

FOUNDATION NEWS

From the Director's Desk



Remember the “old normal”, when (some) students procrastinated about homework; many left school to go to practice, rehearsal, part-time jobs, or play or hang out with friends; families rarely had time to dine together, let alone play games or binge watch television; and everybody ***always*** had somewhere else to be.

In the “old normal”, the foundation hosted events and raised money; we planned future events and activities that would sustain us for the upcoming year: Many of you supported those events, and we hope you will again in the future.

The “new normal” has presented challenges and opportunities for all of us; we’re learning to do more with less, and do just about everything differently.

The foundation still plans for the future and how we can continue to help our students, faculty and schools as we wrap-up the current academic year and plan for 2020/2021. We hope you’ll make the time to read this quarterly newsletter and learn how you HAVE and CAN help us achieve our mission *to strengthen the educational, cultural, wellness, and athletic programs of the Mechanicsburg Area School District*. The path to do that may be different than that which we walked in the past, but together, we can still strengthen our schools and community. Learn more from our [website](#) or call 717.691.4505.

The Wildcat Foundation...Working Today

The foundation is working in partnership with MASD and so many others in the community to help our children. Monetary donations are now accepted for Wildcat Packs. Distributed each Friday to area children, these packs provide sustenance to help them through the weekend. Wildcat Packs may also include educational and enrichment tools. Your donation to Wildcat Packs allows the foundation to purchase bulk food items, and educational/enrichment materials. Click [here](#) to learn more or to make a tax deductible contribution.

Planning for Tomorrow...The foundation board has recommended the distribution of more than \$115,000 in program funding for the 2020/2021 academic year. Funds were awarded in response to grant applications received in January and reviewed by members of the foundation board. Programs and projects that align with the foundation mission were considered and in most cases, recommended for full or partial funding. To learn more about the impact that our grants have, visit the foundation [website](#).

Gregg Sheibley celebrates his live auction, Hard Hat Tour, winning bid!



With a change in venue and format, Wildcat Foundation Night at Stock's Manor was stamped “success”. We’ll make some changes for an even better guest experience in 2021, but mark your calendar now, and plan to join us on February 12.

Special thanks to Manor Sponsor, Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates— Architects; Program Sponsor, John Duggan & Select Medical; Armstrong, Eckert Seamans, R.F. Fager, Cate & Jack Oyler Foundation, Hershey Creamery, Giant, Lobar, Stock's Manor; and of course many other sponsors, donors and guests.



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Building the Future *Together!*

Necessitated by the restrictions we are all living with, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation hit the pause button for the long-overdue and anticipated construction and renovation projects at Memorial Park Stadium. We will begin construction when able to do so safely. To complete the project debt free, we still need donor support. Donations may be made, and you can view project information and status on our campaign [website](#).