

Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation



Annual Report 2015-2016

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Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016

The Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation (LDFF) was established in 2007 and continues to expand its community recognition and involvement, sponsored programs, fundraising activities, and funded projects.

Foundation Fundraising and Events

To support the mission of the foundation, fundraising activities are designed to engage a broad representation of individuals in the Lower Dauphin community, as well as to reach individuals outside of the community with an affiliation to or an interest in Lower Dauphin. Our list of donors and contributors is evidence that many individuals and businesses believe in our mission. Through their generosity, we met our 2015-2016 fundraising goals. This foundation continues to gain recognition, strength, and endorsement from our community to support our mission.

Blue & White Gala

The eighth annual Blue and White Gala, *Back to the Gala*, was held on January 30, 2016 at the Hall of Champions, Hollywood Casino. Tim Bartholomew, graduating class of '76, served as master of ceremonies.

The theme for this year's event was "Back to the Future" and featured Lower Dauphin's Blackboard Brothers' "rock 'n' roll" band. The band, which had been made up of elementary school teachers, performed classic music from the 1950s and 60s. The band members are now retired and last performed in 2013. Bartholomew plays lead guitar in the band, and is known for his service to Lower Dauphin School District as a fifth-grade teacher at Nye Elementary School. He continues to be involved in the district's Outdoor Education Program at Camp Hebron in Halifax.

The Gala featured a full course dinner, and entertainment by the Blackboard Brothers and a music DJ. There was also a silent and live auction. Approximately 158 guests were in attendance at this year's event. The event raised over \$14,494 through tickets sales, donations, and the live and silent auctions. The Gala was chaired by Dr. Judith Witmer.

Ninth Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Golf Outing

On Friday, April 22, 2016, the Ninth Annual LDFF Golf Outing took place at the Deer Valley Golf Club Course in Hummelstown, and raised over \$8,900. A reception followed at Deer Valley. The Tournament Board members were Jody Dimpsey, Norm Stine, Rick Smith, Jessica DeHart, Terry and Patience Bashore. Dr. Bob and Sue Dahmus, El Associates, Jody Dimpsey, and Capital Blue Cross were this year's Gold Sponsors.

Dinner Theater Event

Once again, the LD High School Spring Musical provided an opportunity for the foundation to support the arts, increase the visibility to the community, and fundraise. A dinner theater was held prior to the Friday evening performance of "The Addams Family" on March 4, 2016 receiving a profit of \$957 with ten percent of the proceeds donated to the LD theater program.

This was the eighth year for the Dinner Theater that had 88 people in attendance.

Annual Campaign

The success of any educational foundation is predicated on the ability to raise funds from community members and individuals with a prior or current affiliation with the school. In a continuing effort to reach out to these individuals, educate them about LDFF, and gather contributions to support our mission, the Annual Campaign was held in the fall of 2015.

A mailing was sent to potential donors in late October, with materials describing the foundation and its mission, as well as requests for donations. The campaign continued to be a success for the foundation raising over \$3,324.

Field House Campaign

The field house campaign continued through the 2015-2016 year. An additional \$32,033 in funds were raised. There was also a Falcon Fest held on Saturday, August 22nd at the Historic Hersheypark Arena. There were 208 people in attendance with a profit of over \$20,000.

Foundation Grants

The foundation again solicited grant applications from Lower Dauphin faculty, staff, students, and community members during two cycles this past year. Criteria for approval included, among other items, consistency with LDFP's mission, the number of students impacted, and the innovative aspects of the grant. Grant applications represented a broader range of ideas, applicants, students impacted, and locations. The foundation is proud to have provided the funding for the following:

Grants Funded by LDFP during 2015-2016 and Benefiting Students of the Lower Dauphin School District

1. After-Graduation Party (LDHS)- \$500
2. Fly like a Falcon Reward Program (LDMS)- \$200
3. Countdown to K (East Hanover) - \$500
4. G.I.R.L.S. Club (Conewago) - \$100
5. Art Show 2016– Art Department (Districtwide) -\$410
6. Living Lab Cabinet (LDHS) - \$634
7. Nanoline Contest (LDHS) - \$1,000
8. Hummelstown Summer Rec Program - \$1,085
9. Smart Music – Music Department (Districtwide) \$510
10. Summer Grades 4-8 Science Program (Districtwide)- \$2,260
11. Summer ESL Program (East Hanover) - \$700
12. Summer Lunch Program (with CTC) - \$493

EITC Grants during the 2015-2016 School Year

Thanks to our donors through the EITC Grants, LDFP received a total of \$9,500 of grant funds this year. Special thanks to the following companies for this year's support: Hershey Entertainment and Resorts (\$5,000), Weis Markets (\$1,000), Mid Penn Bank (\$2,000), BB&T Bank (\$1,000), and Centric Bank (\$500).

Funds were provided to the following programs:

1. Purchase of student Laptops for Hybrid Classrooms at an elementary school- \$9,500

Budget Information

2015-2016 Budget Results		Overall Foundation Revenue as of June 30, 2016	
Total Revenue	\$49,225.56 *	Overall Checking Account for the LDFF	\$59,822.49
Total Expenditures	\$50,739.07*	Overall Reserves and Investments for the LDFF	\$121,566.21
Overall Net for 2014-2015	(\$1,513.51)	Total Assets for the LDFF	\$181,388.70
Extra Funds for Community Projects (Field House money collected as of 6-30-15) \$61,783.41		*Only Includes LDFF Direct Revenues and Expenses: Does not include special fundraising such as field house campaign.	

***Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for the 2015-2016 Year were \$8,200.00**

Generous Donor Support for the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

The foundation would like to acknowledge and thank many individuals and companies for their generous support of our fundraising efforts, including The Annual Giving Campaign, The Blue & White Gala, The Annual Golf Outing, and the Dinner Theatre. Donations of money, time, talent, goods, and in kind gifts are all greatly appreciated. Many of the donors and businesses contributed on more than one occasion and in various ways.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE LOWER DAUPHIN FALCON FOUNDATION

Support Our Future Events

Annual Giving Campaign – Fall 2016

The Ninth Annual Blue and White Gala – January 21, 2017

Dinner Theatre – March 3, 2017

Eight Annual LDFF Golf Outing – Spring 2017

Tax Credit Program

As a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, the LDFF has opportunities for businesses to donate to the foundation and receive tax credit. The following are the programs designated for these funds: technology enhancement (laptop computers for elementary students, fiber connections to outlying schools, portable classroom set of computers) and Academic Enrichment and Extension Programs (Pre-kindergarten program).

Volunteer

The Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation is always in need of energetic, enthusiastic individuals who are dedicated to the LD community. In addition to the Board, we have numerous committees and we welcome your help. Please contact us for more information.

Donate

Several different mechanisms are available for you to donate to the foundation:

General Contributions

Project Specific or Donor-Directed Contributions

Contributions in honor or memoriam

Business participation in the tax-credit program

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