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Sign Up Today: Martinis & Memories Event



Kristie Smith will host a VIP Girls' Night Out & Design Tour at her fabulous new home in Lost Run. Martinis, mixology drinks, and appetizers will be provided. Boutique items from StyleSense by Gianna, Matilda Jane, Beads by Anna, Essential Oils Apothecary, Color Street by Circle City Tips, LulaRoe by Amy McIntyre & Green Apple

Give the Gift of Innovation

Please consider ZEF in your year-end charitable giving plans. Through the generosity of small businesses, parents, teachers, corporations, families, and school administrators, ZEF is able to fund projects in ZCS classes that help shape strong citizens and tomorrow's leaders.

ZEF grants fund teachers' innovative ideas in every area of study. From the arts to STEM, from literacy to technology, ZEF Classroom Grants motivate teachers, inspire students, and increase learning. ZEF Imagine Grants fund professional development opportunities for teachers to expand their knowledge and Student Enrichment Grants offer matching funds for academic experiences.

Your donations make all this possible!

Donate [online](#) or mail a check to: ZEF, 900 Mulberry Street, Zionsville, IN 46077.

Active Lifestyle Boutique will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds donated to ZEF Plus, be the lucky lady to win a Louis Vuitton handbag that night! Join us for this one-of-a-kind, elegant evening in support of ZEF.

Register [online](#) today!

Year-End Giving



Give While You Shop

We encourage holiday shoppers to shop local whenever possible. Zionsville merchants such as FiveThirty Home, Lesley Jane, and Robert Goodman Jewelers have given so much to ZEF and to many other local non-profit organizations. Please consider them first.

For items you can't find locally, we hope you will consider supporting ZEF while you shop. Remember to designate ZEF on Amazon Smile or on the new Boosterville Marketplace to give while you shop!



Thank you, CFBC!

ZEF is pleased to announce that the continued generosity of the Community Foundation of Boone County (CFBC) will enable us to continue the Donors Choose Matching Program! In December, the CFBC presented a \$5,000 grant check to ZEF in support of this program. ZEF is thrilled to continue our Donors Choose program partnership with the CFBC in 2018.



President's Update



Welcome to the December edition of eNews for ZEF. What a great year 2017 has been! Thank you for your continued support of ZEF and Happy Holidays to you and yours, we hope you have a wonderful time with family and friends over the coming weeks. I would like to personally thank and congratulate the ZEF Team for our recent grant awards from the Community Foundation of Boone County as well as Duke Energy. These grants will fund projects in our schools that you will hear about in the coming weeks. Without the ZEF staff's hard work and dedication these would not be possible. Great job!!

As we move into to 2018, don't forget to sign up for the Martini's and Memories party this February, thank you to Kristie Smith for opening her home to



ZEF Grantee Update: *Trailblazers - STEPS to Independence*

ZEF for this fundraising event, I look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you to all of you who donated to ZEF this year, we appreciate your support in funding innovation in our schools. Best Wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

Katie Aeschliman
ZEF Board President



Zionsville Community High School (ZCSH) Student Transition and Employment Partnership (STEP) program helps special needs students learn skills needed to gain independence, transition to work, obtain functional life skills, and strengthen character.

Teacher Julie Noel was awarded a 2017 Fall Classroom Grant, *Trailblazers - STEPS to Independence*. This grant enables students to take what they learn in the classroom and apply those skills in a real world experience through environmental education and wilderness exploration activities sponsored by local not-for-profit, Camptown Inc.

The program promotes academic excellence by providing a series of structured interactive lessons that focus on elements of environmental education, leadership, team building, problem solving, character development, and independence.

Your donations to ZEF make projects like this possible. Thank you!



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