



## GRANTS

Grants are awarded annually to all public schools in the Mequon-Thiensville School District (MTSD). In 2006/2007, the Foundation awarded over **\$315,000** in grants to our schools.

Grants awarded are targeted to sustain and maintain essential programs, support initiatives designed to assist the classroom teacher as class sizes increase, and explore creative opportunities to enhance learning experiences.

The Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) assists the Foundation in the grant selection process. The GAC is comprised of district staff from all levels and specialty areas, our Executive Director and Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation (MTEF) board members.

### How will my donation make a difference?

**Your donation will support current (2007/2008) grant requests.**

- Priority is given to grants that support programs “at risk” due to current budgetary pressures.
- Fund allocation is determined by the GAC with the Board of Directors’ approval.
- Grants will be awarded throughout the school year, with the majority awarded in Spring, 2008.

*“Children have been and always will be our greatest asset. Please join us in keeping the Mequon-Thiensville School District strong.”*

- Karl Hertz, President, Village of Thiensville -

## MANY HANDS

The Many Hands Project, a new giving option this year, is a “grass roots” collaborative effort involving parents, students, teachers and administrators dedicated to providing financial support directed at reducing the deficit.

The initial campaign took place in Spring, 2007. School district families and teachers made contributions to impact the 2007/2008 school year. The **\$96,000** raised provided for the addition of teaching and support staff for this school year.

### How will my donation make a difference?

**Your donation will reduce the budget deficit for the 2008/2009 school year.** The MTSD estimates the 2008/2009 deficit will be over **\$1,000,000**.

- Monies will be used to lower the deficit, thereby lessening the need for further cuts.
- An unrestricted gift to the Board of Education allows them to assess the entire K-12 program and apply the funds where they are most needed.
- Monies raised will be presented to the Board of Education in January, 2008 to be used at their discretion.



**The Many Hands Project**

*Strong Communities And Strong Schools Go Hand In Hand.*

## ENDOWMENT FUND

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation Endowment Fund consists of monies specifically designated by donors for the Endowment Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide long-term sustainable funding for the Mequon-Thiensville School District. Donations will be invested, with the principal remaining intact.

Dividends and interest from the Endowment Fund will provide a permanent source of funds for future Foundation expenses, including grants, awards, and operating expenses, allowing your donation to have an impact over a long period of time.

### How will my donation make a difference?

**Your donation will help us reach our goal of \$1,000,000** and ensure future financial support for our schools. Currently, the Endowment Fund totals \$120,000.

- Donations will provide a source of income to support future projects and programs.
- This Fund is managed and administered by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the world with assets of more than \$542 million.
- Your donation represents an investment in the future of the Mequon-Thiensville public schools.

*“Our public schools are one of our community’s greatest assets. It is the responsibility of all of us to keep our schools strong.”*

- Christine Nuernberg, Mayor, City of Mequon -

## MISSION

*The mission of the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation is to develop community-wide, private financial support for the Mequon-Thiensville School District, and through grants, to help support continued excellence in education.*

## MTEF VISION

Our vision is to be the leading organization for providing private financial support for the MTSD. MTEF will work with other district and community organizations to ensure that funds are raised efficiently and effectively and are made available to the district in a manner that addresses the significant needs in the MTSD.



## ABOUT US

The Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation, established in 1997 by dedicated members of our community, is a private non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to educational excellence.

Since its founding, the Foundation has provided close to **\$1,000,000** in grants to our school district to enhance and maintain existing programs that would otherwise not be funded by the school budget.

For more information or to request a copy of the Foundation's 2006/2007 Annual Report, please call 262-238-7556, email [info@mtef.org](mailto:info@mtef.org) or visit [www.mtef.org](http://www.mtef.org).



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