

# EDUCATION POWERED BY YOU 2010 REPS

# Classroom Transformations – Energized by YOU

**Great Classroom Projects** ... On an annual basis, the average American teacher spends \$513 out of their own pocket on classroom supplies for their students. In NAFC, there are approximately 690 teachers; that's over \$350,000 in school supplies being bought by our educators every single year.

We know the exceptional educators in NAFC schools give all they can to make sure their students succeed. To help them along in their efforts, we are proud to offer the opportunity for any educator in the district to apply for up to \$500 a year in Great Classroom Project funding. These projects are used to provide additional resources to creative teachers for learning opportunities that enhance the educational and curricular objectives of their classrooms.

Examples of past projects funded are:

- Interactive technology like iPads, e-readers, and document cameras
- Guided reading books
- Frogs for dissecting in science classrooms
- Printing press for art rooms
- CD based foreign language learning system
- Water basketball goals for health and fitness training
- Books, audio recordings, and web based learning plans for students with disabilities
- Music books, music stands, and interactive SMART Board software for music rooms
- Yoga mats for yoga instruction and training in Health and PE curriculum

In the 2015-2016 school year the Foundation funded \$81,000 in Great Classroom Projects.

In only six years the Education Foundation has funded over \$440,000 in classroom resources and more than 860 individual classroom projects.



#### Lydia Edelen

2nd Grade Teacher at Grant Line Elementary and Great Classroom Project recipient "The students loved the iPad and books. As a new teacher, I didn't have many resources in my classroom library. I am 100% confident they would not have had the same successes in reading if I had not had the funding available from the Education Foundation to purchase new books."

A Lifelong Love of Reading – Ignited by YOU

**Imagination Library** ... A lifelong love of reading begins in the coziest of circumstances. Picture a young child sitting on the lap of mom or dad or another caring adult as they read a book together. Cozy, indeed, but such a powerful interaction. In that simple act a spark is ignited. A lifelong love of reading begins. With daily family reading time the parent fans the flame until the child eventually reads alone for enjoyment and learning.



Developing a lifelong love of reading takes commitment from families and resources to purchase books. Thanks to the generosity of our community, children throughout Floyd County are developing a love of books and reading that will last a lifetime. Through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Floyd County, over 3,400 children under the age of five receive a new book in their mailboxes each month, at no cost to the family. Children get to keep the books. And what books they are! Books that tell wonderful stories of places far away. Books that produce a giggle, or an "ahh" of appreciation. Books that share new words and new experiences in an ever-expanding life of a child. Even more, on the back flap of the books, parents will find reading tips that help them engage the child in early skill development that provides a strong foundation for success in school. And you, with your generous support of the New Albany-Floyd County Education Foundation, ignited the spark for a lifelong love of reading!

Registration for Imagination Library is so easy. Parents can register their children online at imaginationlibrary.com, or parents may complete and return a registration form found at many locations around our community such as your child's school office, the New Albany-Floyd County Library, or YMCA. Or you may call the Imagination Library's local office at 812-542-4001 or email bking@nafcs.k12.in.us to request a brochure or for more information.

	Current enrollment	3,462	
0	Books delivered (July 2015-June 2016)	44,152	
Dolly Partons,	Total children served since 2009	8,258	
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Hands On Learning – Made Possible by YOU

**Educational Tours** ... The Foundation is proud to provide funding to elementary students for admission and transportation to numerous educational tours. This past year our elementary students were able to experience a wide range of historical and cultural experiences which connect directly to their classroom learning and curriculum.





# **Hungry Mouths Fed – Because of YOU**

**Blessings in a Backpack ...** This year, the NAFC Education Foundation became an official partner with the Floyd County Chapter of Blessings in a Backpack. This group of volunteers is dedicated to making Floyd County a "hunger free zone" for all elementary school children. In conjunction with the national Blessings in a Backpack organization, the Floyd County Chapter aims to make sure that nearly 2,000 NAFC school children who rely on the federal free and reduced lunch program for their weekly meals, don't go hungry on the weekend when school is closed. Blessings in a Backpack operates at all 9 of the NAFC elementary schools and at Children's Academy Early Learning Center.

Once a week for 38 weeks of the school year, volunteers pack backpacks of food to send home with eligible NAFC students. For as little as \$2.11 per weekend, donors can provide a hunger-free weekend to a child. A backpack of food includes:

- Two entrees, such as ravioli and spaghetti and meatballs.
- Two breakfasts, such as cereal and shelf stable milk.
- Two snacks, such as crackers, soy butter and sliced fruit cup.

This food keeps hunger pangs at bay so the students can return to school Monday morning nourished and ready to learn. However, the impact goes beyond that day. Student survey results show that children fed by Blessings in a Backpack experience the following impact on their lives:

- 78% feel cared for by their community.
- 71% feel they are helping their family.
- 60% do not get in trouble as much.
- 59% find it is easier to learn at school.



\$80 per year is all it takes to ensure a child goes the entire school year without facing weekend hunger.



#### Our Mission:

The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation is an independent fundraising organization providing impactful resources and experiences to the students and teachers of Floyd County public schools.

#### Our Vision:

The New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation seeks to be the recognized, endowment-driven funding facilitator for the educational achievement of students and teachers, through investing in the future of our schools and the Floyd County community.

# Community Centered Citizenship – Inspired by YOU

**Junior Achievement ...** Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana is the region's leading provider of life-changing economics programs for students. In recent years students have demonstrated an alarming decrease in their understanding of basic economic principles. Additionally, employers report widespread decline in basic employment skills and government reports give further evidence of the diminishing ability among young people to manage personal finances.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the entire 5th grade student body, about 900 students, participated in Junior Achievement's BizTown and the entire 7th grade student body, about 850 students, participated in JA Finance Park through funding from the Education Foundation. Each program combines a multi-week classroom curriculum with a visit to the state-of-the-art interactive free enterprise laboratory located in Louisville. The Education Foundation is proud to send our young entrepreneurs through this program every year.

JA BizTown is a creative hands-on program which teaches basic understanding of the economics and life skills needed for future roles in the workplace.

JA Finance Park introduces personal financial planning and career exploration.

# New Classrooms – Motivated by YOU

**1st Year Teacher Gifts** ... Many education majors finish college and move into their first positions as teachers with little to no help. Can you imagine being responsible for purchasing the numerous supplies and material needed for a classroom with 20-30 students? This is why the Education Foundation chose to award 21 first year classroom teachers with \$100 gift cards to the Your Education Supply Store. Teachers face hundreds of dollars in out of pocket expenses to provide for their students. The Education Foundation is proud to facilitate a smoother transition into becoming a NAFC educator.

# **Continued Education – Thanks to YOU**

**Scholarships** ... The NAFC Education Foundation was honored to award their second annual college scholarships to four graduating seniors. Brittany Wright and Olyvia Hundley from Floyd Central High School and Brittany Dixon and Brianna Dixon from New Albany High School all received \$1,000 toward college tuition. These scholarships were made possible, in part, by Teachers Credit Union.



# **Financial Highlights**



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#### Language for bequest

Be sure to visit
our website for
more information:

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If you would like to know more, please contact Tyler Bliss, Executive Director, at TBliss@NAFCEdFoundation.org or (812) 542-2228. You may also visit our website at www.NAFCEdFoundation.org.

## By the Numbers

• Over \$4 million given to the Foundation since 2005

#### **How You Can Help**

**Annual Giving** - Become a sustained supporter of our mission **Grateful Hearts** - Give a gift in the name of a teacher or school employee who made an

*impact in your life* 

**Planned Gifts** - Leave a legacy by adding the Education Foundation in your will **Memorial and Honorary Gifts** - Make a gift in memory of a family member

**Events** - Participate in our Education Celebration! and Play FORE! Education Golf Scramble

The Education Foundation is an open door to make a multitude of projects possible! With your help, anything can be achieved. Contact the NAFC Education Foundation today for more information about opportunities for funding.

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- 1,500 staff members
- 690 teachers
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- $\bullet$  42.5% of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch

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For those of us who wake up each day with jobs to go to, who can put food on our tables each night, and who know our children will attain an education so they can someday support themselves, it may be difficult to understand what it's like for so many needy children in our NAFC schools. Think, for a moment, about the forces at play which affect our student's lives. Family structure, income, health and nutrition, access to literature and technology, mentorship, and so many other factors which are totally out of the control of our students, hugely impact the way they are able to function and succeed on a daily basis.

At no fault of their own, many of our students in Floyd County face an uphill battle in achieving their own successes. Our mission at the NAFC Education Foundation is to do everything we can to support these students and offer a holistic approach to improving their educational experience.

How can we make a difference? Through you. You have the power to change the system. You have the foresight and the initiative to make positive and sustaining changes to a child's life which will empower them forever.

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