



ANNUAL REPORT

From the Foundation Board Chairwoman

Dear friends of the Panther Foundation:

Thank you for your continued enthusiastic support of the Panther Foundation. This year, we celebrate surpassing \$1.5 million of support to Spring Lake Park Schools. Since 2004, we have supported more than 275 projects for our students, staff and SLP community. This celebration is a true representation of our mission and purpose to empower and support world class learning in Spring Lake Park Schools, and be a significant partner in providing enriching experiences leading to student success.

This year we launched our most ambitious project ever committing \$600,000 towards improvements to the athletic and activities facilities. Our investment will enhance the experience for students and community members alike. We believe this project will make a significant difference for years to come. We are very proud to partner with Spring Lake Park Schools to make this possible. Inside you will find a feature story on this exciting project.

We invite you to read this year's report, which includes examples of the impact we had during the year and highlights from our great events.

Your support is important to our students and to Spring Lake Park Schools. Thank you for helping us ensure Spring Lake Park Schools is second to none.

Sincerely,

Marla Sciarra

Chairwoman, Panther Foundation

Suds with the Supt Event

The fall 2018 Suds with the Supt Event featured a Craft Brew and Pub Night at the TPC-Twin Cities with Spring Lake Park Schools Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg and his leadership team. This exclusive evening brought together the biggest supporters of the Panther Foundation and Spring Lake Park Schools. The evening's program focused on the Spring Lake Park High School Pathways to Career and College programming and exciting advancements in STEM learning and implementation district wide. Melissa Olson, Coordinator of Curriculum & Learning Design for Career and College Pathways and Dr. Hope Rahn, Director of Learning and Innovation were the featured speakers.

6th Annual Legacy Dinner

In April, our largest supporters and sponsors were wined and dined as a thank you for their continued support of the Panther Foundation over the past year. Supporters learned more in-depth details about the Panther Foundation and how their support was utilized over the past year. Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg presented updates on the school district, shared news about the new school location and other exciting plans for the future.

Panther Foundation 2017-2018 Financial Picture

Income Statement

REVENUE

Gala	\$166,300
Golf Fundraiser	26,953
Annual Sponsorships and Donations	52,682
Family Carnival & 5K	5,555
Investment Income	25,007
Total Revenue	<u>\$276,497</u>

EXPENSES

Grants & Special Projects	\$67,551
Gala	28,464
Golf Fundraiser	14,727
Family Carnival & 5K	7,321
General Operating, Administrative	16,958
Total Expenses	<u>135,020</u>

NET INCOME **\$141,477**

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Operating Cash	\$225,142
Angel Fund	31,251
General Savings	21,359
Investment Savings	423,940
Endowment	186,455
Total Assets	<u>\$888,147</u>

LIABILITIES

Grants Payable	\$328,613
Other Current Liabilities	2,045
Total Liabilities	<u>330,658</u>

NET ASSETS **\$557,489**

FEATURE STORY: Capital Campaign

The Panther Foundation launched the most ambitious grant commitment this year with the Panther Capital Campaign, committing \$600,000 towards improvements to the athletic and activities facilities throughout the district. The 2018 Fund-a-Dream kicked off this initiative raising nearly \$40,000. We are proud and excited to partner with Spring Lake Park Schools to build the future of our athletics and activities facilities. The board members felt compelled to invest in this project to not only enhance the experience for students and Panther fans, but to also make it easier for more students to participate in extracurricular activities.

Fine Arts projects include:

- Upgraded sound and lighting system
- State of the art projector and screen
- Remodeled entrances
- Improvements to the stage

Panther Stadium projects include:

- Expanding and lighting plaza on the north end of the stadium near the rotunda
- Improving access to the home grandstand
- Rebuilding the entrance to the stadium
- Improvements to the stage
- Moving and expanding the concession stand on the home side of the stadium
- Adding four outdoor restrooms



2017-2018 Grants & Projects

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Our ongoing community programs include the Angel Fund, Panther Pantry and Weekend Food Packs. All were started by the Panther Foundation several years ago and continue to make a difference in many of our student's lives.

The Angel Fund supports students and families who are experiencing hard times through tragedy, crisis or financial hardship. Much of the support consists of gift cards that are used for groceries, fuel, bus cards, personal hygiene items and clothing. We have also helped families with emergency housing, car repairs, furniture, utility bills and school fees. A little help can go a long way for many families.

The Panther Pantry serves as a place where SLP School students or families can collect groceries and personal care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes and toiletries when in need. Annual Panther Pantry drives are conducted in the school district and community to keep the shelves stocked and ready for customers.

Weekend food packs are a part of the Panther Pantry, with the purpose of helping to nourish students when they are away from school - over weekends, days off school or long breaks. During the 2017-2018 school year, almost 3,500 weekend food packs were distributed. The district averaged 100 packs a week for our students in need.



Students are provided their discreet pack on Fridays prior to leaving school. A pack typically contains: two breakfasts, two meals, a fruit option and a few snacks. This program has been hugely successful in helping our students. The packs help children who would otherwise go hungry over the weekend and keeps them nourished, so when they arrive at school on Monday morning they are focused and ready to learn.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

The Panther Foundation has several annual programs that span across schools and ages within the district.

Ready, Set, Read - Early Learning Books, \$4,000

- Through a partnership with Early Childhood Family Education and home visiting programs, the Panther Foundation provides families the opportunity to receive books to build their children's libraries in homes of our most at-risk students.
- Over 2,300 books were distributed to families and students in our district this past year.

Senior All Night Party, \$3,000

- The Panther Foundation is proud to support the Senior All Night Party that takes place annually at the end of each school year.
- This annual grant helps to reduce any financial barriers that may limit student access and participation, helps with t-shirt printing costs and ensures a successful and safe celebration.

Back to School Backpacks, \$5,000

- This is the 10th year of the Backpacks-for-All program.
- Over 750 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed to students in need prior to the first day of school



Tower Days Parade Book Giveaway, \$3,000

- In June, over 3,000 books were distributed to children along the Spring Lake Park Tower Days Parade Route.
- The Panther Foundation is proud to support this program year after year, and bring awareness to the importance of reading and the power of literacy - especially to our most vulnerable children.



GRANTS

The Panther Foundation was proud to provide funding to allow for enriched learning opportunities and experiences in a variety of areas this past year. These outstanding opportunities touched thousands of students across schools in our district. Some highlights include:



New Beginnings T-Shirts, \$12,500

This grant allowed for the purchase of school t-shirts for each student and staff member in the K-4 schools. With Centerview opening this year and students moving around the district with new boundary areas, the t-shirts helped provide a sense of identity and further Panther Pride throughout the schools.

Panther Store Start-Up, \$5,000

The Panther Store opened its doors for business again Homecoming 2017. The Panther Foundation provided some start-up capital to help with one-time expenses and to provide for some great merchandise to kick-off the year.

DECA State Competition, \$1,340

The Panther Foundation supported the travel and registration fees so that seven students could compete at the State DECA competition in March. DECA helps prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, hospitality and management. SLP students joined 2,000 others from Minnesota for this special event.

FCCLA State and National Competition, \$1,350

Two grants were awarded to FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) this year. The grants supported the State and National Trips for the student teams. Due to an increase in student participation, we helped fund the expenses to the state competition for an additional chaperone. We also helped defray the registration costs of six students competing and attending the national event in Atlanta.



New Staff Welcome Program, \$2,500

New members of the Spring Lake Park staff were welcomed into the district and their new roles in August. Each new staff member received a welcome pack, along with Panther spirit gear to help embrace them as part of the Spring Lake Park Schools family.

Math Nationals Trip, \$500

Funding supported high school student An Trinh in attending and competing in the American Regional Math League Competition with his State All-Math Team.

Destination Imagination Global Finals Trip, \$1,500

Destination Imagination is a nationwide program, in which many schools throughout the United States compete. Students on the Spring Lake Park Lighthouse School team earned the opportunity to compete at the national level and attend the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Tennessee.

The Panther Foundation was able to offset some of the team's travel expenses so that all could participate.





Centerview PTO Start-Up, \$2,000

This grant provided start-up funds for the newly formed Centerview Elementary School PTO. Start-up funds help with the acquisition of non-profit 501c3 status as well providing materials and equipment for the PTO room so that volunteers have the resources they need to support our staff.

New Beginnings T-Shirts

To kick-off the 2018-2019 school year, the Spring Lake Park Panther Foundation approved a grant to give every student and staff member at Woodcrest, Park Terrace, Northpoint and Centerview Elementary a new t-shirt with their school name.

Students and staff wore their t-shirts to school on the first Friday of the school year to proudly show off their school apparel and to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.



2018 Events



14th Annual "Fire and Ice" Gala

The 14th Annual Gala raised nearly \$180,000 during its 14th annual gala "Fire and Ice" on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

The snowy evening did not keep the generous attendees away. Over 300 people attended the event and had a great time bidding for a cause on more than 400 silent auction items and exciting live auction items.

Each year, in collaboration with the school district, we identify a special project, called "Fund-a-Dream" that is introduced at the Gala and is intended to make a difference in the lives of students. This year we announced our largest project ever- a Capital Campaign to enhance athletic and activities facilities. We committed \$600,000 toward this cause over two years.

Attendees at the event pledged more than \$40,000 to kick off the fundraising campaign.

Annual Sponsors of the Panther Foundation include Marsh & McLennan Agency, Bill & Wendy Koschak, Meyer Contracting, Chris & Niomi Hasling, Hoffman Weber Construction, Imagine Smiles, Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, Kris Lindahl of REMAX realty, Tonya & Kevin Rowe and State Farm - Tom Holland Agency.





8th Annual Carnival & 5K/2K

The 8th annual Family Carnival & 5K/2K was held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the SLP High School Panther Stadium. Over 550 attended the event to play on inflatable bouncers, participate in carnival games and walk or run the 5K or 2K loop around the Spring Lake Park High School community.

The Panther mascot run is always a favorite of kids of all ages. This special event allows even the littlest Panthers a chance to get involved in the ¼ mile Panther run.

Contributions from the presenting sponsor, Allina Health, made it inclusive for all families to participate, regardless of income. We are grateful for the many event sponsors and the Panther Foundation Annual Sponsors. The purpose of this event is to bring families together to engage with the school district and each other in a positive and exciting way. This event is a partnership with the Panther Foundation and Spring Lake Park Schools Community Education Department.



6th Annual Golf Fundraiser

The 6th Annual Panther Foundation golf fundraiser was a great success again this year taking place at The Refuge Golf Club in Oak Grove on June 25, 2018. Over 130 golfers tee'd off to raise more than \$16,500 to benefit Spring Lake Park Schools' Athletics and Activities programs.

Proceeds from this event go towards projects, activities, programs and facility improvements that continue to make our athletics and activities world-class. We are proud to support our students in activities outside of the school day and classrooms.

Save the date for this year's 7th Annual Panther Foundation Golf Fundraiser on Monday, June 24, 2019 and the 9th Annual Carnival & 5K/2K in fall 2019.



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The following donors gave \$1,000 or more towards the Fund-A-Dream at the 2018 Panther Foundation Gala.

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