

Knappa Schools Foundation



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Knappa Schools Foundation (KSF) was founded in 1997. Knappa School District became independent from Columbia 5J in 1997 and community leaders were intent on seeing the district be successful. Out of that concern, which reflected the sentiment of the entire community, KSF was born.

The KSF mission statement is "To provide resources to enhance education and encourage individual success for the students of Knappa Schools." Now in its eighteenth year, KSF has been very successful in its efforts to improve the quality of education in our community. Funds raised through the annual dinner and auction have been used in a three-point approach to fulfilling our mission statement. First, KSF awards scholarships each year to deserving students entering that critical first year of post-secondary education. To date those scholarships total over \$270,000. Secondly, KSF awards mini-grants to teachers and educators to encourage innovation in the classroom and to enhance access to technology. Total mini-grant awards have exceeded \$300,000 since they began. Lastly, since its inception, KSF continually invest portions of the fundraising proceeds. KSF assets now total more than \$1.1 million. These invested assets will be for enhancing and supporting Knappa Schools and its students into perpetuity.

FUNDRAISING

Our Annual Dinner/Auction which is our main fund raising event takes place on the second Saturday of February every year. It is held at our local high school gym which is beautifully transformed into a valentine celebration with a prime rib and salmon dinner. We open the doors at 4:30 Saturday afternoon and everyone comes early for appetizers and previews the silent, oral and raffle items. Then we enjoy a delicious dinner and the fun begins with the live auction. It is a huge community event. Two years ago we automated the process and after working out a few kinks we have streamlined the checkout process. We sell 320 dinner tickets and over the past many years have had a sold-out event. We have been honored for over 13 years by the support of Senator Betsy Johnson her famous "Betsy Plea" which amazes us every year by the generous support of community members who contribute to her "hard to resist plea".

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Knappa Schools Foundation proudly thanks, Teevin Bros. Land and Timber, who has truly been a corporate sponsor of the foundation. Shawn Teevin who is a founding member of KSF, also donates to the foundation as a corporate sponsor. Teevin Bros. Land & Timber provides a place for our monthly meetings as well as staff members to assist in soliciting and gathering donations and is our sponsor in this publication.

DONATIONS

Pick up and Drop off of donations for the Dinner/Auction begins every year the first of January. This year Blake Gerttula is our Donation Outreach Coordinator. He can be reached at 503-338-8014

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Cash Donations- via Check which are made payable to Knappa Schools Foundation. These gifts may also be given in honor or in memory of an individual.
- Planned giving is a major gift made during your lifetime or as a part of your overall estate plan
- Gifts of real estate, stocks or securities
- Volunteering – Our dinner would not be the success it is without the countless volunteers that donate their time every year to decorate, clean, set up, organize raffles, take in donations, pick up donations, check out, serve, the list is endless..
- Setting up Memorial Scholarship Funds of \$10,000 that self-perpetuates would continuously provide a \$500 scholarship every year for a graduating Knappa Senior

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Mission Statement:

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