

# Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation



## **Annual Report 2014-2015**

*Enhancing Opportunities, Expanding Horizons*

# Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

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## Enhancing Opportunities, Expanding Horizons

### Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

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 2014-2015 fundraising goals. This foundation continues to gain recognition, strength, and endorsement from our community to support our mission.

#### Blue & White Gala

The seventh annual Blue and White Gala, *Derby Days, Bringing The Field House To A Photo Finish*, was held on January 31, 2015 at the Hall of Champions, Hollywood Casino. Linda Kreiser, graduating class of '70 was recognized as honorary chair and served as master of ceremonies. Bea Hallman, LD's first field hockey coach, also was recognized as a honorary chair.

As the Falcon Field hockey coach, Linda Kreiser's teams boast a record of six state titles, eight state finals appearances, 140 college players, 12 District 3 titles, six one-loss seasons, 24 seasons with two or fewer losses, four undefeated seasons, six Travers Award winners, 37 years of coaching, and 719 career victories. Coach Linda Kreiser has been a member of the USA Field Hockey teams and has played in every USFHA National Tournament since 1970. She is also the Captain of the Red Rose Field Hockey Team which holds fourteen championships in the National Festival and six in the Indoor National Championships; she was twice named Most valuable Player in the JFK International Field Hockey Tournaments and has served in leadership capacities in numerous US Field Hockey Associations events.

Beatrice Hallman was instrumental in establishing girls' sports at Lower Dauphin High School and was the driving force behind the tradition of excellence on the playing field and in life. When Lower Dauphin first opened in the fall of 1960, there was no interscholastic sports program for girls- all girls' sports were on the intramural level. Miss Hallman provided instruction after school to girls who were interested in learning more about field hockey, basketball, and softball. Girls' interscholastic basketball began in the 1963-64 school year; field hockey was established that year, but did not compete interscholastically until the following year. An excellent athlete herself, Miss Hallman was also a very positive teacher, coach, and mentor to many. Some of the best athletes, teachers, and coaches had their start under the wings of Miss Hallman.

The Gala featured a full course dinner, and entertainment by an instrumental quartet and a music DJ. There was also a silent and live auction. Approximately 116 guests were in attendance at this year's event. The event raised over \$23,335 through tickets sales, donations, and the live and silent auctions. The Gala was Chaired by Dr. Judith Witmer.

### **Eight Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Golf Outing**

On Friday, May 29, 2015, the Eighth Annual LDFF Golf Outing took place at the Hershey Country Club East Course in Hershey, and raised over \$14,000. A reception followed at the Hershey Country Club. The Tournament Chair was Dr. Bob Dahmus. Dr. Bob and Sue Dahmus were this year's Platinum Sponsor. Bruce and Michele Koch, and Brescia Orthopedics, Inc. 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 "South Pacific" on March 6, 2014 receiving a profit of \$1,455 with ten percent of the proceeds donated to the LD theater program. This was the seventh year for the Dinner Theater and a great year with 136 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 2014.

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 \$2,500.

## **Field House Campaign**

The Field House Campaign was a major undertaking by the Foundation. Adding to an already successful first year campaign, there were 178 bricks, 29 pavers, 2 \$1,000 plaques, 3 \$2,500 plaques, and 1 \$5,000 plaque were purchased over the course of this past year. These donations along with the following sponsorships, raised \$275,922.30 towards our goal.

Field I is named In Honor of Linda Kreiser & Bea Hallman by their former players and community members. Bea Hallman was Lower Dauphin's first field hockey coach and a force in bringing girls' athletics to prominence in the district. A career educator teaching physical education, she also provided lessons on the playing fields. Linda Kreiser was a student under Coach Hallman and eventually replaced her as head field hockey coach. A career highlighted by over 700 wins, six state championships and hundreds of lives touched, Coach Kreiser's understated way is an inspiration to all she encounters. This past year was a huge success in our fundraising efforts. The fundraising for the naming rights for the Kreiser-Hallman field became a reality with \$69,368 in donations along with a \$50,000 anonymous donor.

Field II is named In Memory of Courtney Pollock by the S. Wilson and Grace Pollock Foundation. A 1999 graduate of Lower Dauphin, Courtney L. Pollock played field hockey for Coach Linda Kreiser for four years. She was an avid softball player as well. After graduating from Penn State University in 2003, Courtney taught at East Hanover Elementary School, among other schools, coaching her students to be top-notch readers, learners, and participants in and out of her classroom. She generated an enthusiasm for life both on and off the field and leaves behind a legacy of true courage, kindness toward others, as well as giving back to her community.

Field House Building is named In Honor of LD Falcon Foundation. Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 2006 with the purpose of Enhancing Opportunities & Expanding the Horizons of Lower Dauphin students through funding support of the Lower Dauphin School District.

Concession Stand is named In Honor of LD Booster Clubs. Without the support of our dedicated booster clubs, Lower Dauphin athletes would not enjoy the unparalleled successes to which we have become accustomed. This past year the Falcon Fest was held for the first time. The Fest was held at the Giant center and was the main fundraiser for the booster clubs to cover the \$80,000 concession stand that was pledged. They raised \$36,986 towards that goal.

Multipurpose Room is named In Honor of Dr. Judith T. Witmer and the Umberger Family by Dr. Witmer and the Umberger family. Dr. Judith T. Witmer's intellectual expertise and commitment to eliciting the best from her students, as well as leadership and lifelong devotion to Lower Dauphin, are an inspiration to all who know her. The Umberger Family is known to anyone who follows Lower Dauphin athletics. This success is attributed to their parents, Esther and Lloyd Umberger, Sr., who laid the foundation for the family's accomplishments.

Team Room A is named In Memory of Reece Kelley by the Reece Kelley Foundation. Reece Kelley would have been a member of the Lower Dauphin Class of 2017. Though his life was tragically cut short, his love of athletics and his teammates will always be remembered.

Team Room B is named In Honor of The Hershey Company by the Hershey Company. The Hershey Company has been a fixture in our community since 1903. The Hershey Company's support of our Falcon teams adds to the sweetness of every victory.

Training Room is named In Memory of Mark French by Dr. Bob and Sue Dahmus. Mark French was an athletic trainer and educator at Lower Dauphin for 28 years. Before his untimely death, he was an inspiration, mentor, and friend to everyone who came to him with injuries, needing advice, or just wanting a strong shoulder to lean on.

Press Box is named In Honor of Dr. Eric and Meg Kutz by Dr. Eric and Meg Kutz. The Kutz family are fixtures in the Lower Dauphin community, supporting various causes to support our community's young people. Their support of the press box will ensure the Lower Dauphin story will be told for years to come.

The Flag Pole is named In Honor of America's Veterans by the Hummelstown American Legion Post 265. The American Legion of Hummelstown represents the nation's wartime veterans as a service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities. Veterans' service to our nation will be honored whenever our flag is flown.

Ticket Booth is named In Memory of Col. Paul Stoner, M.D. by Dr. Paul and Melva Stoner and family. A member of the Lower Dauphin Class of 1974, Dr. Stoner served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force and with NASA. Lower Dauphin provided him with the foundation to soar high.

Benches are named In Memory of Senator Hal Mowery by Mike and Dee VanGavree and Phyllis Mowery. Representing the West Shore and the Commonwealth of PA for nearly three decades, Hal was first elected into the State House in 1976. He was an extraordinary state leader and dedicated public servant, well-respected businessman, advocate for children, education, health care and business. Hal was a devoted family man, loyal friend and beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He truly made the Commonwealth of PA a better place to live, work and raise a family.

## **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 LDFF'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 LDFF during 2014-2015 and Benefiting Students of the Lower Dauphin School District**

1. After-Graduation Party- \$500 (LDHS)
2. Fly like a Falcon Reward Program- \$200 (LDMS)
3. Instrument Grant Program and Added Grant Funds- \$750
4. Price Community Service Project- \$927.33
5. SNHS Veg/Fruit Garden- \$500 (LDHS)
6. A Bounty of Books- \$500 (Con)
7. Nanoline Contest- \$497.99 (LDHS)
8. Mini-thon Camcorder- \$500 (LDHS)
9. Literacy Bags - \$699.15 (LDHS)
10. Summer Science Program- \$4645.04
11. Borough Summer Camp- \$500

- 12. Summer Lunch Program- \$2,349
- 13. Falcon Family Fun Day- \$500

**EITC Grants during the 2014-2015 School Year**

Thanks to our donors through the EITC Grants, LDFF received a total of \$24,500 of grant funds this year. Special thanks to the following companies for this year’s support: Cleveland Brothers (\$5,000), Weis Markets (\$5,000), Verizon (\$4,500), Phillips Office Solutions (\$2,500), Giant Food Stores (\$2,000), Metro Bank (\$2,000), Mid Penn Bank(\$2,000), Susquehanna Bank (\$1,000), and Centric Bank (\$500).

Funds were provided to the following programs:

- 1. Purchase of classroom sets of student Laptops for Hybrid Classrooms at two elementary schools- \$24,500

**Budget Information**

2014-2015 Budget Results		Overall Foundation Revenue as of June 30, 2015	
Total Revenue	\$70,267.43*	Overall Checking Account for the LDFF	\$57,638.33
Total Expenditures	\$68,508.21*	Overall Reserves and Investments for the LDFF	\$111,434.45
Overall Net for 2014-2015	\$1,699.22	Total Assets for the LDFF	\$169,072.78

Extra Funds for Community Projects (Field House money collected as of 6-30-14) \$275,922.30
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*Only Includes LDFF Direct Revenues and Expenses: Does not include special fundraising such as field house campaign.
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**\*Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for the 2014-2015 Year were \$6,900.00**

## **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 2015

The Ninth Annual Blue and White Gala – January 30, 2016

Dinner Theatre – March 4, 2016

Eight Annual LDFF Golf Outing – Spring 2016

### **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

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

Please visit our website at [www.LDFalconFoundation.org](http://www.LDFalconFoundation.org)

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