

A Message from the President
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St. Charles was recently voted by Family Circle Magazine as the #1 city in America to raise a family. Their criteria were based on how the community shows and proves its commitment to its children. The Greater St. Charles Education Foundation is an example of that commitment. While the Family Circle award is certainly great news for property value, I wondered, "Did Family Circle know about the Ed Foundation?" Could be.... our volunteers are certainly committed to the kids as they have raised over \$1 million for District 303 kids since 1993. But we can do much more. In fact, the most eye opening experience for me when I became President of the Ed Foundation a year ago was that most St. Charles people haven't heard of the Ed Foundation or the work that it does to support our students.

In my casual poll, parents say they moved to District 303 or continue to reside here because of our strong school district. The Ed Foundation works to augment that strength every day. All the money raised goes to fund a mix of technology, unique programs, musical instruments and special education materials.

Come Join US

If you regularly volunteer to help at your school's events you've invested about the same amount of time as an Ed Foundation board member. We meet once per month during the school year and the decisions you'll be making will benefit the entire district. If you're short on volunteer time, attend our annual Jazz Event. This night has something for everyone and spotlights our talented high school jazz bands as we auction off a myriad of donated items from Napa Valley wine excursions to other priceless items including high school senior parking passes!

Together we can become a force to raise money that benefits all of our kids in the entire district. And who knows... maybe we'll get that #1 award again next year too!