



The Foundation for Tigard Tualatin Schools

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Created in 1991, The Foundation was initially formed to provide the organizational structure for individuals wanting to provide scholarships to graduating seniors. While we continue to honor those commitments, we have become so much more. Several years ago we also faced a time when school funding was at risk and budgets were cut. Our board saw things differently and chose to expand The Foundation's services and engage the community in an effort to strengthen the resources available to our students and schools. Today our services extend to hundreds of students and families within our district. Over the past five years, The Foundation has helped students by delivering over \$600,000 in classroom resources and instructional assistance.

The Foundation works for the benefit of all students and our whole community. Our programs and resources directly serve the students and families that are most in need of additional academic support and home assistance – ensuring that children excel in school. These resources are delivered through the Caring Closet and our Foundation Educator programs. We believe that raising the bar for one student raises it for all and that a better education improves every aspect of our community.

We also seek to inspire teachers to launch new and creative teaching methods through our Innovative Grants program. Our award recipients have developed new tools for their classrooms such as the Amazing Math Packs and Lego elabs. Amazing Math Packs, designed by a 3rd grade teacher at Alberta Rider, is a system that utilizes games and real life activities to advance math concepts. Backpacks are filled with math games that engage both students and parents teaching students that math is fun! These backpacks were created in three languages and serve students at all academic levels. This fall sixth graders will use Lego e-labs to build and test realistic models of wind and water mills and a solar-powered car. The Lego eLab curriculum is designed to touch all subject areas: language arts, math, science, and social studies.

The Foundation's mission is to expand the possibilities for learning by fostering unprecedented giving. We believe we have developed a plan that will do just that. I encourage all of you to read more about our



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major initiatives: Citizens of the Future, Enrichment & Innovation, Students in Need & Technology in the Classroom.

We are very proud of the programs and resources we have delivered to our schools. However, we recognize that there is still much to be done. Please join us as we help our students build a *Smart Community!*