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FOR EDUCATION

Dear Orono Families,

As we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Orono Foundation for Education, we honor the legacy of many committed donors to the Foundation with their gifts of time, talent and treasures.

I write to you with heartfelt appreciation for your contributions to the Foundation and hope you will take a moment to proudly reflect upon how valuable your role has been in creating our organization's success story.

This annual report features a number of impactful donor stories from our rich history over the last fifteen years. Gifts of all sizes have made an incredible difference in the daily experience of our extraordinary students and faculty members. On their behalf, I thank you for fifteen amazing years of support. Your belief in our mission has enabled us to help propel Orono Schools to the national stage. Together, we can meet today's needs and tomorrow's dreams. The next fifteen years holds such great promise for the children of Orono. Investing in our kids is an investment in our future.

After ten years of volunteering with the Foundation and witnessing the incredible things our community has accomplished together, I am proud to hand the reigns to Joellen Gonder-Spacek, an Orono parent with extensive non-profit leadership experience. I am confident, with Joellen's leadership, the prospects for our Foundation are extremely bright for years to come.

Sincerely,



Lisa Winkey
Chair, Orono Foundation for Education, 2012-2015



It is with deep gratitude that I celebrate the Orono Foundation for Education's fifteenth anniversary. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided critical funds that have benefitted every student in all grades. Community and family contributions to the Foundation have been a hallmark of my time as Superintendent. Thank you for your undesignated donations to the Annual Fund and support of The Endowment Fund for the future of Orono Schools. This support is critical; a variety of hallmark initiatives over the last fifteen years lay testament to the undesignated annual funds resulting from the Foundation's efforts. Our vision for the character program, literacy coaches, world language, service learning, and our AP course offerings, amongst many other things, were all fueled by additional funds from the Orono Foundation. The Orono experience would be markedly different without these highly regarded and impactful components of our K-12 education.

Your support of the Orono Foundation for Education sends a powerful message to the students and staff at Orono. Contributions to the Orono Foundation for Education indicate that our community believes in the value of a world-class education for every child, regardless of their ability or background. Because of fifteen years of incredible support, we can create the next fifteen years of education at Orono Schools with a global vision for our future.

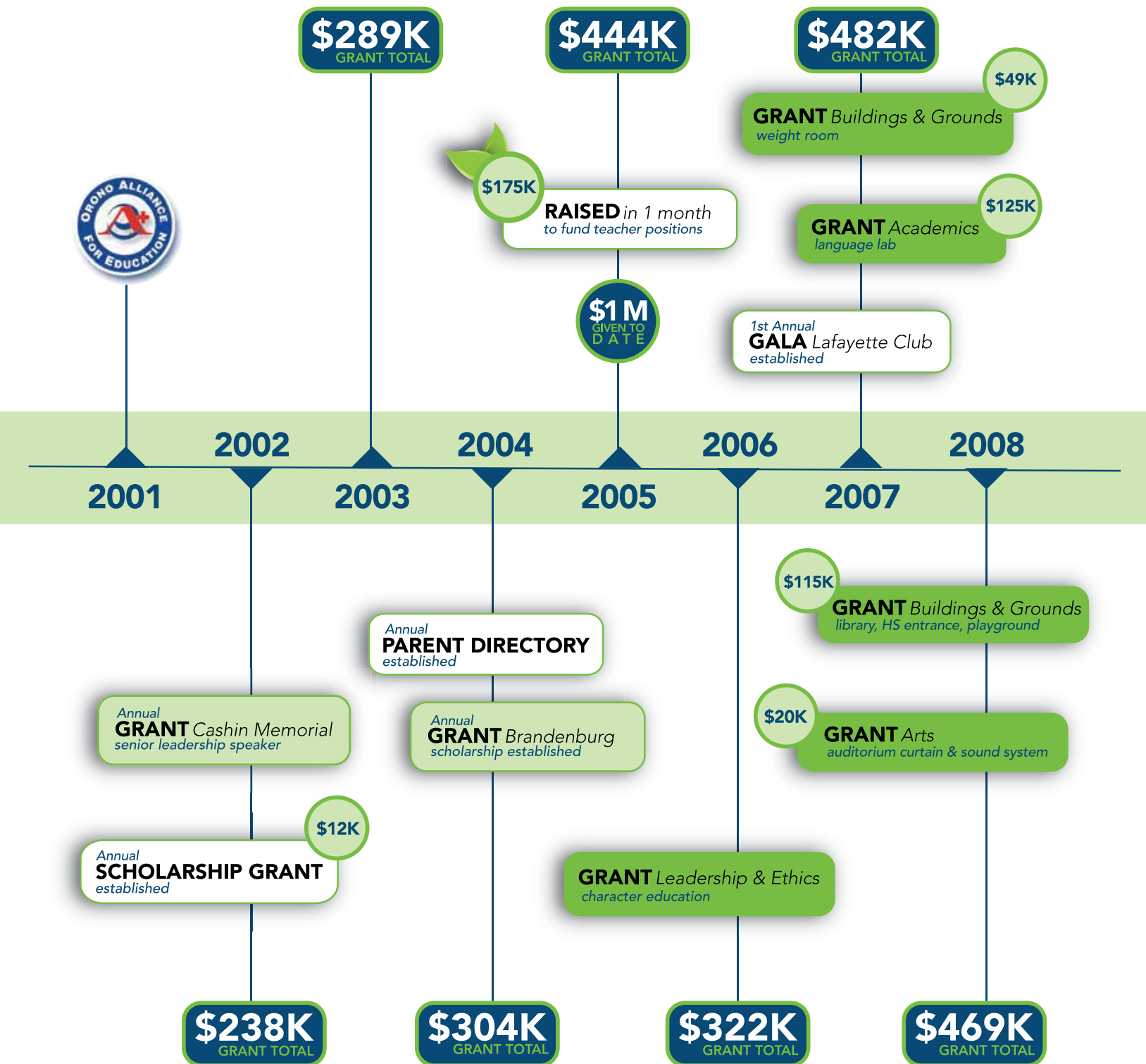
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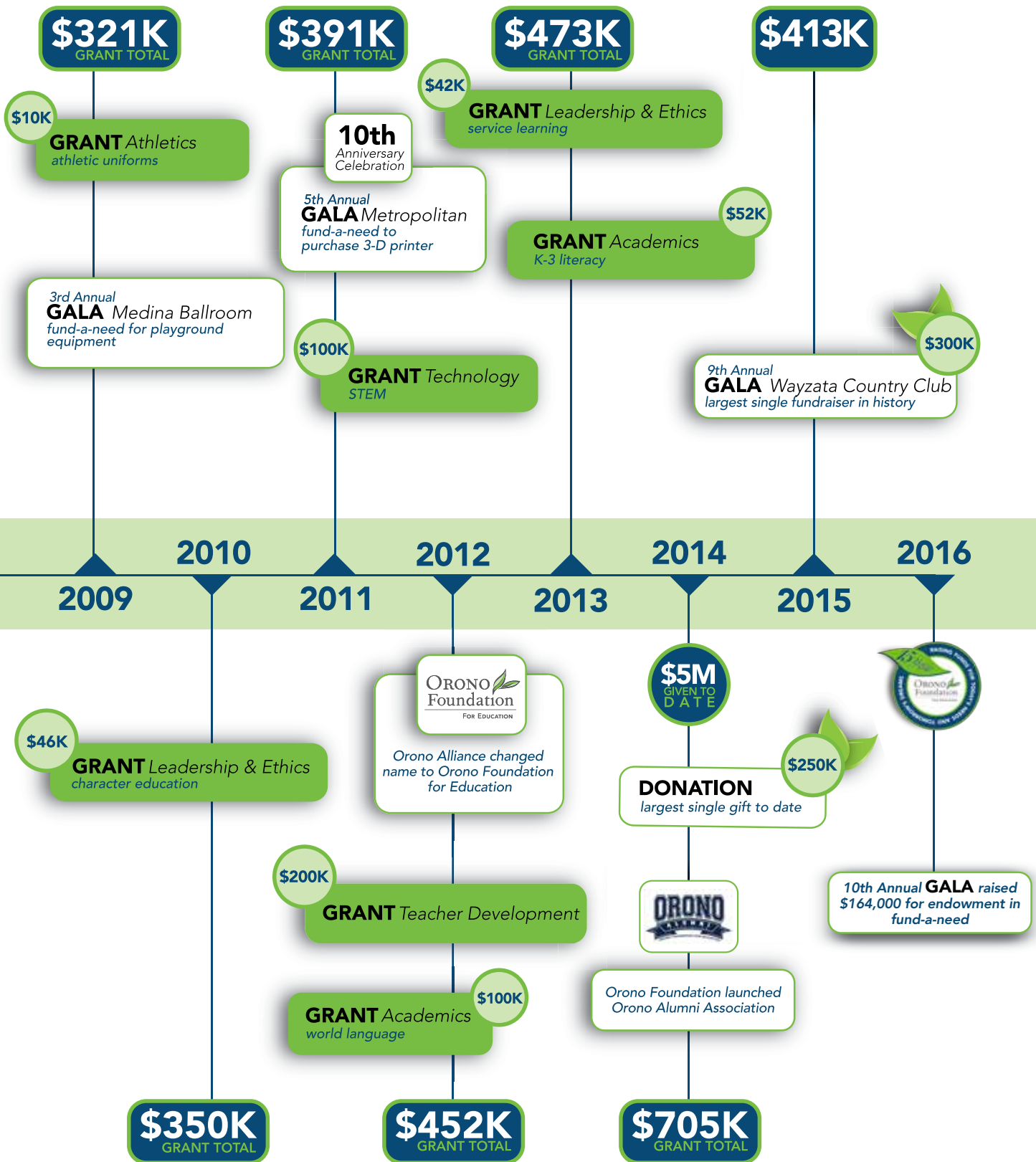
Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent,
Orono School District

2001-2016 HISTORY of the ORONO

The Orono Foundation for Education (formerly the Orono Alliance for Education) began in 2001 to address insufficient government funding for public education. The timeline below provides a snapshot of major grants awarded, new programs funded and significant events throughout our history. This trajectory of private funding support was the vision of our organization's founders and we are grateful for their foresight. Their visionary thinking has positively impacted every student at Orono.



FOUNDATION for EDUCATION



July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

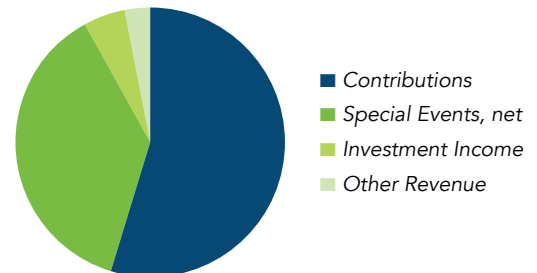
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We ended another year in a very strong financial position, not only able to continue, but grow our support of Orono schools. We continue to focus on responsible fiscal management and excellent stewardship of every donor dollar.

Note: Additional financial information for the Orono Foundation for Education can be found in the organization's Form 990 and Audited Financial Statements

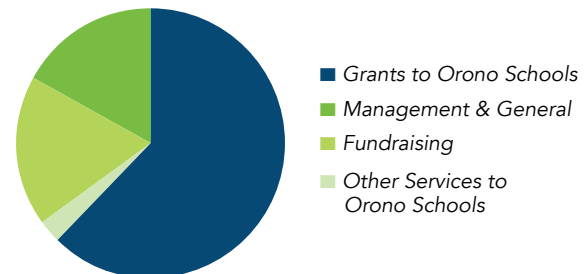
Revenue, Gains & Other Support

Contributions	\$ 447,060	54.7%
Special Events, net	303,989	37.2%
Investment Income	41,914	5.1%
Other Revenue/In-Kind	23,855	2.9%
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support	\$816,818	100.0%



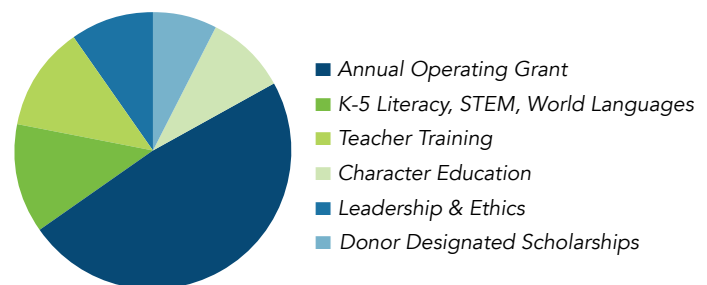
Expenses

Grants to Orono Schools	\$412,711	62.4%
Other Services to Orono Schools	18,584	2.8%
Management & General	119,025	18.0%
Fundraising	110,761	16.8%
Total Expenses	\$661,081	100.0%
Change in Net Assets	\$155,737	
Net Assets, beginning of year	1,217,068	
Net Assets, end of year	\$1,372,805	



Grants to Orono Schools

Donor Designated - scholarships, etc.	\$31,296
Leadership & Ethics	38,915
Annual Operating Grant	200,000
K-5 Literacy, STEM, World Languages	52,500
Teacher Training	50,000
Character Education	40,000
Total Grants to Orono Schools	\$412,711



Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$120,386
Accounts Receivable	-00
Pledges Receivable	55,997
Investments	1,349,014
Prepaid Expenses	21,153
Equipment	-00
Long Term Pledges Receivable	42,569
Total Program Services & Grants	\$1,589,119

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$3,014
Grants Payable	200,000
Deferred Revenue	13,300
Unrestricted Funds	386,337
Memorial & Other Designated Funds	493,828
Endowment Fund	492,640
Total	\$1,589,119

the **FUND STRUCTURE**



Historically, the core of the Foundation's giving has been a yearly grant for the district's annual budget. Each year, a few donors approach the Foundation interested in donating to a specific project. The Orono Foundation has created a new structure to facilitate these targeted contributions.

A donor may choose to designate a gift to any of the Orono Foundation for Education's Funds:

THE ANNUAL FUND THE ENDOWMENT FUND THE EXCELLENCE FUNDS

- **ACADEMICS**
- **ARTS**
- **ATHLETICS**
- **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**
- **LEADERSHIP & ETHICS**
- **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT**
- **TECHNOLOGY**

the **ANNUAL FUND**

The Orono Foundation's Annual Fund provides the district with a yearly grant that is used to continue to grow excellence at Orono Schools. The Foundation began with the intent of providing stop gap funding to cover teacher salary shortfalls after a dramatic cut in state funding. Throughout our fifteen year history, the Annual Fund has been the core of the Foundation's support for Orono Schools.

Annual funds provide our district with the flexibility to address the key educational priorities most pressing at that time. This enables Orono to maintain programs, class size and level of quality which make our schools outstanding.

The annual fund offers a single year of support for day-to-day needs such as teacher salaries, classroom materials and technology. The funds work immediately, directly impacting all students in every grade.



Together, as a community, we have made important investments in our children's education. Since inception, the Orono Foundation for Education has given over **\$6 million dollars to Orono Schools, helping support:**

- **TEACHER POSITIONS TO MAINTAIN SMALLER CLASS SIZES**
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM**
- **STEM PROGRAMS**
- **K-12 WORLD LANGUAGE OFFERINGS**
- **ACADEMIC-BASED SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES**
- **CHARACTER PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS**

In honor of our 15th Anniversary, we are highlighting significant historical gifts in each Excellence Fund.

"We moved to Orono after our oldest child's kindergarten year in Wayzata because we wanted something more intimate for our family. We decided on Orono based on its excellent reputation. Now our oldest two have graduated from Orono and our last child is thriving and entering 8th grade. Small classrooms were important, of course. But more important to us is the smaller school community which has given us a chance to know the staff personally and to be involved in many of the athletic and academic activities. Both of the older kids said they felt very prepared for the college curriculum and we credit Orono Schools for that opportunity."

The Challgren Family



Cate, Abbey, Steve, Amy and Sam Challgren

"We've chosen to annually support the Orono Foundation since inception because it is comprised of people who have a real time thumb on the pulse of district needs and academic trends. It is a great parent/school partnership."

*Amy & Steve Challgren
Parents of Three Orono Students*

the ENDOWMENT FUND



Fifteen years ago, the Orono Foundation for Education created an endowment to establish a sustainable revenue stream for the district. Endowment funds, conservatively invested in a diverse portfolio of assets, help buffer market downturns, fluctuations in donor contributions, or decreased state or federal support.

As a **working endowment for a public school**, the Foundation's Board is committed to drawing interest from the endowment to make contributions to Orono Schools. This enables district leadership to develop a long-term vision for our schools. Facilitated by a consistent source of private funds, the endowment creates stability for our schools.

The endowment offers the Foundation a predictable and steady annual source of funds for Orono Schools.



Growing the endowment is a key strategic goal of our Board of Directors. We invite you to invest in the future with a donation to Orono's endowment. Your gift will create support for our students now and for decades to come.

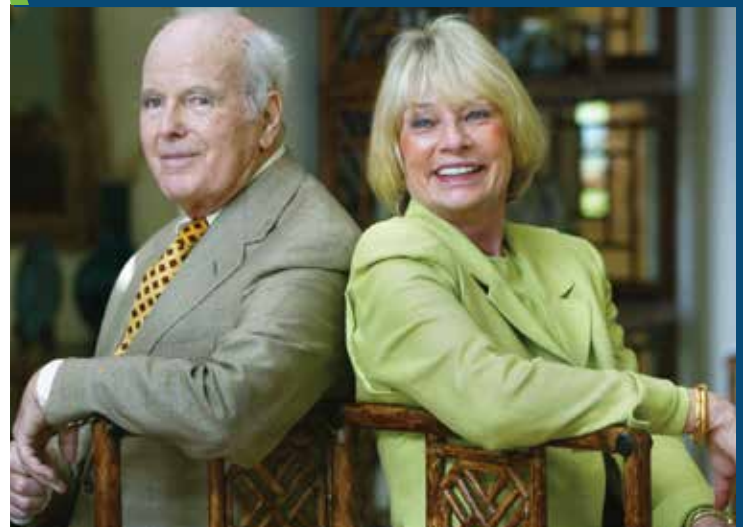


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Bruce & Ruth Dayton have been incredibly generous community members since 2001. They began their financial support for Orono Public Schools with a \$100,000 gift to the Orono Alliance to begin the operations and endowment. We would like to thank Ruth for continuing their legacy of stewardship with annual Gala sponsorship support over the past ten years.



Bruce and Ruth Dayton



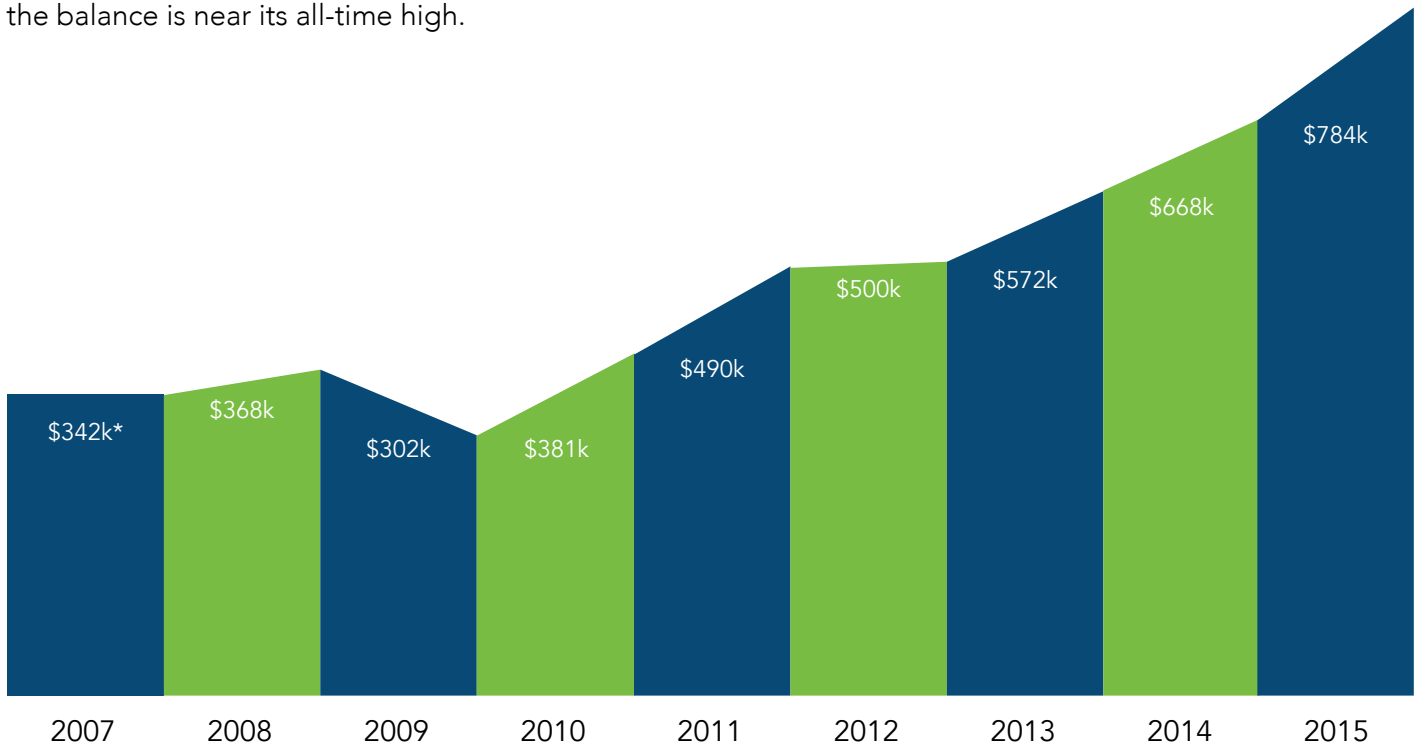
"We believe it is important to support programs in their infancy to help build a base for further contributions. We also believe it is important to support local causes, particularly in the community in which we live. Contributing to education has always been a priority for us," explains Ruth Stricker Dayton.

ENDOWMENT HISTORY

The endowment account is invested for growth and income.

Fiscal Year End:

Value as of 3/16/16: \$862,000 With the recent U.S. stock market recovery, the balance is near its all-time high.



* Accounts moved to Merrill Lynch in July 2007

** The value dropped by 6/30/09 due to the stock market decline in 2008-9

DESIGNATED GIFTS



The Orono Foundation Designated Gift Policy requires a \$10,000 gift amount from a single donor (or multiple donors) and approval from superintendent Dr. Karen Orcutt before being approved. If the designated gift meets strategic goals of the Orono School District, a donor can support a specific program within an excellence fund.

In the past years, donors have chosen to support robotics within the Technology Excellence Fund, and K-5 Literacy within the Academics Excellence Fund.

We encourage you to contemplate program areas which interest you which may align with district needs and dreams. To discuss the possibility of a designated program gift, please contact Kari Groth Swan, Executive Director, at kari@oronofoundation.org.

the EXCELLENCE FUNDS



ACADEMICS

Academics are the bedrock of Orono. In Orono's classrooms, whether they are filled with preschoolers or high school seniors, academic rigor is present. For this reason, the district is recognized as a top public school in the nation. However, education is evolving and there is room to improve. In order to deliver excellence in the classroom, Orono invests in understanding each student's unique learning style and needs.

This is an on-going process of providing personalized learning for students at Orono which requires additional teacher training, instructional tools, more staff, and updated facilities and equipment.

A gift in this area has lasting impact. Investing in the Academic Excellence Fund brings additional academic resources to Orono students.

Gifts to Excellence Funds support short- to mid-term needs in specific designated program areas.



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Kitty and David Crosby have a long history of supporting Orono Schools. Kitty Crosby, an alumnae of one of the first graduating classes of Orono High School, has been a fourth grade teacher, a school board member, a community advocate and generous donor to the Orono Schools throughout her life. Most recently, she and David contributed funds to the Orono Foundation for Education Academics Excellence Fund for innovative literacy programs designed for all Kindergarten through fifth grade students.

In addition to providing the initial funds to begin this vital program, Kitty and David successfully sought additional funds from other members of the Orono community. "We have been encouraged by the additional support for the literacy program by the community. Orono is doing a great job of teaching students the skills they need and promoting lifelong learning. The administration, staff, teachers, and students seem motivated and committed to the program. The results have been positive and encouraging" shares Kitty.

Kitty and David Crosby

"We believe a community is as good as the schools. We were motivated by a need for a sequential, brain researched program for K-5 Literacy that could be enthusiastically supported by all elementary teachers. Funds were needed for materials and training. This need was identified in Orono Schools' five-year strategic planning meeting and David and I felt compelled to respond by contributing to the Orono Foundation Academics Excellence Fund."

Kitty Crosby, Orono Class of 1958





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ARTS

Visual arts, theater, choir and band, allow students to express themselves through the work they create. With the growing interest in digital media and fine arts and the popularity of choir and band, Orono students participate in arts like never before.

A designated gift in the arts excellence fund makes a difference to students who have a passion for art, music and other forms of creative expression. For example, gifts from the Sweatt Foundation have been used to support the Listening Point Outdoor Education Center, part of the outdoor learning complex at Orono Schools.

"Arts education plays a crucial role in developing a world citizen and a well-rounded student."

**- Kristen Pardun-Johannsen,
Middle School Drama
Teacher**



"We are happy to support our schools through annual fund and endowment fund giving over the years, but have especially appreciated the opportunity to direct our gifts towards specific needs such as athletics, as all four of our children have benefited from the opportunity to play many Orono sports over the years. We appreciate the opportunity to be able to give to the Orono Foundation for Education and designate our Athletic gift to areas of specific need such as Cross Country uniforms and locker room upgrades. To witness our gifts immediately being used to benefit our Orono School children is truly gratifying."

-Lisa & Travis Winkey

ATHLETICS

A gift in the Athletics Excellence Fund augments opportunities available to students, increases the enjoyment of spectators and helps ensure overall safety in achieving fitness. Donors have chosen to support Athletics with specific gifts for improving locker room spaces, enhancing the weight room at the high school, and building new playground equipment at the Intermediate School.

In 2013, several donors sought district approval to raise funds to renovate the women's locker room and to provide new uniforms for the cross-country teams. Open communication and strategic conversations between the donors, school administration, and the Orono Foundation enabled these projects to go from a "wish list" to reality. The Orono Foundation is grateful to be the conduit bringing the interests of families and the needs of the district together.



"Orono Schools is really the center of the community."
- Julie Jurek, Intermediate School Social Worker

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The Buildings & Grounds Excellence Fund provides an avenue for community members who are interested in improving the facilities at Orono Schools. Closely aligned with the facilities plan for the Orono School District, this fund seeks to address critical facility improvements and identified enhancements. Funds are used to replace equipment, update to more efficient components or install greater security systems which provide a more positive environment for Orono Students.

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Justin McCoy, Orono class of 2002, is the Coordinator of Facilities and Safety at Orono Schools. When asked about the impact of the Orono Foundation since its inception, Justin says:

"The Orono Foundation has provided a valuable partnership to Orono Schools over the past 15 years. The financial contributions, alumni networking and most recently the "dream big" campaign has channeled conversations on ways to continue to make Orono great and provide critical funding to improve facilities that wouldn't otherwise be possible. With my position, I have the opportunity to work on many facility projects with a very talented staff that affect our daily operations. Each project we do in facilities and safety enhances the experiences of all students at Orono."

Justin McCoy Family



Maddy, Justin, Caroline and Landon McCoy

LEADERSHIP & ETHICS

Orono is a leader in character education and aims to continue to be the model for schools nationwide. As one of only three public schools in the nation to win the National School of Character Award in 2013, Orono has been described as a 'gem' in its commitment to leadership and ethics.

In an ever-changing world, one of the greatest gifts the district can give each student is a stronger sense of ethics and character as they become productive adults.

"My hope for Orono Schools is that we can continue to establish ourselves as the model for academic excellence and character building, not only throughout the state, but internationally."

- Adam Lamparske, Schumann Elementary School Principal

In honor of our 15th Anniversary, we are highlighting significant historical gifts in each Excellence Fund.

Victoria Aberg and her brother Jerry Brost had a desire to develop a personal character program at Orono Schools with an initial emphasis on anti-bullying education. In 2005, they shared their desire to find a solution with Superintendent Dr. Karen Orcutt.

The funds they provided from a family foundation seeded The Orono Foundation's Personal Academics Fund for \$50,000. Together with Dr. Orcutt and her leadership staff they developed goals for the "Personal Academics Program." The overall focus was on individual character development in the curriculum. They recognized that the quality of one's life is determined by their personal choices. The Character Counts!® Program evolved from this mindset. The Six Pillars of Character® (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship) is now an important part of Orono Schools' curriculum.

"Our intent was to begin a program, and encourage others to donate, so it would have long term sustainability," shared Victoria. "Our hopes were that others would see the value in these types of programs that affect the success of our children in their whole lives beyond academic years," Jerry explained.

"We had a big concept and were not sure how to start, but we trusted and believed in Dr. Orcutt. Karen researched and created a Personal Academics Program that would be impactful for Orono Schools. Dr. Orcutt, with her leadership team and faculty, turned our concept into a brilliant program that has won national recognition! We are pleased the Orono Foundation also considers this a priority by developing a specific Excellence Fund for Leadership & Ethics," Victoria said.

"This year marks the eleventh year and will exceed \$200,000 contributions to the Aberg-Brost Personal Academics Fund" Jerry reported.

Thank you to the Aberg and Brost families and the Lyman & Wilma Wakefield Family Foundation for generously continuing to support this character and personal academics program on an annual basis.



TEACHER DEVELOPMENT



Orono's teachers are top-notch and students and our community benefit from their expertise. Like many other professions, continuing education is key to bringing best practices and innovative teaching methods to Orono Schools. Orono aims to have its teachers experience transformational training. A gift in the Teacher Development Excellence Fund enables Orono Schools to continue to provide a wealth of development options for teachers.



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Martha and Andy Van de Ven family understood the importance of making teacher development a priority at Orono Schools. In 2012, they committed to a gift of \$50,000 per year for four years to the Foundation to be used specifically for enhancing teacher training in the Orono School District. These funds have enabled Orono teachers to learn from leading educational institutes, like the Lesley University Literacy Program, the national leader in K-5 literacy education.



Pictured from left to right are Kathi Tunheim, Chair of Orono Foundation Board of Directors; Martha Van de Ven, Member, Orono School Board and Orono Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent Orono School District and John Malone, Chair, Orono School Board.

At the time, the Van de Ven donation was the largest single gift the organization had received in its fifteen-year history and this type of leadership gift has inspired similar designated gifts to the Orono Foundation. "The generosity of the Van de Ven family is so appreciated, not only by the Foundation, but by all parents who know that each child in Orono benefits from this gift. We realize that if we have caring teachers with state-of-the-art training, incredible student outcomes follow," said Kathi Tunheim, former President of the Orono Foundation for Education.

"It's like any good company; we understand the importance of providing funds to allow for excellent training opportunities in order to recruit and keep the best talent, leading to better outcomes. Every teacher who can now access additional training because of this gift will generate a great ripple effect of better learning. That's powerful," Martha Van de Ven said of her family's gift. "We gave this gift to honor my mother, as she believed in the power of education for all kids, no matter their background or ability."

TECHNOLOGY

Technology is always changing! This evolution, however, requires continued investment since technology of a previous decade is often obsolete when compared to what is available today.

Orono's goal is to empower students to reach their full potential and become globally competitive learners that leverage technology tools and digital content. Technology complements Orono's passionate teachers in delivering engaging lessons in every subject.

A gift in the Technology Excellence Fund could support future program enhancements in the tech sphere.

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The Orono School District has always dreamed big for its students by constantly striving to improve, enhance and provide leading innovations in public education. Just a few years ago the idea of owning a 3D printer, a technology that allows students to turn a digital file into a three dimensional physical product, seemed like a distant dream for Orono Schools. These printers could transform students from passive learners to active creators by providing interactive class activities. Yet, the price of this equipment far exceeded the school's budget.

In 2012, Orono Superintendent Dr. Karen Orcutt shared her dream of having a 3D printer with the Orono Foundation. We shared this dream with Orono grandparents John and Susan Morrison, who offered a lead matching gift of \$50,000 to bring this innovative technology to Orono. With the matching challenge in place, Orono parents responded by raising \$100,000, enabling the 3D printer to become a reality.

John and Susan Morrison



"We are thrilled to have had four children and nine grandchildren be a part of the Orono Schools community. Our family goals are that each person attain an excellent education, to the best of their ability, and to stretch themselves to become adults who are contributing to their communities. We especially enjoy spear-heading efforts targeted in the Arts and STEM because we believe it is important way for individual students to develop their experience and passion in focused areas. We hope that their desire for learning will last through their entire lifetime."

-John & Susan Morrison, Orono Parents and Grandparents

MEMORIAL *Gifts*

THE CASHIN SYMPOSIUM

The Orono Foundation has provided a variety of ways for people to give to Orono Schools in memory of loved ones. Whether through an annual scholarship, a program, a dedicated space on campus or an annual event, we are deeply grateful to have the opportunity to honor special people in our community.

Tim and Holly Cashin have provided an annual symposium at Orono High School in honor of their son Timmy for nearly fifteen years. Timmy Cashin graduated from Orono High School in 1999. As student body president, Captain of the Orono football team and participant in DECA, Tim was a role model and leader among his peers. When Tim died tragically in 2001, his family, Orono Schools and Orono community felt the loss in a profound and painful way.



Tim and Holly Cashin

Having uncovered a list that Tim had written in his high school leadership class about his “50 Things to do Before the Age of 50”, they felt the desire to leave a legacy at Orono that would bear Tim’s name to honor the dynamic and creative person he was.

Through a fund established with the Orono Foundation, they created the Cashin Symposium, a morning of inspiration given to every senior class since 2002. Motivational speaker, Mark Scharenbroich, challenges seniors to live a life of love and meaning and encourages them to ponder the same question Tim answered many years before. The Cashin Symposium has become a highly anticipated part of the senior class experience at Orono Schools.

Orono High School Teacher, Doug Erickson, was instrumental in working with the Cashins to establish the annual Cashin Symposium.

“The Cashin Symposium is an excellent way for seniors to start their year and it helps set the tone for the entire year. Mark Scharonbroich’s central theme is to make the most of the time you have left at Orono and treasure the classmates with whom you have journeyed. Seniors often quote what they heard at the Cashin Symposium as the year progresses. I can not count the number of times that I have heard a senior say, ‘Don’t count crayons, just color!’” says Doug Erickson.

The Orono Foundation for Education is thankful for the generosity of our parents, teachers, staff, students and community. Whether you have given your time, talent or your financial resources to help Orono Schools, we truly appreciate the support you have shown. Listed are cash gifts given July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015.

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ORONO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Orono Alumni Association, created by the Orono Foundation in partnership with the Orono School District, provides alumni with an opportunity to connect with fellow graduates, their school and their community. "The creation of the Orono Alumni Association builds on my dream to further link our schools and our community," said Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent, Orono Schools. Alumni celebrated Homecoming with enthusiasm at the parade and the second annual Alumni Association tent party.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND PROMISING ALUMNI AWARDS

The Orono Alumni Association facilitated the nomination process for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni and Promising Alumni Awards. Katherine (Kitty) Crosby, Class of 1958, and Cassandra (Kassy) Heinrich, Class of 2007, were selected by an alumni panel for this year's honors. "I am delighted that two such committed and accomplished alumnae were honored with these esteemed awards," said Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent, Orono Schools. 2015 Honorees and previous Distinguished Alumni Award winners were invited to a celebration at Wayzata Country Club hosted by the Orono Foundation for Education.

New last year, the Promising Alumni Award recognizes an alum within fourteen years of graduating from High School who has shown great promise in their chosen field and demonstrates dedicated service in their community.

"I am extremely grateful that I had the opportunity to attend Orono and now work at Orono Schools as the Coordinator of Facilities and Safety. I have seen some classmates become doctors, others serve our great nation in the military wearing commanding brass, and still others have become successful, highly respected coaches. These young professionals have taken the experience given at Orono Schools to make a difference in the world. It's a difference that wouldn't be possible without the support of the Orono Foundation. Working for Orono Schools, where excellence is achieved daily and lives are impacted, made it an organization that I wanted to be part of. Being surrounded by the staff at Orono cultivates a culture of excellence and an excitement that makes me love my job!"

- Justin McCoy, Class of 2002
Coordinator of Facilities and Safety



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year, the Orono Foundation for Education administers over \$12,000 in scholarships for graduating seniors. These scholarship funds recognize the incredible work of our High School seniors and help relieve some of the financial burden of rapidly rising college costs. Several alumni donors contribute annually to these funds to give back to Orono and help support talented graduates.

GET INVOLVED!

The Orono Alumni Association is looking for alumni to engage with the organization in a variety of ways. Orono grads are invited to represent their class decade on the Alumni board, serve on a planning committee for the Homecoming, sit on a selection committee for the Distinguished and Promising Alumni Awards, or participate in one-time events like the Homecoming parade and tailgate. Learn how you can contribute your time and talents by contacting Jeanne Morrison Cook ('83) at jeanne@oronofoundation.org.

GET CONNECTED!

Orono Alumni are invited to go to oronofoundation.org to learn more.



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