

MCFEE NEWS

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Kids Count Benefit Auction

Saturday, April 8, 4:30 pm
Manheim Auto Auction

New change coming to this year's auction. We promise the same variety of popular and unique items, the convenience of handheld bidding, and the satisfaction of knowing your purchases benefit our MC students.

What's new? We've replaced the formal dinner hour with food stations prepared by Corporate Sponsor, Rettew's Catering, from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Graze on shrimp cocktail, sliders, a baked potato bar, salad, and more. No standing in dinner buffet lines means a tightened program and an earlier end time. You won't leave hungry and we'll realize savings in labor and rentals to maximize profits. We view it as a win-win and hope you will, too.



Reserve your tickets/table now for the chance to bid on items in the silent and live auctions. Need a birthday party for the kids, dinner for an anniversary celebration, a family day at Mt. Gretna Lake, or a foursome on the golf course? Attend, bid high and go home a winner.



Trustee, Dixie Winters, and husband John prepare tables for last year's auction.

Manheim's own Jere Gish, WGAL morning anchor, returns and once again joins the "fun" tables! Tickets cost \$55 per person.

To buy tickets, donate items or place a program ad, call 717-450-4518.

New Leadership in 2017

Since its inception in 2001, MCFEE has been driven by passionate leaders with strong ties to the Manheim Central School District and the Manheim community. The Executive Director guides MCFEE's mission, strategies, goals and objectives while building relationships that support fundraising growth.

MCFEE's success has been led by **Jere Murphy**, Executive Director from 2001-2008, **Kathy Bower** from 2008-2013, and **Russ and Cheryl Burke**, who joined MCFEE in 2012, and have served as Co-Executive Directors since June, 2013. These leaders embraced the vision and were instrumental in growing the MCFEE endowment and funding more than \$1.25M in educational enhancements for students in the Manheim Central district.



Russ Burke, Cheryl Burke and Amy Howett

MCFEE is pleased to now welcome **Amy Howett** to the role of Executive Director. Amy has experience in the nonprofit setting as well as a passion for providing enriching opportunities for children. She brings her enthusiasm and positive leadership skills to MCFEE, working closely with the Burkes in the coming months to continue the momentum underway.

Under the Burkes leadership, MCFEE sustained continued growth and expanded fundraising efforts to include a successful Cruisin' The Square car show and a High Five appreciation program in the district. MCFEE thanks Russ and Cheryl for their dedication and tireless energy and welcomes Amy to this leadership role.

A One-of-a-kind Experience

Thank you Manheim Pennsylvania Auto Auction - our host and generous supporter for 14 years!



We've got many exclusive items you won't find anywhere else. Be the winning bidder and walk away with something unique!

For the active bunch

- Lititz recROC guest passes
- Spooky Nook Sports wall climbing
- MC Boys Soccer elementary camp
- Universal Athletic Club 3-month family membership

For the busy homeowner

- Premium mulch
- Professional painting (labor and materials)
- Spring and fall yardwork by MC sports teams
- Cord of split firewood

For the wine lover

- Naylor Wine Cellars wine tasting experience
- Hershey Vineyards "Decked Out" series
- Vineyard at Grandview wine tasting experience
- Tempting themed wine baskets

For the dining enthusiast

- Your pick of "Trustees' Favorites"
- BBQ chicken and ribs for 40
- Prime rib dinner experience
- Manheim Farm Show food package



Can't join us for the event? Visit www.mcfee4kids.org and learn how you can bid from home beginning March 27. Preview items and be part of the bidding up until the silent auction closes. Winning bidders are notified electronically, with item pickup at Myer's Furniture the following week.

Lead Sponsors



MCFFEE thanks our 2017 Kids Count Benefit Auction lead sponsors for sharing the vision and helping to create the best possible experience for our guests. Please support these local businesses, just as they've chosen to support us!



MCFEE in Action

Cutting Edge Technology

A plasma cam is an exciting new addition to the Agriculture Department this year, thanks to a MCFEE Educational Innovation Grant. The machine uses the existing plasma cutter in the Ag Mechanics class and pairs it with a computer-controlled table to cut plate steel. As a result, the 80+ students who take this entry-level class each year are expanding their skillsets. One area of focus has been a shelf project that incorporates a metal insert, customized by each student with the use of the plasma cam.

Teacher, Jonathan Werning, submitted the \$14,802 grant request in hopes that his students would have the opportunity to incorporate technology currently used in the industry setting while still in high school. He loves the creativity that has been sparked as a result.

The students have responded with a sense of pride and motivation as they deepen their classroom experience. "It's nice to have the knowledge about the auto CAD and the program. It adds variety to our projects," shared Landon Stoner. "You can basically do anything in metal that you can imagine," explained Ryan Carter. Juan Spencer added, "I think it's cool to do ideas that you come up with. The sky's the limit!"



Landon Stoner, Juan Spencer and Ryan Carter, holding their finished projects.

Where in the World?

VACATION RAFFLE

Just \$10 for a chance to win:

- **\$5,000 vacation of your choice**
- **Two airline tickets**

Winner drawn May 2017.
Buy your raffle tickets now.
Details at mcfee4kids.org

Our newest fundraiser is underway. The lucky winner plans a getaway of their choice, booked through Liberty Travel. Tickets cost \$10 and are available from MCFEE Trustees, at Divine Consign, or by calling 450-4518. There's still time to buy a ticket and start the vacation planning!

Mr. Werning and his students plan to create and donate items for the MCFEE Kids Count Auction in April. These new items created with the plasma cam will join others made by Agriculture Department students and their teachers, Heather Anderson and Deb Seibert. These donations have been very popular in the past and MCFEE is grateful for the continued support.



Mitchell Himelright puts finishing touches on his metal plate.

Don't miss the chance to attend the auction in person to see – and perhaps place the winning bid on – these impressive items!

I/we hereby pledge to MCFEE a gift of: \$ _____ Dollars

Name _____

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I am a Manheim Central High School Graduate, Class of _____

I am interested in volunteering with the Kids Count Benefit Auction

I am interested in learning more about serving as a Trustee

Call me to discuss MCFEE legacy and estate planning (*all discussions confidential with no obligation*)

All contributions are fully tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

The official registration and financial information of Manheim Central Foundation for Educational Enrichment may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Fostering Excellence in Education

We appreciate your support.

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Your Continued Support Counts!

MCFEE is thankful for community members that give their time and talents to support the mission and vision.

SPOTLIGHTING OUR SUPPORTERS

Meet Executive Director, Amy Howett.

Amy and her husband, Bryan, moved to Manheim in 1999 and became involved in the community they now call home. Amy applied her Early Childhood and Elementary Education degree, teaching at Manheim BIC Preschool for 9 years. She enjoyed building relationships with Manheim families and teaching their children. Amy gained valuable leadership experience in the nonprofit setting while serving as Program Director at the Lititz recCenter through 2015. It was here that she built a foundation for fundraising and collaborating with a Board of Directors.

Amy is excited to now channel her purpose and energy into the Executive Director role for MCFEE. She's personally experienced the positive impact that MCFEE has made in the educational experiences of her three children – Taylor, Caitlin and Cameron – who've grown up through the district. Amy looks forward to making a difference for all students in the Manheim Central system.

Amy and her husband spend plenty of time cheering on their children in their activities, and enjoy vacationing at the Delaware beaches. You may also spot Amy walking her golden retriever, Cooper. Welcome, Amy!

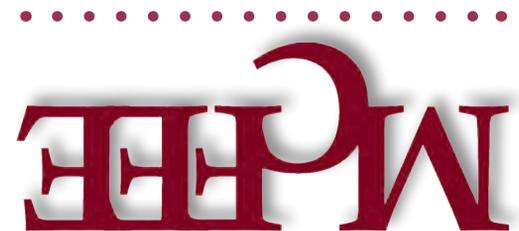


Incoming Executive Director, Amy Howett

Interested in creating a lasting legacy that will benefit generations of Manheim youth?

For info about bequests and estate planning to support MCFEE, contact **Russ Burke at 717-450-4518**. All inquiries are confidential.

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