

We Are One Staff Giving Campaign

2020-2021

Making A Difference Together

The Linn-Mar School Foundation raises private funds for public education. We have been a proud partner to the Linn-Mar Community School District since 1985. Our support focuses specifically on classroom, curriculum and enrichment programming impacting 21st Century learners in our ten K-12 buildings.

Why Give?

We are all doing our part to make Linn-Mar the special place it is. The Foundation is focused on supporting our 21st Century students with opportunities to succeed. We strive to help bridge critical funding gaps and provide enrichment opportunities to support educational excellence at Linn-Mar.

What do my dollars support?

Your gift will impact classroom & curriculum grants we award our buildings each year. These grants support enrichment programs in literacy & fine arts, classroom & student technology, STEM initiatives, new & emerging programs, visiting author programs and support programs for students facing financial obstacles.

All gifts, regardless of size, make a difference at Linn-Mar.

Every size gift is appreciated and put to work for our students. Giving back and making a difference feels good, giving back & making a difference for Linn-Mar students feels great!

Our students.

The reason we are all here, to provide the best education for our Linn-Mar students. Please consider helping make an impact on our students and programs today.

"I support the Linn-Mar Foundation because of what they give to the schools and students in return. My donation, combined with others, support programs, supplies & scholarships so that teachers & students may do more together to enrich their educational experience at Linn-Mar

- Kim Buelt,

High School Associate Principal

"I give to the Linn-Mar School Foundation because it directly impacts our students and provides opportunities for all students to grow and thrive. Our Foundation is dedicated to identifying the most meaningful ways to make a difference in the lives of the students at Linn-Mar."

-Tina March,

Bowman Woods Principal



Enhancing classroom, curriculum & enrichment programs across our K-12 district is a Foundation priority

Funding Sources

- Individual & Business
- Fundraising Events, Mane Event Gala, Lion Open Golf, Dine Out For Our Schools
- Foundations & Grants
- Investment Income
- Alumni & Staff Giving

Our supporters are making a big difference for Linn-Mar students each and every year!

Recent 2019-2020 Foundation funding highlights....

- \$100,000 Pledge to Support District's 1:1 Technology Initiative
- \$35,000 District-Wide K-4 Literacy curriculum enhancement
- \$15,000 Document / Web Cam & Bluetooth Microphones for 100 classrooms to enhance virtual learning instruction for the 2020-2021 academic year

District-Wide National Visiting Author & Illustrator Series – 27 Years Strong!
District-Wide Music In The Schools: Opera Iowa, Orchestra Iowa, Music Connects, and Pan American Steel Drum Ensembles

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

- District Wide Google Expeditions Units (Virtual Learning)
- Robotics Equipment
- SPRK+ Sphero Coding Units - Middle Schools
- Math classroom whiteboard sets
- OSMO Genius Kits
- Makerstation or "Make To Learn" STEM centers in nine schools
- High School Science Data Collection System
- High School Vive Pro Virtual Reality Systems
- AquaCulture Lab Equipment & Drone

Investing in Innovation & Emerging Curriculum Areas Across The District

- District Wide 3rd Grade Mobile Makerstation Kits
- Makey Makey Kits – Elementary
- Botley Robots—Elementary
- BenQ Interactive Smartboard
- Large format digital printer used in visual arts, business classes, FFA—High School

Supporting Classrooms & Media Centers Across The District

- Science microscopes & cameras
- Foreign Language auditory & recording devices—classroom sets
- Upgraded recording & audio equipment for vocal music
- Academic Literature IXL Online Program assisting students with reading & math
- Elementary Leveled Reading Book Carts
- Student Collaboration Centers Social & Emotional Learning materials & books

Champions For Kids Fund-Supporting Students With Financial Obstacles

- Scholarships to participate in Academics, Activities and Athletics
- Senior Scholarships
- Student Assistance efforts
- Growl Prowl Fund Management
- Musical Instruments & Beginner Band and Orchestra Lessons
- Advanced Placement Exams
- Eighteen senior scholarships awarded each May, approximately \$14,000

"The Linn-Mar School Foundation was fundamental in jump-starting our Makerspace at the Iowa BIG by providing the funding for a 3D printer, drone, 3D cameras and virtual reality equipment. The students' eyes lit up when they brought in the equipment that provided a vehicle for them to make their current projects and future projects a reality."

-Iowa BIG Teaching Staff

For over 10 years, Linn-Mar elementary students have had the opportunity to experience performances and workshops by the OPERA Iowa Troupe, an educational component of The Des Moines Metro Opera. With the generous funding from the Foundation, students are able to experience first-hand the beauty, technical skill, humor and stage design of a live theatrical performance. The look of wonder and awe on the faces of students and staff alike is priceless. Thank you to the Foundation's donors who make live opera accessible to the entire Linn-Mar elementary student body!"

-Mrs. Walker, Novak General Music Teacher



We work to enhance & support what is already great in our district. We are honored to help impact the educational experience for Linn-Mar students Thank you for considering our mission!