



2012  
ANNUAL REPORT

*Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation*

# A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall 2013

Dear Wylie Supporters,

It is hard to believe that it has been almost three years since many of us met together at our founding “We Are Wylie” dinner to celebrate the beginning of this new education foundation. THANK YOU for believing in this cause and helping many great things happen since October 14, 2010. Due to very generous and faithful donors like yourselves, our education foundation awarded a total of \$42,000 in student scholarships and teacher grants by the end of 2012.



Looking back, we owe a big thank you to our first dinner’s entertainment, Mr. Clinton Pickens, who proved that we could laugh and give money simultaneously! The second year we enjoyed the motivating success story of Dr. Terrance Hines and the deliciously funny banter of Chef Ben Starr along with his donated cookbooks, aprons and fantastic cake. Last year we were touched by the true life story of Blake Harruff, a young Marine who served his country with honor and remarkable courage, along with the toe tapping music of the band, “Lariat”. How blessed we have been to have outstanding Wylie alums donate their talents!

Please plan now to join us for another fun and memorable evening on Thursday, October 3, 2013. We will enjoy a funny and musical evening with Luke McMillan and Jason Holloway, 1999 alums.

We had a “sell out” crowd last year so early reservations are encouraged. Please check for reservation details and donor levels at our education foundation’s home page:

[www.WylieBulldogsEducationFoundation.com](http://www.WylieBulldogsEducationFoundation.com)

Thank you for your interest and support!

With sincere best wishes and much gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Becky Rentz". The script is fluid and cursive.

Becky Rentz  
President, Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation

*Mission*

THE WYLIE BULLDOGS  
EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
HAS A MISSION  
OF COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING  
GIFTS TO PROMOTE  
EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

# PHILOSOPHY

Many school districts across Texas and the nation have used foundations to encourage and inspire excellence in their schools as well as provide incentives to continue high performance standards and preserve valued traditions. The foundation will provide funds for needs that are beyond traditional funding. We believe that these dollars will continue and enhance the educational excellence that Wylie I.S.D. parents and citizens have come to expect.

The foundation has a mission of collecting and distributing gifts to promote excellence in education. Distribution of funds may be accomplished through student scholarships, grants to innovative educators, or for a special need of the school district. Distribution of funds must be approved by the board of directors, in addition to managing the affairs of the nonprofit corporation.



*Mrs. Ake teaching with her new iPad*



*Board "Surprise Patrol" delivering teacher grant checks*



*Michelle Senter presenting scholarship award*



*Board members delivering grant check*



*First graders using iPad learning game*

# HISTORY

This foundation was initiated in April 2010, when registration papers were filed with the state of Texas requesting new nonprofit status. The bylaws were created and approved by the Board with unconditional approval for nonprofit status from the IRS received in December 2010.

Our first three fundraiser "We Are Wylie" dinners included student talent, showcased the use of teacher grant money, included a video slideshow of Wylie students benefitting from items and teaching tools purchased through grant funds, while accomplished alums provided entertainment, shared motivating life stories, and provided great role models for our community.

Amazingly, we have collected well over \$200,000 and have funded \$42,000 total in teacher grants and student scholarships during our first two years. We are extremely grateful to our generous donors for their loyal support and the work of board members and volunteers.

# HOW IS THE FOUNDATION GOVERNED?

Our foundation is governed by a Board of Directors, representing a broad spectrum of community citizens. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. The board filed Articles of Nonprofit Corporation with the State of Texas, adopted bylaws and governing policies, and received IRS approval.

## Board of Directors

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Principal

*Special thanks to our former  
board members:*

*Mitchel Davis*

*Terry Hagler*

*Ray Ince*

*Terry Merck*

*Kristi Price*

*Michelle Senter*



*Back: Paul Lovelace, Tommy Vaughn, Greg Allen, Phil Boone, Joey Light, Sue Schackmuth, Gary Galbraith  
Front: Tonja Lowry, Kay Kendrick, Alice Church, Becky Rentz, Denise Blake, Jennifer Murphy  
Not Pictured: Jimmy Strong, Cathy Taylor*

# 2012 SPONSORS

## DIAMOND SPONSORS

Anonymous Matching Gift  
Anonymous Matching Gift

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Amy White  
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Tommy and Shauni Vaughn  
David and Nell Hedge

*"An investment in  
knowledge pays the  
best interest."  
-Ben Franklin*

For your convenience, there  
is a donor card enclosed in  
this report.

# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS...

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Because of your generosity and support we have been able to enrich the educational experiences of our students and encourage teaching excellence

- TOTAL SINCE MAY 2010- **\$67,000**
- MAY 2011-GRANTS IMPACTED **900** STUDENTS
- MAY 2012-AN ADDITIONAL **500** STUDENTS IMPACTED
- MAY 2013-AN AMAZING **2,000** MORE STUDENTS IMPACTED
- TOTAL OF **3,400** STUDENTS WILL BE IMPACTED BY TEACHER GRANTS DURING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR
- **32** WYLIE SENIORS HAVE RECEIVED A \$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

*Supporting a Tradition of Excellence...*  
*Now and into the Future!*

# TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS

2011

Elementary-\$912.95  
Susan Langford  
2 Netbooks, 3 Amazon Kindle E-readers,  
Headphones

DI Request-\$500.00  
Kim Cheek  
Sewing Machines and Power Tools

High School-\$1000.00  
Chris Brannan  
Head Phones/Protective Gear for  
Percussion Line

Elementary-\$3567.60  
6 Teams of 2--First Grade Teachers  
6 iPads, 6 Defender Cases

Early Childhood Center-\$867.00  
ECC Teachers  
1 ipod, 2 itunes gift cards, ipad Smart cover,  
iPad camera connection kit

High School-\$595.00  
Jackie Powell  
5 Flip Video Cameras

Elementary-\$733.56  
Mary Powell and Kim Hudson  
Subscriptions to 3 magazines,  
Insect Lore, Plant time delay camera

Junior High-\$599.00  
Kina Tiemann  
Elmo TT-02RX Camera

2012

High School- \$424.00  
Emily Antilley  
Blaine Ray TPR Storytelling Workshop

Elementary-\$829.72  
Karen Wyatt  
2 iPad2's, headphones & applications

Early Childhood Center-\$1221.04  
April Brannon  
4 Promethean AntiView Document Cameras

Junior High-\$1000.00  
Carol Stringfellow  
GEAR-Get Excited About Robotics

High School-\$1762.53  
Kendall Harrison  
World Geography atlases

Elementary-\$918.75  
Jennifer Rapstine  
Spelling City Premium Membership

Junior High-\$1000.00  
Liz Throckmorton  
Mindset Brainology

Junior High-\$863.83  
Luke Hurst  
2 iPads and iReview App  
"The Key to Unlocking History"

Elementary-\$2000  
Kathy Burnitt  
iPads



First grade students play a reading comprehension game on an iPad. All of the first grade classes now have iPads for instruction.



Teacher Luke Hurst receiving his grant check from the "Surprise Patrol"

*"By using the atlases in World Geography, we are helping students to have a broader understanding of cultures, governments, climates, and how countries relate to each other."* -Kendall Harrison

# STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2012

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The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation awarded 10 scholarships to graduating seniors at the end of the school year.

The scholarships are funded by money raised from the Foundation's annual "We Are Wylie" dinner and from donations from the community. In the last two years, the Foundation has awarded \$22,000 in student scholarships.

Students were chosen based on a variety of criteria, including financial need, school and community involvement, grades, ACT/SAT scores, leadership skills, an essay and references. To apply, a minimum "B" average, letters of recommendation and an essay is required.

*Kimberly Clements*

*Austin Lunney*

*Connor Mauldin*

*Kimberly McDonough*

*Molly Minor*



**\$22,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED THE PAST TWO YEARS**



*Caroline Peterson*

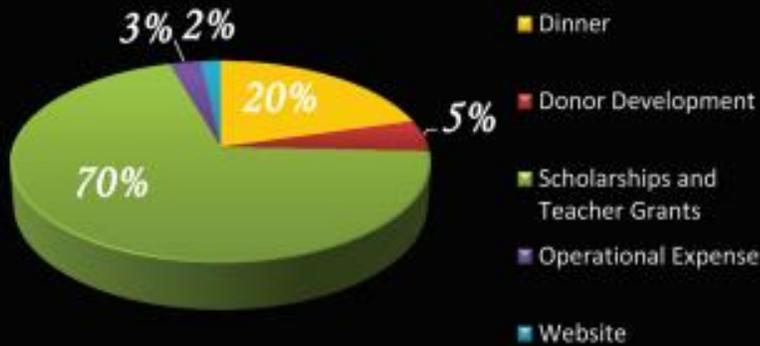
*Amanda Potts*

*Trent Regan*

*Emily Renfro*

*Nicole Tucek*

# FOUNDATION EXPENSES 2011

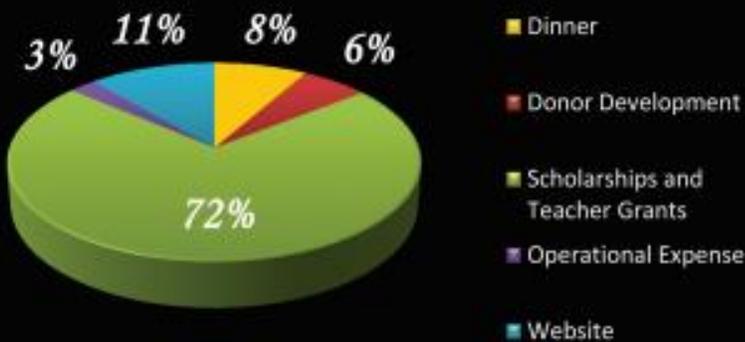


TEACHER GRANTS  
\$7775.00

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
\$12,000.00

**TOTAL GIFTED:**  
**\$19,775.00**

# FOUNDATION EXPENSES 2012



TEACHER GRANTS  
\$13,931.88

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS  
\$10,000.00

**TOTAL GIFTED:**  
**\$23,931.88**

\*Note- The Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation is managed by a volunteer board. We pay no rent, no salaries, and no utilities. The Foundation Board operates under strict accounting requirements of a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation. The 2012 tax return is available for review upon your request.

# WHY SHOULD YOU GIVE TO THE WYLIE BULLDOGS EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

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- To help fund graduating senior scholarships
- To fund creative, cutting edge projects/learning for our students
- To honor a teacher for what he/she has meant to your child
- To celebrate a life milestone-special birthday, graduation, first job, big promotion
- To honor the memory of a loved one in a manner that is lasting and beneficial to the future
- To help build alumni scholarships to graduating seniors in May
- You want to help us build a strong foundation for now and tomorrow
- To show your appreciation for Wylie and for what it can become
- Because it takes many donations to reach our goals and every gift is important!
- Because it is a nonprofit 501 C 3 donation, giving you an excellent tax deduction
- Because you love Wylie
- Send check payable to Wylie Bulldogs Education Foundation to this address:  
W.B.E.F., 6249 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene, TX 79606

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*A Tradition of Excellence*

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