

What started out as an exciting year with an abundance of first-time donors and the potential to offer numerous extraordinary learning experiences for our students ended with the cancellation or postponement of many of the Foundation's activities.


The Foundation is fortunate—and grateful—to have had your very generous support without which laptops for Apollo-Ridge high and middle school students wouldn't have been available for them to seamlessly transition from in-person to virtual learning during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Since the Foundation relies heavily on local and regional businesses and individuals for support, the Trustees are pausing fund raising for the time being due to the economic struggles many are facing.

Thankfully, through the strength of past donations, the Foundation can continue to fund extraordinary learning experiences in STEM +A-Rts for Apollo-Ridge students well into the upcoming school year.

Stay well and thank you for investing in our students' futures!

Cris Kostiuk
President



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- ___LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$500—ask about our payment plan!
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Impact Statement

2019-2020

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Your donations through Amazon's SMILE program have increased from \$16.76 per quarter in 2014 to \$96.83 in 2020!

thank you!



Laptops Vital During Covid-19 Closure

The Education Foundation donates proceeds from the annual Gala/Silent Auction to purchase laptops for incoming 6th grade students each school year. Little did anyone know how important those devices would become. When Governor Wolf ordered all schools to close effective March 16, middle and high school students at Apollo-Ridge

shifted seamlessly to online learning guided by their teachers through video-conferencing and the Teams app. The Foundation is grateful for the support of the donors, sponsors, volunteers and guests who attend the event each year in November. Through their generous support all students in grades 6-12 are issued a laptop each school year.

The devices are used for classwork, homework, communication, research, and test taking and are retained by the students through graduation. Since this educational tool may be financially out of reach for some of our families, those businesses and individuals who support the Gala/Silent Auction help level the academic playing field for all students.

Gala Dumps \$14,500 Into Middle School Budget for Laptops

The annual Gala/Silent Auction, the Foundation's much anticipated casual affair, attracted a new and enthusiastic audience last November. Held at The Links and catered by Just Ask Catering, the event featured dozens of items on which to bid, slot machines, and a 50/50 drawing. Guests received a souvenir keychain compliments of Lifetouch.

The Foundation is grateful to our generous sponsors who provided 70% of the proceeds used to purchase laptops for use by students for multiple tasks in and out of the classroom.



The Gala/Silent Auction is postponed until 2021 due to donor economic hardship caused by COVID-19.



Student Planning to Study Music Receives 2020 Scholarship

The Foundation's 3rd Annual Scholarship recipient, Victoria Querry, was chosen from eight applicants for her outstanding resume, desire to enter into a STEM +A-Rts career, clear understanding of the Mission and Vision of the Foundation, and a very persuasive essay.

Victoria will attend Messiah College to study Music Education.

The Education Foundation's \$1000 scholarship is funded by donations through the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

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Kids Say It Best

AGH OPEN HEART SURGERY*
It was so intriguing to see the amount of preparation used, the everyday life of everyone in the operating room, and the procedure itself.

Anastasia Rabickow

This experience was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Our tour guide explained every detail of what was happening and explained each person's job, what schooling they had to go for, how much they make, and in general what they do on a daily basis.

Julia Poydence

We got to see them open the patient and do all the prep before they even got to the heart. The surgery went well and I had a good experience observing all the jobs in the OR.

Rebecca Boston

Not too many people get to experience what we did and I'm thankful that I was able to. It was an experience I won't forget.

Madison Nacey

MUMMIES OF THE WORLD**

Isn't something easier to believe if you see it? I learned about mummies in school, but it was a whole new experience seeing them in person instead of in textbooks and videos.

Mirabella Andree

I found it interesting that there were shrunken heads. People would hook them onto their belts during war to make them seem more powerful.

Kaylee Henderson

My favorite thing at the Mummies exhibit was to see the cut open infant. I liked how the heart was still completely intact and how I could see the veins and arteries. To me it was kind of gross, but it was pretty fascinating.

Logan Mauser

We saw ... a mummy that had died got robbed and when they found his body he had cowboy boots on. They did tests on the boots he had never wore them when he was alive.

Elita Mahorcic

*EITC Donations

**Harold Geiger Memorial/Vranka



A-R's High School chorus performed at the Center's Veterans Day program.

Community Engagement

MOSAIC BECOMES MORE THAN AN ART PROJECT

"Our participants were unsure of doing the project at first, but ended with a lot of pride in what they created." —Carole Harland, Apollo Senior Center Asst. Mgr.

In the Spring of 2019, the Education Foundation partnered with IUP's ArtsPath program to create a mural/mosaic to complete the last ten feet of the *PRIDE IN OUR PAST, FAITH IN OUR FUTURE* project begun during the 2018-2019 school year. The project targeted the participants at the Apollo Senior Center.

Several high school students worked with the seniors to complete the project which led to Apollo-Ridge students in the Community Based Instruction program participating in the

Center's activities on a regular basis. The students have celebrated Halloween, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Center and attended a concert by Kelly Hylton, a local Elvis impersonator.

Future collaborations include a sign created by the Tech Ed students to advertise the location of the center, visits by the Apollo-Ridge leadership team to present the District's programs, and second grade students demonstrating how to make maple syrup followed by a pancake breakfast.



"(I appreciated the) interaction with Apollo-Ridge School—their interest in our Senior Citizens Center & their plans for future programs with us." Diane Baer
Center Participant



A-R STAKEHOLDERS VOLUNTEER AT STEM EVENT

The biggest challenge with the Rube Goldberg event is recruiting forty facilitators and STEM professionals. The Apollo-Ridge community stepped up in a big way to support the event, which included in some cases their own children.

Apollo-Ridge alumni, parents, school board, staff, and community members volunteered at the day-long event that challenges 350-400 7th & 8th graders from eight schools to build a contraption using simple machines to perform a task.

The challenge begins with students being introduced to Rube Goldberg and a review of simple machines.

The students, grouped into teams of ten, begin the process by brainstorming designs on paper.

Each team has a set amount of materials with which to begin. Additional items are available as well as materials some students bring from home. Once the contraption is built and tested, a video is recorded and used to critique the projects.

A-R STEM PROFESSIONALS

Alumni	Alex Kostiuk (14) Kayla Percic (11) Mariah Reilly (11)
Parents	Craig Kavulic Wayne Sadowsky
Community	Al Frantik Curt Webb Eric Kubla John Spirnak Matt Jacob Ray Heinle
School Board	Becky Ross
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Donation Impact Statement

Your donations are hard at work funding extraordinary learning experiences in STEM +A-Rts for Apollo-Ridge students!

IN 2019/2020 YOU GAVE ...	WHICH DIRECTLY IMPACTED A-R KIDS ...
EITC* Partners \$35,800	Innovative Projects \$5,630
Gala Stakeholders \$17,400	Wish Lists \$3,250
Miscellaneous Gifts \$6,280	Extraordinary Learning Experiences \$45,554
Membership Dues \$3,926	Cost of doing business \$2,700



*Educational Improvement Tax Credit Partners are vital to the Foundation's mission of funding extraordinary learning experiences in STEM +A-Rts for Apollo-Ridge students. newpa.com/eitc



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In Memory of Dr. John Kautz: Lifetime member, generous donor and community advocate.

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STEM +A-Rts Programs

Innovative Project Grants*

- Kindergarten Discovery Time
- Pots for the Planters
- Sensing Energy & Momentum-2
- 1st Grade Discovery Time
- Entomology Unit
- Dress for Success
- T-shirt Book Report Project
- Ronald McDonald Charities
- Parenting In a Digital World
- Chemistry 2 Faraday Lecture
- Wiggle While We Learn



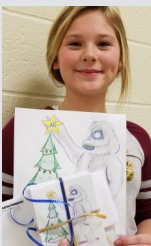
Wish List Grants**

- New STEM Courses
- Middle School Garden Tower



Extraordinary Learning Experiences**

- Rube Goldberg Challenge
- Forensics Science students tour of the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's office & morgue
- Quiz Bowl & Math League
- SeAL (Sea, Air, Land) Challenge
- Energy & Momentum Curriculum
- AP exam fee reimbursement
- Gr K-5 to Crooked Creek Outdoor Discovery Center
- Gr 2&4 to Heinz Hall for Pittsburgh Symphony Schooltime Concerts
- "That Guy with the Birds" presentation and "Blast Off with Apollo 11: An Interactive Journey through the Solar System" exhibit at the community event celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing



Holiday Card Design Contest—
Brooke Kuntz

*Membership Dues/EITC
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