

## Foundation News



October 2017

### *From the Director's Desk*

School has resumed and with that, a flurry of activities. As students return to a routine, we're increasingly mindful of our mission: *to strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District.*



To that end, thanks to our sponsors, golfers and supporters who made this year's 8th Annual Golf Outing a success! Proceeds of over \$27,000 directly support our mission and our students. And while the weather did not cooperate, I hope all enjoyed the day on the course. Thanks especially to presenting sponsor Crabtree, Rohrbaugh and Associates—Architects (*a complete list of sponsors and supporters is included on page 3*).

Mark your calendar and join us as a vendor or visitor for [Community Day](#) on November 4 and our [2nd Annual Wildcat Night—An Evening in the Spotlight](#), slated for February 23, 2018 at Radisson Hotel Harrisburg. With feedback from a successful inaugural event, 2018's spotlight will be even better!

Our work and events can't happen without the service of dedicated volunteers. To volunteer, please contact [Holly Laufer](#) at the Foundation office!

### **Community Day November 4, 10AM-2PM**

Community Day is held indoors at Mechanicsburg Middle School, it is open to the public and free to attend.

Community Day provides the opportunity for area businesses, clubs and school groups to showcase programs and services available for District students and families.

Prospective participating groups must pre-register. Businesses and for profit groups are assessed a \$25.00 registration fee. School groups and other not-for-profits may participate at no charge and include fundraising events and activities to support their respective causes.

To register, please contact [Holly Laufer](#), call 717-691-4505 or visit our web at [www.wildcatfoundaiton.org](http://www.wildcatfoundaiton.org).

### Join the Wildcat Foundation in Honoring Service Members!

In recognition of Veterans' Day, The Wildcat Foundation will sell 12" x 18" American flags (made in the U.S.A) for \$20.00. Flags personalized with a 6"x8" placard will be on display during Community Day on November 4 at MMS. Placards will read:

"In Honor of (or In Memory of)  
Rank Name  
Branch  
Dates of Service  
Thank you for your service!"

The reverse side will carry an image of the American flag and badges for each service branch.

Proceeds from this flag sale will support The Wildcat Foundation's mission. To order, please contact the Foundation office by calling 717-691-4505 or email [hlauffer@mbgsd.org](mailto:hlauffer@mbgsd.org). Flag Sale order forms are available [here](#).

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#### NEW LEADERS ENGAGED

At the Foundation's August board meeting, the following were elected to serve the Board in leadership positions. Join me in thanking them for their service.

John Duggan, Esq.—President  
Greg Andersen—Vice President  
Tracy Rohrbaugh-Besselman—Vice President  
Rich Heeter—Immed. Past President  
Dale Flor—Treasurer  
Ben Ried, Esq.—Secretary

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**Volunteers Wanted:** To be considered to serve on the Foundation Board, please contact [Holly Laufer](#) or call 717-691-4505. The Foundation Board meets the first Friday of most months at 7:30 AM in the Community Room at Elmwood Elementary School. Volunteers also welcome to serve on our event and planning committees: Wildcat Night, golf outing, Community Day and community relations.

**WILDCAT FOUNDATION IS EITC APPROVED!**

In September, the Foundation received notification from DCED that our EITC renewal application was approved.

Administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program (EITC) provides the opportunity for qualified businesses to make charitable contributions to educational organizations, in lieu state tax payments. The Wildcat Foundation is approved as a K-12 Educational Improvement Organization and as such, may accept your EITC contribution.

The Wildcat Foundation is able to accept your businesses EITC support which is in turn used to provide funding for: Dual Enrollment, Trails and Trees Environmental Center, Internships and Co-ops and Junior Achievement.

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