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# A Letter from your Board President

As we come to the end of the year, our Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (TAEF) Board would like to offer a word of thanks to all who support our organization. We have some fresh faces that are bringing new ideas and perspective to our organization and the community we support. Again, the climate has been a difficult one for the school districts, and yet we have been able to

award more grants and scholarships than in years past.

With advancements in technology and communications TAEF is taking the necessary steps to stay current with these changes and the social media climate. We hope that you reach out and connect with us on our new Facebook page and encourage others to do so. Our

belief is that through social media and our new and improved website, more people can gain valuable

information about who we are and what we are doing to make an impact in our community.

TAEF, "Your Hometown Charitable Organization", relies not only on monetary contributions but also contributions of time and talent. We were pleased by the number of individuals who chose to serve on our committees throughout the past year. We feel our volunteers are a valuable resource allowing us to have ambassadors in the community who understand our Foundation. We cherish the many diverse outlooks and perspectives that our volunteers provide, which helps to keep TAEF connected with our community.

To continue to touch lives in positive ways, we need your continued support in whatever capacity you are able to give.

Thank you so much for all you have done and will continue to do in partnership with the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation to make our community a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,



Kyle McKeown



## 2012-2013 Board of Directors

Lyndsey Carpenter \* Shelley Erb \* TK Superintendent: Tom Enslin \* Mike Bremer  
\* Diane Weatherhead \* Don Williamson \* Jeff Wolverton \* Judy Hendrickson

# Fund Highlight

## Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund In Memory of Adele and Arnold Parker

The Arnold and Adele Parker Family Fund was established by their five children to honor their memory.

Arnold Parker was one of the founders of Walgren Company, a company that specializes in metal finishing, processing and waste water treatment equipment. His sons Steve and Dave, Stuart Walgren and Drew Johnston were all key players in the expansion of the company that now sells its products across the globe. Arnold and Adele Parker along with their five children all attended Thornapple Kellogg Schools. Arnold's commitment to education included his service as the treasurer of the TK School Board in the 1950's.

Arnold and Adele realized the importance of obtaining higher education, and they emphasized this to their children by urging them to pursue a degree. It is this legacy that they leave behind and the reason their children created the Adele and Arnold Parker Family Fund. Through this scholarship fund, Arnold and Adele's memory will forever be preserved, and their legacy lived out each year as their scholarship fund awards a deserving individual means to pursue a high education.

# Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who have generously donated their valuable time to the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation.

Lisa Brown	Janette Bremer
Holli Dickman	Josh Thomas
Bill Dipp	Amy Miller
Jodi Elles	Ann Noah
Janis Fitzgerald	Julie Guenther
Susan Foster	Liz VerHey
Deb Jensen	Beth Smith
Jim Keller	Beth Hannapel
Brad Lamberg	Beth Adams
Melissa Losey	Rebecca Hoskins
Voni Lucas	Craig Stolsonburg
Gary McKee	Elena Gormley
Char McKee	Erica Dudik
Kathy Ranes	Heather Pratt
Jon Simpson	Shelly Wolverton
Char Thomas	Kim Chausow
Aletha Titus	Joanne Dipp
Terry Titus	Annie Halle
Heidi VanAman	Sean McMahon
Vonnie Verlinde	Sarah Middleton
Steve Williams	Andrew Parsons
Karen Williamson	Gretchen Parsons
Celeste Wolverton	Cheryl Peters
Paul Brouwer	
Becky DeHaan	
Robin Walters	
Shawn Bauman	
Patricia Johns	

Bob Williams \* Kyle McKeown \* Mark Sevald \* Annie Halle \* Gary Thaler \*  
\* BCF/TAEF Staff: Jennifer Richards \* BCF/TAEF Staff: Megan McKeown \*



**Alicia  
Czarnecki**



**Juan  
Mascorro**



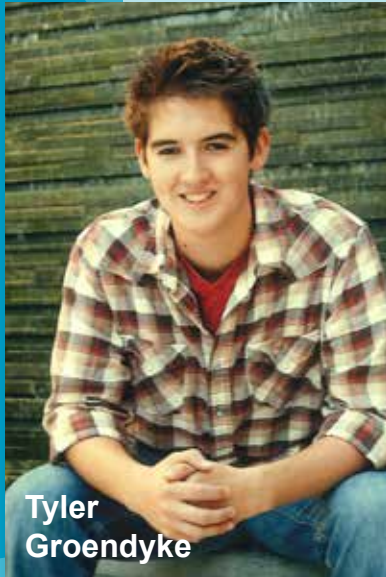
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**Allison  
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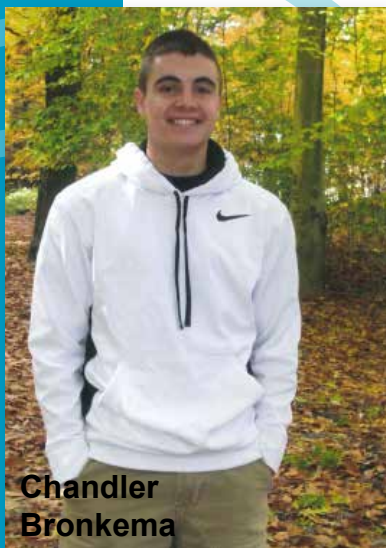
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Groendyke**



**Kyle  
Huyser**



**Hannah  
Lamberg**



**Chandler  
Bronkema**



**Nicole  
Schondelmayer**



**Kayla  
Britten**



**Noah  
Newton**



**Jonathan  
Linsea**

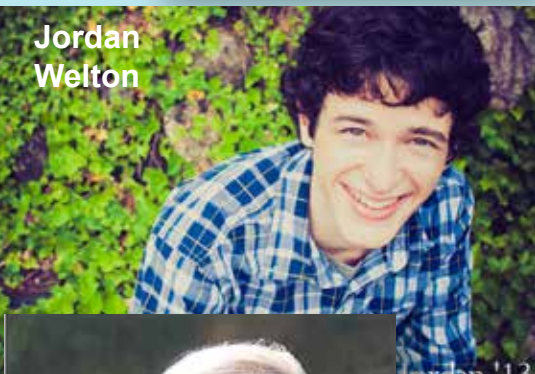
# Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation 2013 Scholarship Recipients



**Hannah  
Fasold**



**Camille  
Irvine**



**Jordan  
Welton**



**Christine  
Maurer**

- Alecia Lorraine Holst Memorial Scholarship**  
Nicole Schondelmayer
- Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship**  
Jordan Welton
- Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner Scholarship**  
Chandler Bronkema
- David and Barbra Dykstra Family Matching EMS**  
Brett Laitika
- Eugene and Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship**  
Hannah Fasold
- Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship**  
Chandler Bronkema
- Gerald L. Page Education Scholarship Fund**  
Chandler Bronkema
- John and Maxine Robertson Scholarship**  
Jonathan Linsea
- Jon and Kay Simpson Scholarship**  
Camille Irvine
- Katherine and Edward Wieringa Friendship  
in Community Scholarship**  
Jordan Welton  
Alicia Czarnecki
- Lois Ann Nagel Seppanen Memorial Scholarship**  
Kayla Britten
- Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Scholarship**  
Jordan Welton
- McCullough Family Scholarship**  
Noah Newton  
Joshua Arkwright
- Middleville Women's Club Scholarship**  
Hannah Fasold
- Millicent Grace Knox Teacher Scholarship**  
Tyler Groendyke
- Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Harrison Root**  
Tina Swanson
- Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Scholarship**  
Allison Brown
- Rodney and Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship  
for Industrial Arts**  
Kyle Huyser
- Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarship**  
Alicia Czarnecki  
Rebecka Thaler  
Zackary VanDommelen  
Chandler Bronkema
- Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship**  
Allison Brown
- TK Class of '57 Scholarship**  
Chandler Bronkema
- TAEF Matching – RKW Working Student Scholarship**  
Chandler Bronkema
- Terrie Yoder Memorial Scholarship**  
Tyler Groendyke
- Thomas R. Hamilton Tennis Memorial Scholarship**  
Hannah Lamberg
- TAEF Traditional Scholarship**  
Amber Miller  
Juan Mascorro
- Travis Wenger Memorial 4-H Scholarship**  
Christine Maurer

# TAEF List of Funds

Adam Dipp Scholarship Fund  
Adele & Arnold Parker Family Fund  
Alecia Lorraine Holst Scholarship Fund  
Beacon Society, Friends of the Thornapple Kellogg School & Community Library Fund  
Beth Helrigel Wester Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Calvin C. Plummer Memorial Fund  
Charles & Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund  
Donald & Catherine Williamson Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund  
Dr. Wayne and Marie Finkbeiner Scholarship Fund  
Dykstra EMS Matching Fund  
Eugene & Edna Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Frank Tichvon Memorial Fund  
Gerald & Ceta Williams Fund  
Gerald L. Page Education Scholarship Fund  
Jeffery Lehman Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Jessica Coe Memorial Fund  
JK Simpson Scholarship Fund  
John & Maxine Robertson Scholarship Fund  
Katherine & Edward Wieringa Friendship & Community Scholarship Fund  
Lois Ann Nagel-Seppanen Scholarship Fund  
Lynn Helrigel Summers Memorial Fund  
McCullough Family Scholarship Fund  
Middleville Women's Club Scholarship Fund  
Millicent Knox Teacher Scholarship Fund  
Mom's Scholarship in memory of Virginia Hoover Harrison Root Fund  
Ray Page Scholar-Athlete Memorial Fund  
Richard & Eric Lee Reyff Memorial Fund  
Rodney & Rena Schad Memorial Scholarship for Industrial Arts Fund  
Samuel McKeown Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Tad Thatcher Memorial Scholarship Fund  
TAEF Board Discretionary Fund  
TAEF General Fund  
TAEF Matching - RKW Working Student Scholarship Fund  
Terrie Yoder Memorial Fund  
The Francisca C. Vrona Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Thomas R. Hamilton Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation Fund  
Thornapple Kellogg Public Library Fund  
TK Class of '57 Scholarship Fund  
Travis Wenger Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Travis Wenger Memorial 4-H Scholarship Fund  
Wayne Robinson Fund  
William McGee Memorial Scholarship Fund

# Hometown Hero



John Loftus named 2013 "Hometown Hero"

The dictionary definition of "hero" include "a person admired for his achievements and noble qualities", "one who shows great courage" and "someone who fights for a cause."

John Loftus, named the 2013 Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation fits this definition. John claims he is not a hero and that he is just doing what he thinks is important. However, the facts show his achievements, noble qualities, and fighting for the causes he believes in make him a "Hero".

He is known by many people as the man who can give a 15 minute answer to the question, "How are you doing, John?" But behind the humor, there is a man who is committed to helping the community in which he lives. His life story is not only about growing up in Irving Township, serving in the military, marrying Margaret Mary, working and attending church-it is a story where caring for the community has always been important.

# Grant and Mini-Grant Awards

## \$500 TK Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is an international educational program that challenges students to use creative problem solving and team work to solve complex problems. This year one of the TK Middle School teams placed 2nd at the OM State Competition advancing them to compete at the World Finals Competition at MSU where they also took 2nd place. This grant helped to cover registration cost.

## \$200 Thornapple Kellogg FIRST LEGO League

The *FIRST* LEGO League is a robotics program for 9 – 14 year olds which is designed to get children excited about science and technology while building self-confidence, knowledge, and valuable employment and life skills. This grant was used to purchase materials for the competition.

## \$450 Leadership Barry County's Youth Quest

This grant paid for three young people from Thornapple Kellogg High School to attend Youth Quest. The Youth Quest program is a weekend long program that took place at the YMCA Camp Algonquin. It fosters team building while providing young people with opportunities to enhance their leadership skills.

## \$250 Thornapple Kellogg Young 5's

This grant was used to purchase book kits that will be used in the classroom. These book kits will help to provide Young 5 students with a foundation for connecting fiction and non-fiction texts.



## \$1000 The Thornapple Parks and Recreation

This grant will be used to purchase a batting cage for the Crane Road Ball Park. \$500 was from the general grant making fund and the other \$500 came from the Charles and Margery Williams Youth Activity Fund. The grant will benefit youth baseball and softball participants. The addition of the batting cage will enhance participant safety and allow for improved batting skills.

## \$900 (in loans) designated by Jessica Coe Memorial Fund to the Barry County 4-H Livestock Project

The project fund is dedicated to helping young people purchase an animal for 4-H. Students are required to provide a business plan outlining the costs associated with the purchase of the animal and its care. Upon the sale of the animal, the loan is to be repaid.

The TAEF Board of Directors would like to extend their appreciation to all of the Fund Holders, whose dedication and generosity is the driving force behind this foundation.

# Welcome New Board Members

## Lyndsey Carpenter Publicity Committee Chairperson

Lyndsey Carpenter became a member of TAEF in February of 2013. She has a passion for education, health, technology and world languages. Lyndsey holds an undergraduate degree from Western Michigan University and is pursuing her Master's Degree. Her work experience includes several years at Michigan Works and encompasses working as a tutor with inner-city, at-risk youth as well as unemployment counseling. Living in a community that cares about the future of its children is important to Lyndsey. She strives to play an active role in the education of our community's youth. She is excited to have the opportunity to utilize her skills, experience and knowledge to improve our community and enhance education experiences for students.

## Mike Bremer Vice President and Grant Committee Chairperson

Mike Bremer has been involved with life in the Middleville area at many different levels and has served the town in several capacities. Some of which include: Chair of the Administrative Board of the Middleville United Methodist Church; Chair of the Leadership Barry County Board; Middleville Rotary; Middleville Downtown Development Authority; Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Board member; Chair of the Middleville Housing Commission; the Village Players of Middleville. He believes in the "Golden Rule" and living his life by Rotary International's motto of, "Service Above Self".

## Mark Sevald Nominating Committee Member

Mark moved to the Thornapple-Kellogg School District in 1987. He and his wife, Diane, have three sons who graduated from TK. Mark taught middle school English in the early 1970's prior to attending Wayne State University Law School. Mark has been practicing law in downtown Grand Rapids for the last 35 years. Mark is a member of both the Thornapple Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mark and Diane are both graduates of public high schools and universities and believe strongly in the need for robust public schools and affordable higher education. In addition to serving on the TAEF Board, Mark currently tutors first, second and third graders in reading two mornings a week in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. He feels that these hours are the very best hours of his week.

