

During the 2017 Holiday Season, the Lincoln-Way Foundation Board experienced much success thanks to the generosity of many local businesses and individuals. We are thankful to our donors and proud of our success! We are looking to further grow our fundraising efforts in 2018, and plan to launch a new July fundraiser at CD&ME in Frankfort. We acknowledge and applaud our valuable Partners, donors and volunteers, as they are the key to achieving our academic enhancement mission.

In December 2017, the Board approved a total donation of \$5,670 to be used for the Transition Program, as well as \$100,000 for Lenovo devices and charging carts, as part of an enhanced digital learning environment affecting hundreds of LW students at each school. Since inception, the Foundation has donated \$4.3 million to enhance academic achievements. In 2017 alone we accomplished the following:

Bricks & Cents for Kids 210- Many families continue to support the schools by purchasing bricks at the three locations. These bricks memorialize their special memories and wishes of Lincoln-Way alumni. Lincoln-Way staff, administrators and faculty have graciously supported our mission via a payroll deduction plan. Combined, these events generated over \$13,000 of net donations.

Half Marathon- 2017 was our first year of the LW Half Marathon, netting \$14,000. We had a great turnout in 2017, but we wish to grow the event through increased registration, volunteers and sponsors. Reserve your spot this year for the **4/22/18** run by visiting the website www.frankforhalfmarathon.com, where you can also find additional race and course info. Feel free to contact the event Chair, Stacie McGlone, at 773-213-1150, or the Foundation Executive Director, Bob Kennedy, at 815-462-2976 if you have any questions.

School Calendars- This item is a “must have” for Lincoln-Way families! The calendar is offered on-line at registration, or at schedule pickup in August. Quality businesses have placed ads in the Foundation calendar as they benefit from the marketing opportunity and purchases made by many Lincoln-Way families. We raised over \$34,000 net from this valuable tool.

Dinner Gala- We are thankful for all who attended the October 28, 2017 event at the newly renovated Odyssey C.C. This event was traditionally held in February of each year, but was moved to October for a fall celebration. The next formal Dinner Gala will be on **February 9, 2019**, as we reinstate the love of Lincoln-Way so close to Valentine’s Day. In 2017, we raised over \$34,000 net from dinner reservations, monetary gifts, silent and live auctions, as well as a collective Board gift of \$2,800. If you missed the event this year, please put it in your calendar to save the date for 2019!

Partner Program- This event allows businesses and individuals to enjoy a unique array of benefits and directly support of a quality education at Lincoln-Way. Our Partners receive complimentary Dinner Gala tickets, Calendar ads, a Plaque updated annually, inclusion in press releases, inclusion on our website with an active link to their website, plus special recognition at Foundation events. To date, the Partner generosity has reached \$58,000.

On behalf of the entire Board, we thank you for supporting us in 2017 and in the future! We wish everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!