SATURDAY 11.07.2026

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

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ZEF BASH 2026

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MAKING AN IMPACT!

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 three 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, enjoy an unforgettable journey to Iceland or Greece, or experience the untamed beauty of an African Safari (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.

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!

Menu

Dinner › Pulled pork & pulled chicken sliders on sweet hawaiian rolls, pineapple fried rice, seasoned edamame, hawaiian macaroni salad, strawberry, mandarin orange & feta salad with pineapple-lime dressing, pineapple fruit salsa in a vanilla tart with coconut whipped cream and corn cinnamon & sugar 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 thank you for being here tonight! It's wonderful to celebrate another year together in support of the Zionsville Education Foundation and Zionsville Community Schools.

ZEF's annual fall event is an important part of our ability to fund grants throughout the Zionsville Community Schools district, and you are what makes that possible. Since its founding in 1995, ZEF has awarded more than $2 million in grants, funding over 1300 innovative projects that give teachers new ways to inspire students, expand professional development and create meaningful learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

That kind of impact happens when a community comes together. We are incredibly grateful to the sponsors, donors, local businesses and individuals who support this event and believe in the power of education. Their generosity makes tonight possible and helps ensure ZEF can continue investing in our students and teachers.

Of course, an event like this takes a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes. Thank you to our event co-chairs, the Bash Committee, our staff and the entire ZEF Board for the time, energy and leadership they bring to this effort. Their work is a wonderful reminder of what can happen when people come together around a shared purpose.

Tonight is also a chance to celebrate the incredible generosity and spirit of our community. So enjoy the evening, reconnect with friends, meet someone new and have a little fun along the way! Explore the silent auction, support our local businesses and donors, try your luck at the gift card pull and be sure to take part in all the special moments planned for tonight.

Most importantly, remember that every bid, every donation and every sponsorship helps make more opportunities possible for students and teachers across our schools. Thank you for being part of the ZEF community and for believing in the difference we can make together. Have a wonderful evening, and let's make it a great night for ZEF and Zionsville Community Schools!

Sincerely,



Erica Carpenter
ZEF Board President

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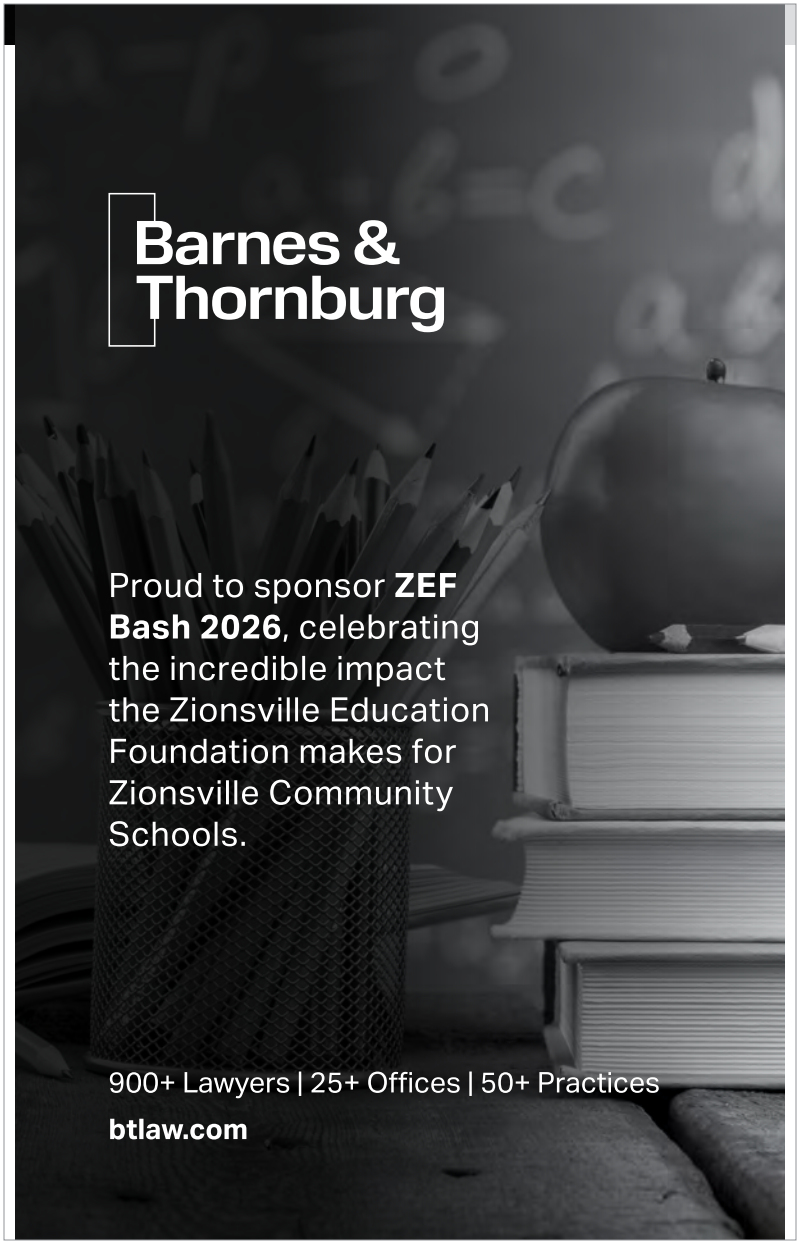

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October 6, 2026

Dear Friends,

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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Andrew J. Detherage
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Dear ZEF,

Fanning Howey is proud to serve as a Premier-level sponsor of the 2026 ZEF Bash!

Since the early 2000s, our team has partnered with Zionsville Community Schools to create spaces that spark curiosity and make learning more meaningful. As a Zionsville resident, I know that great schools do more than educate students. They help shape the future of the community we call home.

Living in Zionsville gives me a personal appreciation for the people and priorities that make this community special. The new Zionsville Early Learning Center is an exciting example of what we can accomplish when we invest in children early, creating a place where our youngest learners begin a lifetime of discovery.

At Fanning Howey, we believe the greatest measure of our work is not simply the buildings we create, but the opportunities they make possible. ZEF plays an important role in making those opportunities come to life, bringing resources and innovative ideas to classrooms and students throughout the district.

We encourage everyone at this year's ZEF Bash to join us in celebrating and supporting the vital work of the foundation. Together, we can ensure that every student grows academically, develops meaningful skills, and becomes a confident, inclusive, and engaged contributor to our community.

Sincerely,
Dennis Bane, Project Executive

Go Eagles!

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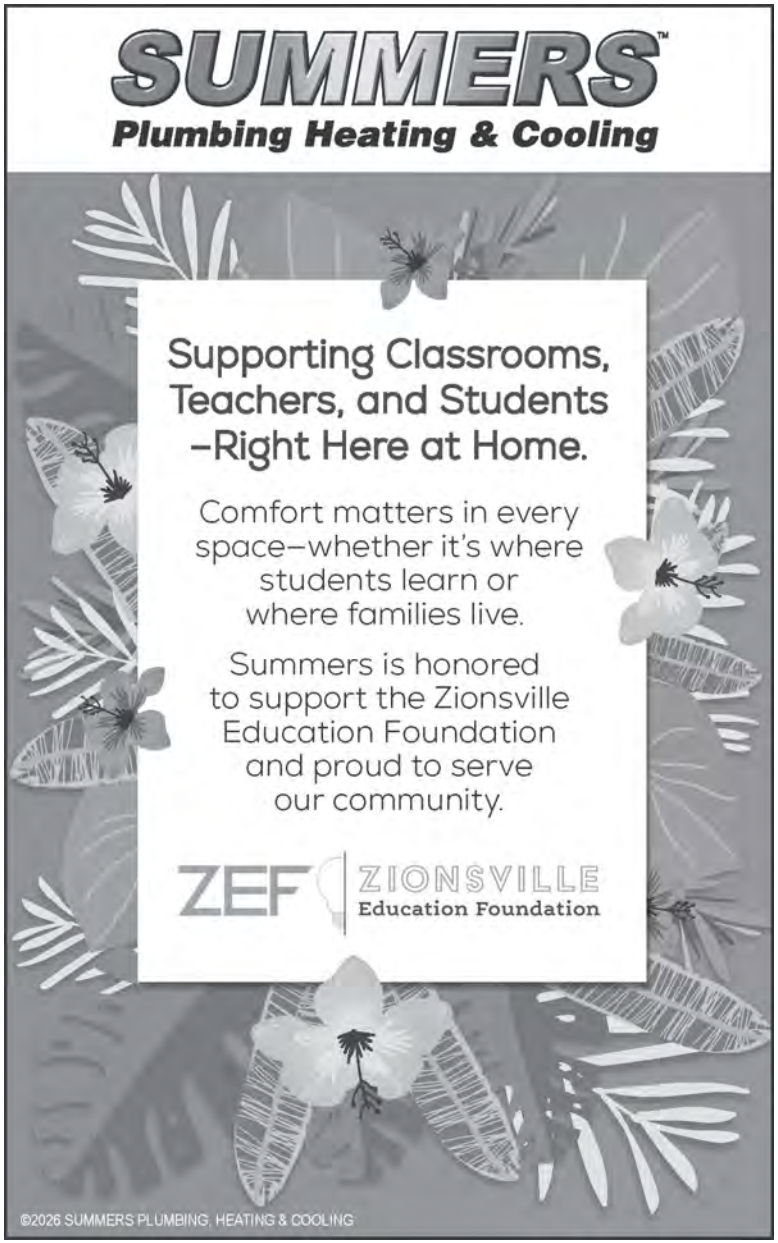

LETTER FROM SUMMERS PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING

Dear ZEF,

We're so excited to be a premier sponsor of the 2026 ZEF Bash!

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.

Go Eagles!

Frank Weaver
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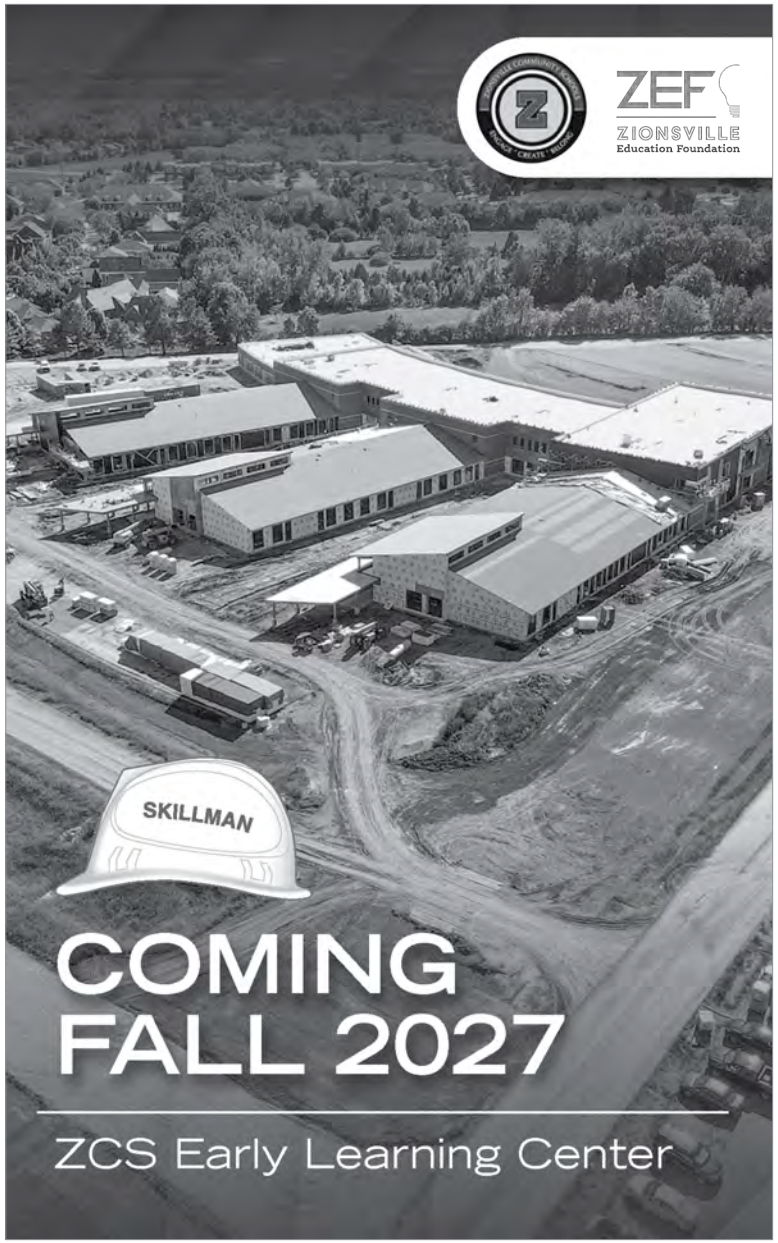

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Dear ZEF,

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.

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



The following trips are offered by our event partner AmFund* and are available for bidding tonight only.

Greece and Greek Island Odyssey

For serene lifestyle, pristine beaches, sapphire blue ocean vistas, golden sunsets and glamorous nightlife, this Greece and Greek Island odyssey has it all! Pack your bags and get ready for the bucket list trip of your lives!

Scotland: The Land of Lochs and Legends

Fabled figures, kilt-clad bagpipers and characters as colorful as Scottish tartans will be part of your enchanting adventure for two in Scotland.

Alluring Andalusia

Warm your soul and savor the wild beauty of Madrid. Next, you'll find yourself aboard a train traveling back in time to the era of the Moors in glamorous Granada. Then you're off to Seville by way of Ronda. You'll spend your final nights in Seville, a city with a soul.

Iceland: Fire and Ice

Enjoy an unforgettable journey to Iceland, the "Land of the Vikings" where glistening glaciers, therapeutic hot springs, thundering waterfalls and warm welcomes await you at every turn.

A Hilltop Escape to Cortona

Live la dolce vita in the heart of Tuscany with a charming six-night stay in the storybook hilltop town of Cortona—an enchanting village made famous by the beloved book and film Under the Tuscan Sun.











Alaska Cruise – Explorer of the North

Journey to a land where towering glaciers meet endless skies and crystal clear water, where eagles soar above ancient forests, and every day feels like an adventure waiting to unfold.

Heels, Wheels, and Deals – Venice

Your experience includes your guide to fashion and the finest shopping in all of Europe, a once-in-a-lifetime Ferrari experience, and the romance and magic of Milan, Maranello and Venice in glorious Northern Italy.

Norway Fjords Adventure

This trip combines fjord and forest landscapes with inspiring architecture, Norway's Capital City has it all!

Wild Wonders African Photo Safari

Experience the untamed beauty and timeless rhythm of South Africa, where wild horizons meet refined elegance and every sunrise promises new wonder. Your journey combines world class comfort with the thrill of an authentic African photo safari, an adventure that will stay with you forever.

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** 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 deluxe accommodation (4+ star rating) and professional travel specialist to assist with booking and planning. Upgrade options include airfare, additional travelers, and trip extension. Note: airfare from home to starting point and ending point to home not included.*

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 26, 2027. 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.**

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.

Planned Giving › Did you know you can make a gift to benefit ZEF in your will or estate plan? Contact Catherine Moser at cmoser@zcs.k12.in.us or 317.733.4805.







ZEF GRANTS

SINCE 1995, ZEF HAS AWARDED more than $2M 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 school, 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.

2026 SPRING CLASSROOM GRANTS

- **Tools of the Trade: Building an Industry-Level Jewelry Classroom! ($4,854)**
  Grace Fletcher – Zionsville Community High School
- **Brain Work Block ($1,672)**
  Madalyn Jacobs – Trailside Elementary
- **Supporting Readers from Foundational Skills to Comprehension ($9,822)**
  Christine Squier, Casey Allen, Katie O'Brien – All Elementary Schools
- **Kindergarten Pushes and Pulls Celebration ($1,325)**
  MacKenzie Luse – Boone Meadow Elementary
- **Supporting Self-Regulation through Classroom Calming Toolkits ($1,126)**
  Jessica Wetzel – Stonegate Elementary
- **Lego Education Science & Lego Education CS and AI ($8,238)**
  Angie Miller, Kathleen Evans - Zionsville West Middle School

Total Grants Awarded: $27,037





2027 SPRING CLASSROOM GRANT DEADLINE: 02.09.27

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2026 IMAGINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- **Building Educator Capacity and Educational Practice Through Executive Functioning Skills PD ($2,443)**
  Amy Ertel - Zionsville Middle School
- **Growing Strong: Early Childhood Professional Learning Project ($5,395)**
  Martha Farley and the Universal Preschool Team of Lead Instructors – All Preschools
- **Professional Experience Leading AI-Focused Instructional Learning ($1,500)**
  Stevie Frank – All Schools
- **Roots and Routes: Place-Based Professional Development in Nez Perce Homelands ($9,000)**
  Allison Hagerty, Christine Milligan, Trish Shera - Zionsville West Middle School
- **Reading Science 2.0 - Leveling Up! ($2,225)**
  Marissa Argus – Trailside Elementary
- **Dino Dig ($2,758)**
  Melissa Weipert – Zionville Middle School
- **The 2026 VEX Robotics Educators Conference ($1,620)**
  Michael Murphy, Michael DeLand – Zionsville West Middle School
- **Stories Beneath the Torch: Exploring Immigration Through History and Art ($3,950)**
  Katie Werner, Annette Sinsko, Callie Surface – Eagle Elementary
- **Developing Museum-Based Strategies for Teaching Modern and Contemporary Art ($3,000)**
  Emily Parker – Trailside Elementary
- **Affirmation, Empowerment, and Connection for Colleagues: The 2026 ACTFL National Convention ($5,126)**
  Christopher Hindsley, Soledad Saldias Thiel - Zionsville West Middle School
- **Where Learning Thrives: Exploring Finland's Approach to Education ($6,000)**
  Andrew Foreman, Tom Hundley – Eagle and Boone Meadow Elementary
- **Texas Music Educators Association Conference, 2027 ($2,860)**
  Sarah Wright, Ashley Murray, Megan Brenton, Madeline Edwards, Keegan Lammers – Zionsville Middle School, Zionsville West Middle School, and Zionsville Community High School

Total Grants Awarded: $45,877

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- **3D Printing For All ($978)**
  Molly Seward – Trailside Elementary School
- **Bringing the Stage to Life: Cross-Disciplinary Student Innovation Through Puppetry and Performance ($4,000)**
  Sam Chenoweth – Zionsville Community High School
- **Building Tomorrow's Scientists: Modernizing Our Science Labs ($7,700)**
  Jessie Showalter, Dawn Makley – Zionsville Community High School
  Funding Partner: Eli Lilly and Company
- **Courtyard Classroom ($2,412)**
  Nick Kellum – Trailside Elementary School
- **Growing the Senses: A Multi-Sensory Outdoor Learning Courtyard ($1,988)**
  Melissa Wirth, Carolyn Schierholz, Michelle Weesies, Kyle Biemfohr – Pleasant View Elementary
- **Human to Human Interface ($2,477)**
  Michael Murphy - Zionsville West Middle School
- **Nature's Blueprint: Designing Solutions for Tomorrow ($2,929)**
  Emily Allen, Christy DeCamp - Zionsville Middle School
- **Scholastic Scope Subscription ($2,477)**
  Jessica Day, Shannon Elkins, Erin Collier, Mary Pat Huber, Luke Boes, Jennifer Lawrence, Sawyer Matthews - Zionsville Middle School

Total Grants Funded: $24,737

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What are Eagle Honors?

Eagle Honor AWARD

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 educators' 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

Look for 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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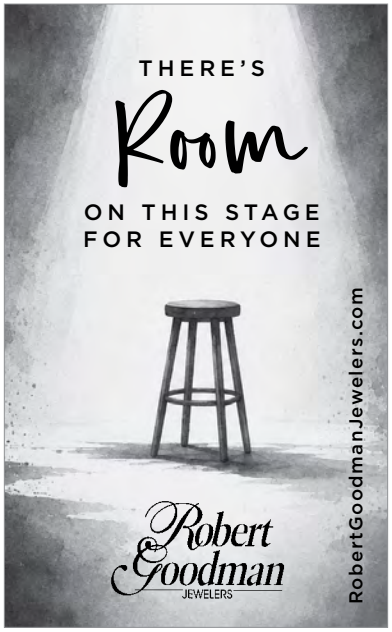







ZEF HAS AWARDED $121,194 IN 2026 TO DATE.

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Your creativity is what makes our classrooms extraordinary. We invite you to dream big, think boldly, and share your ideas through our grant programs.

- **Five different types of grants offered**
- **Spring Classroom Grants and Imagine Professional Development Grants are due Feburary 9th, 2027**

"This was the most incredible professional development experience ever! I learned in the galleries from museum educators...I had so many "ah-ha!" moments of activities and strategies we practiced in the galleries that I could easily incorporate in my classroom with students. I can't wait to bring the museum to the classroom this school year." **Emily Parker, Art Educator**









THE POWER OF A ZEF GRANT IS THAT IT transforms ideas into real-world learning experiences.

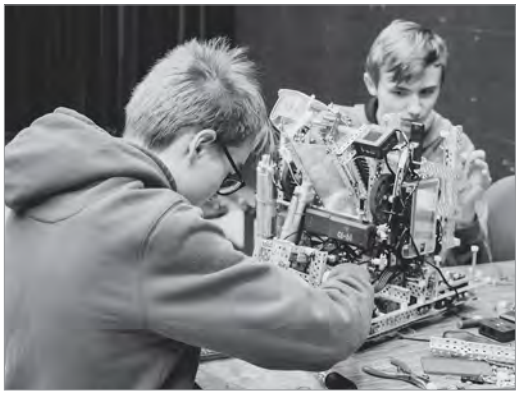
ZEF AWARDS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Zionsville Education Foundation (ZEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization—awarding grants that enable and reward academic excellence in Zionsville, while strengthening partnerships among schools, families, businesses and communities.

Funded by donations from individuals, families, small business partners, and corporate sponsors, we work to directly impact kids, teachers, classrooms and schools. Since our founding in 1995, we have awarded over $2M in grants to ZCS. Join us as we celebrate the past, invest today, and impact the future!









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ZEF ZIONSVILLE Education Foundation

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Register and attend our ZEF Bash and Trivia Night fundraising events.

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Join a ZEF committee or serve on the board.

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Tell your friends and neighbors about the important work we do at ZEF.



EAGLE ELEMENTARY

Grants *in* Action

BUILDING BLOCKS OF LEARNING

This $9,051 grant equipped the Eagle Elementary Kindergarten team with innovative STEM tools, including durable multi-purpose blocks, light tables for exploration with magnetic tiles and other translucent materials, and organizational tools that give students a place for their work to live.

"The work of ZEF matters because when students have materials that support them to think critically, explore big ideas, and connect, empathize, and engage with others, they are living into the mission that ZCS has set forth. We are so grateful to ZEF and the work they do each day and the community who helps make our big dreams possible."

Mrs. Joey Hewett, Kindergarten Teacher

VIEW OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO here on YouTube.

ABOUT ZEF

Our Mission
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
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