



Papillion LaVista Community Schools
Foundation

2022 IMPACT REPORT



Investing in students.
Strengthening our community.
Leaving a legacy.

Kids in our community shouldn't struggle with access to educational opportunities, though many do. Even here in our thriving suburban school district in Nebraska's fastest growing county. New homes, busy roads and office buildings sprout up like corn stalks where families farmed not many years ago.

Great schools attract families to the area. And many of our most prized traditions center around school activities, games and performances. High quality public education sparks innovation that fuels personal and community growth. Any way you look at it, PLCS strengthens our community and its people.

The PLCS Foundation exists to keep that innovative educational tradition alive and flourishing for all kids, regardless of their current circumstances.

Our Foundation's Beginning

Community volunteers started the Foundation in 1986 to address a need for quality before-and after-school care for working families. Out of that need grew the popular Kids Club program in every elementary school. Volunteers then expanded the Foundation as the district's trusted partner to help generous donors support Papillion La Vista students through financial gifts.

Today, the PLCS Foundation is a well-established, 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is governed by a volunteer board of directors and managed by a professional staff. We are the only non-profit organization that exists to exclusively help PLCS students – all 12,000 of them – no matter their interests or the schools they attend.

We help Papillion La Vista kids. Period.

How We Make a Difference

Hand in hand with donors, we enhance educational opportunities for PLCS students that would not otherwise be possible. We are the school district's trusted philanthropic partner, and we help working families by offering affordable childcare. We invest in schools through helpful grants and initiatives that benefit all students.

We provide supplemental funding for district priorities. You may already know about the support for Teacher Grants, Outdoor Education, Student Tours, Scholarships and AP exam fees. But that is just scratching the surface of how donors engage with the Foundation to change the lives of our kids.



Giving to the PLCS Foundation is a win for students, a win for the school district, and a win for donors. Why? Because the Foundation ensures that

100% of all donations are applied toward donor-directed causes.

No fees are charged on gifts. Everyone wins when generous donors help students through the PLCS Foundation.

With your help, much needed support reaches all schools, all grade levels and all students. You made 2022 another remarkable year of support. Thank You!

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Helping students thrive has always been a passion of mine. That is why I have supported the outstanding work of the Foundation for years as a donor, volunteer and member of the board of directors. It has truly been a pleasure serving as the 2022 board president. Our board has worked very hard to position the Foundation as our community's trusted partner for student philanthropic support. We have ambitious goals that will take the support of more donors than ever. I hope you will continue to extend a helping hand! Our students need you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for supporting students through the PLCS Foundation.



Karla Rupiper
2022 Board President

Our District SUPPORT PROGRAMS

PLCS students are eager to learn. Obstacles make it more challenging for some kids. With 28% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch, nearly one-third of PLCS families have difficulty paying bills and buying healthy meals. Students with financial needs attend every one of our district's schools. Through these featured programs, generous donors help lessen the obstacles that students face.



PLCS Community Closet

The PLCS Community Closet launched in 2021 with startup grant funding from the Foundation. It provides free clothing and personal hygiene items for students and families in need. Inventory is maintained thanks to financial gifts, and donations of new and gently used clothing items.

The needs, along with district enrollment, are growing. Inventory continually flows out of the Community Closet, meaning restocking the shelves for the next shoppers never ends.

Student Emergency Fund

When setbacks occur for students, they need help to stay in school, and they need it fast.

The Student Emergency Fund supports basic needs, such as health, shelter, and transportation in times of crisis. When emergency needs are identified, PLCS social workers quickly step in to assist respectfully and confidentially. They learn about the emergency with the goal of keeping the student in school and able to study while at home. While many needs are addressed by a network of supportive Sarpy County agencies, some challenges require immediate attention. In those cases, the generosity of a caring community is extended through the Student Emergency Fund.

50
FAMILIES

Received Student
Emergency Fund
assistance in 2022

(more than one per week during the school year)

ASSISTANCE INCLUDED

- UTILITY PAYMENTS
- RENT ASSISTANCE
- AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRS
- MEDICAL TREATMENTS

Anders Food Fund

Bill and Sherry Anders run their growing business from Papillion. When they learned that some PLCS students experienced food insecurity, they acted. Through their financial gifts, the Anders Food Fund was established at the Foundation. They continue to support the fund every year to ensure that students have enough food to eat.

The Anders Food Fund supported hundreds of students during 2022 through:



BACKPACK PROGRAM



NURSE STATION +
SOCIAL WORKER
OFFICE SNACKS



HOLIDAY MEALS



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This community has been such a great place to raise our family and grow our business. Giving back is the right thing for us to do. We are very thankful to work with the Foundation to provide for the food and nutrition needs of PLCS students.

Sherry and Bill Anders

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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Foundation's endowment fund manages money that is intentionally invested for current AND future impact. The principal value of the endowment fund is kept intact, while the investment earnings are distributable dollars used for donor-intended purposes. The endowment fund is held permanently, allowing donors to support PLCS in perpetuity.

We manage 49 permanent, endowed funds that were established by generous individuals, families, groups, and companies. Their legacies will help PLCS students and staff year after year.

Scholarship Endowments

Anthony J. Schuetz Memorial Scholarship
Arthur C. and Marie D. Grube Family Scholarship
Carol Fairfax Scholarship for the Culinary Arts
Class of 1980 Memorial Scholarship Fund
Debra Moore Young Scholarship
Denker Family Scholarship
Don Ozanne Scholarship
Dr. Toni Ganzel Scholarship for Health Science Excellence
Ken and Charlotte Molzer Music Educator Scholarship
Mark Noziska Distinguished Service Scholarship
Papillion La Vista Optimist Club Scholarship
PLHS Bob McCallie STEM Education Scholarship
PLHS David Cecil Scholarship
PLSHS Jennifer Pinkerton Titan Band Service Scholarship
Richard Bellino Student Opportunity Scholarship
Sherry Magner Scholarship
Shirley Minton Memorial Scholarship

Teacher Support Endowments

Dr. Rick and Kyle Black Fund for Excellence
Fase Family Fund for Educator Excellence and Appreciation
Glover Family Fund of Excellence
PLCS Family Fund Endowment
The Cliff and Ruth Pratt Teaching Excellence and Support Fund
Blue Angel Tuition Assistance Grant Fund

Student Support Endowments

Anders Food for Kids Endowment
Biomedical Sciences Education Endowment
Glenn Koca Band Excellence Fund
McVey Technology Education Fund
Monarch Endowment for the Performing Arts
Outdoor Education Fund
Pat and Edward Gehringer Student Family Opportunity Fund
Paul Basler "Boppy" School Activities Pass Fund
Russ and Martha Zink Family Fund for Financial Literacy
Student Athletics and Activities Endowment
Student Emergency Fund
Student Performing Arts Endowment
Titan Endowment for the Performing Arts
Veridian Credit Union Fund for Financial Literacy
Wachholtz Special Needs Endowment

2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Generous donors and a successful Kids Club program made 2022 a year of impact.

During 2022, the PLCS Foundation contracted with Lutz Accounting to oversee accounting operations and received a clean opinion on reviewed 2022 financials from Bland and Associates.

1,300+

UNIQUE DONORS

Thank You!

SKILLED AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES FUND CELEBRATED WITH RIBBON CUTTING

Industry leaders know that skilled and technical trades jobs, many that are high paying, are among the most difficult to staff. There is a significant need for welders, electricians, plumbers and machinists. At the same time, many high school students look for career paths that do not require a four-year college education. They would prefer to enter the workforce following graduation from high school.

Local citizens asked Papillion La Vista Community Schools to help address these challenges. PLCS responded by launching a new, innovative skilled and technical trades curriculum that allows students to gain valuable experience in this field.

Hands-on learning occurs in new, state of the art facilities at both PLCS high schools.

The new and improved programs officially opened at a ribbon cutting in April 2022. The event showcased the new spaces and recognized generous donors.



Cornerstone Sponsors:

BCDM Architects
Falewitch Construction
Fricke Family Farms
Google
Meta
Andrew and Karen Ritz
Wes and Ruby Turtscher
Wilbert and
Delores Witmuss

Industry Leader Sponsors:

American National Bank
Paul and Candy Johnston
Lozier Corporation
The Weitz Company

Trades Champion Sponsors:

Fyra Engineering
Robert and Karen Olson

Skilled and Technical Trades Endowment and related Funds

American National Bank Skilled Trades Fund
BCDM Architects Fund for the Skilled Trades
Bob and Karen Olson Fund for the Trades
Facebook/Meta Fund
Falewitch Construction Services Fund
Google Student Opportunities in the Trades Fund

Lozier Foundation Fund
Milton Fricke Sr. Student Opportunities in the Trades Fund
The Weitz Company STEM and Construction Fund
Wes and Ruby Turtscher Student Opportunity Fund
Wilbert and Delores Wittmuss Student Opportunity
in the Trades Fund

\$736,000

direct support to
PLCS SCHOOLS



\$3,550,000

student support through all sources,
including Kids Club



227%

GROWTH IN ENDOWED FUNDS
over the past 5 years



The Foundation's Kids Club program meets the unique childcare needs of Kindergarten through 6th grade children by offering a safe, reliable, and fun childcare program at each PLCS elementary school. It is open at all 16 elementary schools during the school year, before and after school, and on select out-of-school days. Kids Club also offers a full summer program at consolidated elementary schools. Enrollment in the program continued to rebound after pandemic-related declines in 2020.



1,243	2022	681
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1,233	2021	607
SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT		SUMMER ENROLLMENT

AFFILIATED EXPENDABLE FUNDS

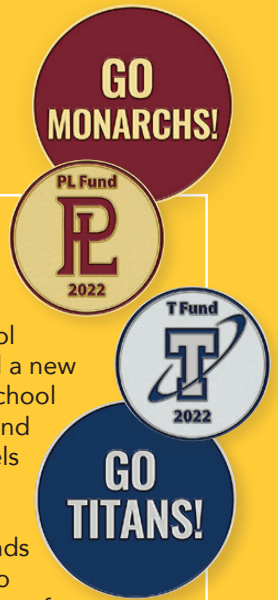
The Foundation supports parents, alumni and friends of our schools with their engagement and fundraising efforts. Partner groups are assisted by Foundation staff as they successfully increase opportunities for students.

Affiliated Expendable Funds

- Bell PTO Fund
- G. Stanley Hall PTO Fund
- Hickory Hill PTO Fund
- La Vista West PTO Fund
- Liberty Middle School PTN Fund
- Monarch Band Fund
- Monarch Boosters
- Monarch Softball Fund
- Parkview Heights Elementary School Activities Fund
- Patriot PTO Fund
- PL Fund
- PL South Titan Athletics Fund
- PLCS Family Fund
- PLCS Mental Health Fund
- PLHS Show Choir
- Organization of Parents Fund
- PLV Media
- Prairie Queen PTO Fund
- Rumsey Station PTO Fund for Excellence
- Student Emergency Fund
- T Fund
- Titan Baseball Boosters
- Titan Softball Fund
- Titan Theater Boosters
- Wellman Leadership Academy Fund

NEW IN 2022

Monarchs and Titans have new ways to demonstrate their school pride. The Foundation launched a new annual fund program for each school in October 2022. The PL Fund and T Fund encourage different levels of support. Donors of \$100 or more receive a custom made challenge coin. Alumni and friends contributed a total of \$12,800 to support new or unexpected areas of need that cannot be addressed with existing school funds. They help make both PLHS and PLSHS places where all students thrive.



EVENTS AND SPONSORS

Swing for Kids Golf Fundraiser

The Foundation's 36th annual "Swing for Kids" golf fundraiser on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at Tiburon Golf Club broke fundraising and participation records. Thanks to our generous community, the event raised a record \$53,000. More than 200 golfers, business sponsors, and volunteers supported the event, making it the highest attendance ever for the Swing for Kids fundraiser. Paul Johnston, longtime Foundation board member, started the outing with the ceremonial first swing.

DA Davidson	Leanne Sotak - Berkshire
BCDM Architects	Hathaway Home Services
Chesterman Coca Cola	Lutz
Access Systems	Mama's Pizza
American Family Insurance- Ken Summerfield	Midlands Community Foundation
Beardmore	Morgan Stanley - Patrick DiBiase
Bill Gess	National Insurance Services
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska	Nutrient Agri Products
Boyd Jones	Papillion Tire Inc
BSN Sports	Papillion-La Vista Optimist Club
CenterPoint Financial Group	Papio Bowl
Facility Advocates	Pathfinder Wealth Advisors
First Interstate Bank	Pinnacle Bank-Papillion
Five Points Bank	Schumacher Elevator Company
Gina V Physical Therapy	Signlt
Hawley Orthodontics	Sonburst Communications
Hillcrest Health Services	State Farm Insurance - Kirk Goodnight
Hy-Vee Shadow Lake	Terracon
Identity Marketing	The Heartwood Event Room
Integration Partners	Twisted Vine
Kahler Dolce Mortuary	
Karla Rupiper & Bob O'Neal	
Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O.	

Gym and Stadium Partners

Thank you to community partners that have invested in student activity success and are featured on boards at Foundation Field and in school gyms.

Pinnacle Bank	Hy-Vee Shadow Lake
American Family Insurance - Ken Summerfield	Law Office of David J. Reed
American National Bank	Mamas Pizza
Gable Custom Homes	Primetime Healthcare
Gina V Physical Therapy	The Good Life
H&H Chevrolet	Young Chiropractic & Rehabilitation Center
Hawley Orthodontics	

Hall of Fame Gala

The Foundation's 13th annual Hall of Fame Gala was a highly anticipated event that brought together 350 alumni, friends, businesses and philanthropists in a shared effort to improve the lives of PLCS students. It was held on August 20, 2022, at the Beardmore Event Center, with a "Back to School" theme. New PLCS Foundation Hall of Fame inductees were celebrated. Hosted by Rob McCartney of KETV Channel 7, guests bid on silent auction items and donated money for school supplies, raising \$120,000 for students.

PRESENTING SPONSOR: Facebook/Meta

HALL OF FAME SPONSOR: BCDM Architects

CENTERPIECE SPONSOR: Google

Acapriccio Dance Company	Leanne Sotak - Berkshire
Alvine Engineering	Hathaway Home Services
American Family Insurance - Ken Summerfield	Lifetouch School Portraits Lutz
Andrew & Karen (Turtscher) Ritz in memory of Wes and Ruby Turtscher	Mama's Pizza
Arrows Church	Metro Stars Gymnastics
Beardmore Chevrolet/ Subaru/Hyundai	Midlands Community Foundation
Bob and Karen Olson	Nate and Alyssa LeGrand
Chesterman Coca Cola	Oriental Trading Company
CHI Health Midlands Hospital	Papillion La Vista South High School
DA Davidson	Papillion Tire Inc
First Student	Papillion La Vista High School
Fricke, Inc.	Papillion-La Vista Optimist Club
Gina V Physical Therapy	Paul and Candy Johnston
H&H Automotive	Pinnacle Bank
Houston Engineering	Terracon
Hy-Vee Shadow Lake	Twisted Vine
Jasmine Events	University of Nebraska at Omaha
Koley Jessen P.C., L.L.O.	

Memorials

A memorial gift is a thoughtful way to help students and honor loved ones. Those honored with memorial gifts to the Foundation in 2021/2022:

Hank Alfrey	Patrick Kirts
Melinda Badura	Ann Lage
Judy Denker	Jennifer Pinkerton
Joann Fricke	Cindy Pille
Stephanie Keller	Stanley Wilcox

OUR MISSION

To enhance educational opportunities for PLCS students that would not otherwise be possible.

OUR VALUES

We believe in the power of public education.

We care about students by demonstrating compassion and showing kindness.

We are invested in the strength and well-being of our community.

We build meaningful relationships through collaboration, engagement, and respect.

We earn trust by being honest, transparent, and accountable.



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Thank You - Your Donation Matters

The PLCS Foundation is here to help you leave a legacy of support for PLCS students. We are equipped to accept financial donations by cash, check, securities and online via credit card. Monthly recurring gifts can also be set up. We welcome the opportunity to learn more about your philanthropic goals. Thank you for making a difference!



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