

ANNUAL REPORT - FISCAL YEAR 2024

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024



CLASS OF

2024

Watertown-Mayer HS Class of 2024



Enhancing Education Through Community Support since 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of the Watertown-Mayer Education Foundation:

The WMEF Board of Directors and I are grateful for a strong donor base that has allowed us to provide financial support to students and teachers since 2017.

On May 8, 2024 we awarded over \$73,000 in scholarships to 65 graduating seniors, the highest amount in our history. We increased our Community Scholarship awards due to our increased fundraising efforts. We approved over \$8,900 in teacher innovation grants supporting classroom activities and special education programming. We also started the Royal Endowment Fund. With this fund, we hope to create an ongoing source of revenue that will help build our foundation's stability. We continue to increase our foundation's impact and awareness through our involvement in community events and our social media posts and interactions.

We are proud to share our accomplishments from the last year in this report, and we thank each of you - our donors, sponsors and volunteers - who make our work possible.

Sincerely,

Pat Hittle Niermann

President, WMEF Board of Directors



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Another Record-Setting Year

For the second year in a row WMEF raised over \$100,000 in donations to our scholarship funds. Highlights from the past year include:

- Raffling off a 2023 Polaris 1000 side-by-side that raised over \$20,000.
- Holding a fundraising event called "Royal Casino Night" that raised \$21,000 from 21 sponsors and 130 attendees.
- Increasing marketing efforts by participating in events such as the Carver County Fair, Watertown Rails to Trails, Mayer Rising, and more.
- Increasing our social media presence to raise brand awareness and boost donations. WMEF now has 895 followers on Facebook and 207 followers on Instagram.

Thanks to these efforts and your financial support, we awarded over \$73,000 in scholarships to 65 students in May. Since 2017 WMEF has awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Our current fundraiser is a cash raffle with a first prize of \$7,000, second prize of \$1500, third prize of \$1,000, and fourth prize of \$500. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Marketplace Foods in Watertown, CorTrust Bank in Mayer, or from any board member. Other upcoming fundraisers include the "Own the Crown" Trap Shoot at Watertown Rod & Gun Club on July 26 and "Bust A Move Dance for Education" at Hollywood Sports Bar on September 14.



Account Balances and Financials 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2024

Account	Beg. Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	End. Balance
General Checking	\$13,658.70			
Fundraising income		\$65,285.33		
Misc. income		\$618.40		
Account transfers		\$5,289.37		
Scholarship donations		\$11,000.90		
Business expenses			(\$1,224.67)	
Insurance			(\$426.00)	
Fundraiser expenses			(\$9,503.82)	
Grants			(\$5,780)	
Scholarships			(\$23,200)	\$55,718.21
Raffle Account	\$4,000.00			
Raffle sales		\$1,760.00		
Account transfer			(\$3,950.00)	\$1,810.00
Endowment Fund	\$0			
Account transfer		\$5,000.00		
Investment gain/loss		\$337.06		\$5,337.06
Speikers Account	\$7,091.05			
Donations		\$2,000.00		
Grants			(\$3,296.50)	\$5,794.55
Scholarship Accounts	\$108,474.80			
Donations		\$32,049.96		
Scholarships			(\$42,930.00)	
Account transfers			(\$1,585.25)	\$96,009.51
GRAND TOTALS	\$133,224.55	\$123,341.02	(\$91,896.24)	\$164,669.33



Thank You to our 2023-24 Donors

American Legion Post #121	Jered Hokenson	Procise Solutions, Inc
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