

Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation



Annual Report 2016-2017

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Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

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 2016-2017 fundraising goals. This foundation continues to gain recognition, strength, and endorsement from our community to support our mission.

Blue & White Gala

The ninth annual Blue and White Gala, *The Falcon Flash- Snapshots of Success*, was held on January 21, 2017 at the Hall of Champions, Hollywood Casino. Dr. Judith T. Witmer and the Lower Dauphin Alumni Association were the honorees. The Alumni Association represents thousands of Lower Dauphin High School graduates and serves as a focus for them to stay connected to their school and each other. Dr. Witmer helped successfully launch the Alumni Association in 1989.

She has served Lower Dauphin since 1960, from classroom teacher to principal at the high school, director of the Coalition of Essential Schools, and assistant to the superintendent.

Dr. Witmer continues as an ex-officio with the Alumni Association and was honored with the LDAA Distinguished Service Award in 2010. She was the originator and fundraiser for the Alumni Showcase. She was also the originator and chairwoman of the high school's 50th anniversary celebration. She authored the 500-page history of Lower Dauphin High school "Loyal Hearts Proclaim – Lower Dauphin High School: The First Fifty Years." She is also a founding member of the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation. In the LDFF, she was co-chair of the field house fundraising committee and herself was a major donor to the field house fund. She also was instrumental in the founding of the Blue & White Gala and served on the gala committee for eight years.

The theme for this year's event was "Newspaper" and featured decorations that suited it perfectly. The Gala featured a full course dinner, and entertainment by a DJ. There was also a silent and live auction. Approximately 152 guests were in attendance at this year's event. The event raised just shy of \$16,000 through tickets sales, donations, and the live and silent auctions.

10th Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Golf Outing

On Friday, May 26, 2017, the tenth Annual LDFF Golf Outing took place at the Manada Golf Club Course in Hummelstown, and raised over \$9,100. A reception followed at Manada Golf Club. The Tournament Board members were Jody Dimpsey, Norm Stine, Rick Smith, Jessica DeHart, Terry and Patience Basehore. Dr. Bob and Sue Dahmus, El Associates, and Jody Dimpsey, 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 "Nice Work If You Can Get It" on March 3, 2017 receiving a profit of \$523.80 with ten percent of the proceeds donated to the LD theater program. This was the ninth year for the Dinner Theater that had 85 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 2016.

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 \$3,675.

Field House Campaign

The field house campaign continued through the 2016-2017 year. An additional \$8,862 in funds were raised. There was also a Falcon Fest held on Saturday, October 1st at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. There were 262 people in attendance with a profit of over \$46,000.

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 2016-2017 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. Exergaming at East Hanover - \$1,000
4. Flexible Learning Groups (MS) - \$460
5. Art Show 2017– Art Department (Grade 6-12) -\$123
6. LD Women in STEM (LDHS) - \$820
7. Nanoline Contest (LDHS) - \$1,000
8. Hummelstown Summer Rec Program - \$500
9. STEM TSA National Competition (HS) - \$2,400
10. Summer Grades 4-8 Science Program (Districtwide) - \$3,200
11. Summer ESL Program (East Hanover) - \$700
12. Culture Awareness Day (Districtwide) - \$500
13. Falcon Flight Zone Club (MS) - \$500
14. LD Hockey Club Team (HS) - \$1,200
15. Technology Fair (Districtwide) - \$152
16. Mindfulness in the Classroom (Nye) - \$934
17. Little Free Library (Nye) - \$881

EITC Grants during the 2016-2017 School Year

Thanks to our donors through the EITC Grants, LDFP received a total of \$14,000 of grant funds this year. Special thanks to the following companies for this year's support: HERCO (\$10,000), Weis Markets (\$1,500), Mid Penn Bank (\$2,000), and Centric Bank (\$500).

Funds were provided to the following programs:

1. Purchase of student Laptops for Hybrid Classrooms at an elementary school- \$12,030

Budget Information

2016-2017 Budget Results			Overall Foundation Revenue as of June 30, 2017	
Total Revenue	\$45,804.26 *		Overall Checking Account for the LDFF	\$53,199.14
Total Expenditures	\$42,785.17*		Overall Reserves and Investments for the LDFF	\$141,188.24
Overall Net for 2016-2017	\$3,019.09		Total Assets for the LDFF	\$194,387.38
Extra Funds for Community Projects (Field House Account as of 6-30-17) \$83,821.91				
		*Only Includes LDFF Direct Revenues and Expenses: Does not include special fundraising such as field house campaign.		

Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for the 2016-2017 Year were \$8,400.00

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 2017

The tenth Annual Blue and White Gala – January 27, 2018

Dinner Theatre – March 9, 2018

Eight Annual LDFD Golf Outing – Spring 2018

Tax Credit Program

As a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, the LDFD 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.

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

To Learn More, to Volunteer, to Donate, or to Contact Us

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