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Mission Statement
The Davenport Schools
Foundation,
a not-for-profit
organization, seeks to
provide otherwise
unavailable resources to
enhance the District's
educational environment to
help students pursue
full potential

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Program Director



A Letter from President Larry Minard

***"The Davenport Schools Foundation provides
otherwise unavailable resources to enhance
the educational environment for all students"***

Dear Partners in Education,

It has been a productive and busy year for the Davenport Schools Foundation. The Foundation continues to act in many supportive roles for the students in the Davenport Community Schools. Through two part time employees and a very dedicated, active volunteer board, the Foundation is able to administer the following:

Scholarships:

The Davenport Schools Foundation holds over \$1.3 million in scholarship funds which awarded \$27,000.00 to twenty one graduating seniors in the June 2005 Class. There are 14 different scholarships that the Foundation manages. The scholarship application, interview and award process is handled entirely by volunteers and chaired by Manny Fritz and Bob Cahoy. Anyone interested in applying for our scholarships should check with their guidance office or go to our web site at www.davenportschools.com.

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Davenport Schools Foundation Contributions

The Davenport Schools Foundation continues to work toward the goal of providing otherwise unavailable resources to enhance the District's educational environment to help students reach full potential. Our success relies greatly on your ongoing support. Please consider a gift to the Foundation:

Great Minds Foundation Scholarship

Please mail your contribution to:

Endowment Fund

General Fund

Donations are Tax Deductible

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Custodial Accounts:

Twenty three different accounts are held within the Davenport Schools Foundation funds. Through our 501 c (3) status, we are able to accept donations and handle the necessary accounting for various school-related programs such as the Central Centennial, North High Performing Arts and Coats for Kids, to name a few. The Foundation is happy to provide this service for our schools and allow for another fund raising avenue at a school level.

The Great Minds Program

Great Minds is a curriculum based enrichment program that makes persons, places and performances available for our students, both in and outside the classroom setting. This is accomplished by bringing activities and experts into the classroom as well as transporting our students into the community to experience many of our local learning and cultural opportunities. Since the beginning of the school year there have been over 100 Great Minds activities involving 21,123 students. The teachers should be commended for their creativity and willingness to go above and beyond in enriching education for our students.

As the Foundation moves into the second semester, we are focusing on four main priorities:

- To raise \$150,000 to fund Great Minds for two school years
- To enhance community relations
- To administer the scholarship program
- To maintain and accept custodial funds

The Foundation is proud of not only this past year, but the momentum that we share as we move forward. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber of board members dedicated to the common goal of offering an enriched education for the students in the Davenport Community Schools. I hope that you will join our endeavor in providing otherwise unavailable resources for our students and know that you can make a difference today in a student's life.

Davenport Schools Foundation - Operating Budget

- Receipts

Great Minds	65,000
Scholarship	30,000
Various school funds	145,000
Interest/Dividends	57,000
	297,000

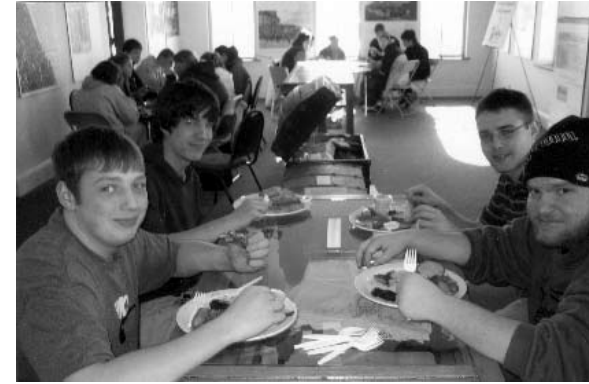
- Expenses

Great Minds	65,000
Payroll	50,000
Scholarship	30,000
Various school funds	145,000
	290,000



GREAT MINDS –

leveraging community resources for Davenport Community Schools



Central High School's German students visited the German American Heritage Center where they also enjoyed a meal catered by the Bierstube.

The Great Minds Program provides hands-on learning by offering curriculum based enrichment activities for students. Gene Conrad, Great Minds Program Director, facilitates these activities which take place both in the classroom as well as in the community. 21,123 students (some students have had more than one Great Minds experience) have participated in 123 activities since the beginning of the school year. All activities are teacher initiated and serve as an extension of classroom learning.

Some of the activities we have funded:

- Eisenhower students attended James and The Giant Peach at the Capitol Theatre
- Walcott students visited the Art Institute in Chicago
- Instructional materials purchased for Young, Smart, Monroe, Central, Hayes and Williams


Many students have also attended events at RME, the Figge and the River Center.

We know that Great Minds makes positive impressions on our students, many of whom would not have the opportunity to experience enrichment opportunities outside the school setting. After attending the production, Schoosical, at the River Center, a second grader from Monroe wrote a thank you note "Dear Great Minds, thank you for letting us go to the play. You are the best. My favorite part was when they sang a song. That was the best play ever. Thank you so much for supporting Monroe School. I can't wait until we see Cinderella". Gene Conrad, Program Director commented, "Teachers are very appreciative and clearly demonstrated the links to curriculum. From the kindergartners in the front row to the students in the very back row, all were interested in the singing, dancing, and visual excitement of the stage and the effects."

The Foundation works with each building in sharing the costs associated with Great Minds activities. Wonderful partnerships have been established at a building level with PTAs, booster clubs and fund raisers in order to stretch every dollar that the Foundation raises for this program.

The Davenport Schools Foundation board has been fund raising for Great Minds since the beginning of the school year. We are grateful to the following donors for their recent commitment to our students; The Riverboat Development Authority, Scott County Regional Authority, Walcott Bank, Republic Electric, Ryan Companies, and Quad City Times. The Foundation also thanks the many community members who have donated toward the program.

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