



# Lumberton Township Education Foundation

**2020  
Annual  
Report**

# The Lumberton Township Education Foundation, Inc.

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## **Our Mission**

The Lumberton Township Education Foundation (LTEF) was founded in 2020 to enhance the educational resources and experience of students in the Lumberton Township School District in Burlington County, New Jersey.

Faced with significant reductions in state aid to our Lumberton schools, our objective is to raise donations to provide needs-based grants to the Lumberton Township schools to help fund academic programs, research, diversity and inclusion initiatives, equipment, technology, the arts, athletics or other programs that are essential to providing a robust educational experience to children in our community.

LTEF is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)3 tax exempt foundation dedicated to the facilitation of additional funding sources our schools through programming and gifts, for the sole benefit of Lumberton Township School District initiatives. LTEF operates independently of the School District and Board of Education and is represented on its Board of Trustees by the members of the community at-large and the school district administration.

Our collaborative and supportive model is designed to represent our entire community with the sole objective of improving the holistic educational experience of students in the Lumberton Township School District. Prospectively, we will provide annual rounds of grants, partnering with the Administration and Board of Education to fund the priorities in the District's strategic plan.

# Executive Committee/President's Report

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**Dear Partners,**

On behalf of our Trustees, I am proud to celebrate the inaugural year of the Lumberton Township Education Foundation (LTEF). First, our Board applauds the tireless work of Lumberton Township School District's administration and faculty. Few could have possibly predicted what unfolded over the past year. However, our school district has led an exemplary effort to ensure that our children are safe, fed and educated. The lessons of this past year will go far beyond the academic nature of the classroom, and in the months and years ahead I stand with our community in giving our teachers and staff the recognition they truly deserve.

Against the backdrop of an unanticipated pandemic, and unfortunately, anticipated school budget cuts, a group of us determined to create a non-profit educational foundation to help raise awareness and funds to help address the legacy issue of school funding here in our district.

Over several months in 2020, we collaborated with the Administration as well as BOE, LTEA and PTA members to set the course for creating the Lumberton Township Education Foundation. In May 2020, we filed our articles of incorporation and charter with the State of New Jersey, and by July 2020, the IRS granted us 501(c)3 status.

We are indebted to Mariel Giletto, Esq. and her associates at Parker McCay for their dedication and diligence in creating our organization. Mariel's counsel, support and guidance was a key ingredient in our ability to begin operations and ahead of schedule. Towards the end of 2020, we were able to launch several successful awareness and fundraising events, and even distribute our first contribution to assist our PTA in their efforts to provide food and clothing to underserved children in our district.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our volunteer Trustees for their time, vision, and unwavering long-term commitment to the children of Lumberton Township, New Jersey.

Regards,

Mike Dinneen  
President & Trustee  
Lumberton Township Education Foundation, Inc.

# Executive Committee/Treasurer's Report

## Year-in-Review

In 2020, we generated \$2,500.47 in revenues through interest earned, contributions and event revenues.

Our expenses included \$250 in grants and contributions as well as \$56.88 in administrative costs. We ended our fiscal year with \$2,193.59 as of December 31, 2020.

## Prospectus

Our Trustees have set an aggressive goal of generating more than \$50,000 in our first three full years of operation.

Our objective is to distribute approximately 85% of our revenue back to the school district and retain the remainder in order to fund administrative costs, build an endowment, and adequately reserve for unanticipated economic or global events.

## 2020 Financial Statement\*

<b>Funds Generated in 2020</b>		<b>\$2,500.47</b>
Contributions	\$400.00	
Event Revenues	\$2,100.00	
Interest Earned	\$0.47	
<b>Expenses in 2020</b>		<b>\$306.88</b>
Grants Awarded in 2020	\$250.00	
Administrative Expenses	\$56.88	
<b>Funds at Year End 2020</b>		<b>\$2,193.59</b>

\*Unaudited

# Development Committee Report

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## Year-in-Review

We successfully held an inaugural golf fundraiser in October 2020. This event, coupled with founding donations from our Trustees and several community partners, allowed us to build seed money, as well as provide our first grant, to support the Lumberton PTA's Annual Holiday Drive.

## Prospectus

In 2021, the Foundation has already executed and scheduled several fundraising events, including multiple 5K and fun run events, fundraising partnerships with local merchants, and our second annual Golf Outing is scheduled for October 19, 2021. We look forward to continuing to partner with local merchants, families and individuals to raise funds. Prospectively, we anticipate a funding round by early 2022 to help the school district address its funding gaps and continue to provide educational and enrichment programs to our students.

## Special Acknowledgement

- Parker McCay, Mariel Giletto, Esq

## Supporters

- W.R. Day
- The Leung Family
- Bradley Zerbe
- JCS Enterprises
- The Leahan Family
- The Bupp Family
- Mark Ritter
- Subaru of Cherry Hill
- Dean Johnson
- Chris Hunt
- Dan McMahan
- Bill Day
- Bruce Preston
- The Kwiatkowski Family
- The Dinneen Family
- The Vining Family
- The Earlen Family
- The Langowski Family

# Community Outreach Committee Report

## Year-in-Review

As a new organization, we are committed to establishing a presence within the Lumberton Community. We successfully setup our Foundation's website as well as a social media platform through Facebook. In addition, we supported the Lumberton PTA's Annual Holiday Drive.

- [lumbertonedfoundation.org](http://lumbertonedfoundation.org)
- [facebook.com/LumbertonEdFoundation](https://facebook.com/LumbertonEdFoundation)

## Prospectus

In 2021, we will continue to support activities that benefit the Lumberton students. We plan to setup an annual scholarship for two graduating Lumberton Middle School students who represent the Foundation's commitment to education and community awareness. We will also continue to promote Foundation events and activities through our website and grow our social media presence.



*Lumberton Education Foundation Trustees, President Mike Dinneen and Secretary Rosanne Tullio-Kwiatkowski, present a donation to the Lumberton PTA's Annual Holiday Drive.*

# Diversity and Inclusion Committee Report

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## **Year-in-Review**

During the formation of the Lumberton Township Education Foundation in 2020, the founders committed to fostering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as central elements of our mission, as well as a key factor in our grant evaluation process. In addition to our operating committees, Executive, Development and Community Outreach, we created a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee to ensure that our efforts facilitate the broader school district goals of a fair and equitable learning environment.

## **Prospectus**

Prospectively, we are working with the school district administration to identify long-term programs that will successfully underwrite scholarships, aid, and mentorship programs among our students, specifically those seeking career paths in education. We are determined to ensure that all Lumberton Township School District students have opportunities to explore rewarding higher education and career paths.

In addition, our grant process will reflect the rich diversity of our community and the school district's population.

# Our Founders and Board of Trustees

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We are operated by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees. Our Trustees are also residents of our community and parents of Lumberton Township School District students and graduates. Collectively, our founders and trustees have served the Lumberton, NJ community as members of the Board of Education, the Township Committee, the Land Development Board, the Township Board of Health, and as Board members of our non-profit local youth and recreation organizations. Our school district administration is also represented on our Board of Trustees.

## **Mike Dinneen, President**

- Past Member, Board of Education, Township Committee (Deputy Mayor), Township Land Development Board (Vice Chair), Township Board of Health (Chair); Board Member Sacred Heart CYO; Past Board Member, United Way of Burlington County

## **Joe Kwiatkowski, Treasurer**

- Past President, Board Member Sacred Heart CYO; Past Board Member & Director, Lumberton Youth Association

## **Rosanne Tullio-Kwiatkowski, Secretary**

- Secretary, Rancocas Valley Soccer Club; Past President, Lumberton Youth Association; Past Member, Lumberton Township Land Development Board

## **Sean Earlen, Vice President of Development**

- Past Member, Township Committee (Three-term Mayor), Township Board of Health, Township Land Development Board; Board Member, Sacred Heart CYO

## **John Vining, Vice President of Community Affairs**

- Past President, Lumberton Youth Association; Trustee, Rancocas Valley Soccer Club

## **Nate Wood, Vice President of Programming**

- Burlington County Parks & Recreation; Past Member, Lumberton Board of Education

## **Joseph Langowski, Ex-Officio Trustee**

- Superintendent, Lumberton Township School District



*Lumberton Township Education Foundation's Logo*



*Original Lumberton Township Schoolhouse /  
Florence Walther School*

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