



"It's just like a magic penny; hold it tight and you won't have any. Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many they'll roll all over the floor."

-- Malvina Reynolds

Dear Eagan Foundation Friend,

The Magic Penny song began running through my head this fall as I prepared to take on the role of Board Chair for the Eagan Foundation. Serving on the board for the Eagan Foundation has been awe-inspiring as we help decide the worthy recipients of those magic pennies you have provided our organization. I want to share with you two stories about how your pennies have multiplied. As you read this, please consider making a donation before the year's end.

Community Grants:



Grant Recipient - Bowls for BrainPower

Thanks to your pennies, the Eagan Foundation funded \$16,000 in grants to 28 nonprofits serving Eagan this year. One of those grantees is *Bowls for BrainPower*. This non-profit asked for and received one of our smaller grants, but what they do with the funds is magical. *Bowls for BrainPower* is a community fundraiser for *BrainPower in a Backpack*. This awesome high school project is teaching our youth about social responsibility--empathy, volunteering and fundraising. Students learn to make and glaze ceramic bowls which are then sold at an annual fundraising soup event. In a nut shell, your magic pennies became bowls which helped raise funds to send over 65 students home with a bag of food each weekend

and over school holidays through the *BrainPower in a Backpack* program. ***Wow...from high school students, community members and some of the smallest most vulnerable students, this program multiplies your pennies beyond our ability to count. Magic indeed!***

High School Scholarships:

In 2018, thanks to local businesses, school organizations, nonprofits, and community members like you, the Eagan Foundation facilitated 124 scholarships totaling \$138,000. Over the past 28 years, the Eagan Foundation is proud to have delivered over \$1.6 million to 1,769 students. ***I wish each one of you could be on the phone when we tell a student that they have been awarded a scholarship...the joy and gratitude is palpable!*** When we give a scholarship, we don't know the road that will be traveled by that student, but they go on to become teachers, social workers, doctors, athletes and on and on. What we do know is that the ***recipients of your generosity frequently become givers themselves.***



Scholarship Recipients

Read more about how your donations are used. →



Dan Frankenfeld, 2011 Scholarship Recipient

One of these awardees shared his story at our “Taste of Eagan” fundraiser this fall. Dan Frankenfeld received a scholarship in 2011 and has gone on to pursue his vocation in the non-profit world. Giving back to the community is a regular part of life for Dan. In addition to coaching winter drumline for Eagan High School, he volunteered his time to coordinate and facilitate the Eagan Foundation’s strategic planning retreat this year. ***Your support not only helps educate Eagan students, but also instills in them the spirit of giving and the desire to pay it forward.***

The magic doesn’t happen without you. We are an honored steward of your generosity and of your magic pennies. Your year-end donation to the Eagan Foundation will help us in many ways:

- ✔ \$25 – \$100 donation helps with supplies
- ✔ \$200 donation would cover the Grants Coffee or monthly rent
- ✔ \$500 donation would fund a grant or our web site
- ✔ \$1,000 donation would fund a lucky student’s scholarship
- ✔ \$2,000 donation would cover the Scholarship Breakfast or our insurance
- ✔ \$5,000 donation would help pay for all of the above and so much more!

To donate:

- ✔ Use the enclosed envelope
- ✔ Go online to: www.eaganfoundation.org

Thank you for your continued support!

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Taste of Eagan Annual Fundraiser