**Deer Creek – Mackinaw Education Foundation**

**P.O. Box 621**

**Mackinaw, IL 61755**

**Annual Report 2017**

**Website**

The biggest change for the DCMEF this year was the establishment of our website at www.dcmef.org. Interested parties may now access the website for up to date information, to download scholarship and teaching grant applications or to make donations. DCMEF hired an independent contractor to develop the website as reflected in the financial report.

**Donations**

DCMEF continues to receive pledges through the Capital Campaign initiated in 2014-2015. We also received memorial contributions on behalf of Grace Dean (former teacher) and Carolyn Gordon (Class of 1962). A new way to contribute is through the Amazon Smiles program, which designates a portion of purchases on Amazon to a charity of the buyers choice.

**Investments**

Currently, the DCMEF has CDs totaling, $55,395.12 and administers the ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship*** CD which totals $108,110.65 as well as the ***Frank B. Stowe Scholarship*** CD of $253,330.95. Detailed information regarding the DCMEF assets and liabilities is included in this report.

**Scholarships**

The ***Deer Creek-Mackinaw Education Foundation Scholarship*** awarded its first scholarship in 2017. A $1,000 scholarship was awarded to Karalyn Rich, who is attending Southern Illinois University.

The ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship*** is awarded annually to a collegiate junior or senior. The DCMEF administers this scholarship on behalf of the Henderson Family. Typically, the scholarships are reviewed and awarded by a representative of the Henderson Family in cooperation with the Board of Directors. This past year’s recipients were Morgan Rich (Greenville College) and Mitchell Carlson (Illinois State University).

The ***Frank B. Stowe Scholarship*** is presented to a current student, graduate or teacher in Tazewell County. The recipient must be committed to pursuing a career as a school counselor. Funds of up to $5,000 are awarded based on academic achievement and need. Scholarships are awarded on a rotating basis throughout the high schools in Tazewell County beginning with Dee-Mack High School. The DCMEF administers this scholarship on behalf of Tazewell County and the Stowe family. In 2017, a $5,000 scholarship was awarded to Travis Grant (Morton) who is attending Bradley University.

**Innovative Teaching Grants**

DCMEF awarded $7,069.24 in Innovative Teaching Grants to Dee-Mack staff this past year impacting over 700 students. Our grant program enabled the DCMEF to help provide the following:

* Software titles S’more, WeVideo, Quizualize, and Storybook for the District Media Specialist to use with Chromebooks;
* 10 Graphing Calculators and accessories for STEM projects in HS math;
* TouchMath Software for use in Primary Special Education;
* 5 Chromebooks for the Intermediate School;
* 1 Smart Document Camera for the 5th grade;
* 14 new books (multiple copies) for use in the 6th grade; and,
* Unique Learning Systems software for use in Primary Special Education.

**Heritage Lake Lots**

In years past, the DCMEF received a donation of Heritage Lake Lots. The DCMEF is responsible for paying the taxes on those lots. During 2017, we were able to sell the lots, but did not realize a profit on the sale due to back assessments.



