

MEET TAYLOR: SHOOT FOR THE STARS – THE CASINO IS BACK!

The sounds of the dealers and callers will fill the Salem Convention Center once again. You won't want to miss it when Shoot for the Stars returns to the Salem Convention Center on Saturday, April 21! This fun filled evening will find you enjoying gourmet food, bidding on amazing items, experiences and gift baskets, and playing the tables while supporting the AWESOME kids in our community. Help children in need at our annual dinner, auction and casino night.

Proceeds from this event will support young people like this young man who we will call Taylor. Taylor



Building out of the box.

attends before and after-school Enrichment Academy at one of our sites in South Salem. One week, he was really struggling. A family member was moving away, and the change was difficult for him. This normally, bright, energetic, yet sensitive second-grader

was not smiling much, but he was building out of "the box" a lot.

"The box" contains an assortment of recyclables for kids to build and play with. Cereal and egg cartons become boats and cars, trains and houses, sometimes entire worlds. While not every student enjoys the creative freedoms that come out of "the box," for Taylor, it is the first thing he asks for every day when he arrives after school.

Accompanied by his favorite toy, building from "the box" is one of the few table activities that keeps Taylor not only seated, but totally engaged.

Often crafting accessories for his toy, or creating a "toy hospital" where other students come and get their toys repaired, Taylor enjoys the time he gets to spend making things.

This particular week, Taylor was spending a lot of time building out



of "the box." Completely engaged in his toy's world, Taylor was down to the scraps at the bottom of the box. He had been building feverishly all week, but still no smile was to be seen. Knowing how much he enjoyed this creative time, his Enrichment Academy teacher dumped out what was left in the bottom of "the box" and refilled it with all of Taylor's favorite things to build with: thin cardboard he could easily cut, bottle caps to act as wheels, etc.

When Taylor came in the next afternoon and asked for "the box," he saw all of the fresh materials and his eyes got wide and a huge, unbridled smile formed on his face for the first time in over a week. Providing a place for Taylor to relax and build and find his smile is just one of the many things that your support of the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation through the Shoot for the Stars dinner and auction will provide.

By purchasing your ticket and supporting SKEF, you are supporting AWESOME kids like this. Helping every student, every day find their smile.

Tickets are available online at skeducationfoundation.org or by calling (503) 364-2933.

Board of Directors

Brent Neilsen

President

Jeff Aeschliman

VP Finance & Governance

Katie Costic

VP Development & Sustainability

Mary Jean Sandall

VP Mission Fulfillment & Quality Assurance

Tyler Massey

VP at Large

Erich Paetsch

VP at Large

Diane Childs

Secretary

Chuck Swank

Treasurer

Ashley Palke

Joe Egli

Lloyd Fobi

Jackie Franke

Ryan Gelbrich

Lisa Harnisch

Elaine Harvey

Deni Brooks Hoover

Jonathan Castro

Monroy

Lisa Norris

Russell Schutte

Jim Sparkman

Student Board Members:

Caroline Ditzler

Mackenzie Rolf

Mission Statement

The Salem-Keizer Education Foundation is a catalyst for the enhancement of the education and development of all Salem-Keizer youth by providing resources for creative and innovative programs and materials, educating and mobilizing the community, and sustaining collaborative partnerships that support its goals.

Privacy Statement

Salem-Keizer Education Foundation never sells, loans or exchanges the names, addresses or other information about our donors or others who receive our mailings.

GIVING IS EASY THROUGH BOTTLEDROP

Cans and bottles collecting in your garage? If you are ready to get that space back, consider donating your cans and bottles to help AWESOME kids in your community. SKEF is participating with BottleDrop Give, making the task of can and bottle recycling feel good.

It is easy to give. Stop in to SKEF at 223 Commercial St NE Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm or Saturday from 10am to 5:30pm to pick up your blue BottleDrop collection bag, fill it up and drop it off at your local BottleDrop Redemption Center. Salem-Keizer area BottleDrop Redemption Centers are located at 1917 Lancaster Dr NE, 1880 Commercial St NE, and 4815 Commercial St SE. The tags affixed to Fundraiser Blue Bags can be used to open the secure drop door between 6am and 10pm for easy, hassle-free drop off.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

SAALFELD GRIGGS

"We're Business Lawyers. Period." That is the line that greets you when you open the webpage for Saalfeld Griggs. Don't let it fool you, they are so much more.

Yes, Saalfeld Griggs is a respected Oregon business law firm with clients throughout the Willamette Valley and Pacific Northwest. With clients doing business from Portland to Medford, Eugene to Bend, and Seattle to Ashland, the goal of each of their lawyers is to learn about the client's business, understand their needs and goals, and efficiently develop practical and cost-effective legal strategies.

Founded in Salem, Oregon in 1932, Saalfeld Griggs has been giving back to the community since their start. Lawyers and support staff alike are encouraged to become involved in the community by participating in local service clubs and organizations and serving on non-profit boards. In turn, the firm supports them through sponsorship of local activities and events.

When Erich Paetsch joined the board, at SKEF, it was evident that he was not just ticking off another box as he built his resume. As a father of two, Erich firmly believes in the mission of the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation and he jumped in with both feet.

One of the SKEF activities that most interests Erich is Lemonade Day, an annual opportunity for local youth to learn what it is to be an entrepreneur. When he shared information about this opportunity with his business partners, they welcomed the opportunity to join in providing support. "Saalfeld Griggs PC is proud to support the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation and its work with children in our community," said Paetsch. "At Saalfeld Griggs we consider innovation and community involvement to be important business principles. With these principles in mind, we are particularly honored to sponsor this year's Lemonade Day. Through Lemonade Day, SKEF empowers kids to embody the role of business owner and leader. As a business law firm, we can't wait to see what imaginative business plans and marketing efforts these future entrepreneurs will bring to the community."

Thank you, Saalfeld Griggs! Because of you...every child, every day has the opportunity to be AWESOME!



PUCKER UP! LEMONADE DAY IS ON THE WAY.

It is a rite of passage that dates back over 130 years. The lemonade stand is a widely used and recognized symbol of capitalism and in particular entrepreneurship. The selling of lemonade on the streets of New York can be traced back to when a New York youngster sold it to thirsty street car riders. Its connection to youthful entrepreneurship has endured. Today it is often the first entrepreneurial venture of young people and is frequently mentioned as a summertime activity. The operation of a lemonade stand is clearly established as a learning or teaching tool and translates well into games for children, simulations and classroom exercises in most grades.

In 2007, Michael Hothouse started Lemonade Day; a nationwide education initiative program that teaches kids how to start, own and operate their very own business – a lemonade stand. Salem-Keizer Education Foundation is proud to host the fifth annual Lemonade Day for Salem-Keizer youth on Saturday, May 19, and we hope you will join in and “pucker up!”

As with any successful business venture, market research is key. A group of lemonaders from our Enrichment Academy



Lemonade Day clubs will operate stands and conduct market research to gain experience for their big day at the Lemonade Day Launch Party on March 14 from 5:30 – 7pm at the Salem Convention Center. The party will offer an opportunity for young entrepreneurs from throughout the community to register their stands and pick up their workbooks and backpacks. This event is free of charge and open to the public.

Each child who registers for Lemonade Day will receive access to information that teaches them the valuable lessons of Lemonade Day – including how to set a goal, make a plan, work the plan and achieve their dreams. Once a youth pays back their investors, they keep all of the money they earn and are encouraged to spend some, save some and share some.

Everyone can be involved with Lemonade Day! Our lemonaders need mentors, investors, business partners as well as great customers! Sponsors and volunteers are also needed to help make this day a success. For more information about on Lemonade Day, how to register your child or become a mentor, go to skeducationfoundation.org or call (503) 364-2933.



SKEF WISH LIST

- Pre-K – 2nd grade level books
- Stamps
- AA batteries
- Mason jars (4oz/16 oz with lids)
- Chess sets
- Board games
- Ad space for Where the Sidewalk Begins
- Spanish translators
- Gas Cards to fuel the Books are Awesome-Mobile
- iPads/Samsung Tablets
- Laminator
- Black and Red Fine Point Sharpies
- Socket Wrench Set
- Playground Balls

SKEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS BIG VISION

When the SKEF Board of Directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month, there is the usual talk about budgets, fundraising and program updates, but there is also in-depth conversation about the quality of the programs being offered and whether or not they are meeting the organization's mission.

Chaired by board member Mary Jean (MJ) Sandall, the Quality Assurance and Mission Fulfillment standing committee of the board is responsible for ensuring that all of SKEF's programs operate efficiently and add value to the organization.

Working under the six key focus areas of:

- supporting academic achievement of students in partnership with SKPS and our community
- being a catalytic partner and leader within the state
- being an effective and fiscally sound organization in support of our programs and services
- being an innovative and nimble organization proactive in meeting community needs
- sustaining and further developing adequate and stable funding to support programs and services
- maintain the highest level of program and service integrity keeps this standing committee quite busy



SKEF Board President Brent Neilsen is excited about the structure of the Board of Directors stating, "over the last couple of years our board, just like our organization has gone through a growth period. We have reorganized our board structure and we have instituted that with our committee structure. Every nonprofit needs to raise funds and develop relationships. That is the domain of our development committee.

The other committee that is a common find with most non-profits is our finance and governance committee. They are charged with budgeting, administrative questions, and all the things that go into just plain old good management.

The final committee, and the one that excites me the most is the Quality Assurance and Mission Fulfillment committee. This group looks broadly at our mission

and our behavior and is tasked to keep those in alignment. This committee is exciting because it helps us run without looking at our feet."

It is because of the hard work of this all volunteer Board of Directors in partnership with the SKEF staff that we are able to invest in AWESOME kids; ensuring that every child, every day is valued and included.

UNLOCK STUDENT FUTURES!





Trainings held
Wednesday at Noon
and
2nd Thursday at 6pm
at
223 Commercial St NE

**Contact us at
(503) 364-2933
to sign up today!**




ASPIRE Mentors Needed...for students just like these




Thank You DONORS

280 Labor Management
Cooperative Committee
AC & Co. Architecture
AccurAccounts, Inc.
ACME Cafe
Susan Adams
Lorissa Addabbo
Laurelle Adelman
Advanced Economic Solutions Inc.
Jeff and Margaret Aeschliman
Stephanie Allan
Christina Allemann
Patrice Altenhofen
Andie Andeen
Sharon Andersen
Janice Anderson
Anderson Shirley Architects, Inc.
Anonymous
Mary Arana
Ben and Paula Arthur
Association of Salem-Keizer
Education Support Professionals
Kathleen August
Dana and August-Sanchez
Dana August-Sanchez
Melinda Avila
Vic and Karen Backlund
Marvin W. Baker, Jr.
Lance Barnwell
Barnwood Naturals, LLC
Yvonne Bashor and Rick Bastasch
Nathan Bauer
Keith and Madge Bauer
Angie Bauer
Jodell Bayan
Walt Beglau and Helen Cooper
John Beight
Brandy Bell
Gabriel Benmoussa
Jani Bennett
Bentley's Grill
Hannah Berry
Bertolucci Management, Inc.
Larry and Janice Bevens
Marta Bierman-White
Judith Bill
Brad Bingerheimer
Joseph and Teresa Blubaugh
Joanna Boardman-Spinks
Don and MaryLou Boderman
David Booth and Nancy Wolff
Dawn Bostwick
Julie Bowles
Melissa Bradburry
Eric Bradfield
Ashley Brady
Chris and Louise Brantley
Tonja Brechtel
Michael Bredimus
Mount and Janet Brice
Malik Morris and Hilary Brik Morris
Steven Broncheau
Gail Brooks
Kevin Brooks
Denise Brooks
Samuel Brown
Derek and Gweneth Bruey-Finck
Mark Adam and Tiffany Bulgin
Steve Buresh
Burlingham Trust Inc.
Donna Burnett
DeEtta Burrows
Gayle Caldarazzo
Kevin and Judy Cameron
Ronald Campbell
Kara Campuzano
Mary Carlise
Janet and Dee Carlson
Craig and Catherine Carlson
Jean Carney
Ms. Tiffany J. Carstensen

Jeff and Aimee Carter
Heidi Carver Stice-Morin
Bob Casarez
Kari Caulder
Brodie C. Cavaille
Justin and Abigail Cavell
CB Two Architects, LLC
Robert and Lori Cegon
Lori Chamberlain
Steven Chambers
Beverly Chandler
Brett M. Cheever
Cherry City Interior Design
Mac and Diane Childs
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Ewa Chomka-Campbell
Michelle Chown
Bruce Sheppard and Carla Christensen
City of Keizer
Catherine Clark
Dan Clem
Shamika M. Cleveland
Craig and Cherie Cline
John and Bobbie Clyde
Coldwell Banker Commercial
Mauricio and Debra Collada
Erik Coloma
Commercial Business Furniture
Mark Comstock
Corban University
Country Financial
Rebecca Cozart
Crescendo Marketing, LLC
Pat Curran
Winter Curry
Cheryl Davis
Rick Day
Delaney Madison Grill
Brent and Lisa DeMoe
Department Of State Lands
Dermatology Northwest, LLC
Robert and Lori DeSouza
Richard Dezsofi
Zoe Diacou
Diagnostic Imaging of Salem and The Women's Center- CLOSED
DLSMA Enterprises, LLC
Doug Doty and Gayle Caldarazzo Doty
Scott and AnneMarie Dufault
David and Velma DuFault
Vickie Dull
Tom and Shelley Dutoit
Naomi Dwyer
George and Lois Dyer
Kathryn Dysart
Kris Eckstrom
Ed Carlson Painting
Joe and Shelly Egli
El Torito Meat Market Inc.
Misrak Elias
Kathy Ellis
Mary Ann Ellis
Rebekah Engle
Dolonna Espinoza
Fara Etzel
Express Fleet Service
EZ Orchards
Ms. Patricia A. Feeny
Ted Ferry
Ms. Marie Fidler
Fifth Generation Inc
Sue Fink
First Tech Federal Credit Union
Chuck and Pat Fisher
Lee E. Fisher-Miller
Randy Fishfader
Michele and Duane Fletchall
Laura Flocker
Roxann Fonoimoana

Mark and Kathie Foster
Molly Fourze
Nichole Fox
Lisa Francis
Randy and Jackie Franke
Fred Meyer Stores - Corporate Office
Andrew and Nicole Furman
FXG Construction LLC
Margaret Gander-Vo
Todd Garrett
Carolyn Gaskins
Jenny Gerig
Clinton and Julie Gertenrich
Derek Gilbert
Jolie Gilman
Ms. Rita A. Glass
Mark Glyzewsky
Larry and Vonnie Good
Stephen and Katherine Gordon
Darr and Kathy Goss
Larry and Sharon Gray
James Green and Raquel Moore-Green
Linnea A. Greenlund
Carol Greeno
Chane Griggs
Ted Gross
Frank and Patricia Gruber
Shawn and Lauren Gutierrez
Jordan Hagedorn
John and Tyke Hagedorn
Gary Hagedstedt
Half Penny
Elysbeth Hall
Julie Hambuchen
Tamika S. Hampton
Terry and Teresa Hancock
Craig and Kathleen Hanneman
Kim Hanson
Shawn Hanson
Shannon Harder
Randall and Lisa Harnisch
Craig and Sandra Hawkins
Ron and Linda Hays
Renee Heib
Elizabeth Henderson
Eric Henry
Tom M. Hewitt
Yolanda Hidalgo
Laura Hill
Brad and Desiree Hilliard
Brian and Kay Hillsabeck
Dwayne and Julie Hilty
Bonnie Hodge
H. Kirk Hofstetter
Clint Holland
Lisa Holliday
Charles and Mary Hollinger
Bruce and Brenda Holoubek
Karin and David Holton
Denise Hoover
Susan Horning
Jerry Howard and Kelly Hurst
Antje and Paul Howard
Steve and Valerie Hubbard
William and Pamela Hubble
Mary and Lew Hundley
Mark Hunter
Ann Hushagen
James Hutches
Heather Inaz
Carolyn Jackson
Ron Steiner and Caren Ann Jackson
Wilbur and Lela Jackson
Rebekah Jacobson
Darrell and Anna Lee James
Mrs. Kristeen Jennings
Mr. George M. Jennings
Erik and Beth Jespersen
Marnie Jewell

Maureen Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Karen Jordan
Mike and Breanna Kailey
Susan Kathrein
Gary and Sue Kaufman
Joshua Keck
Larry and Keeker
Keizer Chamber Foundation Inc.
Keizertimes
Alison Kelley
Elena Kelley
Susan Tripp and Marguerite Kenagy
Rob and Traci Kendall
Anita and Michael Kennedy
Keudell/Morrison Wealth Management
Brenda Kidder
Dennis and Carol Kilfoil
Richard Kimball
Marie Knobloch
Adam and Mackenzie Kohler
Paul Kylo
Donald Lakeberg
Eric Lassahn
Lori Lassen
LCG Pence Construction, LLC
Ron Lechner
Chuck and Krina Lee
John Lenssen
Jason and Sara LeRoy
Laura Lethé
Jason and Jocelyn Lewis
Jennifer Lewis
Karen Lewis
Brandon and Teresa Lewis
Robert and Patricia Lewis
Ron Liedkie
Lifesource Natural Foods
P. Griffith Lindell
Carol Lindquist
Jesse Lippold
James and Heidi Litchfield
Ann Little
Kerry Lohman
Matt Lokan
Jill Long
Loustic Catering
Ann Lyman
Arthur Lyter
Mandi Mack
Nancy and Bill MacMorris-Adix
Elizabeth Pickett
Bill and Mary Mainwaring
Martina Mangan
Marion-Polk Food Share
Charles and Nancy Marshall
Tyler and Linda Massey
Master Gardner Extension
Harris Matarazzo
Dawn Mathews
Beth Maurer
Terri Mazzilli-Roth
Lynda McCarthy
Russell McCracken
Corey McDermitt
McDonald's Pro Enterprises, L.L.C.
Alice McGrath
Cathy McInnis
McKay High School
William McVay
David Mercer
Malinda Merritt
Ms. Colleen Mileham
Kimberley D. Miller
Jennifer Miller
Teresa and Daniel Mills
Scott Mills
MKJack Enterprises, L.L.C.
Yvonne Montgomery
Jerry Moore

Janice Morgan
David Morrison
Patrick Mulligan
Jill Munger
Paul and Linda Myers
Jennifer Neazor
Donald and Kristi Negri
R. A. Neitzel and Jennifer Neitzel
Carol Nesmith
David Nielsen
Sara Nilles
Salam and Kelly Noor
Lisa Norris
William and Carol North
Northwest Farm Credit Services
Northwest Millwork
Ms. Krista H. Nunn
Oaks Park
Marcos and Martha Ochoa
Bill Olson
Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation
Oregon Community Credit Union
Oregon Garden Resort
Oregon Symphony Association in Salem
James and Julie Orth
OSU Extension Services
Tina Owen
Pacific Medical Supply
Erich and Heather Paetsch
Richard and Kathie Painter
Dmitri Palmateer
Paramount Real Estate Services
Richard and Shanel Parette
Shannon Parker
Melody Parr
Russell and Sharon Pascoe
Hazel Patton
Paul L. Bentley Architecture
Karl and Mary Paulson
Kristina Pemberton
Pentacle Theatre
Carlos and Laura Perez
Mrs. Nancy Sue Perna
Dale and Christy Perry
Charles and Bonnie Peter
Joyce Peters
Sarah Peters
Bryce Petersen
Nicole Pham
Benjamin and Paula Phelps
Elizabeth Pickett
Makaila Pike
Damonian Pike
Richard and Debra Pine
Carlos Pineda
Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A.
John and Karen Piper
Dawn Plechl
Scott and Lisa Plumb
Jack Poissant
Allan Pollock
Suzanne Port
Ronald Potts
Steve and Jayne Powers
Martin and Michelle Prather
Ms. Cindy A. Pressley
Sandra Price
Kelly Price
Shannon Priem
Print Specialties
TJ Putman
Scott and Sue Quayle
Mark Quistad
Larry Ramirez
Robert Ray and Maggy Welker
Amy Church and Aaron Reber
Peter Rector
Redhawk Vineyard and Winery
Kristi Reed

Lucas Reese
Sheryl Resner
Rhonda Rhodes
Eric Richards
Jeffitha Richardson
Jeff and Cecilia James
Ritter's Housemade Foods
Chad Robb
Don and Ruth Roberts
Mark and Jane Roberts
Donna Lue Robins
Lynn Rosik
Roth's Fresh Markets
Amy Ryan
Saffron Supply Co.
Salem Health
Salem Keizer Education Association
Salem Kiwanis Club
Salem Sign Co., Inc.
Alex and Elaine Sanchez
David and Mary Jean Sandall
Cathy Sanford
Rob Schoepfer
Patrick N. Schrader
Russell Schutte
Paul and Janet Schutz
Stephanie Schuyler
Linda Scott
Corey Scott
Scotts Co.
Seaman Restaurant Corporation
Seaman-Pollard Family Restaurants, Inc.
Alex Seden
Select Impressions
ServiceMaster of Salem
James Seymour
Bobby Shackelford
Peter Shanks
Michael Shields
Victoria Shinn
Mark Shipman
Samantha Short
Philip and Emily Skelding
Fredric Skirvin
David Smith
Mitzi Smith
Jennifer Smith
Smith Fine Arts Series
Kathleen Melhuse and Malcolm Snider
Snyder's-Lance/Kettle Brand
Sodexo
Jim and Sparkman
Sue Spinney
Spring Valley Dairy
Christine Sproul
St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Inc.
Stalnak's Photo Studio
Angie Stanley
Shaney Starr
State Farm Companies Foundation
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
Wayne and Robin Steckley
George Stein
Sternwheeler Excursions Inc.
Leslie Stevens
Barbara Stinson
Randy Stockdale
Gretchen Stone
Mr. John Stone
Suzanne Strife
Cynthia Stutz
T.J. and Christie Sullivan
Morgan Sund
Kirk Randall Sund
James and Kathleen Sundell
Diane Sutton
Chuck and Phoebe Swank

Craig Swanson
Swanson, Lathen, Prestwich, P.C.
Susan Tanabe
Gary and Jayanne Teeter
The Benefity Community Impact Fund
The Brandaw Family Foundation
The Hello Foundation
The Home Depot Foundation
The Oregon Community Foundation
Brent and Natsumi Neilsen
The Peace Garden Nursery
The Summit Group of Oregon, LLC
The Tides Foundation
Karisa Thede
Linda Thomas
Jonathan Thompson
Gerald and Susan Thompson
Romona Thornburgh
Valerie Thorne
Micah and Lara Tiffin
Joanne Timshel
T-Mobile
Mr. Kyle Tomson
Town and Country Lanes
Triplett Wellman, Inc.
Leilani Tucker
Stacy Tunzart
United Technologies
Gregory and Michele Vanderyacht
Janet Vandiver
Ken VanOsdol
Dorie Vickery
Virgil T. Golden Funeral Services and Oakleaf Crematory
Claudia Vorse
Sue Wack
Stacey Walen
Walmart Corporate
Dinah Walsh
Tami Walter
Kristine Walton
Jennifer Watkins
Chad Watson
Wayne Burrow Insurance Agency Inc.
Bob and Christina Weber
Jason Weeks
Wellert Ellendale LLC
Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign / D/otopia
Wells Fargo Foundation
Traci West
Western Oregon University Foundation
Kristina C. Wetter
Virginia Whetham
Stephanie Whetzel
Sally White
White Oak Construction
Wild Pear Restaurant & Catering
Jeff Wiles
Willamette Valley Pie Co.
Jordan Willey
Craig and Angela Williams
Amber Williams
Nick Williams
Sandra Wiscarson
Dick and Gayle Withnell
Michael Wolfe
Carol Won
Michelle Woodard
Marcus and Joan Wolf
Nick Wymore
Jon and Kathy Yunker
Kimberly Zahn
Robert and Susan Zakes
Amanda Zandofsky
Larene Zoerner

WHY I LOVE OREGON ESSAY CONTEST



In celebration of Oregon's birthday, we announced the winner of the 2018 "Why I Love Oregon" essay contest on Wednesday, February 14. CONGRATULATIONS to seventh grader, Logan Fisher! Logan's essay was selected from essays submitted by students at eight Salem-Keizer Middle Schools. In addition to receiving a surprise Valentine's party for his Language Arts class, he will receive a 529 Oregon College Savings Plan. Read his essay below.

Why I Love Oregon

By Logan Fisher
Walker Middle School
Salem-Keizer School District

All over the world people vie to live in a better world where the people are strong and never give up. A place where the blossoms greet you with a gentle kiss when they fall on you in the spring, and where everyone is accepted exactly as they are with no exceptions. I would wish to live in that place, except lucky for me, I already live there. Oregon is the place I love most, and always will for the rest of my life.

The strong people that make up this state are some of the best people in the world. They teach me that whenever I feel scared, that is the moment that I should be the bravest because I can do this. When I feel sad, be happy because things will get better. When I fall down a million times, I will always get back up a million and one times. When life tells me I can't, tell life it's wrong and that I can do anything

because the people of Oregon are strong and when people don't have strength, others give strength to them.

The nature in Oregon made me a person I never thought I could be. The endless hikes and rocky paths that cut you if you give up and fall have taught me to persevere through the tough times. That the reward will always make up the bruises and the sores, but the bruises and sores teach you more than the reward. The nature taught me that life is hard and will keep getting harder, so I need to keep persevering through it all. I will keep going.

The freedom of Oregon is the sweetest taste of all because there is only love when people look at one another. That love makes Oregon a better place because when other people are hurting, we help them and learn from them and keep giving and learning until the world is a free as we dream. As free as the beautiful birds flying away as far as they can in the Oregon breeze, their

thirst quenched by the wild rapids that run through the state like it is a mother taking care of her child. Oregon is my mother and always will be.

These are reasons why I love Oregon, and always will. No matter where I live in the world Oregon will always be my home. The people are my friends and my closest family, the nature is my greatest teacher, the freedom is my best friend that helps me through the tough times. Oregon is a beautiful, but very complicated state that will always be these things for me. My mother, my best friend, my teacher. All while being the place that I love the most.



Logan Fisher with his parents and Language Arts Teacher

GRADES K-12

Boost Your Scores

with Our Coaches

To schedule appointment, call 503-364-2933.
Visit skeducationfoundation.org
or email us at info@skeducationfoundation.org
for details.

SALEM-KEIZER EDUCATION FOUNDATION

ENRICHMENT ACADEMY TUTORING

Help us reach every child, every day



Why become a monthly giver?

Becoming a monthly giver means SKEF will have a foreseeable source of income we can rely on to support our programs and the kids who flourish from them.

Monthly giving is the easiest way to support SKEF. Here are some benefits:

- You are in control. You can start by mailing in the form on this page, change, increase, decrease or stop anytime by phone at 503-364-2933.
- You will have peace of mind knowing more of your gift will go directly to support kids.
- You will receive less mail because we don't need to send you reminders.
- You will never have to find another stamp or write another check.

Your donation will go directly to support every child every day to be able to participate in:

- AVID Field Trips
- K-12 Salem-Keizer Art Show
- Instruments for Kids
- Free Hot Suppers
- Enrichment Academy
- Lego Robotics
- Salem-Keizer Spelling Bee
- Awesome 3000
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- School Supplies
- Summer camps
- Awesome Youth Sports
- Bazillion Books for Kids
- Gardens
- Scholarships
- ...and much more!



Please sign up today to be a Monthly Giver!

MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM DONATION FORM

Yes! I want to donate to the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation.

MY INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE # _____

IT'S EASY TO GIVE

PLEASE ACCEPT MY:

MONTHLY DONATION OF:

\$5.00 \$10.00 \$20.00

OTHER \$ _____

Please deduct my checking account by using: *(signature required – sign below)*

A voided check or

A check with your first monthly gift

Please use my Debit/Credit Card:

VISA MasterCard Discover

American Express

Credit Card# Exp. Date

Signature

I/We authorize Salem-Keizer Education Foundation to deduct the above amount from my checking account or credit card on the 25th of each month.

MY ONE TIME DONATION OF: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Salem-Keizer Education Foundation

Thank you for your support!



Save THE DATES 2018

MARCH 14
Lemonade Day Launch Party

APRIL 11
Art Show Reception

MAY 5
Awesome 3000

MAY 19
Lemonade Day

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



When a team from SKEF, led by Director of Volunteer Services Director, Valerie Steele, sat down with a team from T-Mobile last winter to discuss a grant opportunity that included volunteer hours both parties became excited about the possibilities. While the grant was specific to SKEF's School Gardens Program, T-Mobile volunteers have helped out in all aspects of SKEF's programs.

From spending hours working in tandem with volunteers from Northwest Farm Credit Service to overhaul the greenhouse and ag science classrooms at McKay High School, providing a large team of volunteers to support the Awesome 3000, collecting and sorting school supplies for the annual School Supply Drive, filling a table for the Back to School lunch, assisting with the winter break lunch to most recently sorting books as part of Martin Luther King Jr National Day of Service, teams from T-Mobile have spent countless hours investing in the Awesome kids throughout the community.

"These are some of the most responsible, enthusiastic, and productive volunteers I've ever had the privilege of working



alongside. When T-Mobile gives their time they really do make a difference," said Valerie Steele, SKEF Director of Volunteer Services.

We look forward to continuing this partnership with spring break lunch and the 36th Annual Awesome 3000. Thank you, T-Mobile! Because of you...every child, every day has the opportunity to be AWESOME!