



Celebrating 25 Years!

In 1995, a group of community members founded what is now the Zionsville Education Foundation. The forethought and passion of this group led to grant awards totaling \$1.5 million to ZCS teachers, students, and schools over the past 25 years. More than 1,000 projects have been funded in our schools enabling educators to dream big for their students. Classroom Grants provide much needed funding for teachers' creative ideas, Imagine Professional Development Grants provide teachers with growth and renewal opportunities, and larger Strategic Initiative Grants help our district continue to innovate despite tight budgets.

While education and the towns of Zionsville and Whitestown look much different than they did 25 years ago, the passion and intent behind ZEF's creation is more relevant today than ever. ZEF's mission is to serve its school community by providing funds that promote academic excellence. Donors, volunteers, and staff come together to ensure that this legacy of excellence continues and that teachers have the resources they need despite low state funding. THANK YOU for your role in this important work. Our teachers need our support now more than ever!

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Read on to learn about:

- an exciting ZEF music education grant announcement,

- incredible generosity of ZCS Board members,
- the upcoming ZEF grant deadline,
- community partnerships,
- and a ZEF Bash 2021 date announcement!

ZEF Announces Elementary Music Education Grants



ZEF is excited to announce nearly \$20,000 in Elementary Music Education Grants. These grant awards were made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Erik Streib in memory of his parents William and Kirsten Streib. We are grateful for Dr. Streib's generosity and thoughtful donation to expand and enhance music opportunities for all elementary students.

These grants provide funding for different materials in each school including Tubano drums to expand curriculum opportunities, adaptive mallets and ukulele straps to make learning more accessible for students, and materials to promote learning through music and movement. These materials will enable teachers to implement new lessons during pandemic-related social distancing and in creative lessons for years to come.

Generosity and Leadership

Thank you, ZCS Board Members!

On Monday, January 11, 2021, the ZCS Board of Trustees welcomed two new

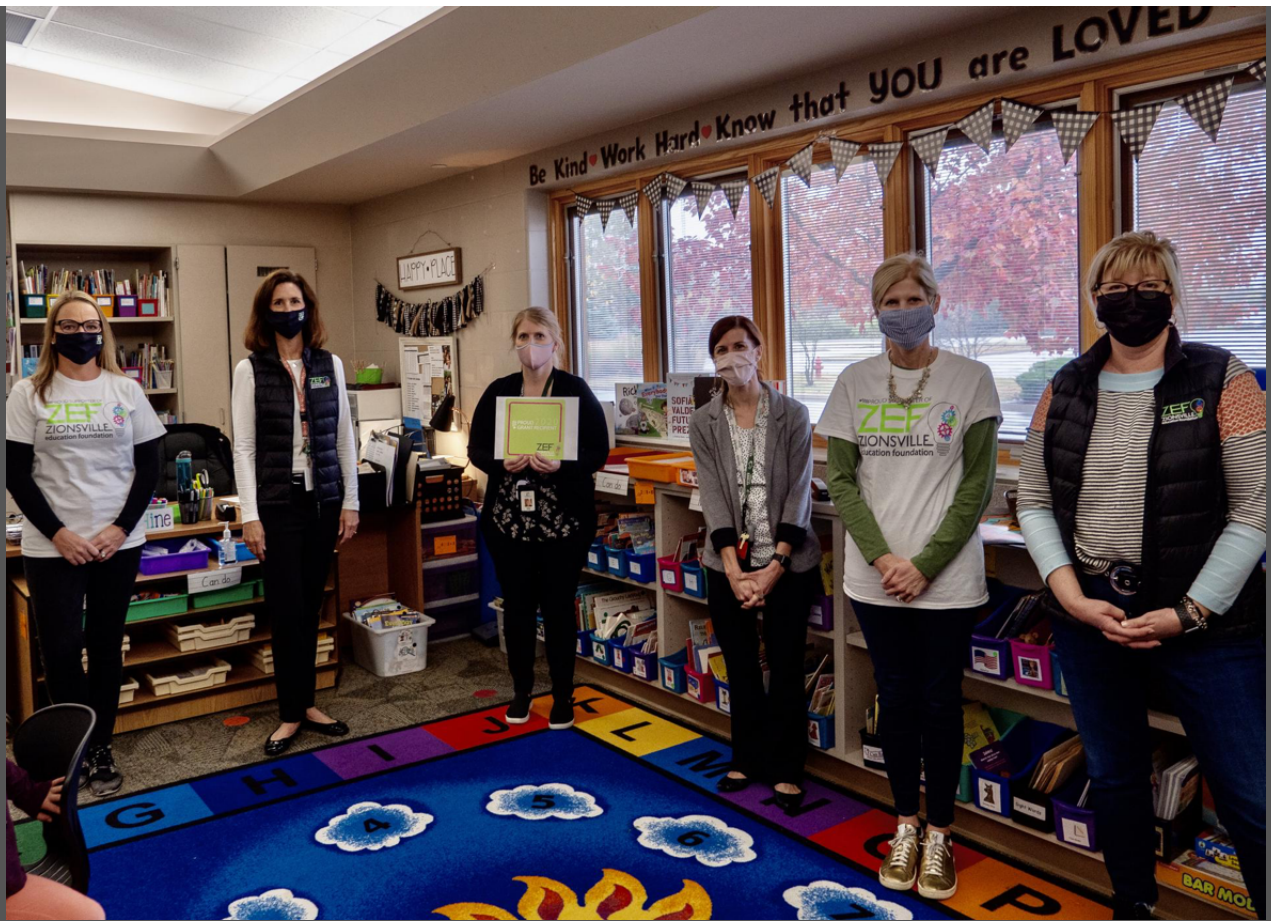
members, Jeff Papa and Katie Aeschliman. They joined the three continuing members (Debbie Ungar, Michael Coussens and Michael Berg) in announcing the donation of their annual Board salaries to ZEF. We are grateful for this incredible support of our work to fund teachers' immediate needs and innovative ideas. Please join us in thanking the ZCS Board members for their individual and collective generosity to ZEF and to our community through their service!



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Two ZEF Grant Opportunities



In 2020, ZEF awarded more than \$127,000 in grants to ZCS teachers. These funds supported teachers' creative ideas and immediate needs as they rethought and reinvented their classrooms due to Covid-related mitigation guidelines and schedules.

ZEF is committed to continuing to support our teachers and we are excited to announce two different grant opportunities for ZCS educators this semester. Spring Classroom Grant and Imagine Professional Development Grant applications are due on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Click on the links below to view the grant guidelines and applications! Questions? Don't hesitate to reach out to lbrowne@zcs.k12.in.us or via phone at 317.733.4805.

[2021 Spring Classroom Grant Application Information](#)

[2021 Imagine Professional Development Grant Application Information](#)

Celebrating Community Partnerships



The ZEF DonorsChoose Matching Funds program gives teachers flexibility and access to funds for classroom supplies and projects. ZEF provides up to \$250 per project to match donations from teachers' friends, student families, and other donors.

In early 2021, ZEF received a \$5,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Boone County (CFBC) in support of this year's program. Thank you to the CFBC for helping to make this program possible again this year.



Marquis Commercial Solutions donated \$15,000 to ZEF for Zionsville Community Schools special projects. We are thankful to Marquis for their donation and all they do for ZCS!



A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

Boone REMC made a \$1,000 donation in support of ZEF's 2021 Classroom Grants. These funds will support teachers innovative ideas in the year ahead. Thanks, Boone REMC!

ZEF BASH

11.6.2021

Mark your calendars for 2021's don't-want-to-miss-it event!

ZEF Bash 2021 will take place on **Saturday, November 6, 2021**. Our fingers are crossed for an in-person event at the Golf Club of Indiana. However, we had so much fun with our 2020 Virtual Trivia Night that we know our donors will make November 6th a great time in support of our schools and teachers no matter where we are! Plan to join us on 11.6.2021 and stay tuned for event details!

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