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There is Black Friday, then Cyber Monday, and ultimately Giving Tuesday. As the season of giving begins, please consider ZEF in your plans to support causes that matter most to you. ZEF grants enable teachers to bring creative and innovative ideas to life in their classrooms. Students gain an enhanced learning environment, energized teachers, and unique learning opportunities. Support our schools by giving to ZEF on Giving Tuesday, November 28!

Martinis & More

Thanks Ya'll!



Thanks to your support, the 2017 Barn Bash was a resounding success! Record-breaking attendance led to over \$50,000 raised in support of ZEF grants for ZCS teachers, students, and classrooms.

Sponsorships from over 35 companies (like our presenting sponsor, Barnes & Thornburg, pictured above) and individual ticket sales fueled the growth in this year's



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 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 through 11/24 on [Qtego](#) or on the ZEF website after 11/24 [here](#).

Amazon Smile

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 and give while you shop!

event. Friendly competition in the live auction was followed by ZEF's annual tradition, Cap Off the Night, where guests receive an exclusive Zionsville hat with a donation. Guests were taken to a whole new world as they tried out Virtual Reality headsets from the 2017 Spring Classroom Grant, *VR Headsets - Bringing the World to Zionsville*. They also tried their luck at the Wine Pull, struck the perfect pose at our photo station, and danced the night away to the sounds of *Greta Speaks*.

We are grateful to the many ZEF champions in attendance for their support of our mission to serve our school community by providing funds that promote academic excellence.

ZEF Grantee Update: ZCHS Production of *Les Miserable* This Weekend



Side-by-Side-by-Students is a 2017 Spring Classroom grant awarded to ZCS teachers Mikayla Koharchik, Ashley Ray, and Deana Broge which funds professional musicians to work with and play alongside Zionsville Community High School pit musicians for the ZCHS production of *Les Miserables*. This mentoring opportunity gives students experience working with other talented musicians on a score that is considered to be challenging. It also funds a portion of the sound design to ensure that students in the pit and on stage can be heard and blend in perfect harmony.

Les Miserables opens this Thursday with performances on November 16, 17, and 18 at 7pm and a matinee



Donors Choose Matching Funds



Did you know that ZEF offers matching funds for Zionsville teachers' Donors Choose projects? Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County (CFBC), teachers can apply for up to \$250 of matching funds for their project. Learn more by clicking [here](#)!

President's Update

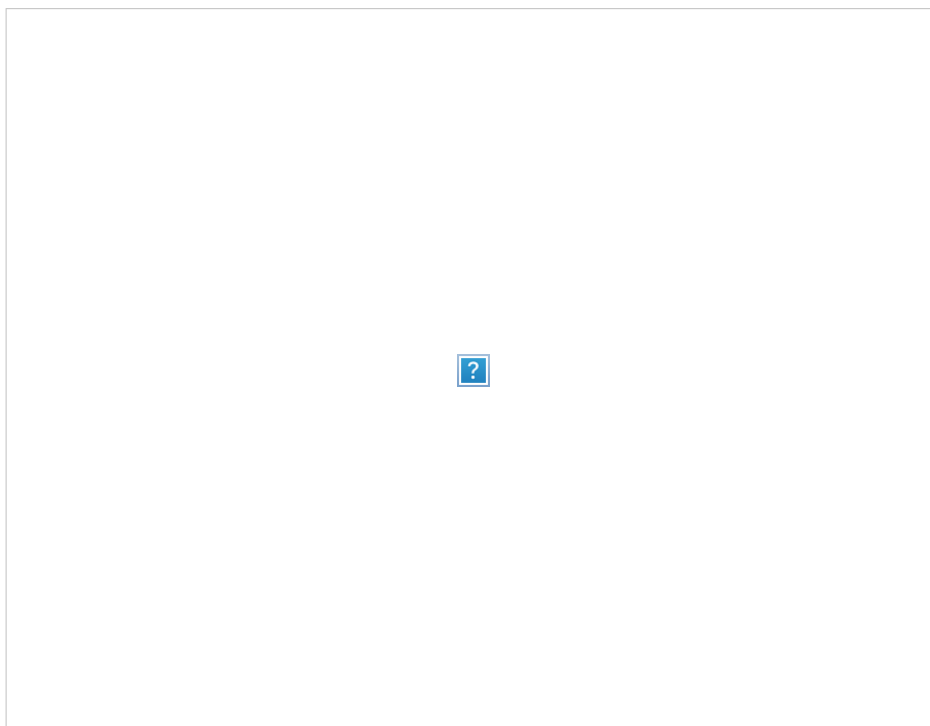


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performance at 2pm on November 18. To experience this amazing ZCHS show, click [here](#) or visit www.zvilleperformingarts.org for tickets. You don't want to miss it!



Thank you 2017 Barn Bash Sponsors!



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month's newsletter; if you are new to ZEF, welcome! If you have been with us for a while, thank you for your continued support! Last weekend, the 2nd Annual Barn Bash was held at Finley Creek Vineyards, it was a successful and fun evening and it was great to see so many of you there. A special thanks to the event committee for planning and executing such a successful night: Julie Bradley, Lyle Browne, Traci Cawi, Missy Copher, Tracy Coussens, Amy Dohm, Amy Essley, Challis Imes, Beth Ann Kaltenmark, Meg King, Kim Lewis, Lynn MacAbee, Maritza Magana, Chris Mingus, Jennifer Pascarella, Katie Reasoner, Lynn Schwarz, and Angie Shaw.

Over \$50,000 was raised at the Barn Bash, wow! Thank you for your contributions, they are vital to our mission of funding innovative and creative educational experiences for our children. We do this each year by providing grants for classrooms, teacher professional development opportunities and student enrichment grants. This eNewsletter highlights a few of these grants, how wonderful to see our donations in action, your contributions really make a difference. Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season, thank you again for your support!

Katie Aeschliman
ZEF Board President

ZEF Grantee Update: *Writing in the Real World*



Zionsville Middle School teacher Blake Mellencamp was awarded a 2017 Spring Classroom Grant, *Writing in the Real World*. This grant provides 7th grade students at ZMS the opportunity to produce a self-published magazine of writing in language arts, social studies, and science.

Since the grant award, Mr. Mellencamp has partnered with Mikayla Koharchik and *Zionsville Monthly* magazine to extend the reach of the project. Janelle Morrison from *Zionsville Monthly* and Sherman Burdette from FOX59 led a discussion with ZMS 7th graders about journalism and writing as a profession. *Zionsville Monthly* is also sponsoring a writing competition for the students with the winning entry to be published and the author compensated as a professional writer.

ZEF grants fund teachers' innovative and creative ideas. As *Writing in the Real World* demonstrates, they are also often the initial pebble in the pond from which many ripples are created. That's what we mean when we say, #PoweredByZEF!



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