

Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation



Annual Report 2018–2019

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Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

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 2018-2019 fundraising goals. The foundation continues to gain recognition, strength and endorsement from our community to support our mission.

Falcon Fling

The 11th annual Signature Event was held on January 26, 2019 at the Hall of Champions, Hollywood Casino. The theme for this year's event was "*LDFF Cruises On*" and featured decorations that transported attendees to the sea. The Falcon Fling featured a full course dinner with a Caribbean theme, raffle auctions and a live auction. This year we honored the "Anchors of our Community." They were selected by a panel after nominations were made by the community of Lower Dauphin. Don and Sue Beam, Teresa Coller, Bradley and Barb Miller, Mike O'Keefe and Jay Stanton were honored. With about 185 guests in attendance, this year's event raised more than \$18,000 through tickets sales, donations, a raffle and the auction.

12th Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Golf Outing

On Friday, May 3, 2019, the 12th Annual LDFF Golf Outing took place at the Manada Golf Club in Grantville, raising more than \$10,800. A reception followed at Manada Golf Club. The Tournament Board members were Jody Dimpsey-Reisinger, Rick Smith, Kaylee Keener, Jessica DeHart and Terry and Patience Basehore. Merakey was this year's Platinum sponsor; McClure Company and El Associates were this year's Gold Sponsors.

Dinner Theater Event

Once again, the Lower Dauphin High School Spring Musical provided an opportunity for the foundation to support the arts, increase our visibility to the community and fundraise. The 11th Annual Dinner Theater was held prior to the Friday evening performance of "*Mamma Mia*" on March 1, 2019. The event resulted in a profit of \$732.06 after donating ten percent of the proceeds to the Lower Dauphin theater program; 138 people were in attendance.

Annual Campaign

The success of any educational foundation is based 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 2018. 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 LDFF raising more than \$3,400.

Foundation Grants

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

Grants Approved by LDFF, Benefiting Students of the Lower Dauphin School District, during 2018-2019

1. Coffee Cart (East Hanover)—\$225

East Hanover Elementary School had a Coffee Cart that was run by students in learning support classes. The students were in charge of collecting orders on Thursdays and filling and delivering the orders on Friday mornings. This was a great opportunity for students to learn valuable skills such as following a recipe, sequencing steps, social skills, teamwork, basic number recognition, health and hygiene.

2. Continuation of STEAM Greenhouse Garden (LDHS)—\$725

The greenhouse project enabled students to consider new aspects of agriculture. Some of the topics this year included short season vegetation, forcing winter flowers to grow color, growing switch grass to convert to biofuels and redesigning the tables and grow spaces. High school teachers worked with students after school in the greenhouse.

3. Senior Citizen Prom (Volunteen)—\$500

This event was hosted by the Lower Dauphin High School “Volunteen” group. The event provided citizens of the Dauphin County Community with an afternoon of entertainment. The event brought together seniors from the area and high school students for an afternoon of dancing, fellowship and community involvement.

4. Zumba (Nye)—\$1,123

This program provided Zumba instruction for students in learning support classes and families in the Lower Dauphin Community. Zumba is an exercise and fitness program. The Zumba activity enhanced family spirit and health through a fun and friendly atmosphere.

5. Life Skills Field Day—\$1,000

The program provided a “field day” in May for the Life Skills students across the Lower Dauphin School District. The goal was to provide a fun day outside, playing games with classmates and making memories that will last a lifetime. Student buddy helpers who worked with Life Skills students during the event benefited in many ways as well.

6. Composting with Kindergarten (Nye)—\$203.94

A kindergarten class at Nye Elementary learned about composting. The students composted every day and tracked how much waste was being thrown away and would end up in a landfill. The class used several methods to measure the items being thrown away. The class also set a goal to decrease the amount of food waste that will end up in a landfill.

7. Wallops Island Trip (LDHS Grades 11 and 12)—\$570

Fifteen Lower Dauphin High School students enrolled in Advanced Placement Environmental Science and/or on the National Ocean Science Bowl Team participated in a three day trip to Wallops Island. The students participated in hands-on investigation of the coastal and marine environments. The funds from the grant off-set the student cost for the trip.

8. Flexible-Seating (Conewago)—\$599.49

Instead of the traditional classroom with rows and rows of desks, some teachers at Conewago Elementary School are using a variety of seating arrangements which include: stools, stability balls, bean bags, couches, rockers and plastic bins. Students can find the seating which is comfortable for them and allows increased focus and productivity. Research shows that flexible seating can improve student engagement.

9. ESL Summer School (East Hanover)—\$300.44

This program was held at East Hanover Elementary School. The program was designed to provide an opportunity for students who have English as a Second Language to continue to receive instruction over the summer. Students participated in literacy activities, art lessons and soccer skill time.

EITC Grants during the 2018-2019 School Year

Through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program Grants, LDFF received a total of \$2,000 this school year. Special thanks to Mid Penn Bank for their generous support.

Budget Information

2018-2019 Fiscal Year Financial Results		Revenue as of June 30, 2019	
Total Revenue	\$69,722.56*	Checking Account	\$71,717.19
Total Expenditures	\$39,103.72*	Reserves and Investments	\$177,596.16
Net Revenue for 2018-2019	\$30,618.84	Total Assets	\$249,313.35

*Only Includes LDFD Direct Revenues and Expenses—does not include designated funds for specific programs such as Field House, Lend A Hand (LAH), Coopers Classroom (CC), EITC or STEM. *Please see details below.*

<i>Anonymous Donor</i> —Purchased Ipads, Paid Off Delinquent Lunch Accounts, Paid for Falcon Food Packs	\$40,000
<i>CAIU, Harrisburg University, Community Member, Reece Kelley Foundation</i> — Supported students attending National Invention Convention in Michigan (STEM)	\$6,500
<i>Anonymous Donors</i> —Cooper's Classroom	\$15,000
<i>Various Donors and Related Event Proceeds, LAH</i> —Assisted three community members in need	\$43,337

Designated Funds for Specific Programs Balance, as of 6/30/19

LAH, EITC, CC and STEM Accounts	\$22,247.27
Field House Account	\$54,524.10

Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for 2018-2019 were \$8,050.00

Generous Donor Support for the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

LDFD acknowledges and thanks many individuals and companies for their generous support of our fundraising efforts, including the Annual Giving Campaign, the Falcon Fling, the Annual Golf Outing and the Dinner Theatre. Donations of money, time, talent, goods and in kind gifts are all greatly appreciated. Many of our donors and businesses contributed on more than one occasion and in various ways.

How to Support the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

Future Events

Annual Giving Campaign—October 2019

12th Annual Falcon Fling—January 25, 2020

12th Annual Dinner Theatre—March 6, 2020

13th Annual LDFD Golf Outing—May 1, 2020

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 Lower Dauphin community. In addition to the Board, we have numerous committees and we welcome your help. Please contact us for more information.

Donate

There are multiple ways to donate to the foundation:

- General Contributions
- Project Specific or Donor-Directed Contributions
- Contributions in honor or memoriam
- Business participation in the EITC tax credit program

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