

THE STRONGSVILLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S 3RD ANNUAL EVENT IS A SUCCESS

Strongsville, OH – The Strongsville Education Foundation (the “Foundation”) raised over \$25,000.00 at the 3rd Annual Jockeys & Juleps fundraiser held last month.

The Strongsville City School District opened a brand new MakerSpace in the Kinsner Elementary school, in part supported by a grant from the Foundation. The grant funds are being used to purchase equipment for 3D printing, robotics, engineering, coding, circuitry, photography, sewing and much more. MakerSpace is an area within the school that promotes creativity and innovation among students. The students are provided the freedom to design, engineer, fabricate, create, build and collaborate, in an area with resources, that otherwise they would not be able to create. Students have access to the space after learning.com (technology instruction), during recess time, in after school club, or when working on class projects.

“The Foundation understands the importance of Excellence in Academics-Arts-Athletics in the Strongsville City School District” stated Brian Jungeberg, chair of the board of trustees for the Foundation. “We appreciate the importance of Excellence in Academics-Arts-Athletics in the Strongsville City School District. Our goal is to provide additional support for equipment, technology, field trips and other initiatives to subsidize where traditional funding is not enough.”

As the needs of the district are ever evolving, the programs the Foundation supports vary from year to year. For the 2017/2018 school year, the Foundation committed to help fund the construction of Makerspaces across the schools and in bringing back annual field trips for students in grades K-8. “Our goal is to provide additional support for equipment, technology, field trips and other initiatives to subsidize where traditional funding is not enough.” comments Jungeberg.

Additional items are still needed, and a list of those items can be found on the Kinsner website, under the MakerSpace link. (<http://www.strongnet.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=11533>) For the 2017/2018 school year, the Foundation is also committed to partnering with local businesses to sponsor annual field trips for SCSD students in grades K-8.

As in past years, the Foundation’s Fundraising Committee will again be partnering with Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville, for the donation of a 2017 Chevy Cruze for an annual car raffle. The proceeds of the annual raffle are used to support not only the Foundation programs but also support the SCSD athletic programs.

More information about supporting the Foundation can be found at <https://www.strongnet.org/Page/11450>.

Finally, the Foundation has a new trustee, Kyle Gee, who has agreed to serve a three year term.

1. Kyle Gee, his wife, Kirsten, and their four children enjoy living in Strongsville, where his two oldest daughters attend Kinsner Elementary. While a student at Bay High School, Kyle was appointed a Student Trustee of the Bay Village Education Foundation. More than a decade later, Kyle is honored to again support students, teachers, and administrators as Trustee of the Strongsville Education Foundation. Kyle is partner at the law firm of Schneider Smeltz Spieth Bell LLP and is licensed to practice law in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. He concentrates in the core areas of estate planning and wealth transfer, administration of estates and trusts, fiduciary representation and litigation, charitable planning, business succession, family foundations, and taxation. Kyle earned his bachelor’s degree in Communications from Brigham Young University and his law degree from The University of Toledo College of Law.

The Strongsville Education Foundation (The Foundation) is an independent community organization raising and disbursing funds to support and foster creativity, innovation and outstanding achievement for students, teachers and the community served by Strongsville City Schools (SCS). Since its founding in 1984, The Foundation has distributed over \$500,000 in Grants and Scholarships to support the learning and growth of SCS students. www.SEFoundation.com