

# THE PERRY SCHOOL FOUNDATION

# Purpose:

The Foundation is designed to provide financial support of all activities at the Perry Community Schools. This includes academic programs, athletics, the fine arts, vocational programs, and service activities.

#### Rationale:

We believe that the education and growth of a student occurs through both the academic and activities programs. Activities are a complement to and a reflection of a school district's academic strength. Our academic program is primarily supported through taxes. The activities program is, to a significant degree, self-supporting. As costs increase, discovering funding sources and developing revenue streams are important. Donations from alumni and friends of the Perry Community Schools, special events, and memorial contributions support the Foundation's mission.

# What is the Perry School Foundation?

The School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization designed to support the total activities program at the Perry Community Schools. The original Activity Foundation originated from the initial donation of \$8,000 from the Jim Bose family. This was in memory of Jim, who had served as a substitute teacher in the Perry School System. In November, 1981, the Perry Community Schools Board of Directors officially created the Activity Foundation. The Foundation has received support from the businesses and industries in Perry while building relationships with community members and alumni. In addition, various fundraisers and memorial donations have helped to support and add to the growth of the Foundation over the past 40 years.

The School Foundation and the Perry Activities Booster Club are complimentary organizations. The Foundation differs as to a focus on major, lasting projects and the Foundation does not solicit annual memberships.

#### **How are Foundation Funds Secured?**

- Memorial Donations
- Friends and Alumni Donations
- Auditorium Chair Sponsorships (Perry Performing Arts Center)
- Fence Signage Sponsorships (Perry Athletic Complex)

- Grant Writing
- "Forever a Bluejay/Jayette" Apparel
- School Foundation Auctions, Tailgates, & Events

## What Recent Projects Have Been Supported By the Foundation?

The Foundation focus is on major, lasting projects benefiting the Perry Community School District.

- Violet Hill Flag Pole Project (Grants & Donations)
- Veterans Memorial Park Lighting & Field of Poppies Project (Grants & Donations)
- Donation to the Dewey Field Complex Renovation
- Architectural fees for the Perry Athletic Complex, which includes a softball field, baseball field, driving range, and multi-purpose field
- Equipment for the Perry Performing Arts Center
- Prints & sculptures and the development of an Art Department display
- Donations toward the development of the Linda Kaufman Memory Garden
- Donations to the "Band of Brothers" Perry High School Veterans Memorial Project
- Bleachers and equipment at the Perry Athletic Complex
- Assistance in the purchase of the Industrial Technology Trailer
- Donation to the Perry Performing Arts Center Lobby Veterans Memorial Project
- Cabinets in the Perry Performing Arts Set Shop
- Outfield Windscreens at the Perry Athletic Complex
- Annual Perry Community Veterans Day Program organization

## How Can I Help?

Immediate help may come through a donation to the Foundation. A donation in any amount is appreciated. On a long range basis, we hope that individuals will remember the Foundation in their estate planning. This type of participation will provide a living memorial that will support the youth of this community far into the future.

Please contact Perry High School with any questions or interest in these opportunities.

Donations may be provided to: Perry School Foundation, Perry High School, 1200 18th Street, Perry, Iowa 50220