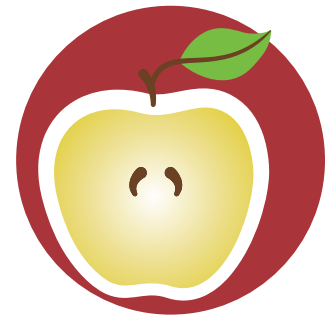


# 2017 - 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

## Public Schools Foundation of Tippecanoe County



It is hard to believe we are over halfway through 2018 and another school year is in full swing! As we showcase our accomplishments with this report, I encourage you to keep a close eye out as we have some fun things planned for the new school year.

The second annual Cupcake Run was held on September 24, 2017, and we had significant growth over the previous year. We're super proud this event has garnered so much support. Cupcakes, schools and the community have proven to be a winning combination!

Wea Creek Orchard hosted our annual Boo Bash in October 2017. This family event, geared for the preschool to fourth-grade crowd and staffed with high school student volunteers, includes outdoors games, crafts, wagon rides to the pumpkin patch and a movie in the barn. It is yet another great example of successful collaboration with local businesses and the education community.

Kudos to the teachers who took time to submit a grant during the 2017-2018 school year. It takes a lot of time and energy to develop proposals and projects. Those that were funded had a positive influence on classrooms and schools. Check out the impact numbers and testimonials in this report and you'll see just how important your support is.

The cumulative number of teachers and students impacted by PSFTC funded grants is amazing! The community support for public education in Tippecanoe County is amazing! The PSFTC board of directors, who tirelessly look for new and better ways to engage our community in support of the foundation's mission, is amazing! Christine Isbell, who is in her 15th year as Executive Director, is amazing! I'm proud to have helped lead this amazing effort as the board president the last three years.

In closing, all of this is possible because of your continued support; I greatly appreciate it! We are gaining momentum and, with your help, will continue to grow. Please make a financial contribution, share our story, attend or volunteer for our events and actively support public education.

- Andrea R. Amato

### OUR MISSION

**Our mission is to promote excellence in education and encourage classroom innovation in the public schools in Tippecanoe County through our Seeds for Excellence grant program.**

# \$25,922 AWARDED TO TEACHERS

## 19 PROJECTS + 130 TEACHERS = 4,170 STUDENTS DIRECTLY PARTICIPATED

Our reach is a much more significant story when you include the indirect involvement of additional teachers and families of students. An amazing example is **Joe Ruhl's project, Charles Darwin: Substitute Teacher**. Mr. Ruhl videotaped his Darwin lesson so that other Jeff High School teachers could incorporate it into their curriculum. And, of course, it will be shared with JHS students for many more years. In addition, Mr. Ruhl will share his lesson materials at the annual convention of the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, Inc. in February 2019. If each teacher attending his workshop has an average of 100 students, then potentially, 7,500-10,000 Indiana biology students could make use of this teaching strategy. **WOW!!**

### 2nd Annual Cupcake Run for Public Education numbers:

**DATE:** September 24, 2017

**LOCATION:** Cumberland Park, WL

**5K AND 10K RUNNERS & WALKERS:** 872

**KIDS RUN PARTICIPANTS:** 138

**VOLUNTEERS:** 100

**88% of Tippecanoe County schools were represented**

**SCHOOL PARTICIPATION CHAMPION:** Jefferson High School

#### TEACHER WINNERS

**Jordan Arnold @ Woodland Elementary**

**Megan Ulrich @ McCutcheon HS**

**John Mark-Magee @ Sunnyside Intermediate**

**Jeff Brenner @ Battle Ground MS**



**To showcase our grant winners, we gathered at the lovely Long Center for the Performing Arts in November, and in May we hosted teachers at Samara House, a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home in West Lafayette.**

### FISCAL YEAR 2017

**INCOME: \$72,215**

**EXPENSES: \$59,049**

**Events 39%**  
**\$21,749**

**Individual Donors: 27%**  
**\$19,366**

**Corporations and Foundations: 43%**  
**\$31,100**

**Grants: 44%**  
**\$26,033**

**Personnel: 26%**  
**\$15,609**

**Administrative: 18%**  
**\$10,860**

**Marketing: 11%**  
**\$6,547**

### PROJECTS FUNDED

**Barbi Balensiefer, Happy Hollow Elementary**  
*Hands-On Reading*

**Mike Pinto, James Cole Elementary**  
*Professionalism in Life Begins Here at School*

**Amanda Knoy, Amelia Earhart Elementary**  
*Coding in the 21st Century*  
Made possible with generous support from Landis+Gyr

*"This has been an amazing experience for my daughter! She has become very interested in learning more about coding and technology."*

—Parent of a child participating in this project

**Joe Ruhl, Jefferson High School**  
*Charles Darwin: Substitute Teacher*

**Tracey Leuthold, Amelia Earhart Elementary**  
*Making Space for Collaborative Learning*

**Kimberly Deckard, Burnett Creek**  
*Battle of the Books*

**Eliza Talamantes, Sunnyside Intermediate**  
*Exploring STEM Through Virtual Reality*  
Made possible with generous support from Tate & Lyle

**Ashlia Wisma, Klondike Elementary**  
*A Multi-Sensory Approach to Literacy*

**Kristy Delp, Mintonye Elementary**  
*Lakeshore Learning*

**Celeste Fernandez, Happy Hollow**  
*Creating Innovators with a Makerspace Cart*  
Made possible with generous support from Tate & Lyle

**Kalisa Mitchell, Oakland High School**  
*Make the Classroom Tangible: Class Trip to D.C.*

**Angela Yost, Klondike Middle School**  
*Special Grounds*

**Jennifer Koch, Amelia Earhart Elementary**  
*Supersmart, Superkids*  
Made possible with generous support from the Tippecanoe County Medical Society

**Franklin Mason, Harrison High School**  
*Empowering Students Bit by Bit*  
Made possible with generous support from Tate & Lyle

**Sarah Grimes, Mintonye Elementary**  
*Be Prepared*

**Cindy Nycz, Cumberland Elementary**  
*Scouting Your Way to Fitness*

**Kara Meyer, Burnett Creek Elementary**  
*Breaking the Code*  
Made possible with generous support from Tate & Lyle

**Hallie Koenig, Tecumseh Junior High School**  
*Quilts for a Cause: Sewing Together through Art and Math*

**Debbie Beckett, Burnett Creek Elementary**  
*Meet me at the Fair*  
Made possible with generous support from Tate & Lyle