

Franklin Community Education Foundation



2020
Annual Report

FECF DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES

When FCS students started school in the fall, many were in the hybrid model with a split schedule of in-class and remote learning days, and others were on a completely virtual program.

Changes had to be made—the normal classroom was a thing of the past. No more sharing of crayons or pencil sharpeners. Students needed masks and hand sanitizer. The lists of supplies needed for school, regardless of learning model, was higher than in the past.

The FCEF wanted to help lighten the financial load on parents and ensure that each student had standard supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, calculators, and even individual pencil sharpeners. We purchased some supplies and were fortunate to receive folder and paper donations from ACCO Brands in Sidney, NY.

FCEF Board members sorted and filled bags for each child and distributed them, drive-through style, at the school parking lot on the first weekend in September. There were two supply sets based on the age group (K-6 and 7-12). All unclaimed supplies were donated to Franklin Central School for student use.

At the October FCEF Board Meeting, School Superintendent Brad Zilliox told us that the students continued to benefit from the supply giveaway.



We plan to hold this community donation event annually.

**“OUR GREATEST NATURAL
RESOURCE IS THE MINDS
OF OUR CHILDREN”**

~WALT DISNEY



HAPPY TO HELP IN 2020

School started out just like any normal school year in January 2020, however, it did not stay that way. Virtual and hybrid schooling became the new normal. FCEF was eager to continue to assist the students of Franklin.

School with COVID brought us students staying in classrooms, while teachers moved about. To smooth the teachers transitions from classroom to classroom, FCEF helped the school purchase supply carts for them. Several teachers decided to have fun with it by having a decorating contest. Students then voted by email for their favorite cart.

The students voted for their favorite teacher-decorated carts. Miss Fowler (HS Science) was the winner with her Butterfly Cart.

2020 Board of Directors

President - Christina Elmendorf

V. President - Patricia Tyrell

Treasurer - Naomi Lima

Secretary - Sara Leddy

Sarah Cleaveland

Lynne Kemen

Jayne Bolton

Meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month via zoom.

"The Franklin Community Education Foundation helped to provide a valuable piece of our English Language Arts curriculum. In September, we discovered that our new reading program contained gaps in phonics instruction. We researched various programs but were in a difficult position in regards to available money due to pandemic expenses incurred this year. We reached out to the Foundation for help to purchase "From Sound to Spelling" from an online resource. This program is now being used by students in Kindergarten through Second Grade. It has been a valuable tool in providing much needed instruction to our youngest learners."

Lorelle Dutcher

Keeping hydrated while learning is very important. All students received water bottles this year. The water bottles have a lid to cover the drinking spout while not in use.



FUNDRAISING DURING COVID-19

The Franklin Community Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization that is run entirely by volunteers. To help aid in our efforts to assist Franklin's students, we have several fundraisers throughout the year. Our annual Spring Flower Basket Sale and Bake Sale were both put on pause in 2020 due to the complications of COVID-19. However, that did not stop us!



Reaching out for community support, we still conducted our annual Bottle Drive over the summer. Many community members continued to deliver their empty bottles and cans to Dutch Redemption Center throughout the year, making it a successful year-round fundraiser. FCEF Board Members sold raffle tickets for a new Chromebook at the Franklin Farmers' Market throughout August. And, after getting a better handle on the safest way to collect orders and distribute plants, we were able to hold a winter Poinsettia Sale.

We would not be able to achieve our goal of helping Franklin's youth without the support of our community. Many, many thanks to all who help us along the way; we honestly could not do this without your help!



No Gift Is Too Small! All Gifts Tax Deductible.

Donate Online— visit: <https://franklincommunity.org/support-fcef/>

OR

Make Check Payable to:
Franklin Community Education Foundation
Mail To: PO Box 43, Franklin NY 13775

Name: _____

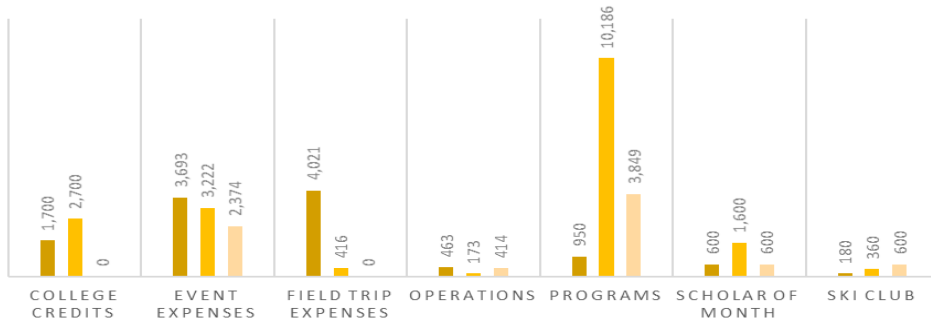
Address: _____

Email: _____ 3



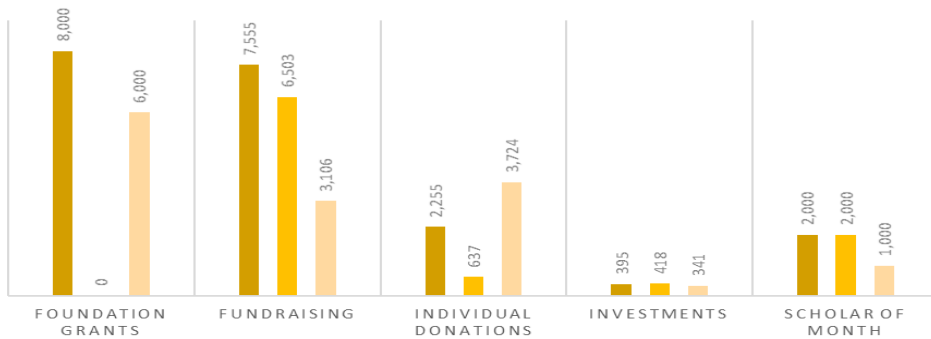
EXPENDITURES

■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020



REVENUE

■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020



Scholars of the Month

'19-'20

George Coulter

Paige Dutcher

Mason Dolezel

Zoe Warren

Margot Whitaker

Gretchyn Ackley

Alexis Hilton

Linzi Simonds

Franklin Community Education
Foundation
PO Box 43
Franklin, NY 13775
info@franklincommunity.com



School and Foundation Collaboration

A Word from Bonnie Johnson, Superintendent

We would like to thank the Franklin Community Education Foundation for supporting Franklin Central School through these unprecedented times. Without fail, FCEF is always there to support the inner workings of our school district. Due to COVID-19, there were things that needed to change for our students and our faculty. Teachers were provided carts to carry their teaching materials from class to class. Students received water bottles for hydration throughout the day and needed school supplies. A monetary donation from the foundation was used to increase the WIFI outside the school building for students and the community to access. During the 2019-2020 school year, a total of seven foundation scholarships were and five students had tuition covered for college courses. The Franklin Central School is grateful for everything the Franklin Community Education Foundation provides to our students. We look forward to continue working collaboratively with FCEF for the success of our students.