

FORWARD

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

River Falls Public Schools • ENGAGE › CHALLENGE › INSPIRE



2018 - 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In 2012 a group of community leaders came together to help fulfill a need of establishing a River Falls educational foundation, and shortly thereafter, FORWARD: The River Falls Public Schools Education Foundation was created. The founding board members understood that FORWARD would only be successful if it built a long-term investment endowment while sustaining an annual grant cycle, with a purpose to encourage and support excellence and innovation in our River Falls public schools.

They also understood that educational initiatives and programs would require more and more funding outside of the core school budget as the years progress. While FORWARD is a relatively new organization, four years of history prove that our founders were right. Grant submission continues to grow exponentially as school budgets decline. And through an ever-growing group of generous people, businesses, and organizations that have donated to our fund, FORWARD was able to award \$20,000 in grants during this fiscal year, while growing our endowment fund so that FORWARD's giving will continue long into the future.

We are grateful and proud of our school district, but even more grateful for our community of donors! So expect to see us out at and about, encouraging people to learn ways to give that strengthen our community and make our school district better each year.

Samantha Rose
President

OUR MISSION

FORWARD is a nonprofit education foundation that supports the School District of River Falls. We raise private funds to enhance creative learning initiatives that engage, challenge, and inspire students.

WHAT WE DO

FORWARD has three major goals:

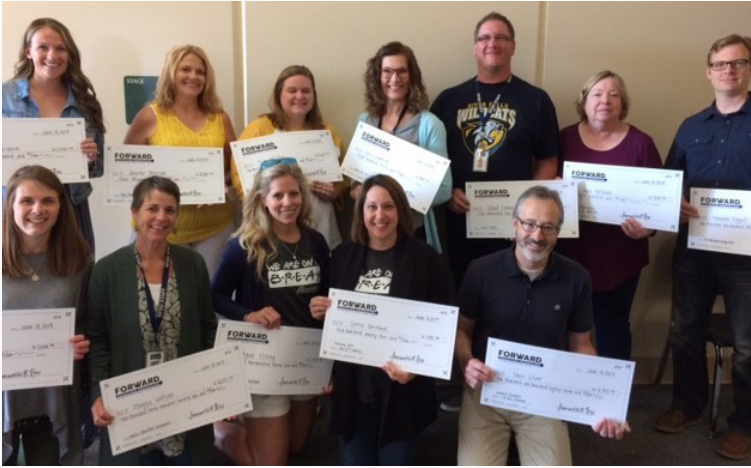
- To raise \$300,000 to build a long-term investment endowment while sustaining an annual grant cycle of approximately \$20,000.
- To manage the foundation with a volunteer board comprised of community members that assures new ideas and skills, but also provides for the continuation of our mission long into the future.
- To promote the work of the FORWARD Foundation in the broader community of River Falls including businesses, individuals, the district, and its alumni.

Established in 2012, The River Falls Public Schools Education Foundation is a community-focused nonprofit organization independent of the River Falls Public School District. We are proud to raise private funds to help support our mission.

Since our establishment, FORWARD has awarded more than \$140,000 for innovative projects in our River Falls public schools! But with the pressures of budget cuts combined with the higher educational expectations, our grant requests are on the rise. This past year, more than \$50,000 in grants were submitted, and we were only able to fund a portion of the requests.



FORWARD GRANTS



As of June 2019, we have awarded more than \$140,000 for innovative projects in our River Falls public schools! With your generous donations, future grant disbursements can continue to fund the ideas that are rolling in. The 2019 grant projects and recipients included:

Feel, Deal, Heal

Recipient: Jennifer Peterson
Amount Awarded: \$4,000

Swivel and Speak

Recipient: Kim Miller
Amount Awarded: \$2,668

Sensory Pathway

Recipient: Heather Germain
Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Music Ed. Instruments

Recipient: Maggie Watson
Amount Awarded: \$2,371

Expand Learning Opport.

Recipient: Chad Leonard
Amount Awarded: \$2,211

Getting Students to the Stream

Recipient: Chris Silver
Amount Awarded: \$2,187

Guitars for Future Stars

Recipient: Jeremy Carlson
Amount Awarded: \$1,600

3D Molecular Design Kits

Recipient: Amanda Eggert
Amount Awarded: \$1,256

Firsties Science and Stem

Recipients: Megan Felling
Amount Awarded: \$1,232

Opera for the Yong

Recipients: Kris Swanson
Amount Awarded: \$850

Lift Up Their Voices

Recipients: Jayne Hoffman
Amount Awarded: \$800

Playing into the 21st Century

Recipients: Carrie Brittain
Amount Awarded: \$594

FORWARD EVENTS

Throughout the year FORWARD holds 2-3 primary fundraising events and also participates in awareness and community outreach to help support its grants program and build up its endowment fund. These events, along with community donations, produce the majority of funds that FORWARD raises throughout the year. FORWARD's fiscal year runs from July 1 - June 30.

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Belle Vinez Wine Tasting raised \$1,800

DECEMBER 2ND

Colleen Raye Christmas Concert raised \$5,116

JUNE 7TH

Dueling Pianos raised \$3,695

JUNE 10TH

Grant Distribution Day

YEAR-END FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30, 2019

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
FNBRF Money Market	18,238.19
FNBRF Operating Account	5,247.74
Paypal	0.00
SCVF - Endowment Fund	149,594.84
Total Bank Accounts	\$173,080.77
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	250.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$250.00
Total Current Assets	\$173,330.77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$173,330.77
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	67,315.43
Retained Earnings	89,384.54
Net Revenue	16,630.80
Total Equity	\$173,330.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$173,330.77

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As of June 30, 2018

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
FNBRF Money Market	7,587.72
FNBRF Operating Account	3,996.41
Paypal	0.00
SCVF - Endowment Fund	145,115.84
Total Bank Accounts	\$156,699.97
Total Current Assets	\$156,699.97
TOTAL ASSETS	\$156,699.97
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	67,315.43
Retained Earnings	55,587.62
Net Revenue	33,796.92
Total Equity	\$156,699.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$156,699.97



The River Falls Public Schools Education Foundation

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