

Foundation Focus

Newsletter of the Penn Manor Education Foundation
Fall 2016

Making families Strong & Healthy

Foundation's new initiative assists Penn Manor students, families in need

Penn Manor Education Foundation has established a new initiative called "Strong & Healthy Families" that provides grants to assist members of our community facing financial, physical and emotional difficulties.

"Strong Grants" will support existing Penn Manor programs such as the Family Fund, Power Packs and Aevidum and new initiatives to help students pay academic fees for college admissions and testing and offset the cost of uniforms and supplies for specialized career training programs.

Grants also will support efforts to improve literacy, increase affordable housing options and provide mental health awareness and training.

The first grant, totaling, \$5,000, provided uniforms and supplies for

PMEF Strong Grants will help pay for ...

- Penn Manor Family Fund household/personal supplies
- Housing, utility and food assistance for families in need
- SAT/AP/ACT test fees for students
- Uniforms and materials for Career & Technology students
- College application fees
- Mental health assistance and screenings
- Literacy program materials

21 Penn Manor High School students enrolled in Career & Technology Center programs. Uniforms and supplies can cost hundreds of dollars, and the expense was an obstacle for some Penn Manor families.

"This is the fourth year that the Penn Manor Family Fund has been providing financial assistance for students attending CTC programs, and each year, the number of students requesting assistance and the amount of assistance given has increased," said Deb Meckley, a Penn Manor social worker who oversees the

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Literacy a major focus of teacher Venture Grants

Laptops and computer tablets equipped with cutting-edge software are transforming modern classrooms, but sometimes, all a student needs to become engaged is a good book or magazine.

Penn Manor teachers haven't forgotten about that, and several of them are providing engaging new reading materials for their students with help from Penn Manor Education Foundation.

Students at Conestoga, Central Manor and Hambright elementary schools and Penn Manor High School have benefitted from new books and magazines, and Marticville Middle School used a grant to purchase copies of "Storm Watcher"



First-graders in Casie Saxton's Central Manor classroom enjoy their new books purchased with a Venture Grant.

for every student in the school.

All were purchased with Foundation Venture Grants to improve students' literacy skills.

At Penn Manor High School, the library added five new series of manga/graphic novel texts, which appeal to

many students who have a difficult time reading traditional books. French teacher Maureen Klingaman added French-language editions of "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" to her students' reading materials, and social

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Smith brings wealth of knowledge to board

Lifelong PM community member was secretary at Central Manor School

The Penn Manor Education Foundation is pleased to welcome Dianne Funk Smith, a true Penn Manor family member, to the board of directors.

Dianne comes to us after a casual conversation at the recent PMEF Retiree Breakfast with another board member about wanting to "give back" to the community during retirement. Dianne was invited to join the board, and she happily accepted.

Dianne is well known to many as the secretary at Central Manor Elementary School, a job she held for 34 years until her retirement last year.

She has spent her whole life in the Penn Manor community. After graduating from Penn Manor High School in 1972, she married her high school sweetheart, Barry Smith. They had three children, Kelly, Casey and Kevin, all of whom graduated from Penn Manor. Their seven grandchildren also graduated from, still attend or will attend Penn Manor schools.

A tragic automobile accident

took the life of Kevin in 2007. His passing inspired the Smiths' personal connection with the Education Foundation through a scholarship established in his memory. The Kevin B. Smith Memorial Award is intended for, but not limited to, a Penn Manor graduate whose goal is to work in a trade.

Dianne says her desire to give back to the community is all about people and relationships, and she wants PMEF scholarship recipients to know that the awards are named after people who were very important in the lives of others.

Now that Dianne and Barry are both retired, they're enjoying their free time.

The Smiths can spend extra time at the beach in Ocean City, New Jersey, or at the cabin in Juniata County. They can babysit the "grands" and the "greats" when needed. And they can volunteer more at their church, Central Manor Church of God.

As the school secretary at Central Manor, Dianne witnessed firsthand the benefits of the Venture Grants awarded to teachers and how money donated to PMEF comes directly back to the classrooms.

On the Foundation board, Dianne



Dianne Smith

has volunteered to co-chair two committees: Scholarship, with Paula Howard; and Strong & Healthy Families, with Nicki Nafziger. Both of these committees fulfill Dianne's desire to make her volunteer work personal.

Dianne Smith is eager to contribute what she can to the Foundation's effort to make things better for Penn Manor students and families.

Welcome, Dianne!

Thanks, Don, for your many years of service

After 18-plus years as a member of the board of directors, Don Martin has stepped down from the Penn Manor Education Foundation after generously giving of his time and financial support to our Penn Manor community.

Don was the last of PMEF's founding members to serve on the board since the Foundation began in 1997. He is credited with starting and chairing the Annual Fundraising Dinner, which over the past 15 years has raised more than \$200,000.

While serving as PMEF board president, Don oversaw the successful kickoff of the \$1 million Founding Friends Named Endowment program and was instrumental in securing several endowments. He and his family also provide for an annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior.

A 1972 graduate of Penn Manor, Don



Don Martin, upper right, with his wife, Sue, and family.

and his wife Sue (also a '72 Penn Manor grad) have three children — twins Adam and Katie, age 34, and daughter Laura, 30, married to Derek Nord — and a granddaughter, Harley

PMEF thanks Don for his longtime commitment and generosity.

Literacy

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studies teacher Cynthia Lonergan purchased subscriptions to current events magazines.

Grants also paid for magazine subscriptions at Central Manor and Conestoga elementary schools.

"The Venture Grant was awesome," said teacher Heather Piatt, who was able to provide Time for Kids magazines for the entire Central Manor fourth grade. "The students loved the high-interest current event stories and were able to make so many real-life connections."

Hambright Elementary teacher Brandy Smith used her grant to buy sets of nonfiction books to supplement the new science and social studies curriculum for third-graders.

"We read one about bees last May that talks about how important bees are to the food supply," she recalled. "One of my students was so inspired she went home and made 'Save the Bees' signs for the windows of her house and front yard."

In all, a dozen Venture Grants totaling more than \$6,000 helped place more reading materials into students' hands.

2016 PMEF Scholarship/Award Recipients

Penn Manor Education Foundation awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to the Penn Manor High School Class of 2016 in May. Many thanks to the individuals, families and community organizations that funded the majority of theses awards. Over the years, the Foundation has given nearly \$600,000 in scholarships and awards to deserving Penn Manor students.

Scholarship/Award

Rachel E. Miller Memorial Scholarship Jerry Darrenkamp Memorial Scholarship

Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship

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Family Fund.

Helping students obtain marketable skills through the CTC "is a very effective strategy in breaking the cycle of poverty for economically disadvantaged students," Meckley said.

The Family Fund also assists students and families in other ways by providing gift cards for food and gas, rent assistance, heat and electricity assistance, credit recovery courses for high school students, graduation gowns and clothing.

The Strong & Healthy initiative was seeded with a \$25,000 contribution from PMEF and additional donations of about \$12,000.

The program is in response to the increasing needs of families in the Penn Manor community, where more than 40 percent of all students now qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

The PMEF board will review proposals submitted for Strong Grants to determine which receive funding. The board also will be able to respond to immediate needs that may arise in the community.

Penn Manor community members can support Strong & Healthy Families by contributing to the PMEF general fund.

We are proud to add this new initiative!



Mother Nature provided ideal conditions for the June 14 PMEF Golf Scramble.

Tremendous community support



Retirees enjoy the annual breakfast, held May 3 in the high school cafeteria.



Supporters contributed a record amount at PMEF's Annual Dinner Sept. 18.

The Penn Manor community has truly gone "above and beyond" this year in supporting Penn Manor Education Foundation.

Our annual dinner and employee payroll contribution programs raised a combined \$40,000, setting new records, and our generous PMEF Golf Scramble sponsors and patrons contributed nearly \$10,000 in support of our programs.

In addition, our outreach to community members and retirees has netted nearly \$36,000, a number that is still growing.

"These record giving amounts are humbling to a small community-based organization," said Anne Kinderwater Carroll, PMEF executive director.

"As we enter our 20th year as an established 501(c)3 organization, we continue to strengthen community outreach and tell our Penn Manor story — and yours!"

"We thank you for helping the Foundation expand its efforts to fulfill our pledge to provide rich opportunities for Penn Manor students and secure a better community for everyone."

Join us for an Extraordinary Give Happy Hour at Spring House

Penn Manor Education Foundation is participating in the Extraordinary Give, a 24-hour online fundraising marathon, on Friday, November 18.

Last year, our generous donors contributed more than \$6,700 to the



Foundation during this day-long event – an increase of \$1,600 over our inaugural year!

This year, we will be holding an

Extra Give Happy Hour at Spring House Brewing, 209 Hazel St., Lancaster, from 5 to 7 p.m. November 18. Participants can make a donation on the spot while enjoying some great locally crafted beer and food.

A \$25 contribution can fund library materials to inspire young learners; a \$100 gift can help fund a Strong & Healthy Families grant; a \$500 gift can pay for a scholarship for a graduating Penn Manor senior.

In addition to accepting donations from individuals, PMEF will be eligible



for a share of \$300,000 in incentive prizes offered to participating Extra Give organizations.

So join the fun November 18 and help make a difference in our community by participating in the 2016 Extraordinary Give!

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Thank you for your recent contributions!

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Grant funds 'maker spaces' for elementary students

Focus is on creativity, collaboration and STEM

All Penn Manor elementary schools have a recess period each day when students can exercise their bodies. Now, students have a period for exercising their brains, as well.

The district's seven elementary schools have transformed their libraries into "maker spaces" to foster exploration, creativity and collaboration during Flex period, which occurs once every four days.



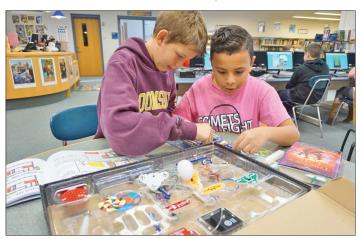
Students in grades one through six work with their peers in small groups to build gravity mazes, magnetic towers, solar race cars and battery-powered copters, alarms, radios and other devices linked with circuits.

There is no set curriculum, and students are encouraged to experiment and take chances.

The age-appropriate materials, purchased with a \$3,100 grant from PMEF, are designed to help students develop fine motor skills and spatial reasoning. Flex also introduces students to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts.

"The goal is to provide students with opportunities to explore their interests and try something new," said Dr. Jerry Egan, assistant superintendent for elementary education.

The maker space Flex period has been a big hit with students.



Letort Elementary students, above and below left, connect circuits to create battery-powered devices and build magnetic towers during Flex period.

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