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In It!*

Galesburg Public Schools Foundation

Annual Letter of Support



photo courtesy of Rick Cross

Our inaugural "Super" Steak Fry Fundraiser was a big success, and we can't wait to do it again next year! Thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way - as a sponsor or a placemat advertiser, by purchasing event or raffle tickets, by donating items, by helping at the event, or by spreading the word. We are very grateful for your support! (More information about this event can be found on our website and social media pages.)



Our Celebrity Grillers: Coach Shawn Hickey, Mr. Steve Cheesman, Dr. John Asplund, and Coach Aaron Willits braved the early February elements, cooking over 150 steaks for almost two hours. We couldn't have done this without them, and we can't thank them enough for their help! (photo courtesy of Rick Cross)



GPSF Board of Directors and Staff: Zach Maher (also our emcee for the evening), J. Mark Wilson, Molly Kleine, Denise Foote, Connie Wessels, Mary Esp, Lynn Armstrong, Karen Hawkinson, Kristi Mustain, Jenny Bredemeier, Ben Bredemeier, and Teresa Baxter

Thanks to your generous support of this event, we raised enough to provide full funding for the assemblies that were requested by the principals at each school:

- **Let's Be Inclusive** - a motivational program for grades K-4 to inspire kindness and empathy
- **Responsible Digital Activity and Online Safety** - impactful presentations for grades 5-10 to build cyber awareness
- **Keeping Our Kids Cyber Safe** - an informative presentation with real-life stories for the community

In addition to the above, we donated funds to purchase **kiln shelves** for GJSHS ceramics classes and held raffles for district staff members, giving away **four \$50 Visa gift cards** and a **gift basket worth over \$150**, with items and gift cards purchased from locally-owned businesses. We also provided funding for:

- **Choose to Thrive in #205** - a staff wellness event and professional development opportunity
- **Knox County IL CEO** - a student entrepreneurship program
- **Matt Wilhelm, BMX Champion** - anti-bullying assemblies for grades K-8

In total, the GPSF was proud to donate almost **\$20,000** to CUSD #205 programming this past year. We could not do any of this without the incredible generosity of our community and GHS alumni near and far, and we are very grateful for your support!



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Three Ways to Support Education in CUSD #205 Today

• Help students get a great start to the 2025-2026 School Year!

For the past five years, CUSD #205 has been able to provide school supplies for all students in the district. However, the funds designated for those purchases have been depleted, and there are many students who are not able to get the necessary supplies on their own. One important item that is difficult for many families to afford is a good-quality backpack. How can you help? Drop off a new backpack in the box in the lobby of First Mid Bank and Trust at 101 E. Main Street in Galesburg, or send a check to the GPSF with a note designating it for the purchase of backpacks **by July 10th.**



• Enter the Birdies for Charity contest



Win a chance at the grand prize, and help the GPSF at the same time! The GPSF will receive the total amount of your donation plus a bonus of at least 5%!

All entries must be **addressed and mailed to Birdies for Charity.**

You also can donate online at: <https://birdiesforcharity.com/>

Bird # 2313

Deadline for contest entries:
June 27

• Donate directly to the GPSF



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You can donate any amount online using the QR code or website address on the left or by clipping the slip below and mailing it to the address at the bottom of this page. For donations of \$250 or above, please let us know if you would like to be recognized as an Elite Educator (see below).

What is a GPSF Elite Educator?

GPSF Elite Educators are donors who pledge \$250 or more in a calendar year. The GPSF is proud to spotlight our Elite Educators - either by name or anonymously - on our website and social media, in our fall newsletter (if received by September 30th), and at all GPSF events.



Elite Educator Donor Levels:

Elite Educator: \$250+	Gold Elite: \$3,000+
Bronze Elite: \$500+	Platinum Elite: \$5,000+
Silver Elite: \$1,000+	



Yes, I want to support the GPSF's innovative educational opportunities for District #205 students and staff!

Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference in education! The GPSF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

My gift: \$ _____ Please send me a tax receipt. *This is a memorial or honor donation. (see below)
 For donations of \$250 or more: The GPSF may recognize me as an Elite Educator, or I prefer to remain anonymous.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____
 I would like to receive future letters via email.

My gift will be matched by: _____ (company). Enclosed is my employer's matching gift form.

_____ Please contact me about including the GPSF in my will or estate planning.

* **Memorial and Honor Donations:** Please print the name of your loved one or honoree to be included on our website and in our fall newsletter. _____ **Memorial/In Honor** (circle one)

Please check this box if we may include your name with your loved one or honoree:

If you would like a letter of acknowledgement sent to the family or honoree, please also include their name and address.