



A Need For Alumni Support

Dear Hurricane Alumni,

As a member of the class of 1975, I am so proud to be an alumni of the Wilmington City Schools! How blessed we were to grow up in a small town where opportunities were ours for the taking. And how fortunate we were to be able to attend a school system that prepared us for the road ahead.

As you know, many schools are struggling for funding and so many have had to cut budgets to the point where education suffers. It is up to us to make sure our school is not put in this position!

Many years ago, Mary Katheryn Hilberg had the vision to establish a foundation for the Wilmington City Schools. She realized that many teachers were funding projects out of their own pockets or were unable to offer some opportunities for students because the funding was not available. She knew that reaching out to alumni would lessen the burden on our teachers and our school district. The Wilmington Schools Foundation is still in existence today and continues to give generously to teachers & staff every year!



Some of the most recent projects funded by the Wilmington Schools foundation included face masks for teachers, virtual goggles for virtual learning, science equipment not covered by the district, updated books in the school libraries, a new greenhouse at Denver School which is maintained by the special needs classes, sensory rooms at each of our buildings, iPads for the high school library, flexible seating at the elementary buildings, and fieldtrips both in and out of the school buildings.

I believe in giving back to the organizations that had a positive impact on my life. I hope that by giving, another student will learn, achieve, and someday give back to our community and our schools. That's why I am writing to you today...

As an alumni of Wilmington City Schools, I would like to offer you the opportunity to give back to your hometown schools. You too can be a part of our Wilmington Schools Foundation! There are many ways to give...

You can give a one-time cash donation by sending your check to The Wilmington Schools Foundation, 641 S. Nelson Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177

Give a recurring gift through payroll deduction at your place of employment

Give a recurring gift by credit card, just go to <https://www.wilmingtoncityschools.com/about/foundation-1/foundation-home-3/> and select the Make a Foundation Donation Online button on the Wilmington City Schools website

Give a one-time online gift by going to <https://www.wilmingtoncityschools.com/about/foundation-1/foundation-home-3/> and select the *Make a Foundation Donation Online* button

Ask us to add you to our mailing list to receive reminders when we are fundraising! You can also consider volunteering for one of our campaign events to help us raise money for the Foundation.

Giving to the Wilmington Schools Foundation is a wonderful way to support our schools, our teachers, and our school's staff members. Please GIVE, let them know you CARE!!

Thank you for your support,

Joni Streber

Wilmington Schools Foundation
Board of Directors

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP? It is time to renew your membership for 2019. You received this newsletter because you have either paid your alumni dues, attended an alumni function, purchased a directory, or made a donation. Please complete the attached form, detach and return it. Wilmington Schools Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to Wilmington Schools Foundation. First

Name: _____ Last Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Address: _____ E-mail address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Class of _____

Alumni Association Annual Dues \$5.00

Additional Donation to Wilmington Schools Foundation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please return to Alumni Association 341 S. Nelson Ave. Wilmington, OH 45177

Foundation Loses Three Valuable Leaders

As the WSF Foundation closes out the year 2020 we mourn the loss of three Foundation members who had an enduring impact on the successes of both the Wilmington School Foundation and Wilmington City Schools. The WSF Board celebrates the lives of Steve Murphy, Mary Katheryn Hilberg and Steven Haines.

Steve Murphy served the WSF as the Wilmington School Board representative for almost 18 years. Steve's support of Wilmington Schools academic and athletic programs spanned some 45 years. We valued Steve's quiet, no-nonsense approach when issues would arise during Foundation meetings. His unassuming manner and dedicated support of all things Wilmington Schools always prevailed.

Mary Katheryn Hilberg was instrumental in setting up the WSF Foundation and was a community advocate for continued education. She inspired many to donate to Foundation scholarship funds that afforded many Wilmington Schools graduates to continue their education at higher education institutions throughout the state. Mary Katheryn also served for many years on the Wilmington School Board. You were always greeted with Mary Katheryn's bright smile and then she'd say, "How can I help?" Mary Katheryn understood that you give back to those who had given you much.

Steven Haines left his indelible mark on the Wilmington Schools Foundation, Wilmington City Schools and the Wilmington Community. As WSF Board President, he ushered in a new energy and helped recruit a group of highly active and supportive members. Through Steven's talents as a public school teacher he had such a positive impact on many students and young people. The community was the recipient of Steven's passion and dedication to the value of the cultural and fine arts. Steven's legacy will live on through what he instilled in all of us. Steven was our friend, teacher, mentor but most of all, he encouraged us all to be true to ourselves, take the risks and be committed to promoting what is good and just for all.

We, the Wilmington Schools Foundation Board celebrate these true leaders. We have learned from them the meaning of service. We honor them for their dedication and compassion and have been rewarded by their commitment to supporting Wilmington Schools Foundation, Wilmington City Schools and the Wilmington Community.

