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Annual Report and Honor Roll of Donors



2020-2021

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2020-2021 School Year Annual Report

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Message from the Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In 2020 we revised our mission statement for the first time since our founding in 2008. Even though our “reason for being” has not changed over the past 13 years, the new statement more succinctly describes our purpose. Our mission is **“to enhance our student experience, assist our teachers and staff and enrich our community by raising funds to support the priorities of the Lewisburg Area School District.”** “Enriching our community” was arguably the most significant change to our statement; **we truly believe that an excellent public school system is a critically important component of a vibrant and thriving community.**

The pandemic slowed us down for the last 18 months but our board and advisors are now re-energized and our fundraising reinvigorated, with a particular focus on two capital projects, both of which will be located on the high school campus: **The Dragons’ Den**, a new facility located between the baseball and turf fields with public restrooms,

concession stand, trainer’s room, and team and equipment storage. The other capital project is a new **greenhouse**, which will support and enhance several curricular and co-curricular initiatives. We are currently exploring an initiative to raise funds for the construction of tennis courts at the high school. Stay tuned for this exciting opportunity.

The bedrock of our fundraising is the **Annual Fund** (unrestricted gifts for current operations), which provides the greatest flexibility to address immediate priorities of the district. And we continue to seek support for our various endowments (see pages 8-13), which underwrite district priorities in perpetuity.

Thank you to those who have supported the foundation in the past. We hope you share our pride in what we have accomplished together. And we hope that you will continue to invest in the ongoing success of our students and their teachers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Kallin".

Robert J. Kallin
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann M. Glock".

Ann M. Glock
Executive Director



Message from Dr. Jennifer Baugh

Superintendent, Lewisburg Area School District

The Green Dragon Foundation continues to be a key partner of the school district. From its inception in 2008, the foundation has raised funds to support our students and their families in various ways. Providing nearly \$2 million dollars to the district since 2010, the foundation has supported programming in the performing and visual arts, career development, social and emotional learning, STEM and so much more. These funds are used to augment programs and directly benefit student learning and wellbeing.

Beyond the various enrichment opportunities for our students in the classroom, The Green Dragon Foundation has supported enhancements to the Lewisburg Area School District's facilities. Most recently, the foundation supported the installation of a fly system for the Lewisburg Area High School theater, as well as the construction of a baseball field at the new high school campus.

The foundation is currently working towards a bold campaign for the construction of a concession facility that will enable the LASD to host post-season contests and community-based tournaments. Through the endeavors of other partnering community members, the foundation has begun to raise funds for a tennis court complex.

Partnerships are truly at the heart of education in the 21st-century. Members of the community have the opportunity to dedicate their funds to specific projects that they believe are important for our students. The brightest example of this is the **Lifting Up Lewisburg** campaign that resulted from caring community members wishing to help students and families adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and sought a means by which they could support those who were experiencing hardships. The success of this partnership and campaign has led to a project that will last well beyond the pandemic.

Our students are our future. They will grow into members of our community, and in many ways shape our collective future. Supporting The Green Dragon Foundation is one way that you can make a difference in the lives of so many.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer A. Baugh
Superintendent of Schools

Gifts to LASD

Through the generosity of parents, alumni, businesses and friends, The Green Dragon Foundation supports Lewisburg Area School District students, faculty and programs in a variety of ways. **In 2020-21, the GDF provided a total of \$138,275 to benefit LASD students.** GDF donated \$106,850 (\$105,532 financial and \$1,318 in-kind) to the LASD and endowed an additional \$31,425 for future programmatic support. These gifts will enhance and enrich educational opportunities for all students in the Lewisburg area for years to come.

About Us

The mission of The Green Dragon Foundation is to **enhance our student experience, assist our teachers and staff, and enrich our community** by raising funds to support the priorities of the Lewisburg Area School District.

A Review of 2020-21 Successes

Thanks to loyal and dedicated donors and volunteers, the hard work of The Green Dragon Foundation's Board of Directors, Lewisburg Area School District leadership, faculty and staff, **the GDF raised \$245,251 in 2020-21, with total revenue of \$289,091.**

Your gifts, and your willingness to invest in Lewisburg area students, faculty and programs every year, and especially during these uncertain times, make a difference in every student's life every day.

This **additional revenue helps meet the needs of Lewisburg's most vulnerable students, and creates exceptional opportunities for all Lewisburg students.** Endowments provide even greater long-term programmatic support of our students; major gifts underwrite projects; and increasing annual support enhances a variety of programs throughout the LASD.

The GDF is governed by a 29-member board of directors (including advisors), led by executive director Ann Glock, and staffed with administrative assistant Tushaar Khurana. In 2020-21, GDF benefited from the work of 18 volunteers who provided 136 hours of service. This past year, volunteer service was restricted due to the pandemic.

We invite you to join our team!

Contact the GDF office at (570) 522-8433 or annglock@greendragonfoundation.org to learn about volunteer opportunities.

A Plan for 2021-22 and Beyond

The GDF will continue to raise funds to support the Lewisburg Area School District's priorities. Additionally, we will focus on helping meet the needs of the most vulnerable students in our school community.

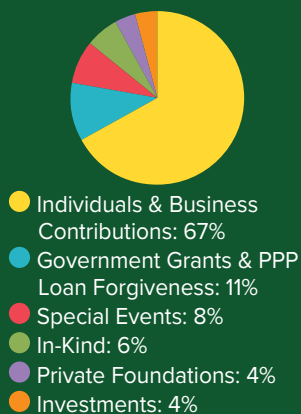
Beginning in August, **the foundation has resumed soliciting gift commitments for capital improvement projects, including the Dragons' Den (concessions, restrooms, training room, and equipment storage) and tennis courts at Lewisburg Area High School. In addition, GDF continues its fundraising efforts for multi-year support of LASD programs, long-term investment through endowments and planned giving opportunities for future support.**

There is still so much to do...

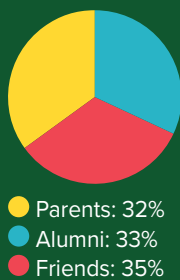


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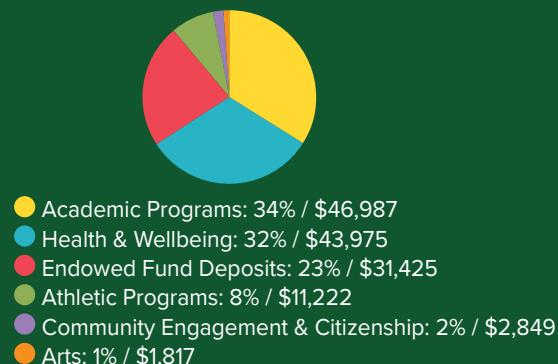
2020-21 GDF REVENUE
BY SOURCE



OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
CONTRIBUTED TO GDF,
THESE GIFTS CAME FROM:



2020-21 GDF GIFTS TO SUPPORT
LEWISBURG AREA STUDENTS
(TOTAL \$138,275)



2021-2022

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Katie Cavanagh

Why I Serve

The Green Dragon Foundation Board of Directors is composed of individuals who pool their talents to successfully guide the organization. Attention to detail and organizational skills are just two of the qualities that Katie Cavanagh brings to GDF's leadership. Katie and her husband, Dan, have been supporting the foundation since 2010.

Katie has been a dedicated board member since 2015. After being involved in the Elementary PSA, including several years on the executive board, Katie was poised to accept a position on The Green Dragon Foundation Board. Katie has served on GDF's Governance & Human Resources and Nominating committees. She was elected to the role of Secretary on the GDF Board of Directors

and serves on the Executive Committee for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

After a career in college admissions, then several years at home with their sons, Katie now works remotely for NewsBank, her family's business which consolidates current and archived information for use in libraries and educational institutions around the world. Katie's perspective as a parent has added to her contributions as a board member. Her two sons have been involved in a wide variety of activities during their years in Lewisburg schools. Tim '21 is currently a freshman at Syracuse University and Ian is an eighth grader at Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School. The Cavanaghs are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Lewisburg where Katie serves on the board of trustees.

When asked why she serves, Katie responded, "Supporting not only our own children's education, but the educational experiences of all the children of the Lewisburg Area School District is a top priority for Dan and me. Serving on the GDF Board is a way for me to give back to the community by working to positively affect our schools. I hope my service will help the foundation provide additional resources that would otherwise not be available to our students and staff."



“Lifting Up Lewisburg”

Update

One of the best qualities of the Lewisburg community is its desire to care for its members. Based on this premise, **Lifting Up Lewisburg: A Campaign to Support Our Schools During this Unique and Challenging Time** was initiated in June 2020. The highly successful campaign raised \$35,050 to support Lewisburg students during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2020-21 school year, these funds were used to support students and teachers, helping LASD maintain in-person instruction throughout most of the academic year.

At both Kelly and Linntown schools, the purchase of **large outdoor tents** facilitated student time outdoors. **Desk guards** in classrooms and in the cafeteria helped keep students safe. At the high school, the GDF assisted with providing **outdoor seating** for lunch periods. Many students braved the cold weather to eat lunch outdoors during the winter months. Lifting Up Lewisburg provided additional funding to the **Link Crew Program**



to help keep e-school students engaged in the high school community. Lifting Up Lewisburg also supported technology needs for Linntown teachers by purchasing **portable document cameras** which support classroom learning as well as remote instruction.

The Lifting Up Lewisburg committee is proud that this campaign resulted in the establishment of a fund to help meet the immediate needs of individual students. Many families in our school district are experiencing difficult times exacerbated by the pandemic. School administrators are able to use this fund when they identify a student in need. Clothing, shoes and a small desk for e-school are a few of the items that have been provided to students. The GDF is currently working with donors to establish this fund permanently to continue assisting our most vulnerable students.



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Planning Your Gift

Donation Options

Financial gifts to The Green Dragon Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, make a difference for current and future Lewisburg Area School District students and facilitate opportunities to learn and grow that are not otherwise possible. It is through the generosity of gifts like yours that our students are served by GDF. Below is a summary of the many ways a gift can be made or planned.

- Outright Gift of Cash
- Matching Gift
- In-Kind Gift
- Outright Gift of Appreciated Securities
- Outright Gift of Real Estate
- IRA Assets
- Bequest
- Gift of Retirement Assets
- Gifts of Insurance Policy Proceeds
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Lead Trust

Outright Gifts of Cash

This is the most common method of providing a gift. A cash gift to GDF is tax-deductible. You may send your donation to: The Green Dragon

Foundation, 115 Farley Circle, Suite 306, Lewisburg, PA 17837. To make a donation online using a credit card visit www.greendragonfoundation.org.

Matching Gifts

Does your company have a matching gift program? Many employers will match charitable contributions made by their employees. If your company has a matching gift program, you could double or possibly triple your gift quickly and easily.

In-Kind Gifts

Contributions of goods or services to either GDF or LASD can provide an ideal giving opportunity for both donor and recipient.

Bequests and Other Planned Gifts

Bequests are provisions in wills to leave a gift to GDF. Charitable bequests are fully deductible from the estate and can significantly reduce estate taxes on the balance of the estate. Bequests may be specified as a gift of cash or securities, real estate or other property. Alternatively, they may take the form of a percentage of the total estate. A donor may consider a residuary bequest, which is a gift of all or a portion of one's estate after other conditions are met.

For more detailed information about charitable planned gifts and the most advantageous ways to make them, please contact The Green Dragon Foundation at (570) 522-8433 or annnglock@greendragonfoundation.org



A Planned Gift:

When it was time for **Bob and Tory Kallin** to update their will, they contemplated their options. “With our children more established, we decided that we wanted to add support for nonprofit organizations and institutions whose missions were in alignment with our values,” Bob explained. “The Green Dragon Foundation is one of those organizations.”

Education is a mainstay in the Kallin family. Tory taught in the middle school and worked on the staff of an elementary school. Bob was in higher education administration for 37 years. Their children, both Lewisburg Area High School graduates, are employed in education-related fields.

Reduce Your Taxes

Donate IRA Assets to The Green Dragon Foundation

TURN YOUR REQUIRED DISTRIBUTIONS INTO CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Qualified Charitable Distribution, also known as the Charitable IRA Rollover, continues to be a tax-savvy way to give for those who qualify. If you'd like to give to help provide educational opportunities for Lewisburg students, the QCD can help you leverage your support—and minimize your taxation.

This provision allows those who qualify to exclude transfers of IRA assets made directly to The Green Dragon Foundation from their taxable income, and count it toward their required minimum distribution.

To support Lewisburg students by making a QCD, you must:

- Be 70 ½ years or older at the time of the gift
- Have a traditional or Roth IRA
- Transfer funds, not exceeding \$100,000 per year, directly from your IRA to GDF

Benefits include:

- Gifts make an immediate impact by advancing GDF's mission

- Gifts count toward your required minimum distribution, now beginning at age 72
- Gifts are not included in, and therefore not taxed as, income for federal tax purposes
- Gifts simulate an itemized income tax charitable deduction for non-itemizers
- Gifts can be directed to support educational, cultural or athletic programs

How Can I Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to support GDF?

QCDs are easy; a simple letter of instruction to your IRA administrator begins the process. We will provide one for you, or you can visit the GDF website at www.greendragonfoundation.org to download and print the IRA form and instructions to share with your IRA account administrator.

It's important to consider your tax situation before deciding whether to make a charitable contribution from your IRA. Be sure to work closely with your financial representative or tax advisor to determine whether this tax provision is right for you.

This information is not meant as tax or legal advice. Tax laws are complex and subject to change. Please consult a professional tax advisor to determine how this law affects your situation.

Benefitting Future Students

Bob is a founding member of The Green Dragon Foundation and currently serves as chair of the GDF Board. He reflected, "Over the 14 years of the foundation's existence, we have enriched the experiences of thousands of students, their families and our greater Lewisburg community. **I am very proud of what we have accomplished through the generosity of our donors.** And while Tory and I prefer to enjoy the rewards of giving while we are around to witness the impact, we are gratified to help where we can after we're gone."

A planned gift is an excellent way to help ensure that GDF continues making a positive impact on Lewisburg students for many years to come.

TO EXPLORE THE BENEFITS OF A
PLANNED GIFT, PLEASE CONTACT

The Green Dragon Foundation
at (570) 522-8433 or by email at
annglock@greendragonfoundation.org

Endowment Creation

Creating a gift in the form of an endowment provides funding for the Lewisburg Area School District in perpetuity. The principal funds are preserved, while a small percentage of funds is available each year for distribution to the LASD. It is a perfect way to establish an enduring legacy in honor or memory of a loved one. It also creates a stream of permanent funding for a donor's particular interest.

The Green Dragon Foundation is focused on **matching donor interests to the academic, arts, athletic and support program opportunities** that exist throughout the LASD. To accomplish this goal, the GDF seeks support for program-specific endowments, both general and named, the income from which will support LASD programming for the life of the fund. **The seven general GDF endowments are:**

- 21st Century Classroom Programs
- Athletic Programs & Facilities
- Business, Economics & Entrepreneurism
- Educational Programs
- Health & Wellbeing
- Performing & Visual Arts Programs
- STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Programs

The GDF continues to work with donors to create named endowments. To date, we've established 15 named endowments. On the following pages, you will read about established funds that make annual distributions and how the gifts distributed are benefitting students throughout LASD on a daily basis.

If creating an endowment for the benefit of current and future Lewisburg area students meets your philanthropic goals, please contact the GDF for more information.



Looking to the Future: *The Shabahang Family Endowment*

As The Green Dragon Foundation Board Vice-Chair, and corresponding knowledge of the inner workings of the foundation, Jennifer Shabahang understands the importance of endowments to the foundation's mission. In addition to annual fund and priority projects, such as the Dragons' Den, **endowments are particularly useful in funding specific requests that may come from a teacher or a grade level.** This past year, Jennifer and her husband Mohsen created the **Shabahang Family Endowment** to support performing arts throughout the Lewisburg Area School District.

Although the priority is performing arts, the endowment is meant to be flexible enough so that the GDF Board of Directors can use the funds wherever they are needed. Jen described the rationale: "For many years I have served on GDF's Strategic Initiatives Committee. This is the group that evaluates funding requests that come from the school district. Often a project will be funded by combining money from several endowments. For this reason, we wanted our endowment to have flexibility. Being able to combine sources allows funds to be used in a timely manner where they are most needed."

Endowment creation is a great way for a family to leave a legacy at LASD. During GDF's Vision 2020 campaign, the Shabahangs supported science programs at the new high school. Mo Shabahang described the endowment creation as being geared to the future. He stated, "Now that one of our sons has graduated and the other two are in high school, **we saw the endowment as a way to permanently support Lewisburg students for years to come.** Our sons have all been involved in LASD's amazing music programs, so it made sense to make that the priority area." The Shabahangs look forward to seeing the opportunities for students to succeed that will be created through the impact of their endowment.

15 Named Endowments

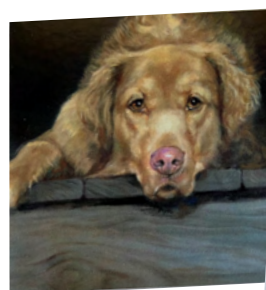
ENDOWMENT NAME	BENEFICIARY	PURPOSE IS TO SUPPORT	JUNE 30, 2021 FAIR MARKET VALUE
The Pat Collins Endowment	High School	Technology Lab	\$120,177
The DiRocco Fund for Professional Development	District-Wide	Training opportunities to enhance professional skills for administrators, teachers and staff	\$40,549
The Miles McKennan Foreman Memorial Endowment	District-Wide	Poetry and the visual arts, and secondarily the high school band and performing arts	\$36,171
The GDF Endowment for LASD Lacrosse Programs	High School	Boys' and girls' lacrosse programs	\$13,664
The Brooks Gronlund Endowment	GDF	Sustainability of GDF	\$40,062
The Nathaniel Hafer '96 and Christopher Hafer '99 Endowment for LAHS Science Curriculum	High School	Science education	\$14,234
The William H. and Lillian D. Heiner Endowment for Literacy Mastery	Elementary	Mastering literacy skills	\$37,945
The Lois J. Hunter Endowment	District-Wide	Science, music, performing arts and social/emotional health programs	\$14,719
The Riya K. and Aamar S. Johal Endowment for the Enrichment of Environmental Sciences	District-Wide	Environmental science programs	\$14,077
Uniquely the Same -- The Jusko Family Endowment	District-Wide	Social, emotional and physical wellbeing of students	\$19,059
The Maryellen (Carter) and Richard L. Keyser Endowment	District-Wide	Guest speakers, artists-in-residence, performing and visual arts, music and STEM programs	\$140,796
The Brandon S. Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment	High School	Athletic programs or facilities	\$64,568
The LAHS Class of 1980 Endowment Fund	District-Wide	Student field trips	\$14,612
The Shabahang Family Endowment	District-Wide	Performing arts, other priorities as needed	\$11,115
The Josephine K. Machamer Steele Endowment	District-Wide	Learning support and the girls' basketball program	\$32,577

Seven General GDF Endowments

ENDOWMENT NAME	BENEFICIARY	JUNE 30, 2021 FAIR MARKET VALUE
21st Century Classrooms	District-Wide	\$13,264
Athletic Programs & Facilities	District-Wide	\$15,181
Business, Economics & Entrepreneurism	District-Wide	\$25,332
Educational Programs	District-Wide	\$50,662
Health & Wellbeing	District-Wide	\$26,621
Performing & Visual Arts	District-Wide	\$40,353
STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) Programs	District-Wide	\$143,816

Paying it Forward:

Anne Foreman



Photos provided

Miles Foreman was a Lewisburg Area High School student who was tragically killed in a car accident in 2014. As a tribute to Miles, an endowment was established in his name to primarily support poetry and visual arts, and secondarily, band and performing arts. Recently, Miles' grandmother, Anne Foreman, reached out to The Green Dragon Foundation to explore how her art projects could benefit his endowment. She wrote the following to GDF Executive Director, Ann Glock:

"A flash of a smile was never far from Miles' face. Everything he attempted he did with an energy and spirit that surpassed his 17 years. A talented photographer in the "old school" sense of the art, he loved to share his enthusiasm

and talent. His generosity and kind guidance were evident to all he knew.

In the spirit of his memory, I am dedicating all pet work I do to enhance the endowment his parents set up in his name at The Green Dragon Foundation. I do not collect or keep any funds. All my contacts are given an explanation and information about what I am doing and why. It is up to them to determine what they decide to donate.

I do my work by utilizing photographs that are provided to me by way of email or text. I work in oil, watercolor or pencil."

The Green Dragon Foundation is proud to collaborate with Mrs. Foreman so that donations from

her artwork can help support Miles' endowment. The pet artwork created by Mrs. Foreman will help contribute to the education of young artists in Lewisburg. As Anne Foreman summed up, she is happy to be doing what she loves and "pay it forward."

If you have questions about how your pet can be memorialized through Anne Foreman's artwork, please contact her at sketchesbyanne@comcast.net.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this endowment fund should send a check to The Green Dragon Foundation or visit www.greendragonfoundation.org. Please make a special note that the gift is in support of this endowment.

During the 2020-21 school year, The Green Dragon Foundation allocated funding to benefit Lewisburg students from the following endowed funds. They have reached the minimum criteria to begin disbursing funds to support their intended purpose—enhancing LASD programs, projects and capital improvement projects.

The Pat Collins Endowment

This fund supports the **LAHS Technology Lab**, providing the types of hands-on activities that Pat Collins '49 enjoyed when he was a student in LASD schools. He created this endowment to share his love of building and woodworking with as many students as possible. In 2020-21, **\$3,862 was distributed to the High School Technology Lab for robotics programs.**

The Maryellen (Carter) and Richard L. Keyser Endowment



The Keyzers created this endowment in March 2020 to give Lewisburg students exceptional educational opportunities similar to the ones they enjoyed during their years in Lewisburg schools. This endowment was purposefully created with flexibility to allow funds to be allocated to needs identified by LASD administrators and teachers.

In the 2020-21 school year, **\$4,614 was distributed to support the Link Crew program at LAHS.** Link Crew is a program to help freshmen students adjust to life at the high school. Junior and senior students apply to be “Link

Leaders” and then receive training on how to mentor freshmen. Due to all of the changes caused by the pandemic, the Link Crew program provided some much needed stability for students.

Also supporting the Link Crew program were **The GDF Endowments for Health and Well-Being (\$732) and Educational Programs (\$1,229).**

The William H. and Lillian D. Heiner Endowment for Literacy Mastery

This fund supports programs and initiatives for **preschool and elementary students to master literacy** skills. These skills are crucial building blocks for student success. The fund was created in 2016 by Lily and Dave Openshaw in memory of Lily’s parents.

In 2020-21, **\$600 was distributed to purchase a Novelist subscription at Linntown Elementary.** The Novelist program is an interactive database which helps students find books by searching on characteristics such as story elements, tone, theme and mood. Linntown librarian Diane Pauling expressed her gratitude for the program, saying, “It keeps our students reading more and more because they are easily finding books that will personally engage them.”



The GDF Endowment for 21st Century Programs



This endowment provides annual district-wide support for **student-focused technology needs**. In the 2020-21 school year, **\$495 was distributed to purchase 10 podcasting microphones for use by students in the gifted program at Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School**.

For several years Lauren Peck's students have written, recorded and edited their own original podcasts. These newly acquired high-quality microphones filter out background noise and amplify vocals, providing students with a professional, authentic experience.

Mrs. Peck describes the benefits of podcasting. "At its heart, podcasting is a creative, innovative way to write and reach a particular audience," she notes. "Students write all the time for the academic setting, but what's different in style and tone when writing for audio? KQED's Youth Media Challenges and NPR's Student Podcast Challenges offer students the opportunity to delve into topics that directly influence youth, their world and their future. Podcasting allows students freedom and flexibility in writing, but forces them to consider how sound and music influence a listener and craft a scene. As my students sharpen these 21st-century skills, GDF has enhanced our project tenfold through the gift of our microphones."

The GDF Endowment for Performing & Visual Arts Programs

This fund provides district-wide support for performing arts (choral, instrumental, musical and dramatic theater) and visual arts (photography, video, film, painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture) programs. During the 2020-21 school year, **\$380 was used to provide technical support for the creation of a virtual winter band concert for Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School students and their families**. Additional support came from funds raised through the Lifting Up Lewisburg campaign.

DHEMS band director Lindsey Eischeid requested the funding when a regular concert was not possible due to the pandemic. Mrs. Eischeid stated, "Despite the difficult circumstances, the students worked very hard all semester. I wanted them to have the opportunity to play in front of an audience, even if we had to do it virtually."



The GDF Endowment for STEM Programs

This endowment provides **district-wide support for science, technology, engineering and math programs**. In the 2020-21 school year, funds were provided for two exciting programs to promote hands-on learning. The GDF distributed **\$1,900 for Little Bits STEM Kits for Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School students**. With these building kits students can explore coding, electricity and physics while promoting teamwork and creativity.

At Kelly Elementary **\$1,500 was distributed for Ozobot Robots for the third-grade team**. The small robots help students make the jump from coding online to seeing real-life applications of their written code. The Ozobots provide a foundation for younger students as they move on to more complex robotics.

» **Donors** wishing to fund educational, cultural or athletic programs, or capital improvement projects, **can make a donation online via credit card** by visiting: www.greendragonfoundation.org
Gifts can also be mailed to: 115 Farley Circle, Suite 306, Lewisburg, PA 17837.



The Lois J. Hunter Endowment

This endowment provides annual funding **to support district-wide science, music, performing arts and social/emotional health programs**. It was created in 2019 by David M. Hunter Jr. in memory of his wife, Lois.

During the 2020-21 school year, \$373 was distributed to purchase **new recorders for every third grader at Kelly Elementary**. During third grade, students begin their unit on the recorder and it is important for each student to have their own, high-quality instrument. Elementary music teacher Liesel Doeblner noted that the students are able to apply the cumulative musical skills they are learning at Kelly. Students keep the recorders and will use them in their fourth grade music classes at Linntown Elementary.

The Josephine K. Machamer Steele Endowment

This endowment provides equal annual funding for learning support and girls' basketball programs. Don and Joanne Steele created the endowment in 2012 in memory of Don's mother, who played on the 1930 girls' basketball team.

During the 2020-21 school year, the GDF distributed **\$420 for an IXL subscription for Kelly Elementary students in the learning support, autistic support and emotional support settings**. The program provides web-based content in a wide variety of areas. The program was especially useful during this school year as students could access it during times of remote instruction.

In support of the girls' high school basketball program, **\$440 was distributed to provide training equipment for use during practice to increase endurance and reduce injuries**.



The Brandon S. Kramm Memorial Quasi-Endowment



The fund was established in 2014 to strengthen and maintain the LASD's athletic programs and facilities. It was created as a quasi-endowment, allowing GDF to liquidate all or part of the endowment to support an athletic program or facility project within the Lewisburg Area School District.

Over the past few years, GDF utilized more than \$400,000 to construct the Brandon Kramm Memorial Baseball Field. Students used the field for the first time during the spring 2021 season even though a few items were still incomplete. Due to COVID-related delays, the field should be completed during the spring of 2022.

In addition to funding the construction of the Brandon Kramm Memorial Baseball Field, the endowment provided **\$220 to purchase face shields for middle school and high school football players**. Also supporting this initiative was the **GDF Endowment for Athletic Programs with an allocation of \$430**. This extra measure helped ensure the health and safety of team members.



Student Perspective:

**Benjamin
Liscum**
Class of 2021

You may already know Benjamin Liscum from his historic soccer career as a mid-fielder at Lewisburg Area High School. During his four years playing soccer at LAHS, Ben won numerous awards, including Gatorade Soccer Player of the Year and National Scholar Player of the Year. Ben currently plays Division 1 soccer at Penn State University.

Ben's leadership skills are equally impressive. At LAHS Ben participated in Link Crew, a program funded entirely by The Green Dragon Foundation donors. Ben takes great pride in representing his community and uses his unique platform to do good.

In 2019, Ben initiated a conversation with the LASD and GDF to improve the facilities at the current turf field. At the time he wrote, "Lewisburg Area High

School has a rich history of athletic success. I, along with many members of the community, believe that when our athletes succeed, we all succeed. In the past six years, Lewisburg has captured five state championships and has numerous individual state champions and place winners. Our athletes continuously work to be the best they can be and are never content regardless of their success or failures. I believe that our athletic facilities should reflect the commitment that our athletes invest into their sport, year in and year out. Building a multi-purpose facility at the high school would be a game changer for all of our student-athletes."

Ben's passion, respectful communication and convincing arguments were motivating factors for The Green Dragon Foundation's newest campaign, **The Dragons' Den: A Campaign to Provide Refreshments & Restrooms for our Athletes & Fans**. We are lucky to have Ben continue to support the campaign and be an advocate for GDF. Of the foundation, Ben says, "The Green Dragon Foundation makes a massive impact in the district and will continue to do so. I feel so lucky to have worked with this organization over the years and am incredibly grateful for the support you've shown so many students like me."

The Dragons' Den: A Campaign to Provide Refreshments & Restrooms for our Athletes and Fans



Inspired by Ben Liscum's idea to improve athletic facilities, The Green Dragon Foundation is raising funds in partnership with the LAHS Alumni Association and Lewisburg Green Dragons Sports Booster Club to construct the Dragons' Den, a facility to support our student-athletes, their families and our community. This new facility will be located between the turf field and Brandon Kramm Memorial Field. It will contain accessible restrooms, a concession stand, trainer's room and storage areas for team equipment and maintenance items.

This facility will support multiple sports, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, cross country and eventually softball and tennis. The Dragons' Den will raise the quality of our

athletic facilities to match the caliber of the high school building and LAHS athletic teams.

Of the Dragons' Den, 2021 graduate and former LAHS baseball player, Owen Arndt says, "One of the joys of playing high school sports is seeing your school peers and community members supporting your team. With the addition of a concession/bathroom facility, it will be a much more enjoyable experience for all who attend the games."

The fundraising goal for the Dragons' Den is \$525,000. The LAHS Alumni Association has committed \$100,000 toward naming the concession stand. A steering committee and a special events committee for the Dragons' Den are hard at work planning and implementing fundraising events. The Dragons' Den will truly be a community effort and a fantastic way to show our support to our hardworking student-athletes.

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Why We Give: Rob and Lisa Black

Throughout its history, The Green Dragon Foundation is proud to count over 441 alumni among its supporters. Alumni look back fondly on their time in Lewisburg schools and want to give back to the educational community that positively impacted them.

Rob '68 and Lisa (Walters) '76 Black have been supporting GDF for 11 years. Neighbors while growing up in Lewisburg, they both lived out of the area for a while before reconnecting in the Susquehanna Valley. They value the education they received at Lewisburg and want to help make opportunities available for today's students. Rob felt that he was well-prepared, especially in math and science, to attend Lehigh University where he anticipated encountering students who had graduated from prep schools. "Through our support to GDF we are hoping to help provide a little extra for academics, athletics and the arts," Rob explained.

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Rob and Lisa have fond memories of their teachers and extracurricular activities. Rob recalls marching band: "Despite early morning practices and marching in hot, wool uniforms, friends and teachers made it fun." Lisa remembers her time as a yearbook editor as one in which she developed many friendships. Lisa's parents, Harold Walters, Class of 1948, and Distinguished Alumni in 2018, and Gloria (Lyons) Walters, Class of 1955, were extremely proud that their three daughters graduated from Lewisburg. "We could not have asked for better schools and we are happy to help continue that tradition of excellence for today's students," Lisa added.

The Green Dragon Foundation could not do what we do without the support of Lewisburg alumni. We are proud to collaborate with the LAHS Alumni Association on the annual Alumni Weekend event and projects like the Heritage Room at LAHS and the Dragons' Den. Go Green Dragons!





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Why I Give:
Karen Bennett

Teachers and staff are the backbone of any educational organization. The Green Dragon Foundation is proud that 63 Lewisburg Area School District staff are also donors. The GDF has a special program that enables LASD staff to conveniently donate through payroll deduction. At the beginning of each school year, GDF makes a presentation to staff, inviting them to participate. Among the 63 LASD donors for the 2020-21 school year is Linntown teacher Karen Bennett.

Karen has been teaching at Linntown for 19 years. She started out as a long-term substitute in fourth grade and taught fourth grade for 10 years before moving to fifth grade, where she currently teaches. Karen has been a dedicated supporter of GDF since 2010. When asked why she chooses to donate to the GDF, Karen stated, “During my very first year of teaching as a long-term substitute, I had the son of a current member of The Green Dragon Foundation leadership team in my class. This member supported me every step of the way as a new teacher and a nontraditional student just finishing college. I have donated to The Green Dragon Foundation since the beginning to pass on my support and thanks to others.”

Karen has witnessed firsthand how programs funded by GDF impact students. She was part of a team of teachers who requested funding for class sets of **Dot and Dash robots** to complement the teachers’ use of code.org. Karen described the project saying, “These robots offer hands-on activities in coding and allow all students to be exposed to various technology and stem activities.” Over the years, the GDF has funded technology initiatives throughout LASD, benefiting hundreds of students.

As both a donor to GDF and user of the programs GDF supports, Karen has a unique perspective. In conclusion she added, “I appreciate the ease in requesting funds as well as the written and verbal thanks I receive throughout the year for my donations.” The GDF is very grateful to all employees who choose to make a gift through the staff giving program. Their support is essential to helping GDF create unique opportunities for students throughout LASD.



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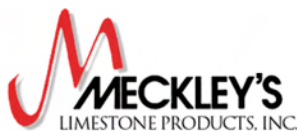
Over the last 12 years The Green Dragon Foundation has benefited greatly from businesses that have made donations through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. In 2020-21 alone, GDF received \$43,000 through the EITC program, augmenting innovative programs in the Lewisburg Area School District. **Susquehanna Community Bank has been an advocate for Lewisburg students through its involvement in this program for five years.**

When asked why Susquehanna Community Bank selected GDF as a recipient of its EITC contributions, Steve Stanko, Vice President, Commercial Relationship Manager stated, "Susquehanna Community Bank is proud to support The Green Dragon Foundation as they work to enhance the education of tomorrow's leaders. Strong communities support strong community banks. Supporting The Green Dragon Foundation is a good investment." The GDF is very grateful for this generous annual support.

Become a Partner for Education

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PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program at Lewisburg Area School District

Every gift The Green Dragon Foundation receives through the PA EITC program improves the Lewisburg Area School District educational experience for our students. During the 2020-21 school year EITC funds were used to purchase an Ultra Violet printer at the Lewisburg Area High School. Students from a wide variety of classes, including

technology and art, are able to utilize the printer. A UV printer allows a student's art or design to be accurately and vividly presented. Students have printed on various items, including canvas, tile, slate, vinyl and even golf balls! The UV printer is located in the Learning Commons and has greatly improved the MakerSpace culture.



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