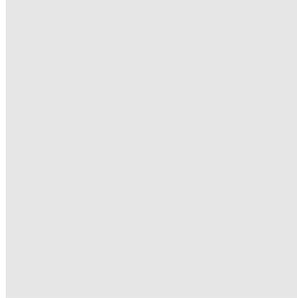


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SJPS Foundation raises \$601K in 2017

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Bill Marohn

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Public School Foundation met all its goals in 2017, which included a record revenue year.

Foundation President Bill Marohn and Foundation Administrator Sue Riemland gave school board trustees a year-end review Monday on behalf of one of the district's largest grant contributors.

Marohn said the amount of revenue received through fundraising was more than \$601,000 in 2017. In 2016, the foundation raised \$517,000.

"It was a record revenue year for us. None of this could be accomplished without the support of this community and our donors," Marohn said. "We are so thankful to the community for their generosity. It allows us to enrich the education of our St. Joe students."

The foundation's original 2017 goal was the same as the one set in 2016, which was \$450,000.

With the foundation surpassing its goal once more, Marohn said they hope to generate \$570,000 in total revenue in 2018. Marohn said they increased the goal because there will be an Encore performance this summer.

Encore, which raised about \$70,000 after expenses in 2016, is a two-night variety show that reunites former St. Joseph High School performers every other year. The goals are set with the chairs of the foundation's executive committee.

Marohn said Whirlpool Corp. remained the foundation's biggest contributor in 2017. The appliance maker contributed about \$183,000, which was raised in large part by the company's golf outing.

More than \$45,000 was donated toward foundation scholarships, which was the fourth largest item the foundation helped fund this year. Special fund requests topped out to more than \$188,000. Marohn said there were 27 special fund requests granted in 2017.

The foundation also passed along \$100,000 for the 1-to-1 Computing program that provides MacBook laptops to incoming sixth graders at Upton Middle School.

Marohn said 90 percent of the contributions benefited the district and its students. One item Marohn said he would like to see increase is the amount of teacher grants.

In 2017, about \$25,000 were rewarded in teacher grants.

Other goals in 2018 the foundation hopes to meet include identifying a major project to help with and obtaining \$210,000 in funding from committee generated sources.

Superintendent Ann Cardon said the district would not be the same without the foundation.

"This is funding we would not be able to provide for our kids because we don't have that kind of revenue coming in," Cardon said. "They (foundation board members) come with great ideas and are willing to listen. They ask tough questions (when fund requests come in)."

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