Snider left to our community, by the manner in which he lived his life, as well as how he modeled for students, athletes, colleagues, and all who encountered him. Steve created a culture of building programs by growing relationships with people.

Steve, a 1967 graduate of Gateway High School in Monroeville, went on to earn a degree in Health and Physical Education at Slippery Rock State College (now Slippery Rock University) in 1971. He started his career at Greensburg Salem School District where he made an immediate impact by creating many new lifetime sports programs and made learning fun and engaging. Steve developed a successful cross country program at Greensburg Salem, which was highlighted by a PIAA girl’s championship in 1993. He was in attendance when the Greensburg Salem boys’ team, coached by son Nathan, duplicated the feat in 2018.

During his 28 years at the helm of Greensburg Salem’s cross country teams, he racked up a combined 548 wins and two WPIAL titles. His track teams achieved 248 wins and four county championships. After teaching physical education and health at Greensburg Salem for 36 years, he joined the faculty of Trinity Christian School for five years. He also coached track and cross country at St. Vincent College for twelve years.

Steve served our community as a playground director in South Greensburg and later was the playground director for the City of Greensburg, where he was responsible for overseeing the daily operation of the city’s nearly ten active playgrounds. He ended his tenure with the City Recreation Department as the Manager of the pool at Lynch Field.



Steve always had a positive outlook and a motivational approach to coaching. He would make young athletes believe every day was a “beautiful day” even if it was snowing or raining at a track meet. As noted by other coaches, his pre-meet speeches were inspiring and moving. He inspired students to become successful parents, professionals and community members. Steve was truly a role model to all the youth that came in contact with him. Our community is stronger because of his lasting influence.

More than anything, Steve loved his family: his wife Debbie, son Matthew and his wife Megan, and son Nathan. He cherished his grandchildren, Julia and Luke Snider. He often talked about their wonderful family vacations. Over the years, Steve was never too busy to watch his grandchildren’s activities, especially running. Nathan often said, “Dad lived his life through the Lord, and he was good at what he did.”



The Ina Abraham Great Teacher Award

In 2022, The Greensburg Salem Education Foundation, with the generous contribution of GSEF Board Member and Alum Thomas Abraham, presented the Ina Abraham Great Teacher Award to three teachers. One for a GS Elementary Teacher (grades K-5), one for a GS Middle School teacher (Grades 6-8) and one for a GS High School Teacher (Grades 9-12).

Tom set the standard for the award that honors teachers who, like his wife Ina Abraham, are outstanding in their professional role and who care tremendously and work tirelessly to help each of their students to learn and grow. Tom tells the story of visiting Ina's classroom early one morning and finding Ina hugging one of her young students. Tom was startled and told Ina, "you can't do that". Ina's remark was this may be the only hug they get today and I will hug them when they ask for a hug.

Ian often visited the Greensburg-Hempfield library and read to young children. Today there is an empty chair and a space honoring Ina where children can sit and read.

Tom also insisted that the students nominate teachers for this award. Nominations are solicited in questionnaire form by members of the following groups:

- Middle School Student Council Association
- High School Senior Class Members

Middle School students nominate teachers in grades in K - 8. High School students nominate teachers in grades 9-12.

Students follow the following Criteria:

- Supports students through classroom and/or extracurricular activities
- Serves as an inspiration to students
- Demonstrates genuine concern and care for students within and beyond the classroom



Congratulations to Sam Dini, Bill Wisnieski and Al Toret. They were awarded the Ina Abraham Great Teacher Award. The Award is given by Tom Abraham in memory of his wife. Students nominate teachers for this award. One teacher from each level is awarded, Elementary, Middle School, and High School.

- Goes above and beyond the call of duty for students, both in and outside the classroom.
- Currently a GSSD teacher who has served for a minimum of 10 years.

It is my honor to present the Ina Abraham Great Teacher Award to the following Recipients as described by their students:

Elementary: Sam Dini "He was very kind and understanding, always ready to help, he motivated me, always talked to me about tests and is just a great amazing teacher. He is funny and smart and plays football with all the boys."

Middle School: Bill Wisniewski "He is a Chill teacher. He explains things perfectly and never gets mad. He was helpful when it came to students struggling with assignments. He always gives me good advice, even if I do annoy him daily, he keeps me in line and wants the best for his students."

High School: Al Toret "He is a great role model and teacher, he makes math easy to understand and is patient with every student. He is the best teacher I've ever had because he makes an effort to connect with students... and makes his

classroom a very positive place. Math was just an obligation I had to do, it was a necessary evil to reach graduation until I walked into his classroom. He made math interesting, challenging and actually fun.



Dorothy Stafford Scholarship for Nursing and Health Professionals

Eligibility for the Dorothy Stafford Scholarship:

A Greensburg Salem High School student attending Westmoreland County Community College (WCCC) for Nursing or other Health Profession Programs.

If a GSHS senior does not apply or is not eligible for the Scholarship, then a GSHS Alumni attending or planning to attend Westmoreland County Community College may apply. The same criteria listed below will apply to GSHS Alumni. The GSHS Senior or alumnus must be accepted at WCCC.

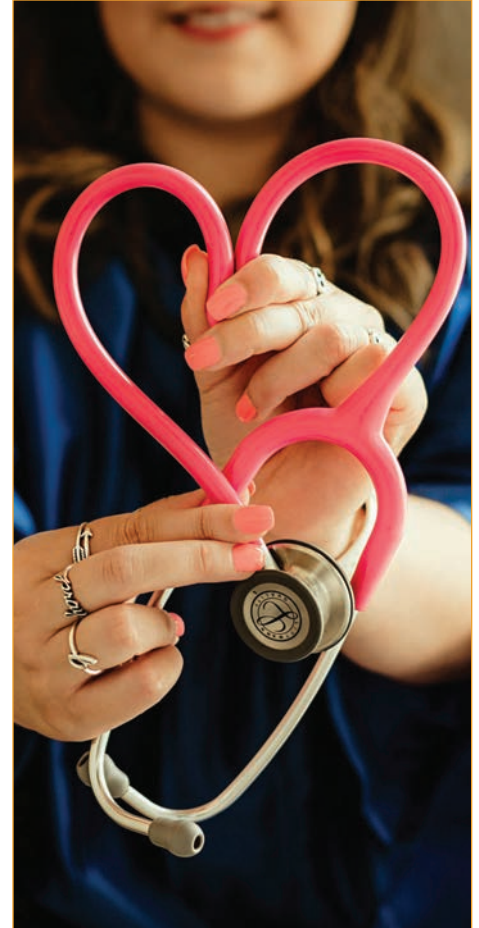
Criteria for Applicant:

- The \$1,500 Scholarship will be dispersed annually through the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation (GSEF) as gifted by the Ferrier Family Legacy Fund at the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.
- The applicant will have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- The applicant must complete 4 units of English, 3 units of Social Studies, 2 units of Mathematics with one in

Algebra, 2 units of science including chemistry and biology with related labs with a grade of C or above.

- Preference will be given to a student demonstrating financial need.
- Applicant must be accepted into the Nursing or Health Profession Program at the Westmoreland County Community College before the funds can be dispersed by the GSEF to WCCC.
- Preference will be given to a student in the Nursing program. If no one applies who will be entering the Nursing Program, then the scholarship can be awarded to a student entering any of the Health Profession Programs.
- The **GS Guidance Department** will have the application for distribution.
- **WCCC applications** are available in the Counselor's Office.

Nicole Riffle was awarded the Dorothy Stafford Scholarship for Nursing/Health Professions at Westmoreland County Community College for 2023. She is in her second year of Nursing and won the award in 2022, her Freshman year.



Joseph Zahorchak

“Spirit of Greensburg Scholarship”

GSEF partners with the Joseph Zahorchak Scholarship Committee, which provides scholarships for qualifying Greensburg Salem seniors who plan to attend post-secondary schools. Joseph Zahorchak, a three sport athlete and 1961 graduate of Greensburg High School held various leadership positions for Greensburg Rec. Dept. and a longtime football coach for Greensburg Salem, is memorialized by his family, friends and students with this Scholarship.

GSEF and the Zahorchak family awarded the 2023 Spirit of Greensburg Scholarship to Glenn Cole Willcox. He knows the meaning of dedication and perseveres to accomplish his goal of becoming a physical therapist. Cole has overcome adversity and has maintained a very positive attitude. Cole will attend Slippery Rock University.

This is the 3rd year for awarding this most generous scholarship.



Joseph Nava Scholarship



The Joseph Nava Scholarship was established by his family, dear friends, and colleagues through the GSEF to celebrate Mr. Nava's many years of service to the Greensburg Salem School District and to the community. Mr. Nava started his career as an educator in 1953 as a fifth-grade teacher and then went on to become a GS Junior High history teacher, wrestling coach, Assistant Principal, and then Junior High Principal from 1975 until his retirement in 1986. This is the first scholarship established for a Greensburg Salem administrator and is proudly managed by the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation.

Throughout Mr. Nava's long career, the underdogs and individuals who suffered injustices soon discovered that he was their passionate and effective defender. **It is with great honor that Lillian Gatons was awarded the \$500 Joseph Nava Scholarship for 2023.** The committee recognized her resilience as well as devotion to her community.

"Sow ye well in the Springtime of life ... So there may be a harvest abundant." These quotations are found on the two murals on either side of the front entrance to the Greensburg Salem Middle School. The murals and quotations were a favorite focal point for Mr. Nava and were reflected in how he practiced his profession, raised his family, and lived his life. The Scholarship applicants are asked to reflect on the quote, making connections to their own lives, challenges, and community.



Senior Recognition

Each year, the Greensburg Salem High School Scholarship Committee recommends seniors for an award in each of the following areas:

- Character
- Leadership
- Community Service
- Scholarship
- Overall

These 4 traits, pillars for members in the National Honor Society, are also traits that the District promotes for successful graduates from Greensburg Salem. Our District Mission Statement includes "educating every child to be productive and responsible citizens ready to serve the communities of their future."

The award winners for the Class of 2023 are:

- Character—**Jada Doty**
- Leadership—**Chloe Ecklund**
- Scholarship—**Heidi Hagofsky**
- Community Service—**Colton Houser**
- Overall—**Rita Ruggieri**

Golden Apple Grants

Spring 2022

Mr. Darryl Audia – Picture Frames For Community Display - \$1,400

Allowed for the purchase of frames to professionally display student artwork at different local public exhibits, of students that attend GSHS Art classes.

Mrs. Cheryl Harper – FS Threads Revamped - \$716

“GS” Threads was started by National Honor Society (NHS) students in 2020 to provide free clothing, shoes, and accessories to students. The endeavor has outgrown the originally donated racks and storage infrastructure. This grant provided a way to make items more accessible and efficiently accessed.

Ms. Emily Campbell – Period Poverty - \$200

Supported a GSHS student’s Senior Project by funding a feminine product machine that would be located in a women’s bathroom at Greensburg Salem High School.

Mr. David Zilli – Challenge Coins - \$580

Purchased Challenge Coins to help support and celebrate the focus on Character, Leadership, Academics, Scholarship, and Service by students at the Greensburg Salem High School.

Fall 2022

Mrs. Barb Garofola – Giving Tree Sponsorship - \$1,210

The Greensburg Salem Middle School Giving Tree Program provides clothing and other necessities for students with needs for the holidays. With the increase of need, this grant was able to support purchases for GSMS students during the holidays.

Ms. Liz Zeglin – PBIS Respect Cart - \$505

Supported the Greensburg Salem Middle School PBIS program, focusing and incentivizing appropriate school and classroom behaviors.

Mrs. Tiffany Smietana-Lysell – Students Teach Others Through Videos - \$169

Supported the Family Consumer Science Program at the Greensburg Salem High School by providing videoing equipment to create videos of their food creations and document the steps leading up to their final product.

Mrs. Emily Hazlett – GSHS Show Choir Attends Carnegie Hall in NYC - \$1,000

Allowed for a trip to New York City to be more affordable for the GSHS Show Choir, where they had the opportunity to perform and experience shows while in the city.

Spring 2023

Dr. Taylor Guido – Biology Exploration of All Species through 3-D Learning

Dr. Ken Bissell –

The learning Power of Summer Camp

Mrs. Jessica Pritts –

Sensory Siesta – Swinging into Emotional Regulation

Mr. Courtney Doran –

Soft Starts in 5th Grade

Mrs. Beth Jamison –

Raised Garden Beds

Mr. Anthony Barbato –

Trying to Contain the Excitement of Gardening



Revenues, Donations, and Other Proceeds	Total
Membership and Unrestricted Donations	\$9,248
Events and Fundraisers	\$321
Purse Bash Fundraiser	\$9,961
Jeans on Fridays	\$3,663
Alumnae Banquet	\$4,093
Donations for A Great Teacher Award	\$1,550
Grant for Dorothy Stafford Scholarship	\$1,500
Donations for GSEF Endowment Fund	\$17,551
Donations for Joseph Zahorchak Scholarship Fund	\$1,200
Revenues, Donations, and Other Proceeds	\$49,087

Direct Expenses and Disbursements	Total
Grants provided to GSSD Faculty & Students	\$3,000
Grant provided to GSEF Endowment	\$10,000
Teacher Appreciation	\$996
Student AP Test Awards	\$768
Joseph Zahorchak Scholarship	\$5,000
Dorothy Stafford Scholarship	\$1,500
A Great Teacher Award	\$1,500
Student Clubs & Marketing Support	\$1,100
Other Business Expenses	\$3,319
Total Expenses and Disbursements	\$27,183

Donations Report

Lion's Kingdom: \$1,000 - \$2,000

Tom Abraham, Ina Abraham, the Great Teacher Award

Dr. Kenneth Bissell

William and Sue Cline

Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, Ferrier Family Legacy Fund for the Dorothy Stafford Scholarship for Nursing/Health Professions

Chris and Stacy Dee

Voyacy Wealth Advisors, Fouelle Thoroughbreds Lendl Farm, Galway NY

Independence Excelsa Health

Golden Mane \$500 - \$999

Commercial Bank and Trust

Barbara & George Rutter:
In recognition and honor of David Zilli

Jack and Georgia Smith

David Zilli

Lion's Pride -\$100 - \$499

Ameriserv Trust and Financial Services Company

Brooke Armstrong

Sue Boggs

Rebecca Byrd

Thomas Brannigan

Scott & Gretchen Brown

Andrew Chomos

Marilyn and Jim Davis

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The Honorable John Driscoll

Christiann and Peter Flanigan

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Dennis Leshock

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Jeff and Linda Mansfield

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Network Corporation

Christopher Robertshaw

Anita Rometo

Judy Lemmon Schmucker

Taylor Sphon, In Honor of John Sphon Turin and DeMatt, Attorneys at Law

Dr. Edith & Tom Welty

Jaime West

Tom & Donna Yarabinecz

Jerome & Edith Zufelt, In Honor of Cheryl Harper & GS Threads

Golden Lion—\$50 TO \$99

Anthony Barbato

Holly Burnfield

Kristin N. Dinkel

June Gasperin-Ferry

Jackie Gesalman

Trudy Ivory

Al and Sally Novak

Joseph Pedutti

Anthony Vaia

Michelle Wilttrout

Jackie Yuhas

Jessica Zahorchak

Lion—\$ 25 TO 49.99

Jeffrey Blanchetti

Eleanor Bridge

Shawna Burger

Erica J. Butler

Judith Constantine

Kelly Cooper

Jonelle Dini

Sam Dini

Susan Forkey

Courtney Doran

Erik Doran

Barbara Garofola

Rachael Geer

Lisa Giacomo

Sue Glowa

Taylor Guido

Cheryl Harper

Amy Harvey

Megan Hess

Donna L. Highlands

Kristy Hostetler

Mary Jo Holtzer

Katie Hutchinson

Elizabeth Jamison

Laurie Kopasko

Anna Marie Lendl

Aileen Little

Mary Logan

Ali Lucas

John R. Manley

Megan Mickey

Hannah Mihalko

Holly Miller

Camille Nemanic

Jessica Pritts

David Redinger

Gloria Rehak

Lacey Ruschak

Pamela Schmidt

Kristen Solomon

Barbara Vernail

David Vuick

Autumn Yurko

Liz Zeglin



Donations Report

Lion's Kingdom Memorial- \$1,000 - \$2,000

Tom Abraham, Bob Abraham and Jim Abraham: In Memory of our Dad, Thomas Abraham Sr.

Lion's Pride Memorials -\$100- \$500

Barbara & Jerome Bee:
In Memory of Brian Minick

The DeFabo Family:
In Memory of Phyllis Leshock Shearer

Michael Draghi:
In Memory of Tom Sphon

Rotary Club of Greensburg:
In Memory of Ashley Kertes

Debbie Snider, Mathew and Megan Snider, and Luke and Julia Snider:
In loving Memory of Steve Snider

John Sphon:
In Memory of John "Ike" Sphon and Tom Sphon

Taylor Sphon:
In Memory of Tom Sphon

Wright Family:
In Memory of Steve Snider

Golden Lion Memorials - \$10 - \$99

Todd and Julie Manley:
In Memory of Steve Snider

Ruth McDonald:
In Memory of Dr. Ron Silvis

George & Barbara Rutter:
In Memory of Lucas Murphy



Jeans' Days

2022-2023 Total \$3,590

The Jean's Day fundraiser has been a success for many years and is one of our best fundraisers. The District's staff can wear jeans one day a month for \$5. Many employees take advantage of a one-time payment of \$35.00 for the school year. GSEF recognizes and appreciates the staff that participates each year.



Purse Bash

On March 11, 2023 we celebrated our Designer Purse/Cash Bash partnership with Greensburg Hose Co. #8.

This annual event has been one of our most successful ways to raise money.

500 tickets are sold and patrons are afforded the opportunity to win a designer purse or cash while enjoying an afternoon of food and beverage.

This event is supported by the entire GSEF Board and Hose Company #8 Firefighters.

Sponsorships and donations are accepted from the community.



Bricks

The Commemorative Brick Program is an ongoing fundraiser for GSEF. The bricks are permanently displayed in front of the marquee at Greensburg Salem High School. Bricks may be ordered anytime to honor a graduating class, graduate, GS Employees, family, friends, or to remember a loved one.

Order forms are available on the Foundation's website: www.GSEdFound.org.



Endowment Match



GREENSBURG SALEM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

A 501(c)(3) Organization

The Board of Directors of Greensburg Salem Education Foundation (GSEF) was honored to announce the establishment of the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation Endowment Fund on October 21, 2020. The Endowment Fund was established with the initial deposit of \$10,000 from the Foundation. GSEF also secured funds from six (6) additional lead donors in the amount of \$10,000 each. These contributions laid the foundation for a lasting legacy for this community and the future generations of Greensburg Salem students. Shortly after the Board of Directors of Greensburg Salem Education Foundation (GSEF) announced the establishment of the Greensburg Salem Education Foundation Endowment Fund in October of 2020, our Foundation was contacted by Chris Dee (Class of 1990) and Stacy Dee (Class of 1990), who pledged a gift of \$100,000.00 to establish a scholarship fund honoring Joseph Zahorchak. Mr. Zahorchak was a coach at Greensburg Salem, but, more importantly, he was a mentor, role model and community leader who provided such a positive and lasting influence on Chris, that Chris wanted to honor his memory. The Joseph Zahorchak Scholarship is a restricted endowment separate from the general fund or Endowment Fund.

In 2023, a challenge match was made by Bill Lendl, a 2023 distinguished alumni. Bill pledged \$50,000 with a challenge to match this amount through donations from community members. The following donors began donating the minute the challenge was made at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner and the Match donations are listed below as well as other endowment donations for this Fiscal Year, 2022-2023.

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Joseph Zahorchak Endowment

\$500

Richard and Janice Sabatine, In Memory of Joseph Zahorchak
Joan Zahorchak, In Memory of Joseph Zahorchak

\$100

Paul and Linda Murphy, In Memory of Joseph Zahorchak's
Birthday
Mario and Battaglia, In Memory of Joseph Zahorchak

Endowment Match

\$1,000

Ray and Kate Charley Family
Lendl Family

\$500

William and Sue Cline
H. Duffy & Summer
Friedlander
Paul and Linda Murphy, In
Memory of Lucas Murphy
Friends of Eric Nelson
George and Barbara Rutter

\$250

Mario and Anne Battaglia
Andrew Chomos, in Memory
of my loving parents, Yolanda
and Elias
Chris Neurohr, In Memory of
Joe Neurohr
Fred Quinn, In Memory of
Denise Palmer
David Zilli, in honor of the
Class of 1982 and In Memory
of Danny Zilli

\$100 - \$250

PJ Barton, In Honor of my
parents, George & Barbara
Rutter
Amy Beggs
Heidi Bauer

Lacey Doran
Karl Eisaman
June Gasparen-Ferry
Hilltop Social Club
Paul and Linda Murphy
Todd and Julie Manley
Endowment Match

\$100 - \$149

Karl Eisaman
Zachary Harr
Christie Hawkins, in Honor
of my parents, George &
Barbara Rutter

Becky Horner
Molly Laffey
Sharon LeJeune
Kathleen Neurohr
Jim Skiavo
Robert Stafford
Laffey Stoddard

\$10 - \$99

Justin Aion
Michelle Byrd
Paul Courtney
Anita Leonard, In Memory
of Tim Leonard
Hannah Mihalko
Alexanna Rodgers
Kristen Solomon
Lynna Thomas
Marlene Zyvith

GSEF Endowment Donations

\$10,000

Greensburg Salem Education Foundation

\$1,650

Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC. Timothy Henry

\$500

Paul and Linda Murphy, In Memory of Lucas Murphy

\$300

Ed, Robin, and Lisa Meadows, In Memory of Sue Meadows

\$200

Joan Zahorchak, In Memory of Lucas Murphy

All-Classes Alumni Picnic

The GSEF sponsors a picnic for all Greensburg High School and Greensburg Salem High School alumni each fall on the day after the homecoming varsity football game. It's a fun afternoon of food, prizes and music, as friends – new and old – gather at Mount Odin Park to reminisce about their times at our alma mater. The graduating class with the most attendees wins a commemorative brick to be displayed in front of the high school marquee. GSEF hopes to see you at this year's picnic.





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