



Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

Annual Report 2020–2021

Enhancing Opportunities, Expanding Horizons

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Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

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. Although the continuation of Covid-19 kept us from holding our Annual Falcon Fling scheduled for January 2021 or our Musical Dinner theatre in March, through the generosity of our donors we met our 2020-2021 fundraising goals. The Foundation continues to gain recognition, strength and endorsement from our community to support our mission.

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 2020. A mailing was sent to potential donors in the middle of October, with a letter describing the Foundation and its mission, examples of grants awarded as well as a request for donations. The campaign continued to be a success for the LDFF raising almost \$7,500.

Falcon Fling

The 13th annual Signature Event was cancelled due to continuing concern with Covid-19. We are hopeful the event can be held in 2022.

Musical Dinner Theater

Our 13th annual event supporting the arts at Lower Dauphin High School had to be cancelled due to continuing concerns with Covid-19.

13th Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Charity Golf Outing

We were thankfully able to hold our April 30 golf outing at Manada Golf Club in Grantville. Despite 25-50mph winds, we had a wonderful turnout and incredible support from the local community. Lunch was provided by Bob's Subway in Hummelstown and dinner was catered by The Warwick. Nick Kerstetter shot a hole-in-one on Hole #3 winning a Travis Mathew shopping spree, box of golf balls and more. The winning foursome consisted of past Lower Dauphin Golf Team players: Cole Conway, Andrew Legro, Nick Macrina and Doug Bream. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors like Rohrer, Highmark and Jody Dimpsey-Reisinger (JLD Property Management Group, LLC. and The Warwick) our costs were kept to a minimum. With the help of our 100 golfers and generous support from local businesses, the golf outing raised more than \$18,000. We are already looking forward to next year's outing!

Foundation Grants

LDFD 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 LDFD'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 LDFD, Benefiting Students of the Lower Dauphin School District, during 2020-2021

1. **STEM Greenhouse and Gardening Club (HS)—\$513.70**

A group of 25 students grew plants to use in science experiments on air quality and distributed plants to teachers and students throughout the school for beautification and improved wellness. In the next year, the group plans to establish irrigation for and maintain planters around the outside of the school. Furthermore, they hope to take their lesson for plant development and growth to the elementary schools. The STEM Greenhouse and Gardening Club's goal is to teach science, technology, engineering and math skills to elementary students through school lessons and improve the club to make it more self-sustaining through plant sales with community support.

2. **Bringing Colors of the World to LD—\$395.91**

Each elementary classroom in our district now has Crayola *Colors of the World* skin tone crayons that help students to be more inclusive in their creativity all year long . . . a thoughtful way to celebrate our differences in day to day projects. Provision of this resource aligns with the efforts of the district to be aware of, react to, and ideally, be proactive about, the current issues of social justice, equity and equality.

3. **Kid2Kid Clothing Bank (Price School)—\$300**

The staff at the Price School started a clothing bank that is available to all Lower Dauphin families. There is now a clothing collection bin at each of the schools within the district. This project addresses the need within the school district to provide clothing assistance for families at no cost to them. There is ample research showing that students who do not have their basic needs met do not do as well academically as students who do.

4. **Membean Vocabulary Program (MS)—\$500**

Reading and 21st Century Skills students are using Membean, an online vocabulary program, to help improve their reading and vocabulary skills. Membean provides guided, engaging, multimodal vocabulary instruction while helping students retain what they learn. The students find the program to be interesting and the data/analytics provided helps streamline their learning.

5. **Finch Robot 2.0 (Londonderry)—\$1,112**

Londonderry 4th grade used Finch Robots from Birdbrain Technologies to incorporate coding and STEM into their curriculum. The 4th grade students also created projects of their

own such as guiding the Finch Robot through a maze using geometry and measurement as well as using the distance sensors to keep it “socially distant” from objects.

6. Falcon Packs Eagle Scout Project—\$500

The Falcon Packs Program sends home six to ten food items each week during the school year to more than 180 students across the district. Adding distribution boxes and improving the previous ones will allow for the Falcon Packs Program to provide students additional access to much needed nourishment and support. The student plans to build and improve two to three Falcon Packs distribution boxes, find locations within the community to display the distribution boxes and create a more detailed ‘how-to’ guide on building the boxes.

7. SNHS Pavilion Eagle Scout Project (High School)—\$500

A 24' x 30' pavilion is being constructed in the Science National Honors Society (SNHS) rain garden at the high school. The pavilion was designed to have enough space to fit 4 picnic tables and comply with ADA requirements. This new structure will allow students In the SNHS and the high school to enjoy a roofed outdoor classroom space to learn in, safe from elements such as sun and rain.

8. Traverse Rock Wall (Londonderry)—\$1,000

Not all children enjoy participating in team sports. Climbing provides an opportunity to build physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills. The Traverse Rock Wall System being installed at Londonderry will be used during Physical Education on a regular basis for all students. The goal is to increase student engagement and enjoyment in physical activity as well as overall fitness. Students will get a brain work out in addition to their physical one as they use problem solving and critical thinking to overcome challenges and, at times, work as a team.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) grants during the 2020-2021 School Year

Through the EITC program, LDFF received a total of \$10,000 this school year. Special thanks to Mid Penn Bank, Weis and The Hershey Company for their generous support which will be used to fund Falcon Foundation Camp, a 3-week summer camp for Lower Dauphin middle school students. Falcon Foundation Camp provides incoming 6th through 8th grade students with several options to expand their knowledge or skills with classes geared towards science, art, math and more during a less scheduled time of year.

Budget Information¹

2020-2021 Fiscal Year Financial Results		Assets as of June 30, 2021	
Total Revenue*	\$38,077.22	Checking Account	\$68,712.31
Total Expenditures*	\$20,522.77	Reserves and Investments	\$255,725.07
Net Revenue for 2020-2021	\$17,554.45	Total Assets	\$324,437.38

*Includes LDFD Direct Revenues and Expenses—does not include designated funds for specific programs such as Field House, Lend A Hand (LAH), Cooper’s Classroom (CC), EITC, etc.

Please see revenue details below.

<i>Stock & Leader Scholarship</i>	\$500
<i>Falcon Food Packs</i>	\$5,000
<i>Keith Oellig Memorial Fund—Dauphin County Technical School</i>	\$2,596.02
<i>LAH, donations from online campaign—Assisted four community members in need</i>	\$53,033.23
<i>Mid Penn Bank and Weis—EITC</i>	\$7,500
<i>Pollock Foundation—Cafeteria Fund, Owls (Zoom technology), CC South Hanover</i>	\$15,000

Designated Funds for Specific Programs Balance, as of 6/30/21

LAH, EITC and CC Accounts	\$18,903.17
Field House Account	\$54,524.10

Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for 2020-2021 were \$8,000.

¹*Subject to change pending accountant’s review.*

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 and the annual Golf Outing. 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 2021

13th Annual Falcon Fling (Signature Winter Event)—January 29, 2022

13th Annual Dinner Theatre—March 4, 2022

14th Annual LDFF Golf Outing—May 6, 2022

2nd Annual Food Truck Fundraiser (Meet the Falcon Night)—September 1, 2022

EITC Program

As a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, LDFF has opportunities for businesses to donate to the Foundation and receive tax credit. The following are the approved innovative educational programs designated for these funds: robotics; specialized instruction/instructors; summer programs (ESL, reading enrichment, summer camp, etc.); and internet-based and distance learning technologies.

Volunteer

LDFF 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 program

To Learn More, Volunteer, Donate or Contact Us

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