

# 2013-2015 YEARS IN REVIEW

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## Engaged minds. Bright futures.

### Why We Exist:

Behind every community that enjoys a high quality of life is a highly rated school system. Good schools attract families and businesses that create a strong economic and cultural climate. In turn, well-educated students grow into leaders who maintain those standards for years to come.

### Who We Are, What We Do:

Since 1988, the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools has engaged parents, citizens, educators, civic and business leaders who share a common belief that a vibrant public school system is essential to the social and economic well-being of the community. Over the last decade, we have invested more than \$1,000,000 into our public schools through Classroom Grants, Activity Fee Scholarships, and special projects - positively impacting thousands of students.

### Mission Statement:

Preparing our students for success and the future through exceptional educational and extracurricular opportunities.

### Vision Statement:

Our programs help create equity for all students through access to teacher grants that enhance the classroom experience and for need-based scholarships that pay for fees and supplies for activities outside the classroom. We collaborate with education leaders and other community organizations to bring creative and innovative programming to Bend- La Pine Schools. Our efforts positively impact every student in the district.

## FY 2015-16 Board of Directors

The Foundation's Board of Directors is a dedicated group of community volunteers who generously give their time, talents and financial resources to further the mission of the organization. We are immensely grateful for their service.

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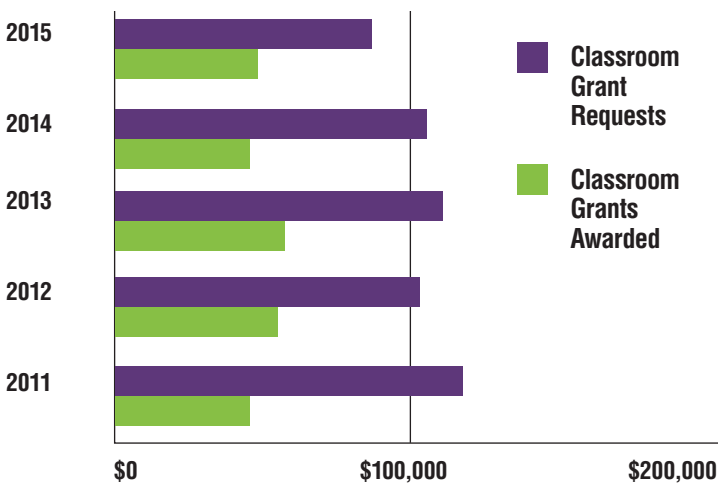
Heather Knox, Administrative Assistant



# Classroom Grants Program:

Classroom Grants provide valuable resources for our local public schools. On an annual basis, the foundation provides support to educators on a district-wide level for high impact, academically proven projects with solid implementation and evaluation plans. Funding priorities are:

- To provide tools for teachers, with an emphasis on technology and science
- To support art and music in classrooms
- To enhance community and parental volunteerism in our schools



# Volunteer

We invite you to become engaged in our cause. To learn more, call **541-355-5660!**

*“The goal of having students with intellectual disabilities learning how to become independent is my main goal. With the support of the Education Foundation I was able to see this happen through their support of our greenhouse. Students were caring for various plants and hanging baskets as a result of their financial support. This care will ultimately generalize to other areas in their lives. I love seeing the students faces as they discover that they can have in imprint upon the world that they live in and not have to live out their lives as young adults stuck with a disability.”*

—Robert Tadjiki, Life Skills Teacher, Bend Senior High School.

## Perseverance Awards

The Perseverance Awards is a relatively new and exciting program designed to rally community support to identify and recognize those students who have exhibited true perseverance – otherwise known as grit, determination, dedication, persistence – those traits that allow a young student in many instances to simply make it to high school graduation and to reward them for having plans for their future. These are children who, through no fault of their own, have dealt with being an emancipated minor, to dealing with the death of a parent or a drug-abusing parent, to overcoming a life-threatening disease or moving 30+ times or having to raise younger siblings. These skills are not traditionally celebrated, as they are much harder to recognize than getting an A on a test or winning a ball game.

The Education Foundation began this pilot program last year; the Perseverance Awards raises funds so that deserving students (nominated by their principal) can continue “training for their future” by attending college or a

trade school. Our goal is to be able to give Perseverance Awards to 20-25 students in the amount of \$2,000-\$3,500 each. Funds do not go directly to the student, but are issued to the appropriate college or trade school.

By Cheri Helt, Bend-La Pine School Board Member, Co-Owner Zydeco and Bistro 28, and former Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools Board Member





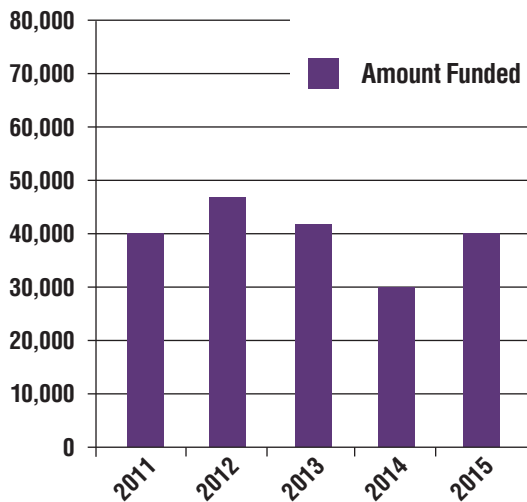
## Activity Fee Scholarship Program:

Since 2003, this program has benefited nearly 4,000 middle and high school youth in need by providing financial aid for participation fees associated with after-school sports. The foundation believes that student involvement in extracurricular programs is vital to a well-rounded educational experience, particularly given the evidence based benefits and the return to society.

In fact, according to a study about the After School Education & Safety Program Act of 2002, each dollar invested in an at-risk child yields a return ranging from \$9-\$13! And Fight Crime, Invest in Kids states "Quality after-school programs have been shown to decrease crime, drug use and teen pregnancy, and to increase high school graduation rates and college enrollment of the young people they serve. The after-school hours (3-6 PM) are the prime time for juvenile crime and other risky behaviors. After-school programs transform them into an opportunity for academic enrichment, safe fun and community service. . . It is crucial to invest wisely in our children and teens because each high-risk juvenile prevented from adopting a life of crime can save the country between \$1.7 million and \$2.3 million."

Eligibility for scholarship assistance is based on income guidelines associated with the Free & Reduced Meals Program, which serves 46% of all district students, though some schools exceed 80%. Students seeking financial aid should contact their school's athletic director, coach, or administration office.

### Activity Fee Scholarship



### Legacy Gifts: Planned Giving

Are you like many people and lack confidence in your estate plan? Do you have a plan? The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools will host an educational workshop in May 2016. The workshop will be facilitated by a practicing local estate planning attorney. Attendees will learn the Top 3 Unintended Consequences and Opportunities of Wills and Trusts. Please join our email list to be invited to this comfortable, obligation-free event. [Education.foundation@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:Education.foundation@bend.k12.or.us)

*"Students who participate in extracurricular activities see improvement in academic and life skills. They learn to manage their time, relieve stress and learn to strive for excellence in more than one thing. At Bend High we encourage all students to get involved in something within our school, be it drama, band, student council, our many clubs, or athletics, there is something for everyone. These extra-curricular activities supplement our academic programs and play a very important role in the development of the whole student. The education foundations activity fee scholarship helps afford students these opportunities for participation through financial assistance. In some cases, the activities or athletics the students are involved with keeps them coming through the doors. With this program helping keep the affordability for families at a manageable level and increasing the number of kids in the game we definitely see increased numbers of participants. Ultimately helping students discover that the lessons learned outside the classroom, on the fields and courts, in football, or chess club, help students develop traits and skills necessary to be productive members of our community."*

*—Dave Williams, Athletic Director,  
Bend Senior High School*

## In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences go out to the Wilson Family with the recent passing of Faith Wilson. Wallace and Faith Wilson have been longtime supporters of the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools with their endowment that benefits science programs at Pilot Butte Middle School. Their commitment to education has made a huge difference over the years for science teachers and their students.

## Community Events

### GALA AT THE RIVERHOUSE UPDATE - JANUARY 20, 2014

On January 20th, 2014, the 22nd Annual Gala at The Riverhouse, the annual fundraiser produced by The Riverhouse Hotel and the Central Oregon Visitors Association, raised just over \$284,000 to benefit The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools.

Nearly 500 attendees enjoyed a five-course gourmet dinner, bid on an exciting mix of silent auction items, entered raffles to win adventure sports equipment and one-of-a-kind jewelry and were entertained by the featured guest speaker: Gold Medal Olympian Ashton Eaton. Major sponsors included The Riverhouse, Central Oregon Visitors Association, Horizon Broadcasting Group, Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund, Bend Research and Earth20.



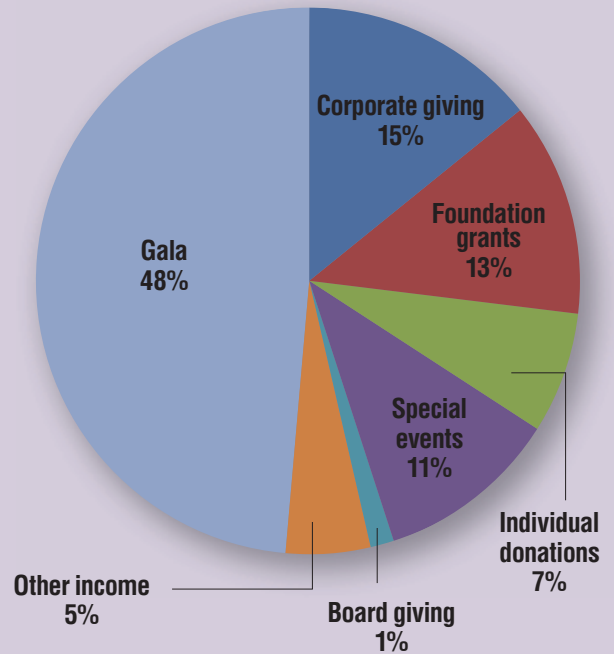
Proceeds from The Gala benefited the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools and established a lasting endowment that will provide athletic fee scholarships for deserving students for years to come. Since 2003, the Education Foundation's Activity Fee Scholarship Program has benefited nearly 4,000 students, including Ashton Eaton, by providing financial aid for participation fees associated with after school sports.

## FY 2013-2015 MEDIA PARTNERS

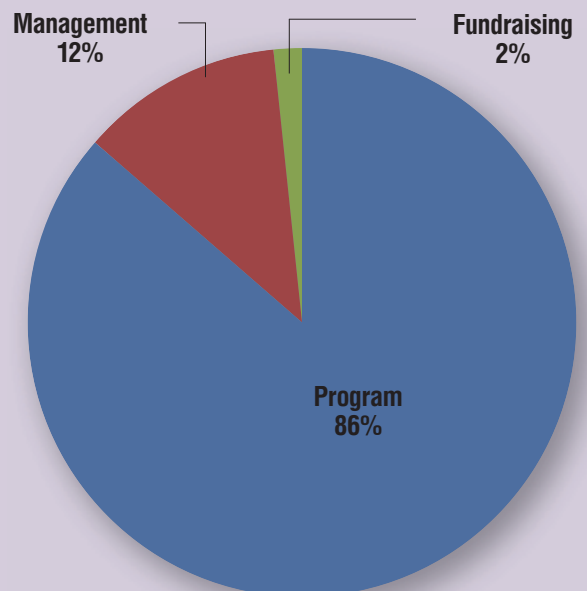
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## FY 2013-2015 Revenue Sources\*



## FY 2013-2015 Expenditures\*



\* Does not include revenue or expenditures associated with FAST.

WINTER 2013 & 2014

## Mt. Bachelor Ski for Schools

The annual Mt. Bachelor Ski for Schools programs in November and December 2013 & 2014 were a huge success! Spencer Weimar, Director of Sales and Reservations at Mt. Bachelor recently conveyed, Mt. Bachelor is excited to continue to partner with the Education Foundation for the 11th year of Ski for Schools. Through this partnership we can offer an incredible deal on lift tickets to our local community while helping students achieve success". Since the inception of this event, Mt. Bachelor has raised more than \$150,000! Many thanks to Mt. Bachelor for their continued support!

OCTOBER 2014

## Girls Night Out, Footzone

In the fall Footzone hosts a girls night full of goody bags filled with amazing swag, yummy treats to enjoy, free massages, and raffle tickets for Bend's best and most exciting raffle! This limited entry event sells out fast and 100% of the proceeds benefit the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools. Thank you to Footzone for another successful Girls Night Out.

MARCH 2014 & 2015

## Trivia Bee

The annual Education Foundation Trivia Bee was highly successful both years! This spirited competition brings together 49 teams, all vying for bragging rights as the masters of minutiae. Special thanks to last year's Title Sponsor, Earth2O and SGA, MODA and Scoreboard Sponsor, Bend Research (a division of Capsugel). More than \$40,000 was raised both years, largely in support of Classroom Grants.

FALL 2013 & 2014

## Principal of the Day

The Education Foundation sponsored this "friend" raiser in the Fall of 2013 & 2014. In previous years, local leaders have served as "honorary principals" at area schools to learn about the joys and challenges that our administrators face. The event concludes with a luncheon where then our Bend-La Pine Schools Superintendent Ron Wilkinson provides a "State of the District" report. Our next Principal of the Day with our new Superintendent, Shay Mikalson, will be Fall 2016, so stay tuned!

Many thanks to the many other businesses and community partners that sponsored the Education Foundation through successful Fundraising opportunities:

**10 Barrel Brewing**  
**Dutch Bros. Coffee**  
**Ghost Tree Invitational at Pronghorn**  
**Big Lava Concerts and Monqui Presents**

*Special thank you to the Clabough Foundation for their 2013-2014 Grants totaling \$10,000 Towards Classroom Grants Arts in Education for Bend-LaPine Schools.*

*Thanks also to the many donors who contributed in-kind gifts and services. We are also immensely grateful to the volunteers who generously donated their time and talent!*

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# Letter from the President:

It is an honor to fill the role as the current President of the Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools. The Foundation has been active since 1988 and countless community members have given of their time, energy, and talents to ensure the success of the students, teachers, and administrators that make our district "world class". Over the last decade, we have invested more than \$1,000,000 into our public schools through Classroom Grants, Activity Fee Scholarships, and special projects - positively impacting thousands of students. I have been a part of the board for the past six years and held the positions of secretary and allocations chair. As the current President I am committed to continuing the vision that the Foundation has established in Central Oregon. Our primary goals are:



- To continue to encourage creativity and innovation within our schools
- Increase engagement of community members as our volunteers and supporters
- Expand our individual giving program through enhanced public awareness of the Foundation in the community
- Partner with local businesses and individuals to secure adequate funds to continue to deliver effective programs in our School District

Thanks to community members such as yourself, we have been able to accomplish many of these goals, but there is still a great need to increase our financial impact in our schools. With your continued support we can make this happen.

Warm Regards,  
Odette Adair

*"No person was ever honored for what he received, honor has been the reward for what he gave"*  
—Calvin Coolidge 30th US President

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## Invest in Students. Support Our Future.

Today's students will become tomorrow's future leaders. In an increasingly competitive global economy, it is vital that we assume shared responsibility in educating our children, whether as parents, grandparents, citizens, corporate leaders, or government officials.

The Education Foundation for Bend-La Pine Schools enhances the great work of our entire district by investing in programs that are directly tied to student engagement and academic success. In addition, because economic disparity exists in our public schools, addressing equity is a priority of our nonprofit organization. Please support our mission and programs. On behalf of the more than 17,500 students in our district, THANK YOU!

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