

# Coupeville Schools Foundation

## Annual Update 2020-21

*For nearly 25 years the Coupeville Schools Foundation has provided an  
"extra measure of support" to students through  
Classroom Grants • Scholarships • Promise Fund*



Karen Koschak recently stepped up to the position of President of the Foundation. She has long served both Coupeville and the Schools Foundation Board, joining Coupeville as an interim superintendent in 2011-2012.

When asked what she loved about being on the Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools, she replied, "I'm impressed with the many opportunities we can provide for teachers and students by fundraising during the year. It is such a joy to see the fruits of our labor in the classrooms and the ability to partially fund students dreams of college through scholarships. It is my favorite retirement activity!"

*Karen Koschak*  
Board President

## Our Promise

### *Care for All Students*

The Foundation is committed to providing a level field for all Coupeville students so that every child can fully participate in school regardless of financial situation. Our funds for this we call the **Promise Fund**.

Last year, \$1000 was provided through the school's homeless liason to support students in need. The needs in our community are increasing, and our Foundation looks to continue to improve both the support and the impact of the Promise Fund. Basic life necessities like supplies, food, toiletries, clothes for those in need allows the opportunity students participate in education.

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## Our Board

### *Working for Students Year Round*

Our board is made up of volunteers that are passionate about helping Coupeville students succeed in life.

Karen Koschak	<i>President &amp; Grants Committee Chair</i>
Bill Evans	<i>Vice President</i>
Christie Sears	<i>Secretary</i>
Chic Merwine	<i>Treasurer</i>
Diane Eelkema	<i>Scholarships Committee</i>
James Steller	<i>Fundraising &amp; Media</i>
Kathy Harada	<i>Dine Out Coordinator</i>
Sara Maher	<i>Marketing &amp; Outreach</i>
Molly McPherson	<i>Board Member</i>
Steve King	<i>Board Member</i>

You can learn more about our board members at

[www.4coupevilleschools.org](https://www.4coupevilleschools.org)



To start the year, iReady begins with a diagnostic test. This was super helpful to me! Not seeing kids' work on a daily basis was difficult. The diagnostic result helped me identify struggling students.

Other benefits included being able to assign grade level assignments to go with my lesson as well as iReady individualizing assignments to reinforce weak student skills. I require students to successfully complete one of those lessons a week. This means I may have one student working on a second grade skill that week while a different student is working on a fifth grade skill. I could never individualize the entire class before, so this has been very helpful. And for the most part, students are able to independently do this work and feel successful.

*Toni Crebbin ~ 6th Grade Teacher*

## Classroom Grants ~ *Enrichment for All Students*

The October of 2019 grant cycle turned out to be the last normal thing we did! The 2020 - 2021 school year started and stayed virtual - and we worked with the school district administrators to re-appropriate the funds usually used for teacher grants into the most important and effective support we could. In all, \$45,000 was donated in September of 2020 for COVID Relief. This grant was targeted to increase success with remote learning, supporting the Coupeville School District as it incorporated new software (iReady and Character Strong) and new technology hardware (lapel mics, cameras, and hot spots) to support teachers.

We were really pleased that the contributions supported the three areas the Foundation values: Equity in access to education, scholastics, and mental wellness.

**Equity:** For teachers - wireless headsets, speakers, and GoPro cameras were purchased to help set up virtual classrooms. For students, wireless hot spots and associated subscriptions were funded to ensure all students could access their classes

**Enrichment:** i-Ready is a comprehensive assessment and instruction program that empowers educators with the resources they need to help all students succeed. See teacher Toni Crebbin's explanation in side bar.

**Social & Emotional Support:** Character Strong is an extensive curriculum to support Social Emotional Learning K - 12. Lessons are arranged around 10 character traits: Respect, Courage, Perseverance, Honesty, Kindness, Empathy, Gratitude, Creativity, Responsibility, and Cooperation. The school counselors were able to use this software to connect with students and focus on student mental well-being and their families.

## Scholarships ~ *Supporting Academic & Career Choices*

Our community partnered with the Foundation to make a tremendous difference in the class of 2021! This year saw 21 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$10,000 awarded to 12 high school seniors. Scholarships from our community, brokered through the Foundation totaled \$31,500 this year, in addition to \$3000 in scholarships directly awarded by the Foundation. This year, one of the foundation scholarships honored Rick Widdison, who retired from our Board after 24 years of service!

These recognize student achievement, support a technical career or college degree, and encourage middle school students to complete high school with a goal in mind.

Would you like to create a scholarship? We can help you set it up, choose criteria, select awardees, present the scholarship at awards night and distribute the funds to the schools. Please contact Diane Eelkema, [scholarships@4coupevilleschools.org](mailto:scholarships@4coupevilleschools.org) or 360.632.6416. She would be happy to assist you.



## Coupeville Run, Ride & Reunite

"The foundation's largest fundraiser was reimagined and better than ever in 2021. Being together for the first time 2

This year, as former athletes were not able to reassemble and nursing my own injuries - I put some deep thought into what brings me joy. It is always the kids and the community.

James Steller  
Event Organizer

years, dozens of community members and students ran and biked the most iconic parts of Coupeville and then chilled afterwards with a picnic in our Town Park. The pace was "together" and the fundraising efforts exceeded \$16,000 after a match by a generous donor! In it's 5th year, this event has raised over \$100,000 in support of our schools.

Event organizer James Steller looks forward to growing the participation in 2022, so be on the lookout!"



## Dine & Shop Out ~ Businesses Helping Students

We really want to thank our wonderful community businesses for their support. Coming out of a pandemic, even more businesses (12 total) stepped up to support our students! We want to remind you that when you eat or shop at Coupeville restaurants and stores on their Dine Out or Shop Out day, they donate a portion of their day's sales to the Foundation. Contact Kathy Harada, Dine Out Coordinator, with questions at [DineOut@4Coupevilleschools.org](mailto:DineOut@4Coupevilleschools.org).

Thank you to these businesses for supporting our students last year!



European Market  
**A Touch of Dutch**  
Sweet Shop • Gifts



MADRONA BLOSSOM



the Oystercatcher  
Simply Good Food



**Q: Who Funds the "Extra Support"?**

**A:** You do! Our three programs are 100 percent funded by donations from individuals and businesses. Thank You!

**Q: How can I help financially?**

**A:** Here are some of the many ways:

### Donate by Check

You can mail your donation to  
**CFCPS, PO Box 1133  
Coupeville WA 98239**  
You will receive a mailed return receipt.

### Donate Through our Website

Use your credit card:  
[www.4coupevilleschools.org](http://www.4coupevilleschools.org).

**Dine & Shop Outs** - Eat and shop at Coupeville restaurants and retailers on their Dine Out/Shop Out Day.

**Shop at AmazonSmile** - Select the Community Foundation for Coupeville Public Schools as your preferred charity when you visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase to our Foundation

### Legacy Giving

Name the Foundation in your will.

**IRA Distribution** - Donations sent directly to us from a traditional IRA are normally tax free.





Dear Community Foundation for Coupeville  
Public Schools,  
Thank you so much for your help in providing  
students with scholarships. You have helped us all  
immensely. I could not be more grateful to have  
received the West Family Foundation Scholarship  
and I wanted to write to thank you for your part in  
awarding this scholarship.  
Thank you for all you do,  
Catherine Chaman

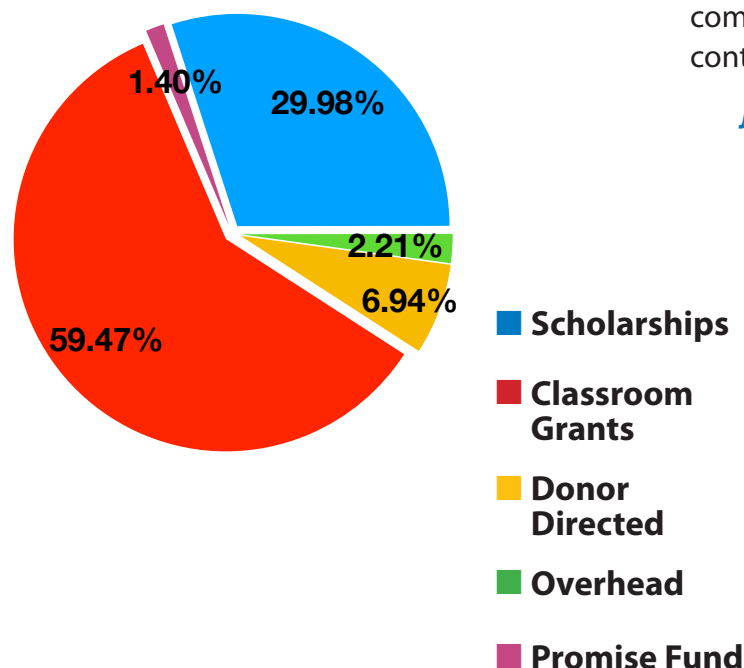
## Financial Recap

*2020-21 School Year*

The Foundation received \$121,342 in donations. We distributed \$56,133 to grants, promise fund, scholarships or donor directed funds. Expenses remained low at \$1686. The remaining balance is restricted to future year grants and multi-year scholarships.

The pie chart provides an overview of how your giving is allocated to the schools. It also demonstrates our fiscal commitment to you to make every dollar count by keeping expenses low.

### EXPENDITURES



## You're Invited to Join Us!

Join our volunteer core of community members who help board members with fundraising and community outreach. We need your creative ideas, skills and passion to help with existing fundraising programs and create new ones, plan events, update our web site, and write newspaper and newsletter articles and Facebook posts about our programs' impact. You choose how little or how much time you want to give.

If you are interested in fundraising, community outreach, or publicity, please contact James Steller at

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