



Our mission:
To provide innovative and creative programs, equipment and opportunities that otherwise would not be available to the students of Stillwater Public Schools.

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From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to be here at SPEF! I began my position as executive director on March 1. Jenifer was so gracious to spend over a month helping me become oriented with many aspects of the foundation. I am very grateful to her for all of her hard work she put into SPEF for 12 years and in helping the transition be as smooth and seamless as possible. We wish her well as she moves into the next stage of her life. A little introduction about me. I grew up here in Stillwater and graduated

\$119,900 Back to Stillwater Public Schools This Year!

Over \$1.4 Million Back to SPS since SPEF's founding in 1984!

Thank you for all of your generous support, this year more than ever! It was an unprecedented year and together we made it through! We were grateful we could support our district with a \$65,074 gift for distance learning and COVID-19 needs.

True Blue Stillwater

The 2020-21 school year was a challenging one, but in true Pioneer spirit, we came together and finished strong. SPEF's True Blue Stillwater campaign wrapped up on May 31, raising funds to help offset the impact of the pandemic on our fundraising efforts. Through your generous gifts we were able to raise \$22,485 to support our teachers and their classrooms and allow them to meet the rapidly evolving needs during this time of uncertainty.



from Stillwater High in 1992. After attending OSU, I moved away for 22 years. My husband's job bought us back to Stillwater and Greg and I are thrilled to be here! We have two boys, Michael (7th grade) and Tyler (5th grade). They are very active in sports, music and any other activities they can find.

I am excited for all that we are going to do here at SPEF in support of SPS! A love of learning gives our children the greatest chance in life to achieve their full potential.

Teachers that are excited and passionate about learning, help to instill a love of learning in their students. With the foundation's help, Stillwater Public Schools can attract and keep the best teachers in the state and provide innovative and creative programs, equipment and opportunities to develop our students into lifelong learners.

Onward Pioneers,
Ashlee

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SPEF awards \$30,300 in teacher grants for Spring 2021!

Grant Title: Moving Forward with

Animal Health

School Site: Stillwater Junior High School

Grant Writer: Robby Branscum

Amount: \$4,000

Provides for a cattle injection simulator to practice medicine injections, ear tagging, and hormone implants.



Grant Title: Creating a Love for Math!

School Site: Highland Park Elementary

Grant Writer: Dallis Hubbard

Amount: \$3,880

Provides funding for math manipulatives/TouchMath for 1st - 5th grade classes to support student success in math using a multisensory approach.



Grant Title: The Fast and the Furious About Learning

School Site: Stillwater Junior High School

Grant Writer: Angela Knott

Amount: \$4,000 Fully funded by GRDA

Provides funding for STEM lab supplies for 9th grade physics classes. Kits include 6 CPO data collectors, photogates, physics stand and 5 sets of cars and sleds to use with the kits.

Grant Title: Eggs for Education

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Lauren Fontanier & Mandi Robison

Amount: \$1,795 Partially funded by GRDA



This cross-curricular project will teach students a wide range of skills; such as where their food comes from, responsibility, compassion for animals, life concepts, and

business/economics. Special education students will learn and practice real-world skills such as how to budget, advertise, and sell fresh eggs. All students on campus will be able to enjoy watching and listening to the chickens, learn respect for animals, and be able to make connections with their science curriculum.

Grant Title: The Benefits of Block Play

School Site: Sangre Ridge Elementary

Grant Writer: Mary Beth Talley, Jody Sallaska and Kim Sweeden

Amount: \$1,005

Provides funding for various types of blocks for all Pre-K classrooms at Sangre Ridge for children to build, create, invent and rebuild. Block play is

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Powerful Peers

For the 5th consecutive year, SPEF was proud to give out our Powerful Peers awards to teachers who have gone above & beyond demonstrating mentorship and support to fellow teachers! Congrats again to our 2020 recipients!

- Abby Varnum - Highland Park Elementary
- Karen Cryer - Richmond Elementary
- Alexandra Cernigliaro - Stillwater Middle School
- Tracy Bell - Stillwater Middle School
- Shelia Brown - Will Rogers Elementary

Taste of Stillwater



Thank you to all of the vendors and the community members who participated in the 2021

important in the early years for building a foundation of concepts such as geometry, numbers, and measurement.

Grant Title: Strengthening Brian Power and Academic Achievement through Action Based Learning

School Site: Highland Park Elementary

Grant Writer: Susan Weaver

Amount: \$2,350

Provides funds for action-based learning sensory hallway sets for school wide use to promote creativity and encourage movement. Research shows a link between cognitive development and movement, meaning children need opportunities to move so they can learn!

Grant Title: The Ukulele Immersion Project

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Brandon Bowman and Melissa Reed

Amount: \$2,555

Provides funding for a class set of ukuleles for exploratory music classes. Students will learn terminology, instrument parts, chords, strumming patterns, music reading and selection, performance opportunities and the basics of music consumerism.



Grant Title: Updated Materials for Secondary Literature Circles

School Site: Stillwater Junior High School

Grant Writer: Kristena Rudloff

Amount: \$3,995

Provides age-appropriate novels for 8th and 9th grade book clubs in a variety of genres and themes.

Grant Title: Keyboards for Kids: Developing the Total Percussionist

School Site: Stillwater Middle School

Grant Writer: Tricia Bailey-Bovenschen

Amount: \$1,850

Provides for a variety of percussion bell kits for advanced percussion students.

Grant Title: Emotional Growth through Literature

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Michelle Schaecher and Kim Sloggett

Amount: \$3,370

Provides for diverse picture books for PreK-5 students for the Will Rogers library. The selection will include books and stories that will explore the importance of community and friendship, as well as encouraging hope during challenging times.

Grant Title: Printmaking in the Art Room

School Site: Will Rogers Elementary

Grant Writer: Misty Barker

Amount: \$1,500

Taste of Stillwater Around Town! Due to COVID-19 restrictions we could not host our usual in-person event, so we took our event "around town". Fundraising events were hosted at 23 local restaurants in April and May. Our modified format raised less than our usual in-person event, but we were grateful to raise nearly \$6,500 for Stillwater Public Schools! We are looking forward to resuming our popular in-person event next year! Save the Date for March 24, 2022!

Welcome New Trustees

We have some terrific new additions to our Board of Trustees the 2021-22 school year! Exciting to welcome the following individuals:

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Provides partial funding for printmaking materials. The printmaking process fosters the creative spirit and individuality of each unique student.

Partnership with OSU Museum of Art Advocates

Thanks to a generous donation from the OSU Museum of Art Advocates to support visual arts in Stillwater schools, SPEF was able to provide a unique grant opportunity to SPS teachers again this school year! We awarded \$1,500 in Arts Education grants this year!

Grant Title: Making a Lasting Impression
School Site: Richmond Elementary
Grant Writer: Lisa Cox
Amount: \$500



Provides for materials and tools for a school-wide printmaking unit. Students will complete a variety of projects integrated with literature, math and science. Printmaking in the classroom introduces children to new uses for everyday objects and new tools in order to experiment and create new forms of art.

Grant Title: Making Art Accessible
School Site: Stillwater Middle School
Grant Writer: Derrick Davidson
Amount: \$500



Provides for materials for Creating Color Wheels, where students will learn how to mix colors, and sketching materials.

Grant Title: All the World's a Stage
School Site: Stillwater Junior High School
Grant Writer: Kristen Swank & Anita Cawfield
Amount: \$500



Provides materials for students to create 3-dimensional models of a set for a Shakespearian play that is read in English class. The model will include the background, any stage props and cut-outs of the characters on the stage with appropriate costuming.

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SPEF Bowl Fest 2021



The Pandemic didn't allow us to hold our usual in-person Bowl-Fest fundraiser this year, so SPEF launched BOWL-FEST MVP!! This virtual event called for nominations for Stillwater Public Schools teachers, staff members or administrators, who went above and beyond during these challenging months. Over 225 nominations were received, representing all schools and departments within the district. Our winners were Tera Mitchell of Westwood Elementary and Cate Pogue of Sangre Ridge Elementary! They each received a \$250 Amazon gift card! Thank you to our amazing friends at Simmons Bank who matched donations up to \$4,000. Together we raised \$9,625 for SPS Special Education Services!

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