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Dear East Lansing Educational Foundation Family,

The impact of the East Lansing Educational Foundation is evident in every classroom across the district, affecting every student from kindergarten through graduation. As we enter this season of “thanks-giving,” the ELEF would like to say THANK YOU for your generosity and support. Because of you, ELEF continues to enrich the lives of students in our district by providing grants which supplement and augment the excellence of their education.

Our accomplishments in the last year include;

- The distribution of nearly \$75,000 in funds for teachers to support amazing grant requests. Grants include: DSLR cameras for the Middle School, Olympic-themed materials for elementary PE, Specdrums elementary STEAM materials, Robotics club and Model UN support for the high school.
- Two \$10,000 scholarships to the University of Michigan from the generous donation of Dr. Robert Posey and Judy Posey through the Weng Scholarship fund.
- Creation of the School Social Worker and Counselor Endowment Fund from Allyson Knox and Mark Solheim.
- Direct outreach to donors by members of our ELEF Board.
- Continued support of the ELPS district in their diverse book initiative so elementary school children across the district can see themselves in the characters in the books they read.

How can you continue to support ELEF? The most obvious way is your generous donation which increases the grant totals for distribution every fall. Here’s how to donate:

- Via the web at [www.elef.us](http://www.elef.us)
- Via check using the enclosed envelop.

Another impactful way to support ELEF is volunteering for one of our many committees or joining the Board. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, business owner, graduate, or other ELPS supporter, your input and effort is appreciated and welcomed, and it’s a great way to give back. Contact Michele Huisgen at [michele.huisgen@elps.us](mailto:michele.huisgen@elps.us) for more information.

In this special season of thanks, please consider giving generously to the East Lansing Educational Foundation to continue this important work. Our impact in the classrooms across the district helps make well-rounded community members for tomorrow. On behalf of the entire Board, we give thanks to each of you, our ELEF family.

Blessings,

*Julie Thomas-Beckett*

ELEF Board President

PS. Please save the date of May 2, 2024 to join our 40th Anniversary Awards Dinner



**YES! I am making the powerful choice to help keep East Lansing Public Schools strong!**  
**Enclosed is my gift to the East Lansing Educational Foundation Annual Fund for \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

\$50,000+	Philanthropist
\$25,000 – \$49,999	Scholar Donor
\$15,000 – \$24,999	Patron Donor
\$5,000 – \$14,999	Abbot Donor
\$2500 - \$4999	Hannah Donor
\$1,000 - \$2,499	MacDonald Donor
\$500 - \$999	Burcham Donor
\$250 - \$499	Blue & White Donor
\$100 - \$249	Trojan Donor
\$1 - \$99	Friend Donor

My contribution honors (teacher/friend/family): \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Please let my honoree know of my gift in his/her name: \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

**Payment Information**

Name (as you would like to appear for recognition)
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City, St, Zip
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Credit Card #
Exp. Date
Signature

Please make checks payable to ELEF. Or donate online at [www.elef.us](http://www.elef.us)

- I am a proud Trojan Alum from the Class of \_\_\_\_\_.
- My company has a matching gift program.
- Please contact me to discuss an estate gift.
- Please contact me to discuss endowment giving.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

**Thank you!**

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**Questions? Call Michele Huisgen at 517-333-7439**