



# Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

## Annual Report 2021–2022

*Enhancing Opportunities, Expanding Horizons*

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## **Annual Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

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 2022, we were able to hold our Musical Dinner theatre in March and our Golf Outing in May, thereby meeting our 2021-2022 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 2021. 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. New this year, we also sent a letter to parents at each elementary school, describing past grants awarded to their school, to help raise awareness. The overall campaign continued to be a success for the LDFF raising almost \$7,200.

#### **Falcon Fling**

The 13th annual signature event was cancelled again due to continuing concern with Covid-19. We have rescheduled the event for January 28, 2023, and look forward to gathering with our community supporters once again.

### **Musical Dinner Theatre**

Our 13th annual event supporting the arts at Lower Dauphin High School was held on March 4 in the high school cafeteria. A delicious meal, catered by Chartwells, was enjoyed by 57 attendees prior to the Friday evening performance of "*Guys and Dolls*". The event resulted in a profit of \$249 after donating ten percent of the proceeds to the Lower Dauphin theatre program.

### **14th Annual Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation Charity Golf Outing**

We attempted to hold our golf outing on May 6 at Manada Golf Club in Grantville, but again, Mother Nature had other plans. Though the course was closed due to heavy rains, we had a wonderful turnout and incredible support from the local community. Golfers showed up, participated in our raffle contests and enjoyed lunch by R&K Subs all while staying dry under the pavilion. Thanks to sponsors like Rohrer, Highmark, Mid Penn Bank, Capital Blue Cross and Jody Dimpsey-Reisinger (JLD Property Management Group, LLC.) our costs were kept to a minimum. With the help of our 77 golfers and generous support from local businesses, the golf outing raised close to \$18,000, without actually stepping foot on the course. We are looking forward to next year's outing on May 5, 2023, and hoping for a sunny day!

## 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 2021-2022**

#### **1. Physical Computing with Cyber:bots (HS)—\$544.50**

Science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics (STEAM) education is important for preparing students for the 21st century. Nancy Kiscadden sought funds to expand STEAM opportunities within the classroom at the high school. She updated a set of four (4) Boe-Bot Basic kits that weren't being used in the robotics courses of the Technology department with Cyber:bot conversion kits. She also purchased one additional complete Cyber:bot. The kit upgraded the capabilities of the original Boe-Bots with the microprocessor Micro:bit. The Micro:bit has several sensors (temperature, accelerometer), buttons, microphone, speaker, Wifi, LEDs and bluetooth capabilities all packed in a 3x3 square. The Micro:bit/Cyber:bot can be programmed using block code (used in elementary), as well as text-based code (used in high school), so they are appropriate across many levels of learning. Completed hands-on activities included: computer programming, cyber security, increasing knowledge of the text-based language her classes were studying and more.

#### **2. STEAM Activities and Cart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team (East Hanover)—\$669.57**

The third grade teaching team at East Hanover wanted a more interactive way to teach their Forces, Interactions and Motions unit. With the grant funds they received, they purchased a storage cart and STEAM activity kits. In April and May, they culminated their study of Forces and Motion by exploring laws of motion and other concepts learned through construction and manipulation of the STEAM kits. Each class enjoyed a two week rotation, sharing all materials so students experienced each activity. The teachers enjoyed watching students work together to make new discoveries. The STEAM cart's activities provide a unique hands-on opportunity for kids to apply new learning. Students are now requesting to use the materials at other times of the day, outside of the regular lesson plan.

#### **3. Knowledge Exploration Visual Arts (KEVA) Plank sets, Gifted Education (K-8)—\$650**

KEVA Planks are a simple construction set that uses small rectangular blocks and no connectors or fasteners. They can be used to build a variety of objects from simple to highly complex. Gifted children find a new freedom of intellectual expression with KEVA planks that combines both their artistic nature and their brilliant analytical minds. The students in the gifted education program are fortunate to have access to these hands-on manipulatives that will enable countless activities and projects for many years to come.

#### **4. Gaga Pit (East Hanover)—\$2,697.86**

Gaga is a game similar to dodgeball, played in a fenced octagonal area called a pit. Funding was provided to install a Gaga pit composed of structural composite lumber, which has a 50 year warranty, and a rubber mat for the floor. The previous version only lasted a few years and became dangerous because it was made out of wood. The new Gaga pit will benefit all students at East Hanover and will be used during recess time as well as a reward for student behavior in class. Students today spend a lot of time on electronics and screen time—the Gaga pit provides a safe and fun atmosphere for them to play outside. Gaga is a multiplayer sport in which the students need to learn how to work together. Therefore, it increases social skills, communication, collaboration and problem solving. The students desperately need help in these areas since so much has been lost in the past years due to COVID.

#### **LDFF Scholarship Award, May 2022**

New this year, we created a scholarship program to benefit a graduating senior with the intent to further their education in the fall. Applicants had to demonstrate a commitment to community service, portray characteristics of the LD Alma Mater and have maintained a 3.0 or better GPA throughout high school. We received several applications and after careful review and deliberation, the \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to graduating senior, Sydnee Lynch.



#### **Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) grants during the 2021-2022 School Year**

Through the EITC program, LDFF received a total of \$16,800 this school year. Special thanks to Mid Penn Bank, Weis, M&T Bank, Avalon Insurance and Fulton Bank for their generous support which will be used to fund EITC-approved programs including the Falcon Foundation Camp, a 3-week summer camp for Lower Dauphin middle school students. The Falcon Foundation Camp provides incoming 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with several options to expand their knowledge or skills with classes geared towards science, art, math and more during a less busy time of year. Other programs using EITC funds are “Many Drums, One Sound” at the elementary school level and an Artist-in-Residence mural project to begin at the high school in the fall of 2022.

## Budget Information

<b>2021-2022 Fiscal Year Financial Results</b>		<b>Assets as of June 30, 2022</b>	
Total Revenue*	\$48,910.22	Checking Account	\$84,555.66
Total Expenditures*	\$26,371.50	Reserves and Investments	\$235,790.62
Net Revenue for 2021-2022	\$22,538.72	Total Assets	\$322,425.07

\*Includes LDFF 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 &amp; Leader Scholarship</i>	\$500
<i>LDFF Scholarship</i>	\$1,600
<i>Friends of Dr. Sherri Smith, Scholarship (Dept. of Ed.)</i>	\$1,500
<i>Montgomery, R and B. H. Garrabrant Fund—STEAM grant</i>	\$500
<i>Falcon Food Packs and South Hanover, Cooper's Classroom</i>	\$10,000
<i>LAH, donations from online campaign—Assisted four community members in need</i>	\$51,940.01
<i>Mid Penn Bank, Avalon, Fulton Bank, M&amp;T Bank and Weis—EITC</i>	\$16,800

### **Designated Funds for Specific Programs Balance, as of 6/30/22**

LAH, EITC and CC Accounts	\$38,369.62
LDFF Scholarship Fund	\$600
Field House Account	\$54,524.10

**Administrative Expenses for the Foundation for 2021-2022 were \$8,500.**

## Generous Donor Support for the Lower Dauphin Falcon Foundation

LDFF 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 2022

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Falcon Fling (Signature Winter Event)—January 28, 2023

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre—March 3, 2023

15<sup>th</sup> Annual LDFF Golf Outing—May 5, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Truck Fundraiser (Meet the Falcon Night)—TBD

### 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

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

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