



Galesburg Public Schools Foundation Annual Letter of Support

Spring 2024



Thanks to the generosity of community members, business owners, and GHS alumni, the GPSF has been able to support enriching educational opportunities in CUSD #205 since 1987! Over the past 10 years alone, we have granted almost \$300,000 to support a wide range of requests from educators, principals, and district administrators. GPSF funds have supported reading, writing, technology, the fine arts, physical education, accelerated learning, accessibility, and social/emotional learning. We also have granted funds to teachers to attend training events and have supported staff wellness programs.

Since January of 2023, we have supported CUSD #205 students and staff by providing funds for:

- ◆ Books for all CUSD #205 2nd grade students, Lombard Middle School 6th graders, and GHS Book Club
- ◆ Choose to Thrive in #205 (staff wellness event)
- ◆ Knox County IL CEO (student entrepreneurial program)
- ◆ Rachel's Challenge (anti-bullying program) at Lombard and GJSHS
- ◆ *Silas the Great House Cat* Visiting Author and Artist Program for grades K-6 (with free books for each school)



Next fall we will use funds raised with help from Choral Dynamics of Galesburg to bring **Matt Wilhelm** (BMX National Champion and Guinness World Record Holder) to King, Silas Willard, Steele, and Lombard. His story will encourage kindness and positivity and will show the important difference that one person can make. Thank you to Choral Dynamics of Galesburg for helping us raise funds to support anti-bullying programs and initiatives in CUSD #205 and to Mindi Ritchie, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Student Supports, for finding this important program and coordinating all of the logistics. *(Photo courtesy of mattwilhelm.com)*

I ACCEPT RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

1. LOOK FOR THE BEST IN OTHERS
2. CONTINUE TO DREAM
3. BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE
4. SPEAK AND ACT WITH KINDNESS
5. START YOUR OWN #CHAINREACTION

Rachel's Challenge

Image courtesy of Rachel's Challenge



Photo of 2nd grade students at Silas Willard Elementary courtesy of Stephanie Williams

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Elite Educators

are donors who pledge \$250 or more in a calendar year. The GPSF is proud to spotlight our Elite Educators on our website and social media, in our fall newsletter, and at all GPSF events.



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Save the Date for a “Super” GPSF Fundraiser!



February 8, 2025

Reserve Artisan Ales/The Vault

Time TBA

Watch our website and social media for more details.



•Steak Fry



•Guest Grillers



•Live Music



•Super Bowl Squares



•Silent Auction



•50/50 Raffle

Support Education in CUSD #205 Today

Donate Through the John Deere Classic



Bird # 2313

Deadline for
contest entries:
June 26

Enter the Contest: Donate online at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/> or use the enclosed form (whichever side you prefer), and **send it to the John Deere Classic** (not the GPSF) at the address provided on the form. The GPSF will receive the total amount of your donation plus a bonus of at least 5%.

If paying by check, please **address it to Birdies for Charity** (not the GPSF).

Buy Tickets: Use the following link or QR code to purchase your tickets. If you select the **Galesburg Public Schools Foundation**, the John Deere Classic will donate \$5 per ticket to the GPSF. Every little bit helps to make a big difference for students!

<https://jdclassic.spinzo.com/?group=charity-ticketing-challenge-wk8f&viewcode=t399pv7&fbclid=IwAR27zUA4ODcWDvH5s9nxYNs9idqWbQJbLm2TqBDzLiTwXUaiRLXSVVoXNa8>



Donate Directly to the GPSF

Complete the donation slip below and mail it in the enclosed envelope, or donate through our website (see front for website address and QR code).

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)

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.