



2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT
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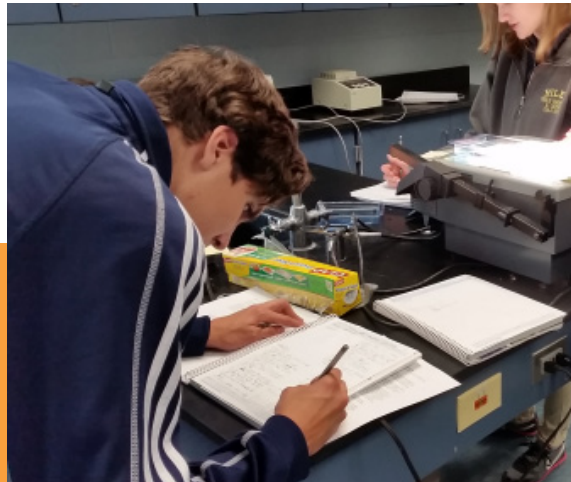
OUR CARING COMMUNITY

UNITES

FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

OUR MISSION:

To advocate, promote and fund initiatives to enrich learning experiences for students and staff of the South Bend Community School Corporation.



With your donations, you support the nearly **18,000 students** who arrive on the doorsteps of South Bend schools every day.

Teacher grants, character education and reading programs for students happened ***because of your generosity.***



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I reflect on the past year as president of the board, the South Bend Education Foundation has experienced an exciting and productive year.

The annual **Great Friends of Schools breakfast** in March featured “Unselfie” author Dr. Michele Borba. The lack of empathy in today’s youth has created a self-absorption epidemic that hurts kids’ academic performance and leads to bullying behaviors. Dr. Borba presented her research and offered insight that educators, parents, and guardians can use to combat this growing empathy crisis.

With the help of Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka Class 43, multiple copies of “Unselfie” were made available to educators in each South Bend school and to the community at the St. Joseph County Public Library. The goal was to grow awareness of the empathy crisis to help children shift their focus from *I, me, and mine* to *we, us, and ours*.

We were proud to award teachers and principals \$24,000 in grants for innovative classroom projects. I’ve seen first-hand the impact these grants have had on the dedicated teachers and the students in their classrooms and schools. These committed and talented men and women come into our schools every day with a goal of bringing out the best in each one of their students. Funding of these initiatives gives them one more tool to make a difference.



Dr. Larry Thompson, past president, receives the president's gavel for his service from 2015–2016 from current Board President Richard Gates.

The initiatives featured in this report are directed toward enriching learning experiences for the students of South Bend Schools and are funded by the community. It is because of our generous supporters that the Foundation is able to make a difference in each child’s education.

Thank you to all who help make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Gates'.

Richard Gates
President

22 Years of Caring Leadership

Caring Hearts & Helping Hands

The staff of the South Bend Education Foundation and the Board of Directors work closely together on the strategic plan and initiatives that support student excellence in our schools. They have been represented by many thoughtful and giving community partners for 22 years.



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**not pictured*



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Superintendent of the South Bend Community School Corporation since July 2016. Our School Board, teachers, and support staff work tirelessly every day for students. But we cannot do it alone. I am truly grateful for the support of our outstanding Education Foundation. Together we are creating a model urban public school system where students are cared for and graduates prepared for the futures they choose.

Academically, our schools continue to provide quality instruction in a stimulating environment. South Bend Schools offer a diversity of programs, services, curricula and opportunities created to make a student's educational experiences the best they can possibly be. District teams are continuing to work to implement additional programs and strategies including assessments to monitor student growth, expansion of our restorative justice practices, providing assistance to our families, and offering social-emotional supports for students.

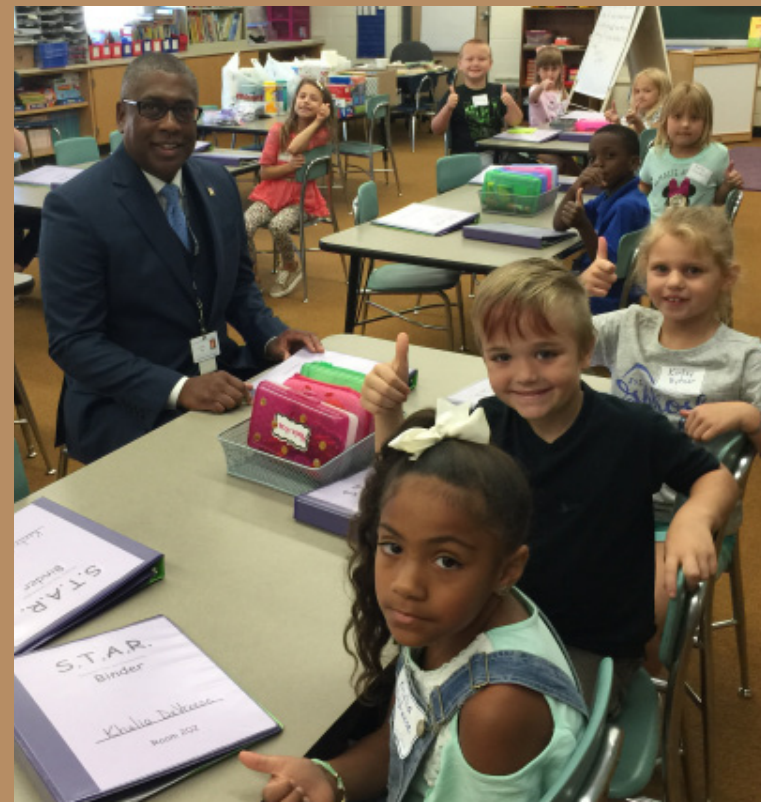
An immense amount of effort has been put into refreshing and increasing technology. We completed a major milestone by making all schools wireless. More than 1,700 wireless access points were installed in classrooms and new cabling was added which, if laid end to end, would reach from South Bend to Indianapolis. All teachers have been given laptop computers and beginning with the 2018-19 school year, students in grades 6-12 will receive their own laptops. Additional classroom sets of computers are also being provided for students in kindergarten through grade 5.

We believe no other educational system better serves the unique needs of each and every student than South Bend Schools.

We're confident that the quality of education students receive and the values they learn in this great community will serve them well, regardless of where life's journey takes them.

On behalf of all of the employees and students in South Bend, thank you for your involvement with the South Bend Education Foundation. We appreciate your time, talents, and treasure and ask for your continued support of Team South Bend!

Sincerely, Dr. Kenneth Spells



Caring Is...

The Impact of Teacher Grants

ENDOWING EDUCATION INNOVATION — INITIAL GOAL SURPASSED!

The innovative Teacher Grant program was established in 1995 with a modest \$500 teacher grant. The strong response from teachers to the program made it clear to the board that the program must be sustained. The creation of a **Legacy of Learning Teacher Grant Endowment** was formed at the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County with the initial goal of \$500,000.

We are pleased to report that the initial goal was surpassed with help from this year's Give Local St. Joseph County campaign. Your thoughtful donations to the program will grow the number of innovative ideas and important tools that teachers use to benefit the students of South Bend Schools in perpetuity. Additionally, South Bend School employees give back with funding through payroll deductions. As a result of the generosity, the first fully funded \$20,000 in grants will be distributed in 2018. Thank you to all for your support to help us meet this important milestone.

CIVIL AIR PATROL PROGRAM

The Education Foundation Grant received by the John Adams High School Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program has impacted 15 students by allowing them to participate in a classroom and community-wide Leadership Development Program. The grant paid for necessary classroom equipment, including drill rifles, flags, stands, uniforms, accessories, and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) equipment and transportation. Consequently, the students were taught to exhibit the core values of integrity, excellence, community service, and respect through common activities such as military etiquette, drill and ceremonies, character development, aerospace education, field trips, physical fitness, healthy living, and aviation safety.

— Dan Walsh, John Adams High School teacher



\$367,000

over 20 years distributed
through **320** grants

Impacted

32,100 students
and teachers

Provides **\$20,000** annually
to teachers
and **\$5,000** to principals

“As a family, we are pleased to support the South Bend Education Foundation’s Teacher Grant program. These grants are important in that they enhance the student/teacher interaction and provide a foundation for long term educational success.”

— Fred & Ann Dean

Please contact our office to learn more or if you wish to establish a new fund or pledge to the general Teacher Grant Endowment by joining the **Legacy of Learning Circle of Friends.**

TOWER GARDEN

“We love the tower garden that was purchased with funds from the South Bend Education Foundation! The students at Marquette have had so much fun planting, observing the plants’ growth and even eating many of the plants! Not only have we grown food for our own enjoyment, we have provided nutritious greens for many of the pets (gerbils, turtles, hamsters, lizards and more) in our school! The children have learned so much about plants and how things grow! Thank you for your generosity and support!”

— Lisa Vukmirovich, Marquette Montessori



Caring Is...

The Impact of Community Partners

We are grateful to partner with the **South Bend Cubs** and **Forward Air**, our school partners, and the dedicated volunteers who chose to make sure ALL CHILDREN MATTER.

Your involvement matters and ensures that the educational programs in our community are strengthened. The Truck Pull supported every single school and supported Character Education programs this year. Events like this one are critical to the ability of the Foundation to maintain the momentum gained by our students.



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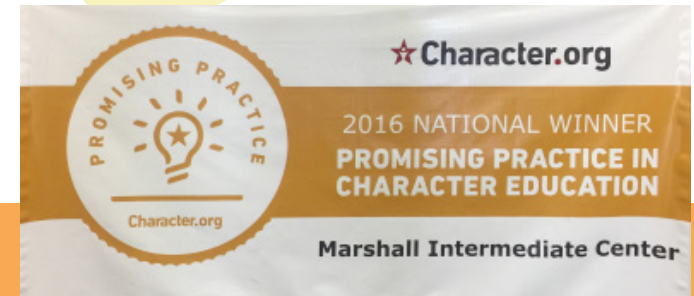
The Impact of Character Education

ONE SCHOOL'S STORY

Marshall Intermediate Center was one of three schools selected in Indiana for the **Promising Practices in Character Education** national awards. Representatives of the school and Education Foundation attended the National Forum on Character Education in Washington, D.C. where the school was honored for their program on how to create a caring community.

Character Education grew to include the larger community this year with the coaching model shared with

250 Bus Drivers,
125 Food Service Staff
and **100** New Teachers.



WHY I SUPPORT CHARACTER EDUCATION

"I have been thrilled to see the South Bend Education Foundation's progress in creating caring schools of character. **Character education does dramatically change both the social culture and the level of learning achievement.** The benefits of these changes are enormous for the community, students, teachers, business community, and society.

Historically, strong family units, and civics lessons by teachers have created good citizens, but the breakdown of many family units in our society has disrupted that process, and the result can be diminished learning. I have received great pleasure from being a part of this effort, and invite you to understand the values to be gained, and ask you to share in the pleasure of getting behind this critical endeavor."

— Noel Yarger



Caring Is...

The Impact of Child Mentoring



MENTORING
MATTERS

MENTOR MISSION:

To connect students with caring adults to help them achieve success in school and reach their dreams.

VISION: Every child who needs a mentor will have one.

271 mentors
282 students served
4 students awaiting mentors



ONE CHILD. ONE DAY A WEEK. ONE HOUR.

“The fun projects (knitting scarfs, button art); the small celebrations (decorating pumpkins, birthday lunches); the moments of listening; a few words of encouragement when needed, make the phrase ‘You make me feel good’ resonate into a blessing. To be given the opportunity to mentor a child is indeed a blessing. **We give to each other.**”

— Rolande Parent, Mentor

“I am in my fifth year as a mentor and every year is more exciting than the last. I know we are continuing to make a positive difference, through education, in a child’s life.

Mentoring is a team effort between the child, the mentor, the social worker, the teachers and the South Bend Education Foundation. **Together, we can give hope and make a positive difference one child at a time.**”

— Federico A. Petersen, Mentor



Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 — June 30, 2017

Financial Summary



- Our caring community came together for **Give Local St. Joseph County** where **97 donors** provided funds to the South Bend Education Foundation to benefit 34 schools.
- The South Bend Education Foundation goal to reach a **\$500,000 endowment** for teacher and principal grants was met.
- **\$95,964 in grants and other awards** were given out to support education in the South Bend Community School Corporation.
- A total of **\$91,084** was raised through our special events.

Our full financial report can be viewed at
www.guidestar.org



TOTAL ASSETS:

Cash: **\$44,825**

Savings: **\$52,541**

Investments and Other: **\$1,956,352**

FUND BALANCES:

Unrestricted: **\$617,921**

Temporarily Restricted: **\$1,500**

Permanently Restricted: **\$1,434,297**

TOTAL: \$2,053,718



THANK YOU!

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