# ALL IN FOR KIDS



# A message from our Executive Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Monroe Public Schools Foundation, I am pleased to present this year's Annual Report for the 2021-2022 school year. As we pivot from the response due to COVID 19 we look forward to regaining our focus on providing educational enrichment for our students and staff in our Monroe's schools.

### This year's accomplishments include:

- A new shoe program provided 250 pair of shoes for children in need to support their return to our classrooms. Ensuring our students' needs are met in and outside of the classroom is essential to their overall educational experience.
- The foundation received a \$7,000 grant for new books to be placed in each school's library. We look forward to working with district administration on a new book list that will help refresh the titles currently available to students.
- A grant that allowed enhancement of the foundation's STEM Kit project.
   Each kit contains a wide range of robotic instruments, specialized tools and the necessary components to build a self-designed project.

Each of these projects will help the foundation fulfill its commitment to create access & opportunity empowering today's students to become tomorrow's leaders.

Opportunities to engage and inspire are endless in the range of work we seek to accomplish in a continued commitment to students and staff in our district.

We look forward to robust school year and will continue to collaborate with district administrators to add meaningful connections to student experiences with district approved curriculum.

Of course, none of our work would be possible without the support from the hearts of our community, staff and generous donors' Thank you to all for a great 2021-22 and, what we know will be an even bigger and better 2022-23.

Sue Skillen
Executive Director | Monroe Public Schools Foundation



# YEAR IN REVIEW







# Gallup Strength Assessments for all freshman at MHS:

This year the foundation was able to provide Gallup Strengths assessments for all freshman at MHS. The assessment helps students with their top three personal strengths that can help them as they look at possible career choices.

Gallup Strengths is incredibly helpful in guiding our 9th graders to understanding more deeply what their natural strengths are and how to utilize those strengths in their academics, relationships and community. We are excited and so grateful to be able to continue this work with our students with the support of the Monroe Public Schools Foundation."

> Jaime Johnson Activities Director | ASB Advisor | Monroe High School

# Cap and Gown's for Graduation

We were able to provide money to help pay for cap and gowns for students that were struggling to pay for graduation expenses thanks to a generous donation from "Gabe's Fund." Monroe School District Bus Driver Jane Duffy, formed the fund to support a student name Gabe who was struggling to come up with the money needed to pay for graduation expenses, started the fund.

## **WEB "Where Everyone Belongs"**

The MPSF is the proud sponsor of WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" at Park Place Middle School and Hidden River Middle School. WEB is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6th graders throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from 8th grade class to be WEB leaders. As positive role models, WEB leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the sixth graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate sixth grade success.

# MHS Sports Medicine Team Qualified for Nationals!!

MPSF was the proud sponsor of the Monroe High School Sports Medicine team. The sponsorship covered their registration fee for Nationals and uniform t-shirts they wore to the compaction.





# **Staff Support**

This year the foundation awarded \$10,000 in staff grants district wide.

## Some of the grants awarded this year:

- Keyboards for the school music program at Frank Wagner Elementary to the teaching team of Bobby Ann George and Scott Harmon.
- The Outstanding Owl Observation went to Audrey MacMillan & Suzanne Hund at Chain Lake Elementary.
- Classroom readers went to Emily Miller at Frank Wagner Elementary, Alicia Mohler at Fryelands Elementary and Stephanie Llanes at Fryelands Elementary. The added novels that are high engaging for students.
- Hands on Literacy program went to teaching team of Joy Gallaher and Pam Duncan Ulsh at Chain Lake Elementary.
- Raz plus subscription for 1st emergent bilingual students to teacher Rachel Phillips at Frank Wagner
- Monroe High School athletic department received support in the form of staff grants from the foundation for support for the Hudi sports filing subscription, new weight for the weight room and all weather warm up for the girls' soccer team.

## **CAT Tales Teacher Resource Room**

The all-volunteer ran teacher resource room was started by Margaret Seaney a 2021 MHS Graduate. Margaret started the book room as a way to help fill the need of getting books to classrooms district wide.

CAT Tales program partners with Monroe Sno-Isle Library to provide used books for the program.

The Cat Tales Resource room is located in the Wagner Center building. Teachers can call: Deb Seaney at 425-894-7700 to schedule a visit to the book room.

## District Employees make "Honor Roll"

The MSD Employee Honor Roll is aimed at recognizing employees for exemplifying our commitment and shared values through their service to our students, staff, families, and/or community. The MPSF provides a \$10 Starbucks gift card for employees selected and acknowledged for their efforts as MSD Honor Roll recipients.



# **Scholarships**

The Monroe Public Schools manages the Local Community Scholarship Program for graduating seniors from our school district. This year our community came together to award 144 scholarship awards totaling just over \$104,000.00. The scholarship will follow students as they continue their education in Universities, community colleges and trade schools nationally.

From families honoring the memory of a loved one, community service organizations to many local businesses our community comes together in a big way to award graduating seniors from our school district with scholarship for their continued education. The gift of education is truly a gift of a lifetime for the recipients. Thank you so much for those who generously donation to our local community scholarship program.



# **Early Learning**

# **Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program:** Started in: November 2015

The Monroe Public Schools Foundation has been the proud sponsor of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program since November 2015. The foundation provides the needed funding to send books directly to the homes of children ages birth to five who live in the boundaries of the Monroe School District. To date the foundation has 448 children receiving books and 733 children who have graduated out of the program when they turned age 5.



# **Emergency Support**

The foundation works directly with school counselors and school support advocates to provide resources for students whose families are in need. District staff let us know what specific resources are needed. The resources we can help facilitate can range from items such as beds and/or bedding to shoes, clothing and food, to redirecting them to another organization that might be able to help with housing or Internet connection for families.

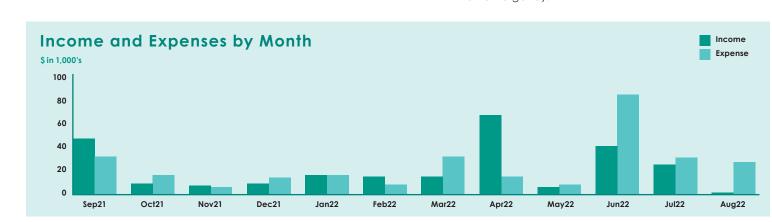
When I think of the Monroe public School foundation, I think of an invaluable resource to the most vulnerable and marginalized students and families in our community. I also so appreciate that the Monroe public School foundation has been so willing to meet the basic needs of the community. Whether they are able to help find the need of a family directly or refer out to another agency, I always take great confidence in knowing that if a student or family is referred to the Monroe public School foundation for help they will receive it."

**Raylin Lucey** 

Student Support Advocate for Monroe High School and Leaders High School

### **Shelter In Place Kits**

At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, the Monroe Public Schools Foundation collaborated with the Monroe School District on the cost for placing full range shelter in place kits in every classroom district wide including an instructional video. The kits include everything needed to shelter in place in case of an emergency.



# LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

911 Driving School

Adkinson Estates AFH 1st Annual Scholarship Award

Adrian J & Deanna Taylor Scholarship

Barbara Gail Hausmann Memorial Scholarship

Benson Boone Scholarship

Carbonetti Family Scholarship

Chain Lake PTA Scholarship

Charles Wickizer Memorial Scholarship

Class of 2020 Scholarship

Coastal Community Bank Scholarship

Columbia Bank Scholarship

Comcast Internet Solutions Scholarship

Creativity In Coding Scholarship

Donnetta Walser Memorial Scholarship

Dr & Mrs Hoover Scholarship

Dr Bill Prenevost Leadership

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Dr. Mariana Orthodontics Scholarship

Fire 7 Foundation Scholarship

Former Falcons Scholarship

Furrer Family Scholarship

Hunnicutt Family Memorial Scholarship

Ixtapa of Monroe Scholarship

Javne Scholarship

Jones Family Orthodontics Healthcare Scholarship

Kaci Edelbrock Memorial

Kaytlyn Hogan Oxenhandler Awesome Acts of Kindness

Kiwanis Club of Monroe

Kool Change Printing Scholarship

Lori's Legacy Scholarship

Mary Salvadalena Craven Scholarship

MEA Union Scholarship

MEA Union Scholarship - Theresa Scheckells Memorial Scholarship

MHS Bearcat Pride

MHS Staff Scholarship

Monroe Arts Council Scholarship

Monroe Football Boosters

Monroe Historical Society -Haji Memorial Scholarship

Monroe Opportunity Scholarship

Monroe Police Officers Association

Monroe Public Schools Foundation Scholarship

Monroe Rod & Gun Club - Donnie Millbach Memorial Scholarship

Monroe Sky Valley YMCA

Music for Life Scholarship

My Ownly Boarding Kennel Scholarship

Patterson, Buchanan, Fobes & Leitch Inc PS

Pharm-A-Save

PSE Monroe 1117 Classified Members Helping Member's Families Scholarship

Robin Fitch's "No Excuses" University -Sams Cats & Dogs Naturally

Robin Parker Group / Real Estate

Robinson Brothers Construction, LLC Scholarship

Rotary Club of Monroe

Salem Woods Elementary PTA Alumni Scholarship

Scott D Ely Memorial Scholarship

Simoni Family Scholarship

SOAR Scholarship

Speedway Chevrolet - Lee Johnson Memorial Scholarship

> The Lennin Gerson Parra Memorial Scholarship

Thom Biderbost Memorial Scholarship

Thomas Turner Memorial Scholarship

Tim Myers Memorial Scholarship

Together In This Scholarship
Town & Country Tractor Sponsorship

Ward Roney Jr Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Memorial Scholarship

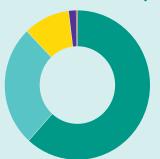
Wayne Gates Memorial Scholarship

Wildcat Boosters Scholarship

Write Your Story Scholarship

FOR A FULL LIST OF STUDENT RECIPIENTS
GO TO WWW.MONROEPSF.ORG

# **Income Summary**



Restricted Program Donations, 61.88%

Fundraising, 26%

General Public Support, 10.38%

Other income - Grants, 1.65%

Investments, 0.1%

# MPSF SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

For anyone who would like to donate to the Endowment Fund this is how that program works. The Monroe Public Schools Foundation initially invested \$25,000 with The Community Foundation of Snohomish County. The initial investment was placed in a scholarship endowment fund, earnings to be used to help fund scholarship awards.

The Community Foundation of Snohomish County supports local nonprofits by combining investments with their total assets to give nonprofits the benefits of a diverse investment pool and lower fees. The MPSF annually donates to the endowment account. The money and earnings stay only in that fund and grow over time, providing a stable revenue stream for money we award in scholarships for graduating seniors from our district.

Interested in donating to our scholarship endowment fund? Contact: Sue Skillen @ 360-804-2540 for more information.

# THANK YOU CITY OF MONROE!

Big thanks goes out to the City of Monroe for the grants we received to support students in our district. To date the foundation received \$5,000 to purchase robotics and digital tools for our classroom STEM Kit project. Teachers district wide are able to check out STEM Kits bringing hands on digital tools available to teachers district wide.

The City also awarded \$7,000 to the foundation to purchase new library books for school libraries district wide. The books purchased will increase the number of books in the categories of social and emotional learning, equity, diversity and inclusion in all of our libraries.

# SAVE THE DATE!

"ALL IN FOR KIDS AUCTION"

MARCH 24, 2023

Supporting the students & staff in the Monroe School District

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