

# PROGRESSREPORT

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WAUKESHA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## WEF Finishes First with Strive to Thrive Run/Walk

The second annual Strive to Thrive Run/Walk was held on April 21, 2012 in partnership with the Waukesha School District's Wellness Fair. The event was a great success and raised nearly \$7,200 for the Waukesha Education Foundation (WEF). Mark your calendars for the 2013 run to be held at Waukesha North High School on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Numerous sponsorship levels are available this year offering a range of promotional opportunities and benefits. Please contact Jack Bothwell at [jbothwel@waukesha.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbothwel@waukesha.k12.wi.us) to offer donations, sponsor this event, or volunteer your time.



Visit [www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org](http://www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org) for additional information and to register.

2013 STRIVE TO THRIVE RUN/WALK SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

	WEF sponsor banner	WEF website	Vendor card	Event tickets	WEF newsletter	Link on WEF website	Name/logo on t-shirt	Your banner displayed	Press release
400 Meter Club   \$25	X								
800 Meter Club   \$50	X								
1 Mile Club   \$100	X	X	X	2					
5K Club   \$300	X	X	X	4	X				
10K Club   \$500	X	X	X	6	X	X	X		
Marathon   \$750	X	X	X	8	X	X	X	X	
Iron Man   \$1,000+	X	X	X	10	X	X	X	X	X



# Educator's Dreams Live On Through Memorial Golf Outing

The 2012 Bob Duckett Memorial Golf Outing was held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Merrill Hills Country Club. The event was organized to honor the memory of Bob Duckett and his dedication and contributions to the Waukesha Education Foundation (WEF).

As an educator in the Waukesha Public Schools, Bob spent many of his working years teaching and coaching children. In retirement, Bob wanted to enhance the educational experience for kids so he became a driving force in the WEF, an organization that supports projects and programs that are not typically funded by the school district's annual operating budget.

Special thanks to Bob's family and many friends for attending this fundraising event as we celebrated his life and wonderful legacy. We especially want to acknowledge all of the sponsors, donors and golfers that made the event successful as we raised almost \$9,000 for the support of the WEF and the Bob Duckett Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For volunteer opportunities call Christine Howard at 414-745-6421 or email [christine.howard@associatedbank.com](mailto:christine.howard@associatedbank.com).



## A LOOK BACK AT THE 2012 BOB DUCKETT MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



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Mark your calendar now for the 2013 WEF golf outing, scheduled for Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Merrill Hills Country Club.

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## Celebration of Excellence

On Sunday, March 10, 2013 the Waukesha Education Foundation (WEF) is hosting a fundraising event at Waukesha South High School beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will highlight student achievements in the Waukesha public schools. An informal dinner, a silent auction and music provided by several of Waukesha school's finest musicians will round out the evening.

Projects funded by WEF will be on display and guests will be encouraged to engage students in conversation about their work.

This year, we honor two educators who have made a significant contribution to the enrichment of countless students — Bonnie Schlais (Principal of Hillcrest Elementary School) and Mark Helgert, (Director of Bands at Butler Middle School).

Admission to the 2013 Celebration of Excellence Winter Ball is \$50 per person. Individuals, groups or organizations may purchase table sponsorships and receive levels of recognition for their participation. Tables seat 10 people. Event sponsorships are:

Gold — \$2,500 — Full-page ad in program, table for 10, best VIP seating
Silver — \$1,500 — Half-page ad in program, table for 10, better VIP seating
Bronze — \$500 — Name in program, table for 10, VIP seating

For volunteer involvement to help make this event great, please contact Paul Kwiecien at 262-271-4462.

# Grants Touch the Lives of Many Waukesha Kids

In 2012, the Waukesha Education Foundation distributed \$12,500 in grants for the 2012-13 school year. Schools and programs throughout the district received funds to help enrich the Waukesha public education experience. Below is a list of the grant recipients. More detail on each program can be found at [www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org](http://www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org) under the "Grants and Scholarships" link.

The 2013 grant process will begin in the spring, with a new easy and secure on-line application process.

## 2012 Waukesha Education Fund Grant Recipients

Program: **Central Community Reads**  
Target: **Central Middle School**

Program: **Positive Behavior Intervention**  
Target: **Waukesha South High School**

Program: **Connecting Students to 21st Century Skills Through the Use of iPod Touch**  
Target: **Summit View Elementary**

Program: **Drum Line Replacement**  
Target: **Waukesha South High School**

Program: **Thermal Energy Lab**  
Target: **Waukesha STEM Academy**

Program: **Math Games & Materials that Motivate Learning**  
Target: **Lowell Elementary**

Program: **Mentoring Seeds in Blossoms**  
Target: **Waukesha North High School**

Program: **El Sistema of Greater Milwaukee @ Hadfield**  
Target: **Hadfield Elementary**

Program: **Jardín Green**  
Target: **Waukesha South High School**

Program: **Teen Mentor and Leadership Program**  
Target: **Butler Middle School**

Program: **Real Life Exercise**  
Target: **Harvey Philip Alternative School**

Program: **Master Artisans in the Classroom**  
Target: **Summit View Elementary**

Program: **Books for All**  
Target: **Waukesha North High School**



To date, the Foundation has awarded over \$120,000 in grants to 90+ programs that have impacted nearly every school in the District!



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## WEF Mission

*Foster the cooperation and collaboration of individuals, corporations, businesses and community organizations regarding public education in Waukesha.*

*Secure individual and corporate investment to promote excellence, opportunity and equity in the Waukesha Public Schools.*

*Initial focus on raising \$1 million in endowment funds over the next five years to enrich the Waukesha public education experience.*

## 2012 Board President's Message

### Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank everyone who has supported the Waukesha Education Foundation (WEF) through financial donations and/or volunteering. 2012 was a great year for the Foundation. We successfully launched our dynamic new website. Visit [www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org](http://www.waukeshaeducationfoundation.org), and be sure to register to stay connected with the Foundation on current news and upcoming events.

We were pleased to award 13 grants for the 2012-13 school year. For more information on the projects that received WEF funding, please see the "Grants" page of our website. This year, we are moving to a fully online grant application process, which will streamline the process for interested applicants.

We are excited to again hold our Celebration of Excellence event on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Visit our website for more information and to register.

Our new website also makes it easy and secure to donate to the Foundation. Please consider a gift in this new year to help us reach our million dollar endowment goal.

Thank you again for your past support. We look forward to an exciting 2013.



**Mike Pjevach**  
**WEF Board Chairman**

*Effective January, 2013, Christine Howard Turowski is the new WEF Board President. The Board thanks Mike for stepping in to serve as our 2012 President.*