

The District 300  
**Foundation** FOR Educational Excellence  
2009 Highlights



# Annual 2009 Report

The District 300 Foundation for educational Excellence was founded in 2002. It was established to "...enhance and extend learning opportunities" for all District 300 students.

Eight years later the Foundation is as important today as it was in 2002. The Foundation supports all District 300 students through innovative education at the classroom level to produce educational success for every child. The Foundation's connection to educators is the core of its impact as an educational leader for the good of every D300 student. Working to secure resources to enhance and extend opportunities for all children the Foundation is *the* collective voice for innovative education in District 300

Success for students depends on the extended classroom by giving students the opportunity to enhance their educational opportunities. We have been true to the mission of the Foundation by supporting students and educators through your generous donations.

We thank you for your continued support.



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## mission

The mission of the Foundation is to seek and make available resources that enhance, enrich and extend learning opportunities for all District 300 students.

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# Leadership & Innovation

## Join our journey toward educational excellence

### past chairman



Mary Fioretti, Chairman

2009 saw a culmination of seven years of hard work. On behalf of the Trustees of the Foundation we are very grateful for the donations in a year that saw significant financial challenges for our donors.

As in 2002 we stand by our core mission to keep Student Leadership, Literacy, Science & Technology and Performing & Fine Arts central in our pursuit of enhancing successful education.

We support the faculty through innovation grants as they work together with their students to lead young minds into the future developing their natural instinct to question or provide that moment of enlightenment on a subject matter.

This coming year your students will inform you they were able to touch a medical torso to examine the heart, a rib cage or a kidney. Some will come home and talk about the fantastic high school geometry class they attended where they created an equation that turned into a full rotational object. Some of your students will discuss the artist in residence. Your very generous donations made this all possible.

All of these opportunities provide for the next generation of leaders. As I retire from the Foundation I am very grateful for the opportunity to have assisted faculty and students to reach the next step in academic success for our future leaders. The mission of the Foundation is really all about the students. I encourage you to become a part of the work that we do. You'll love it.

Mary Fioretti  
Past Chairman

### superintendent



Dr. Ken Arndt & William

I have been with Community Unit School District 300 for more than eight years now – almost as long as the District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence has been serving

D300 students. The tremendous amount of positive change, growth and improvement that the District has seen in that time is undeniable. Both in the roles of District Superintendent and Foundation Trustee, it has been my great privilege to witness the District's journey toward excellence. The road continues to widen and lengthen with each new donation and every academic achievement.

There are many other persons who have served vital roles in this important, ongoing journey. What has been your role? Perhaps your family or your organization donated funds to support the variety of grants that Foundation Trustees work diligently to provide to students at all D300 schools. If so, you have our most sincere appreciation, for without you the road would be short and narrow. Maybe you nominated one of our District's outstanding graduates for the Distinguished Alumni Award or a talented teacher for the Distinguished Educator Award. Thank you for helping bring "the best of D300" into the public spotlight where they deserve to be. Or perhaps you were among the teachers who submitted successful grant applications to bring fresh tools and ideas into your classrooms. If so, your commitment to going "above and beyond" is to be commended.

As the Foundation enters its eighth year, the Foundation Trustees and I ask you to play a role in this next chapter of educational excellence. Be a donor. Be a leader. Be a supporter. In whatever way you can, be part of the journey.

Dr. Kenneth M. Arndt  
Superintendent

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# Large Grants



## PERFORMING & FINE ARTS

Grant: Painting for Mavericks  
 Award: \$3,000  
 Serves: DC, HDJ, & HHS  
 Abstract: Visiting artis would be working with 25 district AP art Students.

**TARGET Grant \$1,000  
 Pat Ostwig Endowment**



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Grant: Geometers Sketchpad  
 Award: \$4535.85  
 Serves: DC, HDJ, & HHS all students in high school math  
 Abstract: Software for math visualization.

Grant: Elementary Science Models  
 Award: \$8,147  
 Serves: All elementary schools  
 Abstract: Purchase of body part torsos for all elementary schools for K-5 use

**John D. Court Grant**



## LITERACY

Grant: Enhancement of High School Libraries  
 Award: \$3,000  
 Serves: All students at DC, HDJ, & HHS  
 Abstract: Add educational materials to each high school library.



## 6th Annual Awards Ceremony



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# Annual 2009 Report



## Class of 09/10 Innovative Educators

*"Imagination is more important than knowledge. For Knowledge is limited to all we know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand."*  
 Albert Einstein

### The Recipients for this year are:



We are excited again this year to award eight grants to innovative educators. Each year we invite all educators to apply for this competitive grant to explain to us how they plan to use their idea in the classroom to get students excited about learning.

We are excited to present this year's Innovation Grant recipients.

DENNIS CLEVELAND,  
 PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

This year's class of Innovative Educators are dedicated to student improvement through exciting education.

We thank the Lions of Dundee Township for their commitment to successful education.

Build Intelligence Keep Exercising (B.I.K.E.)  
**Lions Grant**  
**Catherine Medina**  
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**Luc Miron**  
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# Statements of Financial Activities



**School District 300 Foundation for Educational Excellence**  
(a non profit corporation)  
**Statements of Activities**

Years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009			2008
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Combined Total	Summary Financial Information Combined Total
<b>Revenues, Gains &amp; Other Support:</b>				
Contributions	\$ 31,220	\$ 11,329	\$ 42,549	\$ 26,394
Foundation Grant	-	-	-	5,000
Inkind gifts	-	-	-	1,100
Special events, net of direct expenses				
Desks on Parade	-	-	-	5,491
Golf Outing	9,726	-	9,726	-
Spring Gala	4,799	-	4,799	4,848
Meeting reimbursements, net of expenses	-	-	-	149
Misc income	985	-	985	364
Investment Income	685	-	685	1,074
Total revenue	47,414	11,329	58,744	44,420
Net assets released from restrictions	10,506	(10,506)	-	-
<b>Functional Expenses</b>				
Program expenses	36,599	-	36,599	22,847
Management and general	14,122	-	14,122	9,716
Fund raising expenses	1,952	-	1,952	917
Total functional expenses	52,673	-	52,673	33,480
<b>Change in net assets</b>	5,248	823	6,071	10,940
<b>Net assets - beginning of year</b>	36,201	15,575	51,776	40,836
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	\$ 41,449	\$ 16,398	\$ 57,847	\$ 51,776

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## Distinguished Educators

### Barb Jones



Barb Jones is currently teaching at Lincoln Prairie Elementary School, but she has worked at many different schools in her 28 years of service to District 300. Graduating from Western Illinois University (BS) and DePaul University (MA), Jones has been recognized in the district before with the Those Who Excel in 1995. Jones is a National Board Certified Teacher who has successfully mentored several District 300 teachers through the National Board certification process.

She is a district mentor to new teachers and has coached administrators and teachers as a member of the District evaluation committee. At Lincoln Prairie, Jones has developed reading, math and writing teaching tools for teachers to use while collaborating on school improvement goals.

### Carolyn Szabo

Carolyn Szabo is the second recipient of the Distinguished Educator of the Year Award. Szabo has been teaching in District 300 for 10 years, and attended Northeastern Illinois University (BS) and Aurora University and received her Masters of Arts in Teaching.

Szabo is currently teaching at Dundee Middle School, sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Szabo inspires her colleagues to employ innovative techniques and best practices in her roles as a District mentor, team leader, and building and District exploratory technology/careers leader. Szabo shares her curriculum and instructional strategies with colleagues at Dundee Middle School and at other middle schools. Szabo has used her innovative techniques to maximize student achievement.



### PERFORMING & FINE ARTS

**TARGET Grant \$1,000**

#### Painting for Mavericks - Visiting Artist

**Connie Noyes**

The Performing and Fine Arts Committee worked with various high school educators to create the Large Grant Project. The project is called Painting for Mavericks and will provide an opportunity for the high school art students within the district to work with Connie Noyes, an artist that specializes in using recycled materials in her art work. Our special thanks to both **TARGET** and the high school art teachers ( Carolyn Washow – Jacobs High School, Laura LaRue – Hampshire High School and Kimberly Konie – Dundee-Crown High School) for making this grant possible.

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