

Education Foundation grants help kids fill 'Buckets of Happiness'

Self-esteem, bullying, anger management – those are difficult issues for anyone but especially for elementary school children.

Three years ago, guidance counselor Kristen Johnson decided to tackle those concerns with a "Bucket Filling Program," based on a series of books for children by Carol McCloud. Brookview Elementary School Principal Tracy Schneid describes the books as "guides for daily happiness for kids. The goal is to fill another person's 'bucket' and then your 'bucket' will be full, too."

Filling a bucket means doing something positive, says Johnson. It could be as simple as smiling at a classmate as you walk down the hall or reading to a friend during lunch or recess.

Johnson began the program at Smith School and then transferred it to Grindstone Elementary School when that building opened in 2011. Schneid imported the Bucket philosophy to Brookview that same year as "Growing Up With a Bucket Full of Happiness."

Both schools' programs are funded in part by Education Foundation grants. Brookview received Enrichment Grants of \$5,000 in 2012 and \$4,000 in 2011. Grindstone was given an Employee Payroll Deduction Grant of \$840 in 2012. For the 2013-14 school year, Brook Park Memorial School will receive a Payroll Deduction Grant to begin the program there.

"We absolutely couldn't do this without The Education Foundation funding," Schneid said.

The program was so successful at Brookview that first year, that Schneid expanded it to include faculty and staff. Two teachers had their 2nd-grade students create a craft and then deliver them to local nursing homes, for example. The program even went international. "One little girl collected money by selling fake moustaches and sent the funds to Africa for a clean water project," Schneid said. Future plans call for a talent show and a play about a Bucket-Filling Fairy.

At Grindstone, Johnson had each child decorate a bucket – that added up to more than 900 plastic pails. The children filled the buckets with goodies and gave them away. One child filled the



Grindstone Guidance Counselor Kristen Johnson and 1st through 4th-grade students display their Bucket Filling posters. From the left, bottom row, Gino Naylor, Nina Cunningham, Logan Baker, Daeveon Matthews, Jacob Frederick and Charlie Thuranzky. Top row, Khang Nguyen, Nayeem Arman, Evan Lynch, Katelyn Nguyen, Reese Young, Rachel Konkoly, Cayleigh King and Eliza Tipton.

bucket with cat and dog treats and donated it to Berea's Animal Rescue Friends shelter. Another child gave a candy-filled pail to his postal delivery person. Yet another bucket was planted with a flower and given to a neighbor. The Berea Division of Police got one filled with cookies. The students then wrote papers on to whom they donated the buckets and why.

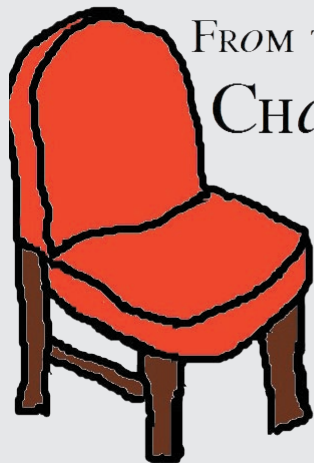
Johnson says the program emphasizes the positive. "Each child likes to be a part of something," she said. "We want to send positive messages."

The children at both schools receive positive reinforcement for their good deeds. At Grindstone, students receive tickets. One is pulled at random every day. Prizes range from jump ropes to stress balls and pencils with the Grindstone logo. In the end, Johnson makes sure everyone gets a prize. At Brookview, students are rewarded for good behavior. Three good conduct reports earn them a T-shirt. Those students who fill their buckets receive a bright orange belt, which they can wear on the playground and in the cafeteria.

It has made an impact, said Schneid, "especially on younger children, and parents love it."

Johnson said she hopes the lessons learned in elementary school stay with the students as they go on to intermediate school and junior high. "Bucket-filling is a pro-active program and it's about discipline," she said. "It will be interesting to see how it grows."

a Message FROM THE *Chair*



The last six months have been a positive growth period for the Education Foundation. In December an initial Appeal Drive for the Foundation was begun and more than six thousand dollars was raised in support of Foundation scholarships and projects. The Appeal Drive will become an annual event. In March another successful auction was held under the leadership of Susan Hans and her faithful committee of volunteers. Additionally, several new scholarships and grants are being established and will be awarded next year for the first time. The Education Foundation continues to embrace its mission of "Enhancing Opportunities for Berea School District Students." As Chairperson of the Education Foundation, I am most appreciative of the hard work of all of our trustees and the generous donations of time and money by the many individuals who support this Foundation and its work.

Thank You!
Jim Connell, Chair
The Education Foundation Board of Trustees

Payroll Deduction Grants awarded

The Education Foundation announces the award of nine Payroll Deduction Grants for a total of \$5,040.

Bucket-filling Program

School: Grindstone Elementary School

Staff Member: Teri Grimm

Amount: \$840

This program works with students to promote kindness, respect and thoughtfulness. The grant will help fund incentives for Super Bucket fillers.

Small Business

School: Big Creek Elementary School

Staff Member: Cynthia Frontczak

Amount: \$350

A class of third-graders will start and operate their own business while learning economics, decision-making and problem-solving skills. The grant will help fund the class project.

Be Healthy, Be Happy

School: Big Creek Elementary School Extended Care Program

Staff Member: Jean Spittal

Amount: \$500

This program offers before and after school students with an opportunity to increase their physical activity and learn about healthy eating. The grant will help fund reference materials and equipment.

Girls Group

School: Berea High School

Staff Member: Susan Kelley

Amount: \$400

Girls Group provides opportunities for at risk girls to succeed in the classroom as well as emotionally and behaviorally by providing support, caring, acceptance and positive experiences to continue their post-secondary education. The grant will fund activities for the group.

Kiwanis K-Kids

School: Grindstone Elementary School

Staff Member: Helena Kleem-Goliat

Amount: \$450

K-Kids members are third- and fourth-grade students who work together on service projects while developing leadership skills and building character. The grant will help fund a blanket-making project.

Bucket Fillers Program

School: Brook Park Memorial Elementary School

Staff Member: Mike Kostyak

Amount: \$1250

The Bucket Fillers program works with students to promote kindness, respect and thoughtfulness. It is a proactive program that helps deter negative behavior. The grant will fund incentives, books, journals and posters.

Bal-A-Vis-X

School: Big Creek Elementary School

Staff Member: Kristy Krajnaik

Amount: \$500

Bal-A-Vis-X is a multi-sensory program that helps students become more confident, stronger readers and writers by allowing students to have fun while working on developing balance and rhythm. Both balance and rhythm are linked to academic success. The grant funds starter kit and complete Bal-A-Vis-X DVD

Oviparous Unit

School: Grindstone Elementary School

Staff Member: Amy Murray

Amount: \$250

The students of a kindergarten class get to observe the stages of development of a chick hatching from an egg. The grant will fund the eggs and oviparous kit (including incubator, food for chicks, etc.)

Mileage Club

School: Grindstone Elementary School

Staff Member: Kristen Johnson

Amount: \$500

Mileage club is a year-long recess running and walking program for 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students. Two days a week, the students who wish to participate, run or walk on the measured track behind Grindstone. Student laps are counted and they receive incentives to continue participation in the club. This program is an effort to fight obesity by building active lifestyles within the school environment. The grant funds incentives and supplies.

Education Foundation names 4 new trustees

Four new trustees have joined The Education Foundation Board.



Ann Jaskie

Ann Jaskie is president of the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Local 213, the union that represents classified employees of the Berea School District. Classified employees include bus drivers, secretaries, cafeteria workers, maintenance personnel, among others. Jaskie is administrative secretary in the Pupil Services Department. She has worked for the school system for 28 years.

Roslyn Painter-Goffi is president of the Berea Federation of Teachers. She has been librarian at Roehm Middle School for the past 20 years and previously worked in the Brookview Elementary School Library. This coming school year, she will become head librarian at Middleburg Heights Junior High School, organizing that new library.



Roslyn Painter-Goffi

Alafia Hairston is a junior at Berea High School. He is active in Show Choir and Drama Club and will soon be testing for his black belt in Tae Kwan Do. Alafia plans to attend Toledo University, where he will study to become a nurse practitioner.



Alafia Hairston

Emma Skerl is a junior at Midpark High School. She is a member of the orchestra, tennis team and National Honor Society. During the summer, she volunteers with the Great Lakes Science Center summer camps for children. Emma hopes to study medicine at Case Western Reserve University.



Emma Skerl

Foundation establishes Allyn Adams Summer Internship

The Education Foundation has established the Allyn Adams Summer Internship in memory of its Board of Trustees Chair who passed away in September 2012.

The eight-week internship will include clerical and office duties plus other duties, which could include Web site development, social media, creation and maintenance of a database and graphic design.

The intern will report to the Executive/Development Director and will be trained in the mission of The Education Foundation. The Education Foundation will work with the Berea Youth Works program to select the intern. Berea Youth Works, part of the North End Foundation, works with area businesses and residents to provide part-time jobs for Berea teens, especially during the summer.

Allyn Adams, a CPA and a retired partner of Deloitte LLP, had been active with the Education Foundation for many years. He became a trustee in 2008 and was board chair at the time of his death. He volunteered his accounting skills at many organizations in the area and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.



SPOTLIGHT ON..

Foundation Director has education background

Kim Dettmer was named Executive/Development Director of The Education Foundation in September 2012.

"I've always been involved in education," said Dettmer, whose two sons attend Grindstone Elementary School. She was membership chair of Grindstone PTA for two years and won an Ohio PTA Bronze Award for the "most creative membership program." She also served as first vice president of the Brook Park Early Childhood PTA. She worked on the school bond issue and levy campaigns as well.

She has a bachelor's degree in individual and family studies from Kent State University and a master of education degree from Loyola University Chicago. She parlayed that into a career working with students at Loyola, the University of Wisconsin-Stout and Baldwin Wallace University, where she was director of student activities for four years.



Kim Dettmer

Becoming a mom led to volunteer work with the schools and in 2008 she was asked to help with The Education Foundation Auction. Her role with the fundraiser expanded every year. Kim coordinated the Balloon Pop and designed invitations and other printed materials. She also has done the graphic design work on The Education Foundation newsletter for the past two years.

"The auction has become a part of the community," she said. "It was a great way for me to get involved, even when my kids were young and not yet in school."

Dettmer is also a writer. She is the author of "In Search of Me in Mommy," five lessons about motherhood that she has presented to mom support groups. Currently, she is working on a children's picture book "Moments to Savor."

"I believe in what The Education Foundation stands for," Dettmer said. "The mission is to enhance to our students' educational experiences and by supporting enriching and innovative programs in our schools and classrooms the Foundation makes a difference for the students. And, that positively impacts our communities."

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Ticket information will be announced soon

Auction raises funds to support Foundation



Auctioneer Bob Hale

The Education Foundation's 13th annual Arts & Entertainment Auction at the Crowne Plaza in March raised more than \$46,000 to support the Foundation's enrichment grant programs.

In her first year as chair of the auction, Susan Hans said the auction has traditionally done well because of its community support.

"We look at what kinds of items are appealing to people. The mix changes every year," she said.

The item earning the top bid was a wine dinner for eight at the Berea Union Depot Tavern. High bidders were Mark and Julie Salopek of the GPD Group. Running a close second was a

piece of art by art teacher Jim Bycznski depicting the 50th anniversary of the Berea vs. Midpark football game. Winner was David Granger of GPD Group.



David and Tara Vozar (Trustee)



Andy Hudak and Wes Hansen of Albert M. Higley Co., Rodwell King of GPD Group, and Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Grosse

Perhaps one of the most unusual items in the live auction was a chance to conduct the Cleveland Pops Orchestra during the Foundation fundraiser on Nov. 30 at Kulas Hall. Guest conductor will be Berea Schools orchestra director Deborah Wesoloski.

Dr. James Connell, chair of The Education Foundation Board of Trustees, honored Eileen Herold, who had overseen Foundation auctions since their inception 13 years ago. Hans said Herold's advice was invaluable as Hans transitioned into her new role and Herold was extremely helpful organizing this year's event. "We could not have done it without her," Hans said.



Patrick Kolozvary, Amanda Guenther, Jen Perry (sitting), Dinah Jones, Elaine Galbincea, Joe Ramirez (sitting), Mike Slivochka, and Pete Scriven



Krista Keim, Sherrie Clayborne Massey and Scott Peters of Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail Co. with Superintendent, Mike Sheppard

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Foundation adds scholarship, grant programs

Two programs have joined The Education Foundation's list of scholarship and enrichment grant offerings.

The Joe Stitt Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 in memory of Sun News sports writer Joe Stitt, a 1981 graduate of Berea High School, who died in December 2001. The scholarship was originally administered by the St. Mary Athletic Commission of St. Mary Catholic School, where Joe was a coach. Terri Stitt, Joe's widow, said because of her husband's close association with the Berea School District "It seemed to make sense to move the scholarship to The Education Foundation."

Terri Stitt said the move to The Education Foundation will allow the scholarship to reach "more widely into the community." The scholarship will be open to any senior at Berea-Midpark High School. The students must be involved in sports at some level, in the community or at school. They must demonstrate good character and show academic ability. Most important, said Terri Stitt, is the students' involvement in the community. "They must take the life lessons they learn through sport and apply that to character development," she said. "How does sport shape their lives? How have they used what they've learned to give back?"

Joe Stitt, who covered high school sports for the Sun News, was inducted into the Berea School District Alumni Hall of Fame in 2009. All of his eight siblings are graduates of Berea High School, and his two sons are students in the district.

Imagine! Explore the Arts Grant was established this year in memory of **Joanna Pusti**, wife of Education Foundation board member and former school board member Dave Pusti. Joanna, an art teacher with the Strongsville Schools, passed away in December 2012. The Pustis' three children are graduates of the Berea Schools.

The new Imagine! Explore the Arts Grant is an enrichment grant, which will be used to supplement classroom programs. Eligible programs will include art shows, field trips, books and Artists in the Schools programs. Classroom programs can include a range of art-related subjects, such as architecture, art history, photography, art inclusion for special needs students, ceramics, drama, drawing, enameling, music, painting or visual effects. The grant is available to all district teaching staff and is not limited to art teachers. The first grant will be awarded for the 2013-14 school year.

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Education Foundation Student Trustees, Ashley Porach, Alafia Hairston, Emma Skerl and Samantha Smith assisted with the auction.