

MC FEE NEWS

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MC FEE Celebrates It's 10th Anniversary

By The Numbers...

10	Years of growth and commitment to MC students
53	Trustees to date
3	Year minimum term, served by each Trustee
\$40,676	Raised at Family Breakfasts
\$513,659	Raised at Dinner & Auctions
57	Students aided by summer mentoring program
\$750,000	Given back to MC students via programs and equipment

Students touched by a MC FEE-funded initiative ...
VIRTUALLY ALL!



Colorful centerpieces added to the décor at this year's Benefit Auction in honor of MC FEE's 10th anniversary.

Family Breakfast November 5

Join us Saturday, November 5 from 6:30-10:30 a.m. for MC FEE's annual Family Breakfast. Hosted and staffed by the Manheim Auto Auction, guests will enjoy a full breakfast menu with all food donated by local businesses. Cost is \$7, with children six and under eating free. Tickets can be purchased from MC FEE trustees, at Myers Furniture, Divine Consign or at the door. Takeouts are available. Kids will be treated to creative balloon sculptures, courtesy of The Balunguy. Start off your holiday shopping trip with a good breakfast ... and support a great cause!

What's Behind Our Success

It began as a concept with much potential and many who believed. It grew. And today, we're celebrating a decade of success. We invite you to visit www.mcf4kids.com and view a video featuring MC FEE founders and trustees who have been devoted to the success of the organization.



Suzi Smith is shown being interviewed as a participant in the video. Special thanks to Jon Charles for lending his talents to this effort.

How It All Began

Late in 1999, Jere Murphy, MC High School principal, and Dr. Carol Saylor, superintendent of Manheim Central School District, discussed the possibility of starting an education foundation for the district. This foundation would serve as a “booster club” for academics and support programs that enhance and enrich the educational experience for MC students. After researching the success and challenges of other districts’ foundations, Jere met with more than 90 alumni, parents, business and civic leaders, and academic advocates to discuss the concept of an education foundation for Manheim Central. As a result of these discussions, 21 eager individuals were recruited to serve as the original leadership board for MCFEE. On January 19, 2001, the Manheim Central Foundation For Educational Enrichment was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a community-based, tax-exempt organization dedicated to expanding educational opportunities for students in the public schools of Manheim Central School District.

To meet the capital needs required to sustain the mission of MCFEE, the Trustee Council initiated a Founders Campaign in February 2001. Passionate supporters – willing to invest \$5,000 or more in a dream with no track record – were sought out by the leadership team. By June 2003, 41 founders were successfully recruited, raising in excess of \$225,000. The strength of MCFEE, today, would not have been possible without the enthusiastic backing of these original founders who saw the potential and believed in a concept that would benefit students for the next decade.

From 2001 through today, MCFEE has been led by a team of 21 devoted leaders, committed to the organization’s success by serving a term of three years or more. A listing of the current MCFEE Trustee Council is included on the back cover.



A plaque honoring the 41 original Founders of MCFEE is proudly displayed in the lobby of MCHS.

Thank You One and All

MCFEE would not be able to realize the success of the past decade without the continued support of businesses, families and individuals in our surrounding communities and the faculty and staff of the school district. We are humbled by the generous resources which have been donated in order to make our fundraising efforts a continued success. Thank you to all those who have shown support in the past and a special thank you to all our 2011 supporters!

- Benefit Dinner & Auction – 600+ items for bid, monetary donations, program ads, talents
- Family Breakfast – food item donations, Manheim Auto Auction and local businesses
- Benefit Concert – supporters Warihay Enterprises, Reifsnyder’s
- Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program – 14 business contributions with tax benefits

For information on how you can support MCFEE, contact Kathy Bower at kbower@mcfee4kids.org.

A Legacy Worth Perpetuating

Ten years ago, a group of new trustees pondered the question, "What does it take to turn a dream into a reality ... and have the reality ultimately become a legacy?" Mulling over options on how to raise seed money to launch this new venture, it became apparent to these members they had no track record of success on which to base a capital campaign.

One decade later, our story of success is the envy of many educational foundations across Pennsylvania. MCFEE has funded countless artists, musicians and authors, as well as purchased technology and equipment for Manheim Central students at all grade levels. These projects are outside the scope of normal funding from the school district's annual budget and have exceeded \$750,000.

Since its beginning, MCFEE trustees have had a goal of creating a one million dollar endowment fund to bridge those unforeseen lean years in fundraising. Over the past ten years, the Board of Trustees has managed the finances of MCFEE and set aside nearly half of this goal.

I ask you to join with me now, in continued support of MCFEE, by making a pledge to our endowment fund in an effort to reach this goal.

It has been my pleasure to have been involved with MCFEE from its inception. Thank you for your consideration, your contribution and your commitment to tomorrow's leaders...our children.



Nevin Dourte, President

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Share in our Legacy!

Please consider supporting MCFEE's Endowment Campaign as we continue to fund **Excellence in Education**.

I/we pledge a gift of: _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

Name

All contributions are fully tax deductible and will be acknowledged.

Address

**Make checks payable to
MCFEE and return to:
Manheim Central
Foundation for
Educational Enrichment
101 South Penn Street
Manheim, PA 17545**

I am a MCHS graduate,
Class of _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Volunteering with the Annual Benefit Dinner & Auction
- Serving as a Trustee

Phone

Email

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.

To request additional information or become involved in the work of

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The Manheim Central Foundation For Educational Enrichment was incorporated on January 19, 2001 to enhance and enrich the educational opportunities of the students in our public elementary and secondary schools. The Foundation is managed by a twenty-one member Trustee Council, none of whom receive, directly or indirectly, any compensation for his or her services. The members of the Trustee Council are alumni of Manheim Central, community and professional leaders and parents who are committed and dedicated to providing creative and innovative programs to maximize the educational experiences of our students.

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