



Foundation Focus

Penn Manor Education Foundation Newsletter

2017-2018

Students join forces to create toys for hospital

Special education, technology students collaborate on designs for children

Penn Manor High School students recently made a special delivery to children at Pediatric Specialty Care Hospital – a collection of colorful toys they designed and built in an unusual collaboration between students who normally would not work together.

The Pediatric Toy



Project paired students in a technology/applied engineering course with learning support students for an opportunity to create toys to benefit children with significant medical challenges.

Working in teams, the Materials Design students shared their design and building knowledge with their peers to create safe, colorful, stimulating toys based on guidelines provided by the hospital, which sent a representative to meet with the students during the design phase.

The building materials mostly included plywood and Plexiglas that was purchased with a \$500 Venture Grant from Penn Manor Education



Students work on their toy designs, at left, and present the finished products at Pediatric Specialty Care Hospital, above.

Foundation.

The toys had to use nontoxic materials and include no sharp edges, with

soft-close lids and other safety features. They also needed to be stimulating to

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Members of the Samaritan Counseling Center staff provide mental health screenings to all Penn Manor High School freshmen.

PMEF supports TeenHope counseling

Penn Manor Education Foundation is a proud supporter of Samaritan Counseling Center's TeenHope program, which provides emotional wellness screenings to all ninth-graders at Penn Manor High School.

The program, which just completed its fifth year, screens students for depression, anxiety and other emotional concerns to identify teens who could benefit from further evaluation and treatment.

The program has fostered a culture in which mental health issues are openly discussed in a supportive environment.

PMEF awarded a \$1,000 grant to Samaritan this past year under the Strong & Healthy Families program in support of TeenHope.

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Recognition Gifts

Recent gifts given in honor of or in memory of the following individuals

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PMEF welcomes new executive director, three volunteer board members

PMEF has welcomed a new executive director and added three new volunteer board members in recent months.

Jan Mindish, a longtime presence in Penn Manor schools, was named director in January after serving as a PMEF board member.



Jan Mindish

The retired Penn Manor teacher and principal replaced Anne Kinderwater Carroll, who stepped down after heading the organization for 3 1/2 years.

Jan began her career in 1972 as an elementary art teacher and spent 37 years with Penn Manor School District as an art and photography teacher, assistant principal and high school principal, retiring in 2009.

She also has been a longtime volunteer with Penn Manor's Alternative Education Program, working with high school ESL students on art projects and advising students on writing college essays.

In addition, Jan served on the PMEF board from 2010 to 2016 and returned to the board late last year before accepting the director's position.

Kathy Fish

Kathy Fish, a proud Penn Manor parent and grandparent, joined the Education Foundation board of directors in March.

Kathy is director of endowment operations at Franklin & Marshall College, where she manages operational aspects of the college's \$300 million

endowment.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to serve on the board and give back to the district that I was most fortunate to have available to my three children for their entire K-12 school years," Kathy said.

Sons Tom and Mike graduated in 1997 and '99, respectively, and daughter Jennifer graduated with the Class of 2002. Two of Kathy's grandchildren—Wes and Samantha—now attend Central Manor Elementary, and two more—Allie and Zach—will enroll in 2019.

Kathy has a bachelor's degree in education from Millersville University and an associate's degree in business administration from Bucks County Community College. She has held various positions at F&M since 1993, including business office manager and student loan coordinator.

She lives in Penn Manor with her daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Chris Lilley, and their two children.

Barbara St. John

Barbara St. John spent 29 years with Penn Manor as a teacher at elementary and middle schools, most recently at Eshleman Elementary, until retiring in 2015.



Barb St. John

She joined the PMEF board in July.

A native of Lewistown, Barb lives in Millersville. Her daughter, Kelly, is a 2014 Penn Manor graduate who is earning her master's degree in health promotion.

Barb is excited to join the



Kathy Fish (seated) with her Penn Manor Proud family

PMEF board to give back after having received several classroom Venture Grants over the years as a teacher. She also is thrilled to be able to stay connected and work with the Penn Manor Community.

After retirement, Barb spent a year as a computer lab assistant in Lampeter-Strasburg School District, worked as a customer service representative for printing services at Weaver Associates Inc., and returned to education as a substitute teacher at Hempfield School District.

Barb sings in the contemporary worship service at her church, volunteers with the Anchorage Breakfast Ministry, and serves on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

In her spare time, Barb enjoys scrapbooking, crocheting, reading, kayaking and camping.

Rich Myers

Rich Myers was appointed

to the board in December.

A 1963 Penn Manor graduate, he earned a bachelor's degree in history from the University of



Rich Myers

Louisville. Rich spent 35 years with the U.S. Navy – 20 years as an active-duty naval officer and 15 years as a civilian working for the Navy Department in Washington, D.C.

After retirement, he returned to Lancaster County in 2017.

Rich is an avid reader of history, enjoys travel and boating and has been a citizen lobbyist on several state and federal issues.

He says he wanted to serve on the PMEF board to repay Penn Manor School District for the quality education and wholesome experience he had in the district.

Introducing our board leadership team

PMEF's board leadership team for 2018-2019 includes three Penn Manor alumni and a longtime Penn Manor teacher. Clockwise from top left, are Carole Shellenberger, secretary; Rich Myers (Class of '63), vice president; Don Mowery (Class of '96), treasurer; and Tracy (Griel) Seiger (Class of '86), president.

We're in good hands!



Class of 2018 PMEF scholarship/award recipients

Thanks to our generous contributors, Penn Manor Education Foundation was able to award more than \$61,000 in scholarships and other awards to 47 deserving Penn Manor seniors this year!

Members of the Class of 2018 received six new scholarships established over the past year. The total number and dollar amount of awards are the largest in the Foundation's history, and we couldn't have done it without the generous support of community members.

If you would like to establish a scholarship to honor a loved one, teacher or other individual, please contact PMEF Executive Director Jan Mindish at pmef2@pennmanor.net.



<u>Scholarship/Award</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Intended College</u>
Rachel E. Miller Memorial Scholarship	Tiana Ferko	St. Joseph University
Jerry Darrenkamp Memorial Scholarship	Jonathan Flatley	Penn State University
*Betty Doan Memorial Scholarship	Anne Schoelkopf	Roanoke College
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Brereton Manor Scholarship	Brooke Spezialetti	Alvernia College
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*Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Hannah Mader	New York University
*Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Debora Perez	PA College of Health Sciences
*Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Mikiah Sangrey	Lebanon Valley College
*Mrs. Abner Houseknecht Memorial Scholarship	Jane Tumanga	George Washington University
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*PMAA Dr. D. L. Biemesderfer Award (valedictorian)	Nicholas Fafel	University of Delaware
*PMAA Mary Klemmer Award (salutatorian)	Joshua Adams	Penn State University
*William H. Duncan Jr. Memorial Scholarship	Katherina Vanatta	Millersville University
Donald Wade Woodward Memorial Scholarship	Cole Heckaman	Franklin & Marshall College
Hans H. Haverstick Scholarship	Conner Braun	University of Pittsburgh
Hans H. Haverstick Scholarship	Jenna Mylin	Entering workforce
*Abram & Dorothy Sangrey Memorial Scholarship	Veronica Cazillo	Harrisburg Area Community College
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*Capt. Ed Davis Memorial Award	Cade Braas	University of Pittsburgh
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Stella Caldwell Memorial Scholarship	Sydney Lechlitter	University of Vermont
*Kim Wells Scholarship	Nicholas Fafel	University of Delaware
*Kim Wells Scholarship	Danielle Heisey	Thomas Jefferson University
*Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Raj Bhattarai	Millersville University
*Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Ebenezer Bongweli	Lancaster Bible College
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Bahu Chauwan	Harrisburg Area Community College
Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarship	Alexis Hemmerly	James Madison University
Jere Hoin Scholarship	Allison Hege	Lebanon Valley College
Christopher Johnson Memorial Scholarship	MacKenzie Lewis	Kutztown University
Donald Pollock Scholarship	Martin Zavadan	Millersville University
Patricia A. Texter Scholarship	Emma Warfel	Mansfield University

Scholarships assist two students from Nepal

No two students are alike. They have varied talents and interests, and when they're passionate about something, they can accomplish amazing things.

Students also can experience very different challenges in arriving at graduation.

Two recipients of Penn Manor Education Foundation scholarships this year are examples of the diversity of the students impacted by the education they receive at Penn Manor and the financial support PMEF provides so they can continue their education.

Raj Bhattarai and Bahu Chauhan both received Dr. Jan Mindish Scholarships to support them as they begin the next steps in a journey that began in Nepal.

Raj came to America in 2014, attending McCaskey High School before transferring to Penn Manor in January 2017.

He worked hard to be a top student in the electro-

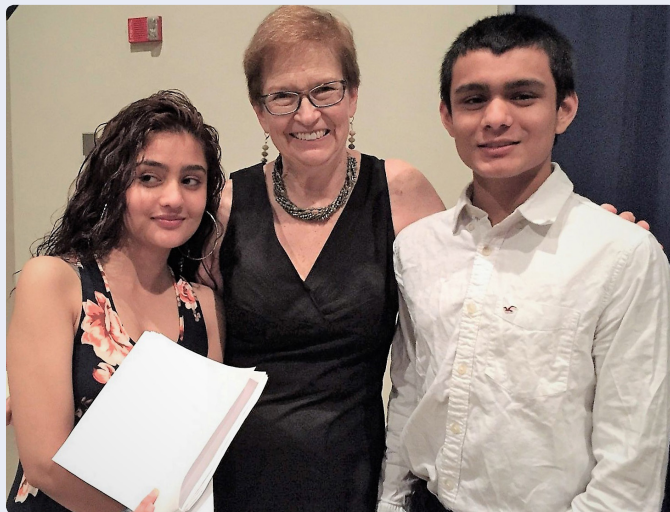
mechanical engineering program at Mount Joy Career & Technology Center, where he had perfect attendance and was on the National Technical Honor Society and Distinguished Honor Roll.

Raj was named Outstanding Student in his program and received the Inspirational Student award from the faculty.

In addition to developing his job skills, Raj says he has "learned to be an independent person who doesn't give up easily and learns from his mistakes."

Bahu's journey began in a refugee camp in Nepal, where she collected sticks and bottles from the trash to buy pencils and erasers to use for her schoolwork.

After arriving in the United States in 2010, she struggled with the language, but worked through the challenges, graduating at the top of her class in the nursing assistant program at Brownstown



Jan Mindish with Bahu Chauhan, left, and Raj Bhattarai.

Career & Technology Center.

Bahu believes it is her responsibility to "make something of herself and use the opportunities she's been given to make an impact for others."

"I plan to dedicate myself to learning and furthering my education because not

many people from my home country have the opportunity to go to college," she said.

Bahu will begin attending Harrisburg Area Community College to pursue a medical career. Raj plans to attend Millersville University.

We are proud of these deserving students!

Scholarship/Award

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Advancing learning for all students

Penn Manor students designed and built children's toys, planted vegetable gardens at their schools and improved their musical skills with electronic "tutors," thanks to Venture Grants awarded this past year by Penn Manor Education Foundation.

The Foundation awarded 52 grants totaling nearly \$50,000 to 47 teachers – all record numbers. The projects covered a wide range, from \$38 for plant mazes for second-graders at Central Manor Elementary School to \$4,800 for toolboxes for Penn Manor High School Agricultural Mechanics students.

The grants also funded books, news magazines, light tables, field trips, digital photography equipment, therapeutic games and mindfulness training sessions.

Manor Middle School received a \$2,000 grant for training a therapy dog, Wrangler, to help calm students in distress. And the district's counseling department received a \$2,500 grant to implement mental health programs.

In all, the grants enhanced the school climate and learning experience for hundreds of students at all 10 Penn Manor schools.

Here are highlights of this year's projects:

LEGO Bricks and Physical Science, Marticville

The grant paid for 15 sets of Lego simple and powered machine sets to be used in science classes. The kits will provide a hands-on opportunity for students to learn how simple machines can affect the energy and force needed to complete a task.

Teaching with SmartMusic HS/Marticville/Manor

The music department purchased software that enables students to use their laptop computers to record, practice and evaluate music as they play their instruments, providing immediate feedback from an electronic "tutor."



Making Physics for Everyone, Penn Manor HS

The grant funded sensory equipment and software to be used in science labs to study momentum, energy and conservation properties. The materials will enable more hands-on experimentation and data collection in Physics, Forensics and Principles of Science classes.

Enhanced Lab Equipment for Biology, HS

The grant was used to purchase electronic balances, hot plates and magnetic stirrers to be used in biology labs to enable more students to study enzyme activity in fruit, chemical reactions and other STEM-based lab exercises.

Science Classroom Manipulatives, HS

The grant paid for prepared slides of human tissues that will enable the biology department to offer a more diverse microbiology curriculum that includes current research in the field of biology.

Pediatric Toy Design, HS

The grant funded materials for a collaborative project involving Materials Design and Learning Support students, who designed, tested and built toys tailored to the needs of

pediatric hospital patients. Students also delivered the toys to the children.

Resident Therapy Dog Manor Middle School

The grant funded formal training for Wrangler, a therapy dog that is assigned to the middle school to assist students throughout the day. Wrangler is owned by the school counselor and helps calm students experiencing, anxiety, anger and other emotional challenges.



Electronic Percussion Project, PMHS

The grant paid for an electronic drum sampling pad to be used in place of other instruments, including timpani, drums and chimes, to serve as a musical "Swiss Army knife" for music classes and marching band and percussion ensemble performances.

Opportunity for Live Theater, Central Manor

The grant funded an educational field trip to Lancaster City historic sites and a theater production at the Fulton Opera House, a National Historic Landmark. Many students who attend this Title I school would not otherwise get this opportunity.

Community Garden Extension Project, Central Manor

The grant paid for a series of activities throughout the year to expose students to hands-on science lessons through gardening. Activities included a fall garden cleanup project, spring planting, late spring harvest and after-school gardening programs.



Re-Establishing a Community Garden, Conestoga

The grant funded materials and expertise to rebuild the school's community garden, which was lost to a reconstruction project in the 2016-2017 school year. The grant also supported establishing a cafeteria waste composting project at the school.

Supporting Students with Mental Health Concerns Manor Middle School

The grant funded "calming tools" designed to help teach students experiencing emotional difficulties to self-regulate their emotions. The materials include mindful games, therapeutic coloring books, fidget toys, therapy putty and tablets equipped with calming apps.

Sensory Materials, Conestoga

The grant funded a collection of sensory materials for use by students struggling with sensory stimulation issues, including a growing number of pupils on the autism spectrum. The materials include squeeze toys, stress balls, weight lap pads, balance seats, isolation headphones and other devices designed to calm students.

Venture Grant projects for 2017-2018

Nook Reading Resources, Conestoga Elementary

The grant enabled the school to add 10 Nook tablets, which were loaded with books (both guided reading and pleasure titles) to help special-education students practice their reading. The goal was to better integrate the students into regular-education classrooms.

Learning with Happy Atoms Manor Middle School

The grant funded Happy Atoms, a digital and physical chemistry set that allows students to visualize complex molecules. Students will build single and double bonds and free electrons using magnetized parts and compare them to digital representations of atoms and molecules.



Light Tables to Enhance Kindergarten Classes, Eshleman

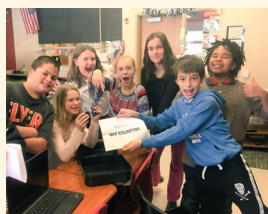
Light tables were added to kindergarten classrooms for students to use while practicing letter formation, sight words, math skills, measurement and geometric shapes.

Wellness Works in Schools, HS

The grant funded workshops for special-education and gifted students with academic and behavioral needs on mindful awareness skills and self-regulation strategies. Students focus on emotions, intentions, personal goals, resiliency and problem-solving skills to help them better handle their personal challenges at home and in school, work and community settings.

Breakout EDU Kits Hambright, Manor and Marticville

Several Breakout EDU Kits were purchased for use in classrooms and libraries. The kits encourage students to problem-solve in ways that encourage movement, collaboration, self-regulation, conflict resolution and critical thinking.



Education on the Move, Eshleman

The grant funded a collection of manipulatives for students to use to incorporate more movement into classroom instruction. The materials include agility ladders, jump ropes, beach balls, poly spots, bean bags, buckets, playing cards and other items to be used on all grade levels.

A Novel Idea, Central Manor

Novels and teacher manuals were purchased to enhance the sixth-grade curriculum.

STEM in the Library, Penn Manor High School

The grant paid for makerspace materials, including programmable robots, building materials and a drone, for use by students in the high school library. Students work at their own pace or in collaboration with others to achieve project objectives.

Transforming Independent Reading, Hambright

The grant funded an expanded collection of books for four sixth-grade classes to encourage independent reading.

Connecting Content and Literature, Hambright

Nonfiction books were purchased for kindergarten students on such topics as citizenship, family, neighborhoods and the sciences.

Operation Digital Professional Art Production Suite, HS

The grant funded professional-quality digital cameras, printers and software to support updates in the curriculum for photography and commercial art classes, expanding opportunities for students to utilize digital resources.



Multi-Tiered System of Support in the Classroom Letort/Central Manor

The grants paid for student practice materials and software to help students enhance their independent math skills.

Time for Kids Subscriptions, Conestoga

Subscriptions to print news magazines, digital and video materials were purchased for 180 students in grades 1, 4, 5 and 6.

Penn State University Sea, Air and Land Challenge, HS

The grant paid for materials and fees for a team of students to enter the competition, which challenged them to design, build and operate a drone programmed to perform specific tasks that replicate a real-world response to emergency situations.

Kindergarten Chair Pockets, Conestoga

The grant funded storage pockets that are attached to desks to help students become better organized.

Flexible Seating Hambright /Conestoga

The grants funded exercise balls, an Adirondack chair, camp chair, wobble cushion, yoga mat and other alternative seating materials for second- and third-grade classrooms. The chairs provide options for students who have difficulty sitting still.



Social/Emotional Programs to Support Student Mental Health, districtwide

The grant funded workshops for students on all grade levels on making positive choices, stress and anger management, online safety and other topics.

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Foundation, Alumni Association partner to increase opportunities for students

PMEF is now working with the Penn Manor Alumni Association to increase networking opportunities for our alumni while broadening the Foundation's outreach in the community.

PMEF board members who are also Penn Manor alumni have volunteered to serve on an alumni committee with current PMAA leaders.

Their first collaborative project will be building a database of local businesses willing to host Penn Manor High School students for internships, service learning or career shadowing experiences. PMAA and PMEF will work together to identify businesses and develop contacts so high school staff can match students with placements in the community.

The two organizations also will work together on a fundraiser, to be held in January 2019, to support PMEF's Strong & Healthy Families program.

Alumni are invited to join us at the combined alumni committee meetings, held



Foundation board members who also are PMHS alumni include, from left (front row) Pat Kline, Eric Warfel and Tracy Seiger and (back row) Dianne Smith, Jan Mindish (honorary alumna) and Nicki Nafziger.

bi-monthly at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at local Penn Manor businesses. Upcoming meetings:

- September 12 at The Barn Door
- November 14 at House of Pizza
- February 13 at Lucky Dog
- April 10, 2019 at Nino's.

Director's message

I was honored to be asked to assume the role of PMEF Executive Director. Having previously served on the board for six years, I was well aware of the positive impact PMEF has on PMSD programs and students.

In 1972, when I was hired as an elementary art teacher at Penn Manor, it was a rural district that quietly did a good job educating students but did not draw much attention.



Jan Mindish

In the last five decades, Penn Manor School District has continued to benefit from a positive school board, strong administrative leadership, an amazing staff, great students and a supportive community. Today, we are no longer the best-kept secret in Lancaster County.

U.S. News & World Report has listed Penn Manor High School as the top school in Lancaster County for the past four years. Its Best High Schools ranking factors in test scores, graduation rates and college readiness.

We're still a mostly rural community but with changing demographics: nearly 40 percent of our students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, 62 homeless students attended our schools last year, and the number of English Literacy Development students joining us from other countries continues to grow.

What allows Penn Manor to excel are the efforts of our committed and caring staff to level the playing field and raise standards for all students. They have accomplished that with limited district resources and increasing support of community organizations such as PMEF. This issue of the Foundation Focus shares some of those stories.

In this first annual newsletter, we thank our many supporters in our Donor Recognition pages, covering July 1, 2017, through June 30,

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Our Legacy Supporters

This is one of a series of articles about individuals and families who have generously pledged to support the Foundation through Legacy Giving.

Leaving a legacy donation to PMEF makes perfect sense because the Penn Manor School District has been an integral part of both of our families. We graduated from Penn Manor in 1984, and we both have parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, and, of course, three children who are alumni.

Our family – the Kirks, the Funks and the Stachitases – all benefited from the strong foundation that Penn Manor provided.

For the past nine years, Kathy has taught in the district, currently at Manor Middle. She is honored to work and live in the Penn Manor community. Our schools are extremely well run, and Penn Manor is a caring district full of dedicated



Kathy, Anna Katherine & Jeff Kirk

professionals.

Penn Manor Education Foundation supports our teachers through Venture Grants, along with the Strong & Healthy Families Fund to help meet some of the basic needs of our students. The Foundation sponsors scholarships to honor outstanding seniors of high achievement and character.

We could not be more excited to witness the work PMEF does as a partner to our district. It is our pleasure to include PMEF in our estate plan to assist in its mission for this community.

– Jeff Kirk

In addition to the Kirks, our Legacy supporters include:

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For information about the Legacy Giving program, please contact Don Stewart at fangstew@comcast.net.



You're invited to our annual dinner Sept. 16

Please join us at our Annual Dinner Sept. 16 at Drumore Estate as we celebrate our 21st year of assisting and enriching Penn Manor students, teachers and families!

Enjoy breathtaking views and a lively social atmosphere, with incredible gifting opportunities.

Upon arrival at Drumore Estate, you will stroll through the beautiful gardens while enjoying refreshments and hors d'oeuvres as you are serenaded by teachers from Penn Manor's music department.

Stroll through the auctions as you prepare to bid on your favorites.

Meet under the main event tent to savor a delicious dinner while learning how your commitment has helped Penn Manor students and families.

Finally, dance the night away with a live music performance by Ghost Light Radio Show. The event runs from 5 to 10 p.m.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com under "Penn Manor."



Drumore Estate

Our 2017-2018 fiscal year, by the numbers

Because of the generosity of the Penn Manor community, businesses and district employees, PMEF was able to distribute over

\$136,000 in the form of teacher Venture Grants, Strong & Healthy Families Grants and student scholarships in 2017-2018.

Revenue (rounded in hundreds)

Extraordinary Give	\$ 13,400
Community Giving	\$ 20,800
District Employees	\$ 17,400
Annual Fundraising Dinner	\$ 12,100
Charity Golf Scramble	\$ 11,100
Board Curricular Giving	\$ 2,000
Targeted Giving	\$ 600
Strong & Healthy Families	\$ 22,100
EITC	\$ 28,500
Endowed Scholarship Giving	\$ 64,300
Annual Scholarship Giving	\$ 52,000

Total Revenue: \$ 244,300

Expenses/Giving (rounded in hundreds)

Teacher Venture Grants general	\$ 17,600
Teacher Venture Grants (EITC)	\$ 22,800
Board Curricular Grants	\$ 9,700
Strong & Healthy Grants	\$ 20,800
Endowed Scholarships	\$ 19,500
Annual Scholarships	\$ 45,700
Executive Director Stipend	\$ 10,200
Bookkeeping	\$ 5,400
Insurance	\$ 1,700
Accounting	\$ 5,800
Printing & Postage	\$ 4,800
Promotions/Advertising	\$ 5,300
Total Expenses/Giving	\$ 169,300

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2018, donations. This listing includes our EITC sponsors, business and organization partners, memorial gifts, and individual donors.

These nearly 800 individuals include school district employees, retirees, alumni and community members. You'll also find a listing of our Legacy supporters and scholarship sponsors. This year's Annual Campaign began in July, and these donors will be recognized in the 2019 Annual Newsletter.

What does PMEF do with the funds we raise? More than \$130,000 was given to students, teachers and programs last year. Over \$60,000 was in the form of scholarships to 47 seniors.

In this issue, you can read about our new scholarship sponsors and view highlights of projects funded

by over \$50,000 in Venture Grants to teachers. Read stories of how small grants provided meaningful learning opportunities for students because their teachers applied for funding for their ideas.

Learn how more than \$20,000 in Strong & Healthy Family grants, such as the Literacy Outreach program, support our neediest students.

A recent initiative involves PMEF working with Penn Manor's Alumni Association on projects that strengthen our outreach efforts.

The Penn Manor Education Foundation is proud to play a role in supporting PMSD and its students. We look forward to the continued support of our alumni, staff, retirees, businesses and community in maintaining Penn Manor's No. 1 status.

Thank You!

— **Dr. Jan Mindish**
Executive Director

Venture Grants 2017-2018

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Multicultural Day Penn Manor HS

The grant provided food and supplies for Multicultural Day, an event that celebrates the diverse backgrounds of students attending the high school.



Camden Adventure Aquarium, HS

The grant funded a field trip to Camden Adventure Aquarium and a science careers presentation for 40 students.

Shredding Work Crew Equipment, HS

The grant paid for a paper shredder to be used in the recycling program run by students in the Life Skills/School to Work Program.

French Readers, HS

A "starter library" of French children's books, readers and teen novels was established for students studying French.

Plumbing Project Improvement, HS Ag Department

Pex tubing materials and tools were purchased to upgrade the agricultural education plumbing curriculum.

Gettysburg Field Trip Manor Middle School

Eighth-graders with a strong interest in history toured Gettysburg National Military Park during a grant-funded trip.



Book Scavenger – Bigger and Better, Marticville

Students selected, purchased and read books and created "trailers" promoting the books to their peers to encourage independent reading. The grant provided funds for each student to purchase a book.

PMEF adds seven new scholarships this year

At the 2018 Penn Manor Senior Awards ceremony, PMEF was proud to present 43 different scholarships representing 60 individual student awards.

We make a conscious effort to provide funding to as many different students as we can with our awards so more students receive encouragement to continue their education.

One group of PMEF scholarships represents the connection to our community supporters. These awards are funded by community members and businesses committed to investing in the future of Penn Manor graduates.

Other scholarships have been created by or in honor of alumni, staff and members of the Penn Manor community.

The final group of scholarships includes those given in memory of Penn Manor students who we have lost. These awards were established to honor the legacy of the students.

Thanks to the generosity of community members, the Foundation was able to establish the following new scholarships in the past year, plus a new one for 2019.

Geist Family Citizenship Award

A \$500 award given to a model citizen who is a positive influence and shows empathy for others, this scholarship was established by Frank (Class of '63) and his



The Geist family

wife, Joyce, parents to three PM grads – Greg, Steve and Julianne.

Beverly Longenecker Scholarship

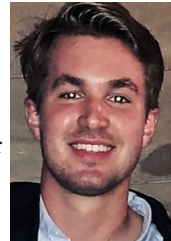


Bev Longenecker

Bev, a well-loved and well-respected middle school teacher at Penn Manor, funded this \$500 award for a student who demonstrates making positive choices and has a plan for the future.

Mark Dano Scholarship

Mark, a member of the Penn Manor Class of 2013, funded this \$500 award for a student who plans to major in engineering or a related field.



Mark Dano

Michelle Blazic Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 award for a student who overcame a family struggle or adversity was sponsored by Penn Manor psychology teacher Maria Vita in memory of Michelle (Berkey) Blazic, a 1986 graduate who passed away in 2013.



Michelle Blazic

Norma Lois Herr Memorial Scholarship

Funded by Norma's husband, Paul, this \$500 award is for a student who intends to major in nursing or a related field. Norma Herr was a 1953



Norma Herr

graduate who worked as a nurse and had a passion for helping others.

Penn Manor Class of 2017 Scholarship

Two \$500 awards go to a male and female graduate for demonstrating academic success, leadership and commitment to school and community.

This award was established by the Class of 2017.

In addition, several new scholarships are being planned for 2019. We have confirmed one to be added for the Class of 2019.



Class of 2017

Class of 2018 Scholarship

Scholarships of \$500 will be awarded to a male and female graduate who demonstrate how they have made Penn Manor a better place by their presence.



Class of 2018

We are deeply indebted to the community members, teachers and graduates who made these new scholarships possible.

If you are interested in learning more about establishing a scholarship fund, contact Jan Mindish at pmef2@pennmanor.net.

TeenHope

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The program is integrated into the health classes that all ninth-graders take. The screenings are voluntary, but most students participate.

If the screening indicates concerns, parents are contacted and provided with resources and a referral to a mental health professional for counseling. If parents allow it, high school counselors also begin to work with the student.

Counseling can be provided by Samaritan or other providers.

Another major component of TeenHope is educating students about nurturing their own mental health and educating teachers so they can respond when a student comes to them for help.

"The physical education and health teachers are key to this because they teach a mental health unit, they talk to the students about the stressors in their lives and the screening,

so it's a natural part of the curriculum," said Melissa Ostrowski, Penn Manor High School counselor.

"Just like you get your height, weight and vision checked, you take care of your mental health," she said. "It's keeping mental health as part of the everyday conversation, and hopefully it's identifying some students who we otherwise may not have realized were in need."

TeenHope has helped reduce the stigma surrounding mental

health issues, according to Ostrowski. "To students, this is just another way that we take care of ourselves," she said.

The program was designed to build a school culture in which mental health issues are openly discussed in a supportive environment, said Gerald Ressler, Samaritan Counseling Center executive director.

Samaritan administers the program and provides the team of counselors that screens hundreds of students each semester.

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Thank you for your contributions this past year!

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Golf Scramble attracts 120, raises \$11,000 for PM students, families

Thanks to our generous sponsors and participants, the 12th annual PMEF Charity Golf Scramble was a great success!

More than 120 golfers took part in the daylong event at Meadia Heights Country Club, which raised more than \$11,000 for Penn Manor students and families.

Participants enjoyed a round of golf, hot lunch, beverages, a buffet dinner, a raffle and plenty of comradery with PMEF supporters.

The team of Don Mowery, Phil Hiestand, Mike Higgins and Travis Ott took home the traveling cup with a low score of 59. Many thanks to



Participants prepare to tee off for the June 19 golf outing at Meadia Heights.

our 44 hole sponsors and eight major sponsors – a new record.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Golf Scramble, to be held June 18.

Grant funds wifi hotspots for students

More Penn Manor students will have access to the internet at home thanks to the generosity of the Fulton Family Foundation.

The organization funded a \$2,040 grant through PMEF's Strong & Healthy Families program to purchase four portable internet hotspots for students to use after school hours.

While most students have wifi at home, a small percentage do not. Nearly 40 percent of district students are economically disadvantaged and qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

As a district, Penn Manor has tried other programs to get internet to these students, including free wi-fi at local churches and schools, but they have not been successful.

This grant will enable students to borrow a hotspot overnight, free of charge, from the high school library.

The devices provide a wireless connection, allowing students to access websites, Google Drive and class information from home.

The district's social workers will assure that the gear is made available to the students who need it.

PMEF to participate in Extra Give Nov. 16

PMEF will once again participate in the Extraordinary Give, Lancaster County's largest day of giving, on November 16, 2018.

During last year's event, our generous donors across the country helped PMEF raise more than \$13,000 in 24 hours!

Overall, community members gave more than \$8.6 million to 300-plus organizations from across our region.

This year, we will again host an Extra Give Happy Hour at Bert's Bottle Shop in Millersville. Stay tuned for more details.

You can donate at extragive.org.



Toys: For hospital

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the senses, with distinct textures and sounds, bright colors and recognizable shapes.

"The project gave all the students a new experience they would not have gotten without this project," said Alisha Gerhart, who teaches the Materials Design and Production class. "It brought two groups of students together that normally would not be in the same course."

Gerhart collaborated with learning support teacher Michelle Wagner to

oversee the project.

Over several months, students designed, built, tested and painted their toys before delivering them to the Lancaster pediatric hospital on March 1. They got to interact with the children and staff members – an unforgettable experience for many.

Children at the hospital are receiving care for traumatic injuries, birth defects, genetic disorders, chronic diseases and other medical conditions.

"This experience has allowed me to appreciate what I have in my life," said student Mitchell Martin. "These kids don't get to go home every day and be with their families. The experience

that I had to give these kids joy with the toys that we made is a once-in-a-lifetime thing, and I was glad to be a part of it."

Student Kayla Hansen also was touched by the experience.

"Knowing that we will put a smile on those kids' faces is the reward for our time and effort put into this project," she said.

Gerhart said the class was a great learning experience, on many levels.

"This was an incredible opportunity for students to problem solve, work collaboratively, and do good within the local community," she said.

Literacy Outreach book distribution expands

Project funded by Strong & Healthy Families

More than 200 books are now in the hands of children thanks to a Literacy Outreach program funded through the Strong & Healthy Families program.

In late May, Penn Manor administrators and social workers distributed books to children of all ages in the Pheasant Ridge and Manor Heights communities to encourage the youngsters to continue reading over the summer.

The children also got to tour the Lancaster County Bookmobile, which was on site, and enjoy a free ice cream treat as part of the program, now in its second year and funded with a \$1,300 Strong Grant from Penn Manor Education Foundation.

Parents accompanying the children learned about Lancaster County Library's summer reading program and received a schedule of when the Bookmobile will visit their neighborhoods and other locations in Penn Manor.

The Literacy Outreach for the first time also provided a free book to every kindergarten student in Penn Manor and sponsored Bookmobile visits to Central Manor and Hambright elementary schools. Books also were donated to the Willow Run Community Center.

The effort is designed to encourage children from economically disadvantaged families to read, especially over the summer.



Children gather around the books at the Bookmobile during the giveaway in the Pheasant Ridge neighborhood.

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PM students win Sea, Air & Land Challenge

Grant funds first-year high school effort

Congratulations to the team of Penn Manor High School students who placed first in the Sea, Air and Land Challenge, held in April at Lancaster Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

Moses Buckwalter, Graham Thomas, Maxwell Kreitzer, Wesley Kendig and Thomas Hockenberry – all freshmen – won the air portion of the competition, which required teams to design, build and fly drones over a simulated wooded area and release materials on targets.

The exercise was designed to simulate an aerial response to a forest fire.

Each team had a \$500 budget to purchase a drone and controller and modify it for the competition. The Penn

Manor team used computer-aided design to create new motor mounts, landing gear, a payload mechanism and other components, which came to life via the 3D printing process.

During the competition, team members had to explain their project to judges before flying the course. They were judged on the accuracy of their flights and payload drops, the durability of their designs and a preliminary design report.

To cover the cost of materials and entry fees, the Penn Manor team received a \$600 Venture Grant from Penn Manor Education Foundation.

“The team was well-prepared and conducted



Winning team members, from left, Maxwell Kreitzer, Thomas Hockenberry, Wesley Kendig, Graham Thomas and Moses Buckwalter. Pictured at left is their custom-built drone.

themselves in a professional manner at the competition, impressing not only us coaches but also the judges,” said Jonathan Zimmerman, a Penn Manor High School gifted teacher who served as the team’s adviser.

Since December, he worked with the students during homeroom and after school, with the assistance of Dan Yocum, a Penn Manor parent who served as team mentor.

“I am amazed at the

ingenuity and ability of this team to overcome numerous challenges and learn new technology concepts in such a short period of time,” Zimmerman said.

This is the first year Penn Manor has participated in the competition, which is sponsored by Penn State’s Electro-Optics Center in collaboration with the Office of Naval Research Program.

Quite an impressive first-year effort!