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## CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY TO THE CLASSROOM



## WHO WE ARE

The Woodland Hills Foundation is an independent non-profit organization and a proponent of public education, specifically the Woodland Hills School District. **Our mission is to support the District and our communities by strengthening the educational experience of our children.** We work to fill gaps in public education funding, focus on community building and volunteerism, and help to set the stage for secondary education aspirations. Our work is made possible by grassroots community backing which allows the Foundation to invest in the Woodland Hills School District through a variety of programs and services.

**The Foundation funds scholarships, programs, projects and events (not supported by tax dollars) by helping bring community resources to students and teachers.**

## WHAT WE DO

### MINI-GRANTS:

One of the Foundation's original initiatives, Mini-Grants are modest cash awards that help educators make a positive difference in the learning experience of their students. More importantly, Mini-Grants support, encourage, and facilitate great teaching ideas. Since 2002, 200 Mini-Grants have been awarded, totaling over \$115,000.

### SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Foundation recognizes the difficulty that today's students face in finding financial assistance while entering the career paths of their choice. The Foundation is proud to help deserving students achieve their full potential. To date, 65 scholarships totaling \$100,000 have been awarded for post-secondary education including technical, vocational, and baccalaureate degrees.

### DREAM BOOK:

The Dream Book was created in order to meet needs for special programs, teaching innovations and supplies that aren't available because there isn't money in the school's budget. It is published each year and shared with our network of friends and donors who choose which "dreams" they would like to fund. Since 2016, 15 dreams have been funded, with a total contribution of \$20,115.

### H.U.G.S.:

H.U.G.S. (Helping Unconditionally and Giving Support) is a volunteer program supporting teachers and staff in all Woodland Hills buildings. H.U.G.S. holds community-wide events, for free or at little cost. Currently there are over 100 active volunteers including parents, family members, retired and current teachers, and church/community leaders.

### ALUMNI CABARET:

The Cabaret is a gathering of alumni from the high school musicals over the past 30 years. For the past 14 years, this fundraiser has grown with more performers and greater attendance. In 2019, with nearly 150 attendees and 30 performers (some of whom graduated as far back as 1959), the Foundation raised over \$1,000 towards programs and services.

### CHOCOLATE & DIAMONDS:

The Chocolate & Diamonds Affair is the Foundation's signature event and largest fundraiser. 2019 marked the tenth anniversary and was the most successful event to date. Each year it has grown larger, welcoming more and more sponsors and ticket-buyers as well as a silent auction that continuously outdoes itself. In 2019, the event boasted over 200 attendees and almost a 25% increase in gross profits.

