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What a Year!

ZEF is unique in many ways; we provide unprecedented support of our teachers and schools enabling them to do more, try more, and learn more. What is not unique is that - like every organization, company, and family - over the past 15 months we were forced to rethink every aspect of our organization. Whether it was moving ZEF Bash to a virtual event, awarding grants by video, adjusting grant submission routines, or moving meetings to Zoom, our Board and staff members still worked to ensure ZEF's mission continued at a time when support of our teachers and schools was even more critical.

Thanks to support from you and other donors, we were able to provide timely funds for projects including video production equipment making district livestreams possible, instruments and resources for mobile elementary music classes, and resources for socially distanced learning. ZEF grants also gave teachers books to expand cultural understanding, 3-D printers for students to see their designs come to life, and professional development opportunities for continued learning during and after the pandemic. These grants not only provided timely, critical support but

their impact will continue for years to come.

Your gifts provided essential support and lasting impact for students and for teachers during a challenging time. We are extremely grateful to the ZCS administrators, teachers, counselors, principals, and support staff that made this year possible, and we are grateful to the many ZEF donors that made ZEF grants in support of these amazing people a reality. Thank you!



Learn more about ZEF Grants awarded over the past 15 months by clicking [here](#).

Help us fund future grants by donating today!

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Union Elementary Student

Council Supports Teachers



We had the opportunity to meet some fantastic, hard-working students from Union Elementary's Student Council. This year's 4th grade student group was led by Megan Magoni and Kellie Valentine. We learned about the many service projects they do throughout the year, and were impressed by both their creative ideas and consistent work to support their teachers and fellow students.

During our visit, the students presented a check for \$152 to ZEF! The funds were raised through a change collection as part of their Teacher Appreciation Week events. We love that one of the ways they chose to support teachers was by funding future ZEF grants. Thank you to the students and families of Union Elementary for your generosity and to the Student Council for your leadership!

Fall Fun with ZEF

ZEF works year-round to raise funds in support of our schools. This fall brings three exciting opportunities to support ZEF and spend time with those you enjoy. The Donation Party is a great chance for a girls' night out, Polo is a fun night for

families, and ZEF Bash is the perfect date night. Join us as we raise funds to support teachers' innovative and creative ideas!

Donation Party

September 1



This ZEF event is a great way to kick-off the fall. Join us for a sneak peek of Hickory Hall Polo Club with a behind-the-scenes barn tour, appetizers, a beverage, and time with friends.

Simply sign up [here](#) to donate a gift card worth a minimum of \$20 from a local merchant. The cards will be used for the Gift Card Pull at ZEF Bash on November 6th.

Your gift card donation is your ticket for this fun evening out!

Polo at Sunset

September 17



Pack a picnic and gather your friends for a casual, family friendly evening. Proceeds will support ZEF, Boone County 4H, and the Isenhower Family Scholarship Fund. The evening will include a 50/50 raffle, wine and bourbon pull, kids corner activities, and halftime candy drop.

Admission is \$40 per car load while spots are available. For those that prefer a reserved spot with some special benefits, learn more about our event boxes available for \$500, \$750, and \$1,000 by contacting Julie Bradley at 317.873.8052 or at jbradley@zcs.k12.in.us.

ZEF Bash 2021

November 6

You won't want to miss this annual Zionsville tradition! Mark your calendars today.

Sponsorships are available and are a great way to



show the community that your company or group supports our schools. Click [here](#) for sponsor benefit information or [email](#) Julie Bradley, ZEF's Development and Events Manager.

Are you interested in helping to plan this event? [Join](#) our fabulous **planning committee** today!

ZEF Announces Fall Grants Deadline



One of the most exciting things about planning for the fall is preparing for our Fall Classroom Grants cycle! Applications are due on **Monday, September 13, 2021 by 4:00pm.**

Application link, guidelines, and other information can be found on the ZEF website or by clicking [here](#). Teachers, we are here to help! Don't hesitate to contact Lyle Browne at lbrowne@zcs.k12.in.us or 317.733.4805 with any questions.

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