





Students from the class of 2015 on decision day

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A closer look at the Orono Foundation's 2013-2014 financial picture

Due to the necessary delays it takes for audited financials to be completed, this donor listing is from 2013-2014 OFE Fiscal Year. If you would like to assure that you are listing in the 2014-2015 donor listing and annual report, please make a donation by June 30, 2015. If you are unsure if you have donated in this current fiscal year, please contact Jeanne Cook, Director of Development at jeanne@oronofoundation.org.

ORONO Foundation

FOR EDUCATION

Dear Orono Families,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Orono Schools. The Orono Schools and the Orono Foundation for Education have a great number of achievements to celebrate. I hope that you will review the statistics, stories and photos we have offered in this annual report and feel a sense of pride that you have helped, through your many generous gifts, to empower all Orono students to achieve their highest potential. Whether you share your financial resources, time, or talents, the Orono Foundation for Education is truly thankful.

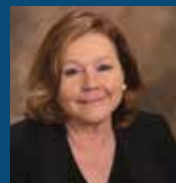
As we reflect on our 2013-2014 fiscal year at the Orono Foundation for Education, it has been a period of time marked by the success of our collaborative partnership with district leaders and teachers as well as the amazing commitment of our parents and community to help the children of Orono achieve their goals and strive for their dreams. Thanks to many caring people who donated generously throughout the entire year, the Orono Foundation awarded its largest grant ever to Orono Public Schools. This grant, distributed across all the schools in the district, resulted in great strides for Orono. Advanced literacy education for our youngest learners, intellectually stimulating service learning opportunities for our Orono Middle School students and increasing Advanced Placement offerings at the Orono High School are just a few examples of the impact of Foundation dollars.

Your gift, no matter how big or small, truly does make a difference. On behalf of the students and faculty who benefit directly from your support, thank you for your belief in our mission. Together, let's raise funds for today's needs and tomorrow's dreams!

Sincerely,



Lisa Winkey
Chair, Orono Foundation for Education



Spring is a perfect time for reflection for those involved in education. It is a chance to celebrate successes, identify areas for further growth, and begin dreaming for the future. This year, as in the past, the Orono Foundation for Education provided critical funds to the Orono School district that benefited every single student in every single grade.

We notice the impact of donations from the Orono Foundation daily. There is nothing throughout the school district that hasn't been touched in a positive way because of the Foundation.

We have been able to dream because we have the hope of dollars coming in that are above and beyond the adequate education dollars that the state gives us. Having a well-funded foundation is a powerful message to send to the staff and students at Orono. It reveals that we live in a community where people believe education is important, and that every child, regardless of ability or background, deserves a world-class education.

Giving to the Orono Foundation is direct giving to the children of these communities. Because of your donations, we have more successes to celebrate, better tools to tackle additional challenges, and the incredible gift of being able to dream for the future. You help us meet the needs of today while dreaming for tomorrow.

With appreciation,



Dr. Karen Orcutt, Superintendent,
Orono School District

ORONO FOUNDATION



Impacting
every day...



Class of 2026

WHAT MAKES THE ORONO FOUNDATION UNIQUE?

The Orono Foundation differs from other Orono parent organizations and athletic booster clubs in scale and scope. We serve all Orono students from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. As a strategic partner with the district's leadership, the Orono Foundation supports initiatives that impact programs across the campus. We are proud to partner with the PTO, OMSPA, SPA and athletic booster clubs on projects ranging from campus improvements to program sponsorships.

CHEERS TO THE 2015 SENIOR CLASS

This year's graduating class has never known an Orono education without the benefit of the Orono Foundation enriching their academic experience. Created in 2001 to help fund teaching positions, the Foundation's annual impact on the excellence of the Orono Schools helped shape our seniors' entire school career.



Class of 2014



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FESTIVAL

Last fall, the Orono Foundation hosted the third annual Back-to-School Festival at Minnetonka Orchards. A popular family outing, Minnetonka Orchards provided a festive location for this family event.

Co-hosted by the Orono Foundation and Orono PTO for the first time, the Back-to-School Festival was a terrific way to begin the school year and raise funds for both organizations.

2014 GALA

"The Orono Derby: Race for Excellence" was the theme for the 2014 Orono Foundation annual Gala. It was a grand success, raising over \$225,000 to benefit the students of Orono Schools. More than \$42,000 was raised for our Service Learning Fund-A-Need. Service Learning initiatives introduce students to experiential learning opportunities embedded in academics on issues facing our city, country and world.



NEW PARENT GATHERING

The Orono Foundation welcomed families to Orono Schools at the annual New Parent Gathering. Food and beverages were provided by our generous sponsor and host, Lunds & Byerly's Kitchen in Wayzata. Free and open to all Orono parents, the event offered parents an opportunity to learn about fall events happening in the district, connect with other new families, meet school administrators and greet representatives from parent organizations.

Highlights

FOUNDATION LAUNCHES DISTRICT'S SPIRIT WEAR

In 2014 the Orono Foundation launched an online Spirit Wear store which provides Orono-themed attire for people of all ages. Ranging from sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats and stadium blankets, the selection suits a variety of tastes. The store offers parents a convenient, online ordering process and low cost campus delivery. Best of all, a portion of the proceeds benefit Orono Schools. We were also pleased to partner with Orono Schools to provide custom Spirit Wear for teams and student organizations, such as the Class of 2019 sweatshirts for the 8th grade class, Wolf Ridge sweatshirts for 5th graders and track suits for the Unified Special Olympics team at Orono High School. Visit www.oronofoundation.org for details.



SCHOOL DIRECTORY

For more than 10 years, the Orono Foundation's annual Parent Directory has provided a valuable service and resource tool to Orono families. The directory and mobile app provides families with community information and student listings, making staying connected easy and convenient. The support of local businesses in the advertising section adds a valuable revenue source for the Foundation as well. With more than 650 copies of the directory sold each year and a robust advertising section, the directory raises nearly \$20,000 yearly for Orono Schools.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Every May, more than fifty scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors, averaging \$750 per person. On average, the Orono Foundation has generously given \$12,000 in scholarships annually and additional scholarships come through other partnerships. Through generous contributions from our parents, alumni and community members, the Orono Foundation continues to support students' academic achievements beyond high school graduation.

HAIL, ALMA MATER!

Last fall, in partnership with the Orono School District, the Orono Foundation for Education launched the Orono Alumni Association. The Alumni Association kicked off at Homecoming 2014 with an alumni tent party at the varsity football game. Alumni were serenaded by Orono's marching band while enjoying food and fellowship before the game. The Alumni Association was created by the Orono Foundation in order to provide alumni with the opportunity to connect with fellow graduates, their school and their community. "The creation of the Orono Alumni Association and the partnership with Orono Schools and the Orono Foundation for Education continues to build on dreams that I have to connect our schools with our community," said Dr. Karen Orcutt,

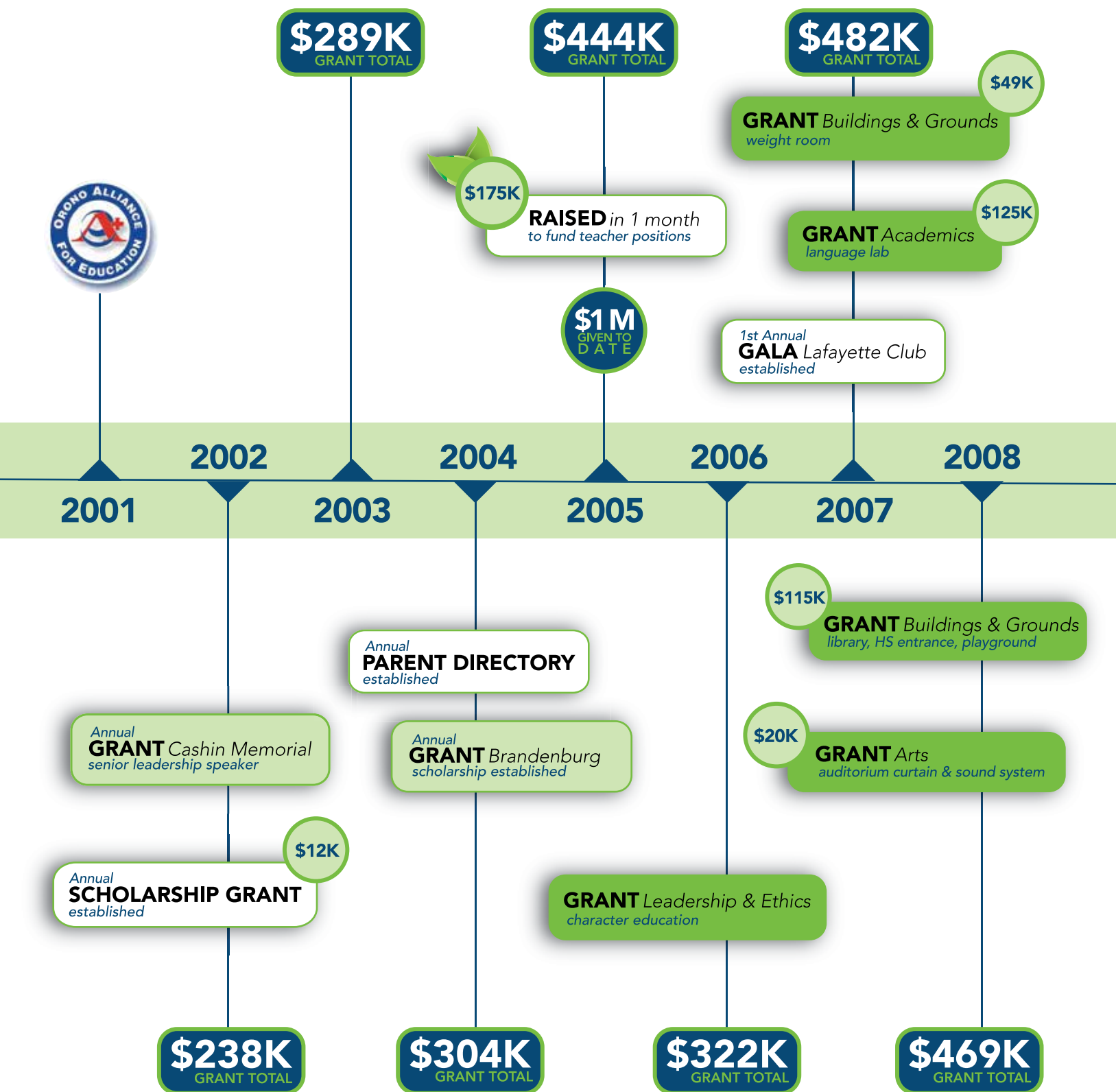


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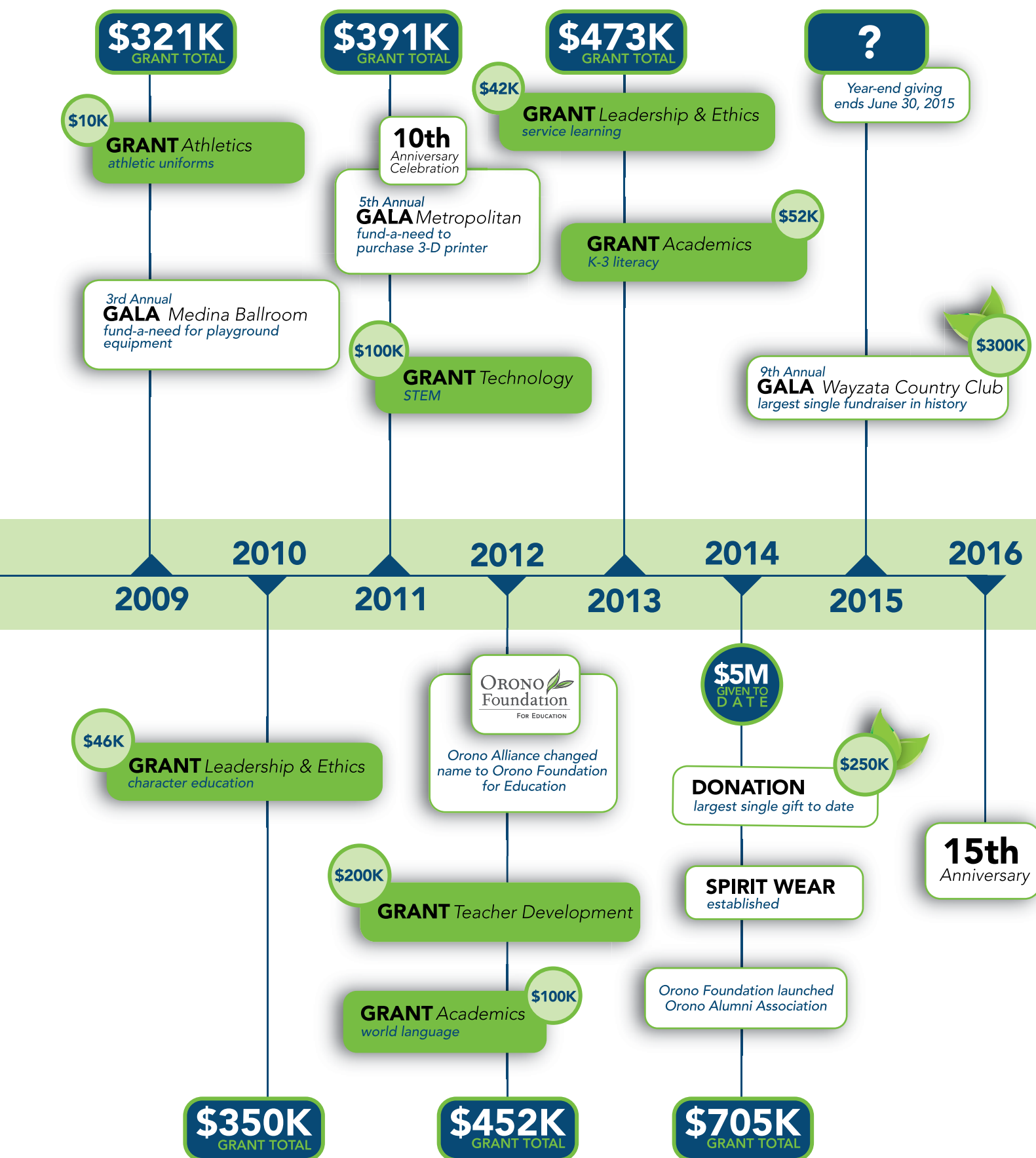
This year, the Orono Foundation's Orono Alumni Association, in collaboration with Orono High School and the Orono School District, facilitated the nomination process for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni and Promising Alumni Awards. Each year, Orono gives the Distinguished Alumni Award to an Orono graduate who has demonstrated leadership and character, excellence in a chosen field, and made lasting contributions in his/her community. New this year, the Promising Alumni Award seeks to honor an Orono alum within fourteen years of graduation who shows great promise in his/her chosen field and has demonstrated dedicated service in their community. "This award is going to be a great way to honor up-and-coming alumni every year and continue to see where these young leaders are headed," said Jeanne Morrison Cook, a 1983 Orono alum and Director of Development for the Orono Foundation.

2001-2015 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



PRIVATE FUNDING *for* PUBLIC SCHOOLS

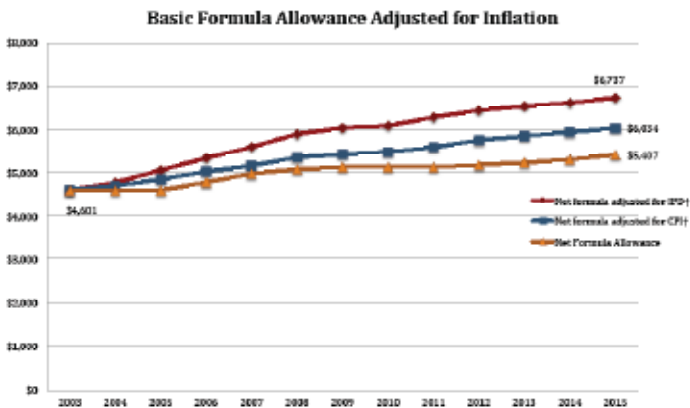
Q & A *with* TOM STRINGER

Orono School District Director of Business Services



Q: Why the need?

A: Today, state funds provide for adequate, not excellent, education in public schools. "The legislature struggles to consistently set even moderate increases from year to year for schools. Even with modest, intermittent increases, taxpayer funding for public schools has not even kept up with the inflation rate." In the chart below, the bottom yellow line tracks funding, while the top two lines indicate cost of living increases calculated by the two most common indices used for public institutions.



Source: Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Q: How have recent actions in the Legislature impacted the District's budget?

A: Over the last decade, a number of new legislative mandates have been enacted. If new money is associated with the programs, however, it is "often tied to a particular initiative, not general funding. This creates a juggling act of pulling funds from one part of the budget to cover mandates for another."

"For example, recent legislation funding full-day Kindergarten resulted in a net increase in expenditures for Orono Schools," considering how many parents had already participated in and paid tuition for the full-day program.

Q: How do Orono Schools manage their resources?

A: Orono is widely known as a highly efficient and fiscally sound district. Orono has received five-star ratings, the highest available, for its responsible stewardship of financial resources. Stewardship, in fact, is a value outlined in the district's strategic plan. Its successful management of expenses has helped it endure the ups and downs - and flat years - in public funding.

Q: Corporations cut budgets all of the time. Does the school district?

A: "The Orono Schools have a long tradition of controlling and managing expenditures. Much time and effort has been dedicated to minimizing expenses outside of the classroom so that the maximum possible amount may be spent on instruction."

The revenue side of the equation, however, is "largely out of the control of school leadership." The state legislature and local voters, in the case of district referendums, determine the amount of funds the district has to meet the needs of all children at Orono.

Q: How does the Orono Foundation for Education address this gap?

A: "We rely on support from the Foundation to provide excellent, not just adequate education. The lack of consistency and sufficiency in public funding presents significant challenges to school leadership to properly plan for the future. Your support of the Orono Foundation plays a critical role in maintaining a high-caliber educational experience for all students."

THE *New* FUND STRUCTURE

Historically, the core of the Foundation's giving has been a yearly grant to the district's annual budget. Each year, a few donors approach the Foundation interested in donating funds to a specific project or portion of the school's budget. In response, 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

If you have a passion for a particular component of K-12 education, contributing to the Orono Schools via the Foundation provides an established process coupled with the administrative and tax support required to successfully direct your gift.



"I can't imagine what it would be like without the Foundation and without the donations.... We're not a district just about providing the minimum. I think we're a district about providing everything we possibly can for kids and the Foundation helps us do that."

- Julie Jurek,
Social Worker,
Orono Intermediate School



Ethan Tulkki | 2014 Kindergarten Graduation

the ANNUAL FUND

The annual fund offers a single year of support for day-to-day needs such as

The Orono Foundation's Annual Fund provides the district with a yearly grant that is used to continue to grow excellence in Orono Schools. Annual funds provide our district with the flexibility to apply them to the key educational priorities most pressing at that time. This enables Orono to maintain the programs, class size and level of quality that make our schools outstanding. The funds go to work immediately, directly impacting all students in every grade.

Together, as a community, we've made important investments in our children's education. Since its inception, the Orono Foundation for Education has given over **\$5.25 million dollars to Orono Schools, helping support, amongst many other things:**

- ✓ **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**

"The Annual Fund provides Orono Schools the flexibility to target donor dollars on the most pressing and strategic needs, to best continue delivering excellent education to students," said Sarah Borchers, member of the Orono School Board. In today's era of insufficient school funding, public dollars cover only the basics. Our community dreams much bigger than just adequate. The Annual Fund is at the heart of that dream. Let's raise funds for today's needs and tomorrow's dreams!



"People should give to the Orono Foundation because private dollars are really critical in what we do; it allows us to provide students with experiences and resources that our basic funding wouldn't otherwise allow."

- Adam Lamparske,
Principal, Orono Schumann Elementary

Principal Adam Lamparske

the ENDOWMENT FUND

The endowment equips the Orono Foundation for Education with a predictable and consistent annual source of funds for Orono Schools.

Endowment funds, conservatively invested in a diverse portfolio of assets, provides a revenue stream for the district that is not subject to market downturns, fluctuations in donor contributions, and decreased state or federal support. It allows for reliable forecasting for the district, which leads to more thorough strategic planning and growth. The district's ability to create a cutting-edge, long-term vision for the district, facilitated by a predictable, consistent source of private funds, leads to the most successful outcomes. We invite you to consider this long-term approach to giving.

The Orono Foundation created the endowment in 2009 to help ensure consistency to the Foundation's gifts to Orono Schools. Growing the endowment to protect the predictability of our support for our children is a strategic priority for the Orono Foundation. "An investment in the endowment is an investment in Orono's future," says Jeanne Morrison Cook, Director of Development for the Orono Foundation.

"We feel very fortunate that our children have benefited from a great educational experience at Orono Schools and we want that experience to be something that others can enjoy for years to come. For that reason, we chose to donate to the Orono Foundation for Education Endowment where the capital contributions can grow and benefit future generations as well as today's students."

- Nick and Sandra Summers
Orono Parents

Nick and Sandra Summers



The endowment currently holds an asset value of \$740,000 (2015).

Let's grow our future support of Orono Schools.

- An endowment of \$1 million can generate \$50,000 annually for Orono Schools.
- An endowment of \$3 million can generate \$150,000 annually for Orono Schools.
- An endowment of \$5 million can generate \$250,000 annually for Orono Schools.

Help Orono plan strategically on consistent support. **Contribute to the endowment today!**

the EXCELLENCE FUNDS

Gifts to Excellence Funds support short- to mid-term needs in specific

ACADEMICS

Academics are the bedrock of Orono. Throughout Orono's classrooms, whether they are filled with preschoolers or high school seniors, academic rigor is present. This is one of the key reasons the district is recognized as a top school in the nation. There is room to improve, however, as education is always evolving. In order to deliver excellence in the classrooms, 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, one that would benefit from additional teacher training, instructional tools, more staff and updated facilities and equipment.

Most everything in Orono's buildings is connected to academics, which means a gift in this area has a great and lasting impact. Investing in the Academic Excellence Fund would provide critical funds used to bring additional academic resources to future Orono students.

Grace Cleveland | OHS Senior



Giving directly to the Academics Excellence Fund has a great and lasting impact on Orono students by helping to provide our teachers with critical resources and targeted interventionists. Grace Cleveland, OHS 2015 graduate, is just one example of a student who has benefited from academic support. Years ago, Grace struggled with challenges in reading, self-esteem, and was uncertain of her future due to a learning disability. Despite this, given her persistence and the help of talented reading interventionists and specialized instructional tools, Grace has developed reading comprehension strategies which have helped her to build on her strengths and overcome her challenges.

"I am grateful for the interventionists who helped me with decoding words, vocabulary, and helped me to improve my reading comprehension. This experience has taught me to not give up when things become challenging and has shown me the importance of being a self-advocate. All the hard work that I put forth paid off and now I am preparing to attend the University of St. Thomas in the fall."

- Grace Cleveland
Orono High School Senior

ARTS

The burgeoning interest in digital media arts and fine arts, as well as the popularity of both choir and band, has our Orono students seeing the relevance of art in their lives like never before. There is room to grow in the arts at Orono. The district's goal is to have every Orono student understand the role of the arts in our global society, including how to apply those creative thinking principles in their own lives regardless of collegiate or profession plans.

Whether a student is involved in drawing, theater, or band, the expression of self beams through the work that is created. An appreciation of an array of artistic realms also enriches a student's life, to which generations of museum, orchestra, and theater patrons worldwide can attest.

A gift in the Arts Excellence Fund could make a real difference to our musicians, thespians, designers, fabricators, creators, and more.



Braden Kavanagh | 6th grade band concert



"We do the best with what we have and the Foundation has been important in providing funds that allow arts education to continue, even during lean years when other school districts lost art funding. Our district and our community values and understands arts education and the crucial role it plays in developing a world citizen and a well-rounded student."

- Dr. Kirsten Pardun-Johannsen
Performing Arts Teacher OMS

An education in the arts plays a greater role than ever before in this generation's preparation for the workplace of the future. The Future Work Skills 2020 study* describes a "new media ecology" where today's digital landscape demands "literacies beyond text" to effectively represent ideas visually and audibly through various mediums like video, Web interface or podcast. "As immersive and visually stimulating presentation of information becomes the norm, workers will need more sophisticated skills to use these tools to engage and persuade their audience."

**Source: The Institute for the Future*

ATHLETICS

For a small school like Orono, the number of students involved in athletics is phenomenal. The opportunity for girls and boys to build their knowledge of sports, gain strength, and take on leadership roles within the athletic community is an aspect that makes Orono special. Many other metro area schools are so large that kids have to select their one and only sport from an early age; this is not the case at Orono. The freedom to attempt new sports and athletic endeavors is a gift to students, one that Orono works hard to maintain despite tough choices on how to allocate funds.

The Orono athletic facilities get a 'workout' on a yearly basis. While it's encouraging to know that our students and community hold fitness in high regard, maintaining these facilities and spaces can be costly and time consuming.

A gift in the Athletics Excellence Fund could augment opportunities available to students, increase the enjoyment of spectators, and help ensure overall safety in achieving fitness.

"We have felt privileged to support Orono Schools' athletic programs for many years. When you have coaches of character, good facilities and strong and transparent booster programs, everyone wins. We hope more families will be willing to share their financial gifts to improve our sports organizations."

- Bob Tunheim and Kathi Tunheim, Ph.D.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Providing a safe, comfortable and aesthetically pleasing environment in which to learn is key in allowing kids to focus on learning rather than their surroundings. Orono has a track record of being fiscally conservative in maintaining its buildings and grounds and creating learning spaces for every subject and extracurricular activity even when state funding falls well below that line.

Just like a house, the Orono buildings and grounds need upgrading, repairs, and modifications. While the staff often 'make do' with the facilities they have, these work-around solutions often culminate into more labor hours and greater stress on both staff and facilities. Replacing antiquated equipment, updating to more efficient components, and installing greater security tools will provide a healthier environment for our youngest community members.

A gift in the Buildings & Grounds Excellence Fund could greatly aid in creating safer environments that are more conducive to learning.

"There's a lot of pride taken in what Orono Schools does for our students, not only in the classroom, but in after-school activities as well."

- Justin McCoy,
Coordinator of Facilities &
Safety for Orono Schools

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.

Being a true leader means knowing the work is never done; Orono can continue to improve its character offerings. In preparing students to be productive adults in an ever-changing world, one of the greatest gifts the district can give to each student is a stronger sense of ethics and character. With its small size, Orono can provide an array of leadership opportunities for students to build their skills in those areas.

A gift in the Leadership & Ethics Excellence Fund could further elevate Orono's already strong work in this area in creating the world leaders of tomorrow.

Service Learning has become an important component of the K-12 curriculum at Orono Schools. Embedded in both the academic curriculum and the character program, service learning provides students with an educational and emotional foundation to their service experience.

- Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade took part in a school-wide service day during which they participated in age-appropriate, hands-on service projects benefiting local agencies.
- Fourth grade students participated in a Kindness Retreat.
- Sixth grade students engaged in a service fair last fall, meeting representatives from numerous non-profit organizations and learning more about service opportunities available to them.
- Eighth grade students participated in an eye-opening field trip to Impact Lives, a non-profit organization focused on leadership development. The experiential learning opportunity incorporated numerous components of the eighth grade curriculum and was designed to allow students to truly see and understand the connections across disciplines.

The Orono District once dreamed of offering Service Learning opportunities to all K-12 students. Through their partnership with the Orono Foundation, we worked together to achieve this dream. It has been a busy and engaging year for our children across all grade levels.



Intermediate School students create laundry kits to donate to families in local shelters as part of the Spring Into Service day of service learning at the Intermediate School. Before starting the project, students learned about poverty and the needs that exist in our own community.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT

A school is only as good as its teachers. Orono's teachers are world-class, and students and our community benefit from their expertise. Like many other professions, such as doctors and real estate agents, continuing education is key to bringing best practices back to the organization. And like any training experience, there can be those that are adequate and those that are transformational. Orono aims to have its teachers experience the latter so they can incorporate the most excellent and up-to-date methodologies in teaching.

A gift in the Teacher Development Excellence Fund could provide a wealth of development options.

Over the last few years, Orono's elementary and intermediate school teachers have introduced a variety of innovations in literacy education. Several teachers participated in The Literacy Collaborative Institute at Lesley University in Boston, known as the nation's leading center for literacy training. Our teachers brought that knowledge back to Orono, helping reshape pedagogy and curriculum development.

"The professional development in the area of literacy that the teachers have received in the last two years has been tremendous," says Lindsey Nelson, Reading Interventionist and Literacy Coach at Orono Intermediate School. "Due to the training I received at Lesley, my understanding of pedagogy deepened and translated into huge gains for my students." She states that new classroom approaches have "really helped students develop those critical thinking skills that lead them into the 21st Century."



Dr. Scott Alger | 5th grade graduation

Donations to the Teacher Development Fund directly impact the caliber of the training offered to Orono teachers. Dr. Scott Alger attributes the literacy training opportunity directly to contributions to the Orono Foundation. "Donor funds were directly and solely responsible for this teacher training program that we would not previously have accessed."

*- Dr. Scott Alger,
Director of Human Resources and
former Intermediate School Principal*

TECHNOLOGY

The wonder and beauty of technology is that it evolves, creating better and more effective tools to aid in grasping difficult concepts. This evolution, however, requires investment since technological marvels of the previous decade are often obsolete in comparison to what is available today.

Orono's goal is to empower students to reach their full potential and become globally competitive through rigorous, personalized learning that leverages technology tools and digital content. This technology complements Orono's passionate and well-trained teachers in delivering engaging lessons in every subject.

A gift in the Technology Excellence Fund could augment future program enhancements in the technology sphere.

Orono Superintendent Dr. Karen Orcutt shared her dream of having a 3-D printer at Orono Schools with the Orono Foundation. We then shared this dream to the community, and the response was astounding. A lead matching gift from grandparents of students in the Orono District and the response of Orono parents to the "Fund-a-Need" at the 2011 Gala raised over \$50,000 and enabled the 3-D printer to become a reality.

Orono High School's technology education teacher Mark VonderHaar knew this cutting-edge technology would unlock creative and critical thinking skills and enhance hands-on learning. But no one could have anticipated the life-changing impact it would have on one of Orono's elementary students.

Orono parent Tina Maas learned that a 3-D printer could be used to design and construct a prosthetic hand and wondered how this technology might help her 2nd grade nephew who was born with a partial right hand. Intrigued by the idea, she contacted Mark VonderHaar and he agreed to take on the project as an assignment for his high school class.

Mr. VonderHaar brought this challenging project into the classroom and presented a rare opportunity for Orono students to play a part in this sophisticated endeavor. With persistence and great personal dedication, Mark engaged his high school students in the early stages of the project last year. This fall, after working through four prototypes, Mark VonderHaar presented Johnny Skoog with his prosthetic hand.

"It was interesting to work with new technology that has the potential to impact people's lives in innovative ways," said high school senior Ryan Dudley, who was a member of the student project team.

Mark VonderHaar & Johnny Skoog



"The students found that creating a hand for someone else was incredibly rewarding for them academically and personally."

- Mark VonderHaar
OHS Technology Teacher

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.

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Peter & Amanda VanOverbeke

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Microsoft Matching

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Merck Partnership for Giving

AIG Matching Grants Program

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\$1,000 - \$2,499

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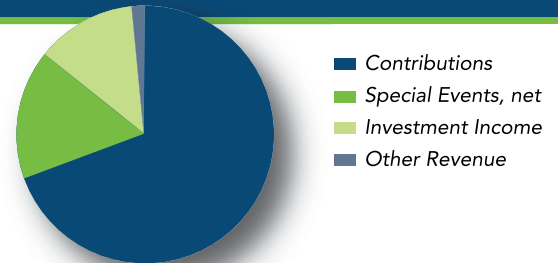
July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

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 are proud to say that even after making financial investments in our infrastructure, we were able to give 81.9% of each dollar directly back to the Orono Schools. We continue to focus on responsible fiscal management and excellent stewardship of every donor dollar.

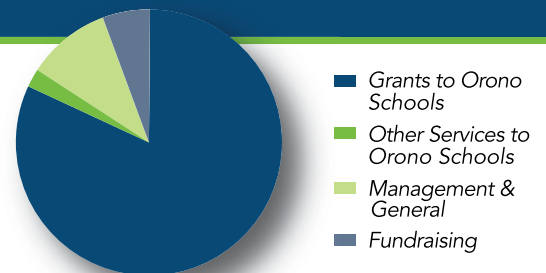
Revenue, Gains & Other Support % of total

Contributions	\$658,060	69.3%
Special Events, net	156,054	16.4%
Investment Income	120,753	12.7%
Other Revenue	14,486	1.5%
Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support	\$949,353	100.0%



Expenses % of total

Grants to Orono Schools	\$705,068	81.9%
Other Services to Orono Schools	17,994	2.1%
Management & General	87,019	10.1%
Fundraising	50,727	5.9%
Total Expenses	\$860,808	100.0%

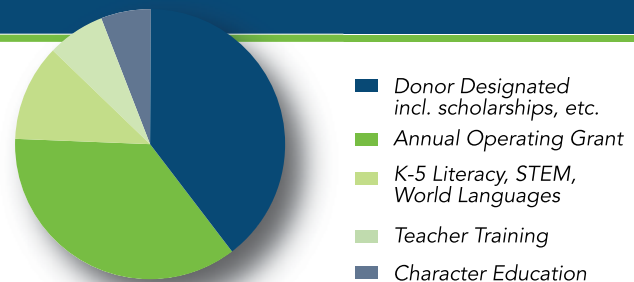


Change in Net Assets	\$88,545
Net Assets, beginning of year	1,128,523
Net Assets, end of year	\$1,217,068

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

Grants to Orono Schools

Donor Designated incl. scholarships, etc.	\$280,500
Annual Operating Grant	253,000
K-5 Literacy, STEM, World Languages	80,479
Teacher Training	50,000
Character Education	41,089
Total Grants to Orono Schools	\$705,068



Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$71,765
Accounts Receivable	3,553
Pledges Receivable	114,349
Investments	1,240,404
Prepaid Expenses	7,907
Equipment	3,629
Long Term Pledges Receivable	45,258

Liabilities and Net Assets

Accounts Payable	\$6,717
Grants Payable	250,000
Deferred Revenue	13,080
Unrestricted Funds/Endowment	355,635
Memorial & Other Designated Funds	527,789
Restricted Funds/Endowment	333,644

Total Program Services & Grants	\$1,486,865	Total	\$1,486,865
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YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For nearly fifteen years, the Orono Foundation has empowered Orono students to reach their highest potential. The Class of 2015 represents a graduating class that has received the benefit of additional private funding for their entire K-12 education at Orono. This tradition of excellence is possible due to the passion and persistence of our community members.

The significant volunteer hours, professional skills and financial resources of our parents, teachers and community have all contributed to the students' paths of success.

OUR VOLUNTEERS help the Orono Foundation achieve incredible outcomes for the Orono Schools. Opportunities range from weekly, monthly or one-time commitments and a range of skills is needed, from Web or social media, marketing knowledge, event planning experience or a finance background. Learn how you can get involved and make a difference as a committee member or one-time volunteer by contacting Sheila Ross at sheila@oronofoundation.org.

OUR ALUMNI

The Orono Alumni Association, created by the Orono Foundation in partnership with the Orono School District in the Fall of 2014, is looking for alumni to represent their class and decade on the board for the Association. A variety of other opportunities exist, including a planning committee for the Homecoming Alumni Breakfast and one-time commitments for the Homecoming parade and tailgate. Learn how you can get involved by contacting Jeanne Morrison Cook ('83) at jeanne@oronofoundation.org



RAISING FUNDS FOR TODAY'S NEEDS AND TOMORROW'S DREAMS.

The Orono Foundation for Education works to empower **all students** to achieve their **highest potential** and to ensure a **tradition of excellence** by harnessing the **community's** time, talent & financial resources in support of **Orono Schools**.

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