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The mission of the Zionsville Education Foundation is to serve its school community by providing funds that promote academic excellence.

**Leis** ▶ As you probably know, a lei is a sign of affection and is often shared with visitors to the Hawaiian Islands as a warm welcome. To honor this rich tradition and culture as we welcome you to ZEF Bash, be sure to get your lei for a \$10 donation. You will then be entered into a raffle to win one of 3 prizes to be drawn during our program. Must be present to win.

**Silent Auction** ▶ From unique experiences to items you can't live without, bid on silent auction items until 9:30pm.

**Trips** ▶ Visit the AmFund table or see Qtego to bid on fabulous bucket list trips around the world! Travel on an Alaskan cruise, go to the romantic chateaux and vineyards of the finest wine region of France, immerse yourself in the rich history and vibrant culture of Munich, Germany or have a sun splashed adventure in Spain (see pages 12-13).

**Gift Card Pull** ▶ Get a local gift card worth at least \$20—cards worth up to \$100! Selection includes restaurants, stores, and other local experiences.

**Cap off the Night** ▶ Don't be the one asking how to get the latest ZEF hat! Your \$75 minimum donation tonight helps fund grants for Zionsville teachers and classrooms throughout the year.

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### Agenda

- 6:00 pm Doors open for all guests. Bid on silent auction items and amazing trips or try your luck at the gift card pull all while enjoying cocktails and mingling.
- 6:30 pm Dinner buffet begins.
- 7:30 pm Program and Cap off the Night
- 8:00 pm Entertainment and dancing with the band Living Proof!
- 9:30 pm Bidding ends for silent auction and AmFund trips.
- 11:00 pm Evening draws to a close. Thank you for making an impact. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

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### Menu

- Dinner** ▶ Pulled pork & pulled chicken sliders served with sweet and spicy BBQ sauces on the side, pineapple fried rice, BBQ baked beans, chopped salad, Thai style slaw salad, pineapple salsa in a vanilla tart with coconut whipped cream and cinnamon sugar tortilla chips.
- Snacks** ▶ Enjoy a late night bite of pizza and breadsticks while you dance the night away.

## ALOHA FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends of ZEF,

Aloha and happy 30th! Thank you for being here tonight! ZEF's annual fall event is an integral part of our ability to award grants across the Zionsville Community Schools district and YOU make it possible.

ZEF has awarded more than \$2M in grants since its founding in 1995. These grants represent over 1,220 innovative projects that have given teachers the chance to provide unique learning opportunities for their students, enabled rich opportunities for professional development, and promoted student growth in and out of the classroom.

None of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of our community. Each sponsor provides foundational support for this event and we are grateful for their partnership. We are especially grateful to our Premier sponsors - Barnes & Thornburg, Fanning Howey, The Skillman Corporation, and Summers Plumbing Heating and Cooling - for leading the way tonight. Tonight's Silent Auction is full of unique experiences, activities you will enjoy, and one-of-a-kind items. Many local businesses and individuals have generously contributed to make the experience exciting so that bidding raises even more in support of our schools. So, get your competitive juices going and bid on these wonderful items!

An event is only as good as those who plan it. Thank you to tonight's co-chairs, Brooke Jung and Jami Kong, the entire ZEF Bash Committee, and ZEF's amazing Development and Events Manager Julie Bradley. Their hard work is evident in every detail tonight and truly makes so much possible for ZEF. We also welcomed Marissa Bowers to the team recently as she expands how we communicate across the community and elevates the impact your support makes. I would be remiss if I did not mention the extraordinary support of the entire ZEF Board and the leadership provided by ZEF's Executive Director Catherine Moser.

Have a great time this evening as you bid, dance, and connect with new and old friends in our community. Your support makes ZEF grants possible, so bid early and often, try your luck at the gift card pull and, of course, don't miss the reveal of this year's ZEF hat as we Cap off the Night in support of our schools!

Sincerely,



Kim Lewis  
ZEF Board President

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Congratulations to the Zionsville Education Foundation (ZEF) for its investment in students within the Zionsville community. Without organizations like yours, many children would not have the opportunities to learn, grow and play – and to become lifelong learners and future leaders.

Barnes & Thornburg, LLP is proud to be a sponsor of the ZEF to help fund classroom projects, professional development for teachers, and student experiences. We view our sponsorship as an investment in public education. As a full-service law firm with four offices in Indiana and nineteen others across the country, we enthusiastically applaud ZEF’s ability to connect with students, teachers, parents and community residents.

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As both a Zionsville resident and a partner of the schools, I see firsthand the incredible impact of investing in education. Right now, we are especially excited to help the community grow through the new Zionsville Early Learning Center. This will be a space designed to give our youngest learners the best possible start on their educational journey.

Our passion is to design environments where teaching and learning can thrive. But as partners, our **deeper purpose is to invest in the future of Zionsville** by ensuring that today's students, and tomorrow's, have the resources and opportunities they deserve. The work of ZEF aligns perfectly with this mission, and we are proud to stand with you in supporting innovative programs that enrich education across the district.

We encourage everyone who attends this year's ZEF Bash to join us in celebrating and supporting the vital work of the foundation. Together, we can help ensure that every student has the opportunity to grow academically, develop meaningful skills, and become confident, inclusive, and engaged contributors to their community.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Bane, Project Executive

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As a Zionsville resident and parent, I get to see up close the amazing work ZEF does for our schools every year. Summers Plumbing Heating and Cooling is proud of the strong relationship we've had with Zionsville Community Schools since 2019.

It means a lot to us to play a part in updating and improving school facilities so that students and staff have safe, welcoming spaces where they can learn and thrive.

Since we're a 100% employee-owned company, giving back to the communities where we live and work is important to us. Supporting ZEF is one way we get to do that, and I know many of you share the same passion for our schools. I hope you'll join us in celebrating and supporting ZEF at this year's event.

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We are very excited to be Premier Sponsors once again for the annual ZEF Bash!

The Skillman Corporation deeply values the long and productive relationship we've enjoyed with Zionsville Community Schools since 2013. Each year, we see the essential and diverse programs that ZEF supports across the district, and we're inspired by the lasting impact your work has on students and staff alike.

As ZEF celebrates 30 years of enriching educational opportunities, we are especially proud to stand alongside you in your mission. Skillman is grateful to be a partner in expanding, improving, and updating ZCS facilities, helping ensure every student and staff member has a safe, functional, and inspiring place to learn and thrive.

As a 100% employee-owned company, we believe, both organizationally and individually, in leaving every community where we work a better place through our efforts. We know everyone who supports ZEF shares that same vision, and we encourage others to join in supporting this wonderful cause during the annual Bash.

Go Eagles!

Sincerely,  
Victor Landfair  
The Skillman Corporation



## AMFUND BUCKET LIST TRIPS

The following trips are offered by our event sponsor AmFund<sup>®</sup> and are available for bidding tonight only.

### **Captivating Portugal: Lisbon and Porto<sup>1</sup>**

Embark on an enchanting eight-day journey through Portugal, exploring Lisbon and Porto's captivating beauty.

### **Alaska Cruise: Explorer of the North<sup>1</sup>**

With its 10,000 year old glaciers, whales and bald eagles, the sights and sounds of Alaska will thrill you! As America's last frontier, exploring Alaska is an adventure you'll treasure forever.

### **Wine, Wonders & Romance of France**

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### **Treasures of Rome, Florence & Tuscany**

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### **Munich – Bavarian Dreams<sup>1</sup>**

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### **Sun Splashed Adventure in Spain: Barcelona and Mallorca**

The best of Spain – Barcelona a cultural hub – rich in history, fashion, architecture, food, music and dance. Then you are off to the island of Mallorca – known for its breathtaking landscapes, sun drenched beaches and exciting cultural experiences.

### **Curacao<sup>2</sup>**

Escape for two to the “C” in the ABC islands, Curaçao features historic settlements, rugged landscapes and plenty of fun in the sun. Curaçao also boasts a UNESCO-listed historic downtown, a rich cultural heritage and a vibrant nightlife.

### **New Orleans Getaway**

Win a wonderful weekend, in America’s most exotic city... New Orleans!

### **Croatia: A Dalmatian Coast Odyssey (Zagreb, Split, Dubrovnik)<sup>2</sup>**

Croatia is home to beautiful coastlines, stunning lakes and forests, a fascinating history, fantastic wine, and delicious sea-to-table cuisine. Looking for the ultimate sailing getaway? A food and wine escape? An adventure in the great outdoors? Croatia has it all.

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## **WINNERS HAVE 3 YEARS WITH NO BLACKOUT DATES TO TRAVEL.**

*\* Trips are provided by AmFund, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit foundation providing a sponsorship of these “bucket list” trips to help ZEF raise additional funds. Trips include round trip airfare for 2 (main cabin) from any major U.S. airport (Major carriers NOT charters), deluxe accommodation (4+ star rating), and professional travel specialist to assist with booking and planning. Upgrade options include airfare, additional travelers, and trip extension.*

<sup>1</sup> Offered with or without airfare for 2.

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## WAYS TO DONATE

**Special Events** ▶ Attending the annual ZEF Bash is a great way to support ZEF. Join us for our spring semester event, ZEF Trivia Night, on Friday, February 27, 2026. Funds raised at both events go towards fulfilling ZEF's mission.

**Individual Gifts** ▶ ZEF accepts gifts from individuals and families throughout the year. Donate at [ZionsvilleEducationFoundation.org](https://www.ZionsvilleEducationFoundation.org).

**Eagle Honors** ▶ A great way to thank a teacher, coach, bus driver, counselor, or anyone who has made an impact on your child's education. Whether it is to show your love for teachers' hard work on Valentine's Day, during Teacher Appreciation Week in May, or as an end of year thank you, donate anytime by clicking on the Help Us Do It tab on our website. The Eagle Honors program is sponsored by KI: Contract Furnishings.

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**IN THE PAST 30 YEARS, ZEF HAS AWARDED**  
more than \$2 million benefiting thousands of students  
and teachers in Zionsville Community Schools.

**Classroom Grants** ▶ Awarded in both the fall and spring, Classroom Grants support academic excellence and innovation in Zionsville Community Schools.

**Imagine Professional Development Grants** ▶ Imagine Grants promote professional growth, development, and renewal opportunities for experienced teachers in Zionsville Community Schools.

**Student Enrichment Grants** ▶ Student Enrichment Grants provide funds to school-sanctioned student groups or student-led activities that benefit the educational experiences of ZCS students.

**Strategic Initiative Grants** ▶ We encourage our teachers and schools to dream big for students. ZEF Strategic Initiative Grants fund those game-changing, transformative ideas that make our schools stronger and provide unique opportunities for students. They are funded by your donations and major gifts from across our community. Past Strategic Initiative Grants include start-up funds for the 1-to-1 laptop programs at the middle schools and high schools, robotics curriculum, mindfulness spaces, and video production equipment.

**DonorsChoose** ▶ ZEF matches funds raised by teachers, administrators, and staff through the DonorsChoose website to provide a way to supplement learning experiences and materials. ZEF funds a maximum of \$250 per DonorsChoose project.

**THE EXPERIENCES THAT ZEF BRINGS TO LIFE**  
are truly creating core memories for our students.  
ZEF grants provide fantastic learning opportunities  
that help students apply their skills in meaningful ways  
and ignite their excitement for learning.

## 2025 SPRING CLASSROOM GRANTS

### **The Race to Read...More Books! (\$4,279)**

*Brooke Dobrovodsky and Laurel Pilcher – Union Elementary School*

### **Tuners for Zionsville Middle and West Orchestras (\$974)**

*Keegan Lammers, Megan Brenton, Maddie Edwards, Ashley Murray, Sarah Wright – Zionsville Community High School, Zionsville West Middle School, Zionsville Middle School*

### **Lifelong Fitness at Z-West (\$4,988)**

*Trisha Smart, Kristina Comer, Steve Simmons, Whit Keadle – Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Computer Science and 3D Printing (\$3,378)**

*Molly Seward – Trailside Elementary School*

### **Set the Scene: Act 2 (\$10,457)**

*Isaac Spillman and Samuel Chenoweth – Zionsville Community High School*

### **ZMS New Pickleball Equipment (\$500)**

*Stephen D. Imel II – Zionsville Middle School*

### **Photography in Robotics and Bringing It to Life (\$747)**

*Karen Stillions and Stephanie Compton – Pleasant View Elementary*

### **Feelings and Emotions (\$279)**

*Amber Dawson – Universal PreSchool 3-4 Class at Pleasant View Elementary*

### **Teamwork, Social Skills, and Fitness Fun with Outdoor Supplies! (\$268)**

*Shannon Merrell – Trailside Elementary School*

### **Graphic Novels for English Classrooms (\$1,013)**

*Lisa Geimer – Zionsville Community High School*

## **Total Grants Awarded: \$26,885**

**2026 SPRING CLASSROOM GRANT DEADLINE: 02.10.26**



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## 2025 IMAGINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

### **Arts Integration and STEAM Conference (\$8,932)**

*Julia Cassel, Katie Sarpa, Lisa Mueller, Chelle Smitson, Emily Sigmund, & Emily Parker – Trailside Elementary School*

### **Collaboration & Community: Attending the 2025 ACTFL Annual Convention & World Language Expo (\$1,890)**

*Christopher Hindsley – Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Innovate, Navigate, Elevate: Strengthening Our School Counseling Program (\$6,000)**

*Laura Dyer and Avory Freund – Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Leading the Middle Way: Empowering Teacher Leaders for Student Success (\$10,321)**

*Katie Gordon, Shawn Wooden, Ramsay West, Mitzi Macaluso, Craig Callahan, and Blair Williams – Zionsville West Middle School and Zionsville Middle School*

### **American Orff-Schulwerk Association Conference (\$9,040)**

*Meagan Brown, Will Doublestein, Rebecca Hampton, Lauryn Tooley, Andie Wentz, Emily Zucker – All ZCS Elementary Schools*

### **Building Thinking Classrooms Annual Conference (\$6,000)**

*Susanna Outcalt – Zionsville Community High School  
Camryn Bader – Zionsville Community High School*

### **World Adult Wind Orchestra Project (\$3,000)**

*Candi Granlund – Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Immersed in Spanish (\$3,000)**

*Sharon Davidson – Eagle Elementary*

## **Total Grants Awarded: \$48,184**



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### **ZWest Brew Crew (\$1,516)**

*Sarah Livengood, Emma Huhta, Kristi Godfrey - Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Robotics and Coding In and Out of the Classroom (\$2,650)**

*Michael Murphy, Michael DeLand - Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Maker Space Expansion at ZWEST (\$5,148)**

*Michael DeLand, Michael Murphy - Zionsville West Middle School*

### **“Disc”covery with ZWMS PE (\$2,535)**

*Trisha Smart, Kristina Comer, Steve Simmons, Whit Keadle - Zionsville West Middle School*

### **Read Richly: Expanding Literacy with Enrichment Resource (\$1,805)**

*Krista Westfall - Zionsville Middle School*

### **art REDEFINING disability: Artist in Residence (\$1,800)**

*Jen Gibson, Jill Phipps - Zionsville Middle School*

### **Adding Color to STEM with a Color Printer and a Digital Camera (\$757)**

*Andy Seward, Terry Rowe, Gary Werner - Zionsville Middle School*

### **Hands-On Physics for All: Revitalizing the ZCHS ICP Curriculum (\$5,400)**

*Matthew Mulholland - Zionsville Community High School*

### **From Blood Spatter to Bones: Equipping the Next Generation of Forensic Scientists (\$2,500)**

*Dawn Makley, Stephanie Dudley - Zionsville Community High School*

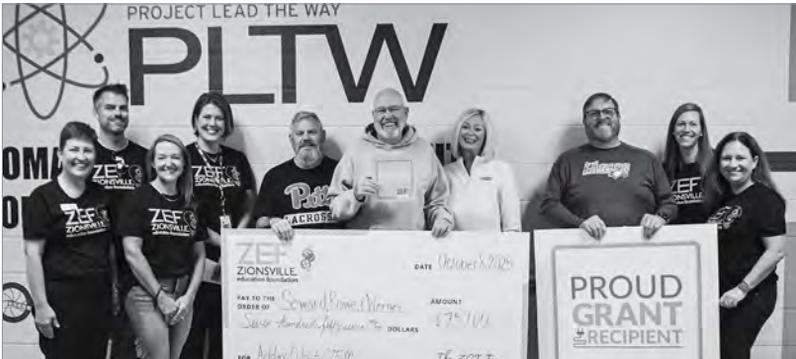
### **Hands-On Science: Building Understanding Through Interactive Learning (\$1,800)**

*Jessie Showalter - Zionsville Community High School*

## **Total Grants Funded: \$25,911**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO** the Barth Family Fund, Community Foundation of Boone County, and Duke Energy Foundation for their support of our 2025 grants.

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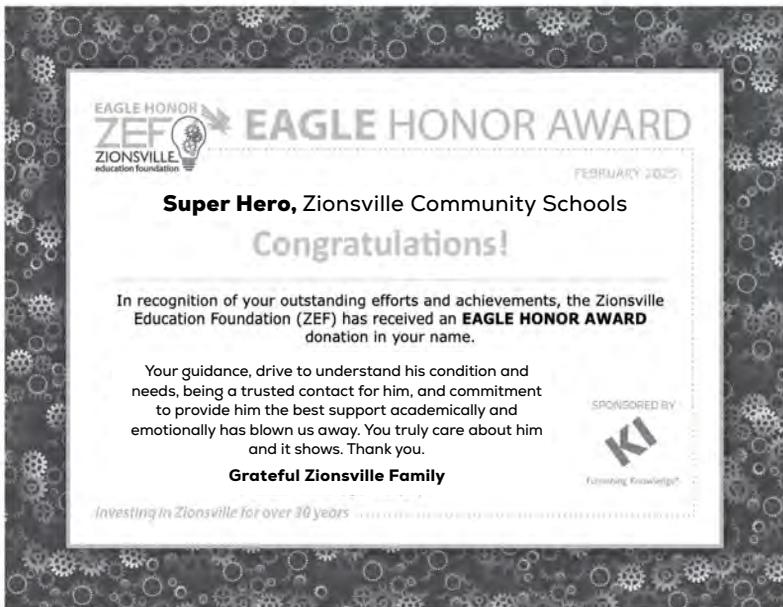
## FAQ: EAGLE HONORS

### What are Eagle Honors?

Eagle Honors are the perfect way to tell teachers, bus drivers, counselors, principals, administrative staff, custodians, or any ZCS employee thank you for helping your student or family. For a donation of \$10 or more to ZEF, we will send a

certificate and personalized message to the individuals you choose. Even better? Proceeds from Eagle Honors go towards ZEF's mission by helping to fund future grants that bring teachers' innovative ideas to life.

Eagle Honors can be sent any time during the year. We encourage you to show your love for teachers' hard work on Valentine's Day, during Teacher Appreciation Week, or as year-end thanks. It's always a great time to show your appreciation. Simply go to the ZEF website and click on the "Help Us Do It" tab.



ZEF show your love

Pay close attention in January '26 as we launch our Valentine's Day campaign for Eagle Honors. A very special time to "show your love" for ZCS employees. But remember, Eagle Honors can be sent year round!

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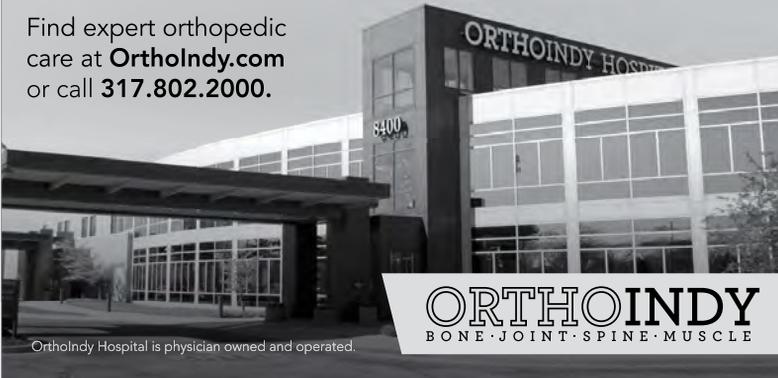
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The mission of the Zionsville Education Foundation is to serve its school community by providing funds that promote academic excellence.

## Our Vision

ZEF will strengthen our school community by bringing innovative ideas to life for students across the district. We seek to invest in creative projects that empower students and educators to dream big.

## Our Internal Values

Impact, Passion, Relationships, Integrity

As we mark our 30th anniversary this year, we are focusing on celebrating the past, investing today, and impacting the future.

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