

Dowagiac Union Schools Foundation

About the Foundation

The Dowagiac Union Schools Foundation was created in 1984 to provide funding for educational opportunities that fall outside of the schools' operating budget.

The Foundation is supervised by a Board of Trustees who are volunteers from the community.

The Foundation's goal is to supplement, expand and diversify learning experiences of Dowagiac Union students.

—A Retired Second Grade teacher said, "As a retired teacher, I contribute to the Foundation so that today's students can experience the life-long learning gained from special trips outside of the classroom. I have given past contributions in memory of deceased friends and family."



Summer Migrant Program students take a break with their teacher at Sister Lakes Elementary.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO

How to Contribute

Contributions may be made payable to the Dowagiac Schools Foundation. Other creative vehicles for giving can take the form of:

- Bequests
- Estate Planning
- Real Estate
- Legacies
- Memorials
- Trusts
- Wills
- Stocks
- Pledges

Your contribution can be directed in two ways—the General Fund or the Endowment Fund. Assets in the General Fund can be accessed for "mini-grant" awards and any necessary operating expenses. Only interest income generated from the Endowment Fund is available for use by the Board of Trustees.

The Foundation is a registered non-profit organization. As such, all contributions are tax deductible.

—The President of a local corporation says, "Our company makes a contribution to the Dowagiac Schools Foundation every December. We feel it is a great way to support additional educational activities that the school system cannot provide. When the end of the year arrives, the Foundation is always at the top of our list of non-profit organizations."

Semi-annually, teachers submit applications for grant funds, which are reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Grant awards are based on the quality of the application, its impact on as many students as possible and the funding the Foundation has available.

"Helping Teachers and Students Beyond the Classroom"

- Senior Citizen Luncheons
- Performances at South Bend Symphony
- Field Trips, including:
 - State Capitol and Michigan Historical Museum
 - Dearborn's Greenfield Village
 - Kalamazoo Air Zoo Museum
 - Chicago's Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and Museum of Science and Industry
 - Sarett Nature Center and Fernwood Botanical Gardens
 - Binder Park and Potawatomi Zoo
 - VanBuren Vocational Center
- Other Worthy Projects

"We wanted to let you know how much we appreciated your senior luncheon. The food was very nice, the music was lovely and we could hear it. Your students are a group of helpful, caring young adults. They have been taught well. Thank you all." —Three Senior Citizens



Senior Citizen Luncheon at Dowagiac Union High School.

Please find enclosed amount of:

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\$ _____ other; specify _____

I would like to discuss a planned gift to the Dowagiac Union Schools Foundation. Please contact me for further information.

Name _____
Address _____
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E-mail _____

Dowagiac Union Schools Foundation
"Enhancing Their Future"

Help Them Broaden Their Educational Opportunities



Students learn much with the guiding hand of dedicated teachers.

An Elementary School Principal said, “Since the Foundation has been in operation, I’ve had to say ‘no’ a lot less often when members of my staff suggest worthwhile projects. Both staff and student’s experiences have expanded through the generosity of the Foundation. The Foundation has greatly increased the educational opportunities that would otherwise have not been possible.”

A DUHS Life Skills Teacher said, “Over 100 students are involved in the preparation and serving of the two Senior Citizen Luncheons. Nearly 200 senior citizens attend our luncheons! The Foundation makes these events possible and they are a wonderful experience for our students. What a great opportunity for the elderly to interact with the youth of today.”

An Elementary school mom said, “Today, my son came home with a bag containing a homework game and a book called Mittens. We sat down and read the book. This book was one of a number of sets the Foundation has made available to students. Books are important for growth and development. Thanks to all who donated their time and resources to make this project possible.”

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Kincheloe students at the Ivan C. Kincheloe Monument.

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Thank you for your support!