

GPFPE Knows How to Party... With a Purpose

The GPFPE threw two great parties in 2022 and the word is starting to spread...public school supporters know how to have a good time while raising money and support for a good cause – our students!

Four million dollars and counting have been donated back to our public schools... but this wouldn't be possible without generous donors. The GPFPE's Spring Benefit is its largest single fundraiser each year, raising money through underwriting, a live auction and paddle raise, while the smaller Fall Frolic raises awareness and support amongst younger families and those unfamiliar with our work.

In June 2022, the GPFPE hosted its annual Spring Benefit, with the new theme of "Grow Tomorrow's Garden" in a nod to the organization's SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) grants, which the proceeds of the event supported. Close to 200 friends and supporters gathered at the beautiful Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for cocktails on the gorgeous lakefront grounds before enjoying a sit down dinner and lively auction inside the stately clubhouse. At the end of the night, more than \$176,000 was raised for the Grosse Pointe Public School System...one of our most successful benefits ever!

But why stop the fun in the spring? In September 2022, we went back to the historic Cadieux Café in Detroit for the



Grosse Pointe has a wonderful community of public school supporters and we enjoy every chance we have to celebrate with them while raising critical dollars to enhance the daily lives of our students."

– Cynthia Sohn, GPFPE President

second annual Fall Frolic. A complement to the more formal Spring Benefit, Fall Frolic is a casual affair...that is until the guest DJ contest, featuring GPPSS principals, administrators and staff got started and heated up the dance floor. This event is completely underwritten by

terrific community sponsors, meaning the ticket price can stay low and the doors open for anyone who wants to attend and learn more about the GPFPE.

Enjoy more photos from both events on pages 4 and 5 and make plans now to attend both events in 2023!

A Letter From Our President

The GPFPE reached a tremendous milestone in 2022...more than \$4 million granted back to our students and schools! When this organization was founded in 2006, we hoped to make an impact on our schools, funding extraordinary opportunities for our students at every level. We could never have imagined we would have done so much so quickly! In this past year alone, we matched funds for new marching band uniforms at North high school, brought a renowned wellness program to our middle and high school students, supported enhanced literacy in the elementary schools, and so much more. And the work continues! None of this would be possible without your generosity. Whether you attend or underwrite our Spring Benefit or Fall Frolic, or donate to our annual appeal . . . thank you! We are united in our commitment to our public school district and our students. The sky is the limit when we work together!

All the Best,
Cynthia Sohn

Meet Our New Board Members

In September the GPFPE welcomed community residents and parents Ben Burns, Sarah Gough and Clare Pfeiffer to the board of directors. Cynthia Sohn was named Board President, with Bob Montgomery serving as Vice-President, Kiana Rose as Treasurer and Caroline Marks as Secretary.



Clare Pfeiffer



Sarah Gough



Ben Burns

Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education 2023 Leadership

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Make a gift to the GPFPE or join us as a volunteer. For more information, visit gpfpe.org or call us at (313) 432-3058.

Nearly \$195,000 Awarded in 2022 Grants

The GPFPE awards grants to the district on a biannual schedule. Grants were publicly announced at School Board meetings in May and November of 2022. SEED (Social Emotional Encouragement and Development) grants can be funded immediately, without waiting on the grant schedule, allowing flexibility to respond to immediate needs.

Spring 2022

The biannual grant recipients:

- **First in Michigan Lego League** (Grades K-4) **Defer (\$1,300)**
- **Botmasterz Robotics** (Grades 5 -8) **Pierce (\$1,200)**
- **Virtual Reality in World Language Classroom** (Grades 9 -12) **North (\$257)**
- **The Green and Gold Café: Special Education Micro-enterprise** (Grades 9 -12 and ages 18-26) **North (\$2,015)**
- **Astronomy Class Supplies** (Grades 9 -12) **South (\$1,788)**
- **Boll Fitness Center Medicine Ball Sets** (Grades 9 -12) **South (\$3,415)**

The SEED grant recipients:

- **Yoga SEL** (Grades Y5-1) **Richard (\$370)**
- **Cyber Safety** (Grades K-12) **Districtwide (\$3,000)**
- **Mental Health: Breaking the Stigma and Finding Solutions** (Grades K-12) **Districtwide (\$5,750)**
- **Resilience and Mindfulness** (Grades K-4) **Maire and Richard (\$497)**
- **PREPaRE Training** (Grades Pre-K- post secondary students) **Districtwide (\$1,800)**
- **WEB Leader T-shirts** (8th grade) **Parcells (\$800)**



Fall 2022

The biannual grant recipients:

- **Marching Norsemen Banding Together for New Uniforms** (Grades 9-12) **North (\$28,000)**
- **Grosse Pointe Destination Imagination** (Grades 2-12) **District Wide (\$2,000)**
- **All About the Bass (Xylophone)** (Grades K-4) **Defer (\$2,665)**
- **Kerby Playground Renovation** (Grades K-4) **Kerby (\$10,000)**
- **Phonemic Awareness** (Young Fives and Kindergarten) **Mason (\$436)**
- **Leveled Books for Classroom Libraries** (Kindergarten) **Mason (\$8,579)**
- **Floreo** (Grades 5-8) **Brownell (\$2,450)**
- **All Gender Robotics Club** (Grades 5-8) **Pierce (\$1,200)**
- **Professional Grade Camcorders** (Grades 7-8) **Pierce, Brownell and Parcells (\$5,996)**
- **Cameras and Camera Equipment for GPN Student Media** (Grades 9-12) **North (\$8,567)**
- **Reigniting Recycling at South High School** (Grades 9-12) **South (\$2,640)**
- **Hydraulic Press for 3D Design with Metals Course** (Grades 9-12) **South (\$1,662)**
- **3D Printers** (Grades 6-12) **North, South, Parcells and Pierce (\$1,500)**
- **Funding Assistance for Combined High School Robotics Team** (Grades 9-12) **North and South (\$2,000)**
- **Sound Console Upgrade for the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center** (Grades K-12 and Grosse Pointe community) **North (\$30,000)**

The SEED grant recipients:

- **Cooperative Learning Games and Social Thinking** (Young Fives-Grade 4) **Monteith (\$722)**
- **TRAILS to Wellness** (Grades 5-12) **Brownell, Parcells, Pierce, North and South (\$35,600)**
- **Addendum to PREPaRE SEED Grant** (Grades Pre-K- post secondary students) **Districtwide (\$1,500)**
- **The Magic of Hope and Kindness** (Grades 5-8) **Brownell, Parcells and Pierce (\$22,500)**
- **Student Social Emotional Encouragement** (Grades 5-8) **Parcells (\$1,500)**
- **BeaTWEEN the Books Therapy Dog Program** (Grades 5-8) **Pierce (\$363)**
- **Pierce Sensory Room** (Grades 5-8) **Pierce (\$2,700)**
- **Exercise and Sensory Walkway** (Grades 9-12 and post secondary students) **South (\$181)**

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2022 Spring Benefit



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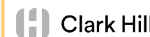
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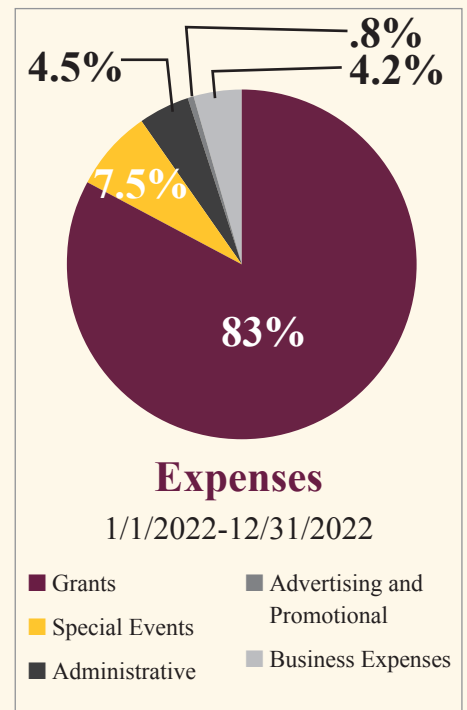
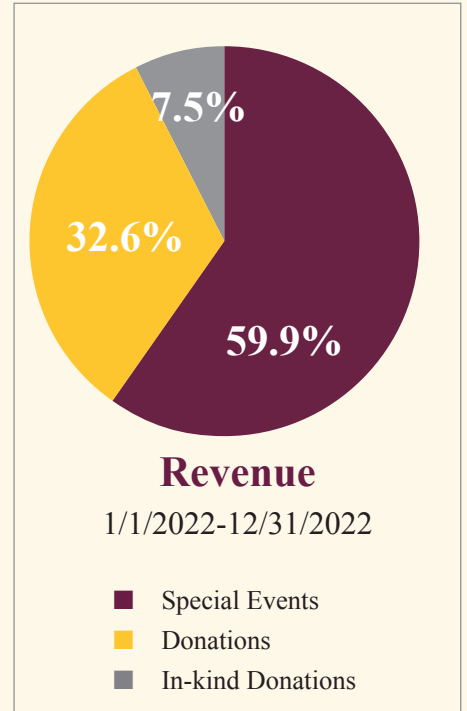
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