



**CONNECTING THE  
COMMUNITY TO THE  
CLASSROOM**

**2022– 2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

# WHAT IS THE WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION?



Our mission is to support the Woodland Hills School District and its communities by strengthening the educational experience of our children.



We are an independent non-profit organization and a proponent of public education, specifically the Woodland Hills School District.



We work to fill gaps in public education funding, focus on community building and volunteerism, and to set the stage for secondary education aspirations.



We fund scholarships, programs, projects and events (not supported by tax dollars) by helping bring community resources to students and teachers.



# HOW DOES THE FOUNDATION ACHIEVE THIS?



The Foundation raises funds through grant-writing, special events, online appeals (through social media, Giving Tuesday and more) and through matching donors to projects (through our Dream Book, Scholarships and more)



The Foundation collects funds on behalf of the School District in order to assist with creating a case for support (providing necessary documents, statements of support, narratives, etc.) record management and gift acknowledgement. Once funds are collected, they are distributed back to the school

# WHAT PROGRAMS/SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDATION?



Mini-Grants



Dream Book



Student Scholarships



H.U.G.S.



Chocolate & Diamonds



Alumni Cabaret



And more...



HERE TO HELP YOU  
**BRING YOUR**  
**INNOVATIVE IDEA**  
FOR THE CLASSROOM  
**TO LIGHT**

**MINI-GRANTS**

# MINI-GRANTS

Mini-Grants are modest **cash awards** that help educators make a **positive difference** in the **learning experience** of their students through **innovative teaching ideas**.



200 Mini-Grants totaling \$120,000 have been awarded since 2002



In 2019, nine Mini-Grants were awarded, totaling \$8,631.45 In 2020, mini-grants were put on hold due to COVID but in 2021 \$4,238 in Mini-Grants were awarded.



Deadline to apply for a Mini-Grant: Monday, October 3; check social media and our website for up-to-date information



To apply, visit [www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com/teacherresources](http://www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com/teacherresources)



Questions? Email [Kathleen.WHFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.WHFoundation@gmail.com)



# WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF MINI-GRANTS?



## Coffee Cart Business Start-Up

Stacy Estatico, Jen Barna  
and Sean Willson

WH Intermediate



## The Very Merry Month of Mo!

Claudine Bagwell,  
Bethany Morse, Emily Kunkle  
and Jessica Stover

Turtle Creek Elementary  
STEAM Academy



## Color 'Till You're Cool!

Beth Wagner and  
Erin Muffi

Wilkins/Edgewood  
Elementary  
STEAM Academies



## Jumping Jack Theater in the Autistic Support Classroom

Lauren Dankert

Wilkins Elementary  
STEAM Academy



HELPING TEACHERS

**D R E A M**

UNTIL THEIR DREAMS

**COME TRUE**

**DREAM BOOK**



# DREAM BOOK

The Dream Book includes Dreams for equipment and supplies that would enhance teaching and learning experiences. Teachers and principals throughout the district are invited to share **what programs**, **teaching innovations** and **supplies** they simply **cannot get because there isn't money in the budget.**



Dreams for equipment and supplies that would enhance the teaching and learning experiences in **YOUR** classroom



Dreams are posted online and published in a book which is shared with potential funders



Since 2016, 29 dreams have been funded, totaling over \$35,000! In 2021 alone, \$8,777 in Dreams were awarded.



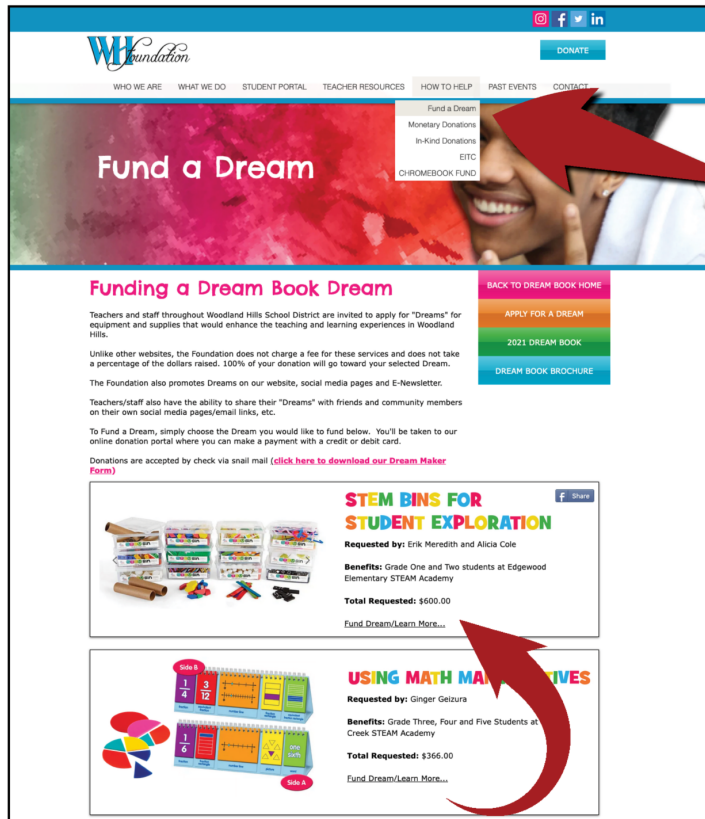
If you have a Dream, let us know! Apply at [www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com/teacherresources](http://www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com/teacherresources)



Questions? Email [Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com)

# FUND A DREAM PAGE

When you apply for our Dream Book, once approved, The Foundation creates a custom-made fundraising page with progress tracker as well as custom social media pieces for each Dream. The social media pieces and fundraising link are sent to you, the requestor. As the Foundation works to secure funding for individual Dreams, requestors are also asked to share the Dream with their own contacts in order to secure additional funding.



## Visit our NEW Fund a Dream Page!

There, you can browse “Dreams” submitted by teachers and staff, choose the Dream you want to help fund, then choose your donation amount!

We even have a progress bar to show you how much has already been donated towards that Dream!





# WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF DREAMS?



## Graphic Novel Collection for School Library

Ashley Luczak

Edgewood Elementary  
STEAM Academy



## Crayola Field Trip

Sarah Robbins

Edgewood Elementary  
STEAM Academy



## Apple Pencil for Writing in a Virtual Setting

Sarah King

Woodland Hills  
High School



## Wilkins Trail Project

Robert Ralston

Woodland Hills  
High School



HELPING STUDENTS  
**REALIZE**  
THEIR POTENTIAL  
**FOR THEIR FUTURE**  
**AND ACHIEVE**  
**THEIR DREAMS**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**



# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation recognizes the difficulty that today's students face in finding financial assistance while entering the career paths of their choice. We are proud to **help deserving students** of the Woodland Hills School District **achieve their full potential.**



To date, 77 scholarships have been awarded to Woodland Hills School District Students, totaling over \$113,500



In 2022, \$16,500 in scholarships were awarded to WHSD students



Applications are available to students online and through the guidance office in January



Applications are due in the Spring and scholarships are typically awarded during the academic honors banquet



Questions? Email [Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com)





# WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE IN 2023?

The Woodland Hills Foundation  
Traditional Scholarship

The Woodland Hills Foundation  
Non-Traditional Scholarship

The Woodland Hills Foundation  
disABLED Student Scholarship

The Woodland Hills Foundation  
Diversity Scholarship

The Woodland Hills Foundation  
H.U.G.S. Volunteer Scholarship

The Colleen E. Kennedy  
Memorial Scholarship

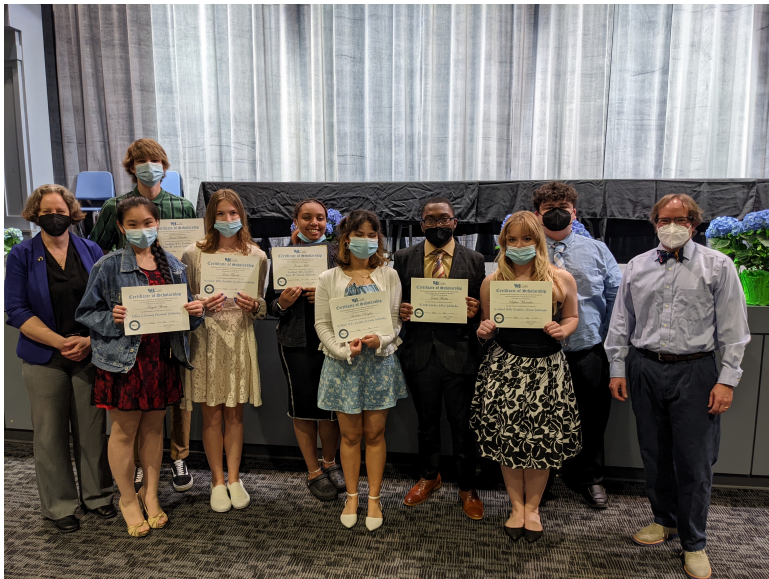
The Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship

The Julia Anne McCool Memorial  
Scholarship for the Arts & Humanities

Patti Fedishen Zollner Scholarship Fund

Rotary Club of Forest Hills “Service Above  
Self” Tom Nunnally Memorial Scholarship

The Robert & Christine Smith  
Diversity Scholarship







**WHEN YOU GIVE  
A CHILD **H.U.G.S.**  
YOU MAKE THEIR  
**FUTURE**  
**BRIGHTER****

**H.U.G.S.**

# H.U.G.S.

H.U.G.S. (Helping Unconditionally and Giving Support) is a district-wide volunteer program supporting teachers and staff in all Woodland Hills buildings. We will cultivate **learning**, **friendship**, and **unity** within our school district **through volunteerism**.



Over 100 active volunteers including parents, family members, retired and current teachers, and church/community leaders and members



Volunteering across all buildings in the district at the request of administrators, teachers, booster groups, etc.



Volunteers can perform clerical tasks, provide classroom assistance, event support, act as field trip chaperones and more!



Questions? Want to request a volunteer? Email [volunteers@whsd.net](mailto:volunteers@whsd.net)



WOODLAND HILLS FOUNDATION H.U.G.S. PRESENTS:

# Six Feet Trick or Treat

WOODLAND HILLS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: 7600 EVANS ST, PITTSBURGH, PA 15218

A FREE Spooky, Safe and Socially Distant Halloween Event!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021



Over \$5,000 raised! More than 600 students and their families attended the “Drive-Boo” and over 1,200 “Spooky Deliveries” were made!





# KONA & KICKBALL

## H.U.G.S. Summer Series



5 Games throughout the summer; Free Kona Ice; Prizes, Giveaways and More!  
40-60 students in attendance during each game!





# THE HARLEM WIZARDS CAME TO WOODLAND HILLS!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022 • 6:30 PM



605 students and families in  
attendance, grossing over \$5,000  
towards our programs and services!



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# TRUNK OR TREAT

[www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com](http://www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com)



**FREE** SAFE  
& FUN  
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**SATURDAY** OCT.  
15th  
2PM - 4PM WOODLAND HILLS HIGH SCHOOL



# WHAT IS NEW WITH H.U.G.S.?



In 2022 H.U.G.S. will hold informal Meet and Greets once per quarter.



In 2022, in conjunction with school principals and guidance counselors, H.U.G.S. will announce our new Education Series.



In 2022, H.U.G.S. will announce a new fitness challenge!



Join us to help brainstorm new ideas for our H.U.G.S. volunteers and the kinds of opportunities you would like to provide them!

The Woodland Hills Foundation's

# 2021 Virtual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair

April 17, 2021; 7 PM • [www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com](http://www.WoodlandHillsFoundation.com)

Join us for an online celebration of the Foundation and the students, staff, teachers and alumni of the Woodland Hills School District.



**HELP ENSURE  
MINI-GRANTS  
DREAM BOOK  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND H.U.G.S.  
CONTINUE WELL  
INTO THE FUTURE**

**FUNDRAISING  
EVENTS**



**2021 DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNI AWARD**

**Nathaniel L. Carter**

*Founder and CEO,  
This Generation Connect*



**CHOCOLATE & DIAMONDS  
EVENT EMCEE**

**Mike Clark**

*WTAE Channel 4 Anchor*

# Fundraising Events

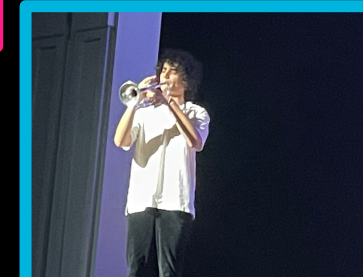
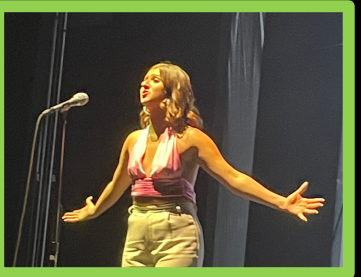
The Foundation raises much-needed funds to cover administrative costs and to support our programs and services. The funds raised ensure that the **Foundation** and the **students** and **teachers** we serve, can continue to **thrive well into the future.**



2022-2023 Events To Be Determined



# WOODLAND HILLS ALUMNI CABARET



25 Performers; Over 200 Attendees; Raising  
over \$3,300 towards our programs and services!



# *Virtual Chocolate & Diamonds Affair*



In 2021, The Foundation held our first-ever VIRTUAL Chocolate & Diamonds Affair, which grossed over \$42,000! More than 200 individuals watched the live event which honored Nathaniel Carter, Founder and CEO of This Generation Connect, and was hosted by WTAE Channel 4 Anchor, Mike Clark.





**CONNECTING  
OUR COMMUNITY  
TO THE CLASSROOM  
IN MORE WAYS THAN  
YOU THINK**

**OTHER WAYS WE  
HELP WHSD**

# Other Ways We Help



**Nearly 1,600 Chromebooks were purchased with the \$235,000 raised through the Chromebook fund.** While Principal Woods started the initiative after just five days, he approached the Foundation to help secure additional funding.



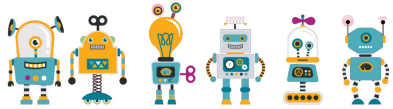
**In 2021, the Foundation secured \$4,000 in funding in order to fill backpacks with food for students in our District with food insecurities.** Social workers fill bags every Friday for nearly 70 students so that they have meals over the weekend.



**In 2021, The Foundation raised and awarded \$2,765 towards Hohn's Helping Hands.** In addition, the Foundation secured and delivered over **130 backpacks, stuffed with supplies as well as an additional 200 empty backpacks**, thanks to a partnership with Ellen Alston of the Churchill-Wilkins Rotary and Volunteers of America.



## EITC STEM-ROBOTICS FUNDING



In 2021, the Foundation awarded the WHSD Robotics Program with **\$8,800 in EITC funding**. The Foundation purchased drones, Robot Kits, batteries, memory cards, tutorials and idea books in order to assist in building the District's STEM/Robotics Programs. This was made possible through generous donations from MSA, The Safety Company and Dollar Bank.

## WHHS Student Gift Campaign



When High School Principal Shelly Manns turned to social media with a plea for help in early December 2021, the Foundation was there! Her idea? Provide every student in the High School with a small holiday gift. It was a huge undertaking, but parents and staff jumped into action, raising over \$2,500 towards their \$6,000 goal. **The Foundation committed itself to making up the difference and presented Principal Manns with a check in the amount of \$3,595.**



WOODLAND HILLS  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



In 2021 the Foundation took on the responsibility of creating a combined Woodland Hills School District/Woodland Hills Foundation E-Newsletter, which is published monthly and sent to all families in the District as well as to the Foundation's own database of friends and supporters. Stories should be sent to Renee Englert by first week of each month.



# OTHER WAYS WE HELP

We help the District in these ways and much, much more.

We pride ourselves on “Answering the Call” when needed.

If you have a program or idea that needs the  
Foundation’s help, contact us today!

Contact Jennifer Trehar at [Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.WHFoundation@gmail.com)





**THE SUPPORT  
OF WHSD TEACHERS  
AND WHSD STAFF  
IS ESSENTIAL  
TO OUR SUCCESS**

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Please consider joining the Foundation in our efforts to support educational innovation in the Woodland Hills School District by making a contribution through the Payroll Deduction program or by encouraging others to donate. Only a **few dollars** per paycheck makes a **HUGE difference** and your dollars go right back **into your own schools**.

## DONATE



Your donation is Tax-Deductible to the full extent of the law



Payroll deduction forms can be found on the WHSD website. Just a **FEW DOLLARS PER PAYCHECK IS A HUGE HELP!**



Donate to **specific funds or programs** like the Chromebook Fund, the Dream Book Fund and more!



Your donation goes directly towards **funding Mini-Grants, Dream Book items and Scholarships!**



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# WOLVERINE WAY CHALLENGE 2022

**THE CHALLENGE:**  
**ALUMNI FROM EACH DECADE**

**RAISE \$10,000**  
**TOWARD OUR \$50,000 GOAL**

**THAT'S**  
**THE WOLVERINE WAY!**

1980s: \$10,000

2000s: \$10,000

1990s: \$10,000

2010s: \$10,000

The "Village": \$10,000

"The Wolverine Way Challenge: Battle of the Decades" challenges each decade class, along with the Village of Woodland Hills, to each raise \$10,000 towards our \$50,000 goal! Since our inception, the Foundation has given away nearly every dollar raised. But as we continue to expand our services, we need your help more than ever before. If you can't donate, then please help us spread the word! The Foundation cannot and will not exist without your support. Learn more at <https://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/wolverineway>



# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

## APPLY FOR A MINI-GRANT



Mini-Grant Applications are OPEN NOW.



Check our website at

<https://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/teacherresources>  
for up-to-date information.

Plus follow our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandHillsFoundation>



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# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

## APPLY FOR A DREAM



Applications are open year-round and are awarded when funds become available. The further in advance you apply, the greater the chance your dream will be funded.



Check our website at  
<https://www.woodlandhillsfoundation.com/teacherresources>  
for up-to-date information.

Plus follow our Facebook page:  
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**Thank you**, from the **Woodland Hills Foundation and H.U.G.S.**, to all of the **teachers** and **staff** of the **Woodland Hills School District!**  
**Here's to a wonderful 2022-2023 School Year!**

