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OPPORTUNITY



A New Chapter Begins

OPPORTUNITY CHANGES LIVES.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Building Opportunity Together.



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*Every opportunity
begins with someone
who believes in another
person.*
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Dear Friends,
Grounded in the belief that opportunity changes lives, the Mapleton Education Foundation connects the generosity of our community with the potential of our students and educators. It is my privilege to welcome you to the inaugural issue of Opportunity, our new publication celebrating the people, partnerships, and possibilities that make this work possible. Having served the Mapleton community in a variety of roles, including supporting our superintendent, working alongside our Board of Education, and serving as secretary to the Mapleton Education Foundation Board, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible work happening in our schools and the generosity of a community that believes deeply in its students. Today, I am honored to continue that work as Executive Director of the Mapleton Education Foundation.

At the Foundation, we believe every student deserves opportunities that inspire learning, encourage exploration, and open doors to new possibilities. We also know educators thrive when they have the resources, partnerships, and support to bring innovative ideas to life.

Over the past year, our Board of Directors adopted a new strategic plan focused on expanding student opportunities, supporting educators, strengthening community partnerships, engaging generous supporters, and building a sustainable foundation for the future. Every priority reflects our commitment to transforming generosity into opportunity across Mapleton.

Our vision is simple: to ensure the Foundation continues to be a trusted partner in helping Mapleton students and educators succeed for generations to come. This publication is one of the ways we'll share that work with you.

In every issue of **Opportunity**, you'll discover stories that show generosity in action - from scholarships that help students pursue their dreams to innovative classrooms, meaningful field experiences, and educator grants that spark new possibilities. You'll meet the students, educators, donors, volunteers, and community partners who remind us that when a community invests in opportunity, lives are changed.

Whether you've been part of the Foundation's story for many years or are just discovering our mission, thank you for joining us.

Thank you for believing in Mapleton students.

Thank you for investing in public education.

Thank you for helping remove barriers, expand possibilities, and create opportunities.

And most of all, thank you for believing, as we do, that *opportunity changes lives*.

I hope these stories inspire you to see the difference a caring community can make, and perhaps even discover your own opportunity to make a difference.

Warmly,

Laura Milani



WHO WE ARE

Building Opportunity. Strengthening Mapleton.

Grounded in the belief that opportunity changes lives, the Mapleton Education Foundation (MEF) cultivates relationships that transform generosity into possibility for students and staff.

We invest in ideas that inspire learning, remove barriers, and create meaningful opportunities for students and educators across Mapleton schools. From scholarships and innovative classroom experiences to student opportunities and educator support, MEF helps make possible the programs, resources, and experiences that public funding alone cannot always provide.

Our work is powered by the generosity of employers, families, alumni, businesses, and friends who believe in the potential of Mapleton students and staff. Through strong partnerships, thoughtful stewardship, and a commitment to meaningful impact, we work together to turn generosity into opportunity - and opportunity into possibility.

Because opportunity changes lives.



WHAT WE DO

To inspire opportunity by funding innovation, empowering educators, and enriching the educational journey for every Mapleton student.

OUR VALUES



ENGAGEMENT



STEWARDSHIP



IMPACT



OPPORTUNITY



ADAPTABILITY



YOUR IMPACT

Opportunity in Action.

Sometimes one opportunity changes everything.

Hands-on learning gives Mapleton students the chance to explore, discover, and imagine what's possible. From healthcare and engineering to the arts and skilled trades, these experiences open doors to new interests, new skills, and new possibilities.



6,000+

STUDENTS
SUPPORTED



30

CLASSROOM
INNOVATIVE
PROGRAMS



900+

EDUCATORS
EMPOWERED



20+

FAMILIES SERVED
DURING THE HOLIDAY
GIFT SHOP

Thanks to supporters like you, students are discovering their passions, educators are bringing new ideas to life, and dreams are becoming reality every day.



Mapleton students gain hands-on experience in the district's Career and Technical Education healthcare pathway, preparing for future careers through authentic clinical learning experiences.

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"Before this class, healthcare was just an idea. Now it feels like a real possibility."

- Mapleton Student

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Because of You

Thanks to Marchi Mini-Grants, students have access to engaging, hands-on tools that help them recognize, understand, and express their emotions. Through interactive activities, they are building emotional vocabulary, strengthening relationships, and developing skills that support success in the classroom and beyond.

Because of this opportunity, students are learning not only how to understand themselves, but how to better understand one another, and that can make all the difference.



Students proudly share projects that help build emotional awareness and communication skills.

THE IMPACT



25+ years

A legacy of believing
in Mapleton
classrooms.



Countless
STUDENTS & SCHOOLS

Inspired through
creative learning
experiences.



Thousands
OF DOLLARS INVESTED

Invested in
innovative teaching
and student success.



A Lasting Legacy

Helping students
discover, grow, and
thrive.



Tom Moe

MEF BOARD MEMBER

Retired structural engineer and community leader dedicated to student opportunities.

MEET THE BOARD

Building a Stronger Foundation Together.

Tom Moe brings decades of experience, steady leadership, and a deep passion for education to the MEF Board. His belief in strong schools and student success continues to guide his service.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO SERVE ON THE MEF BOARD?

I believe every student deserves an equal opportunity and the chance to reach their fullest potential. MEF helps make those opportunities possible in our schools.

WHAT STRENGTHS DO YOU BRING TO THE BOARD?

A commitment to students, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration. I value listening, planning ahead, and staying focused on what truly benefits our schools.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF ABOUT MAPLETON?

The people - their pride, work ethic, and care for kids. It's what makes Mapleton such a great place to live, learn, and give back.

WHAT IS YOUR LONG-TERM VISION FOR MEF?

To build a strong, sustainable foundation supported by our community - one that empowers students today and tomorrow.

WHAT KEEPS YOU MOTIVATED?

Seeing the impact of our investments on students and school programs, and knowing we're building a better future together.

SOMETHING FUN WE MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends. Give me a long weekend, and you probably won't find me at home!

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"Strong schools build strong communities. When we work together, we can create a future filled with opportunity for every Mapleton student."

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TOM MOE
MEF Board Member



LOOKING AHEAD

Building What's Possible. Together.

As we begin this new chapter, we are focused on building a stronger Foundation and deepening our impact across Mapleton.

Through grants, awards, workshops, events, and hands-on experiences, we will create meaningful opportunities for students while strengthening support for mentors, educators, and schools.

Together, we'll remove barriers, spark innovation, and open doors to new possibilities, helping every student discover what's possible and prepare for a bright future.



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

— ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES

Fund innovative grants and learning experiences across every level to open doors.



SUPPORTING EDUCATORS

We invest in the tools and training that empower teachers and elevate learning.



BUILDING TOMORROW

Your support today creates stronger schools, confident leaders, and a brighter future.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



DONOR RELATIONS & ENGAGEMENT

Inspire trust and deepen relationships to grow lasting donor support.



STUDENT INVESTMENT

Invest in students to unlock potential and to expand opportunity.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Build strong partnerships to amplify impact across the community.



MAXIMIZING ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Strengthen systems and strategy to maximize impact and sustainability



STAFF INNOVATION AND RECOGNITION

Empower and celebrate staff to drive creativity and excellence.



CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT

Grow and support chapters to extend reach and local impact.



GET INVOLVED

Be Part of the Opportunity. Save the Date.

*To our donors, volunteers, partners, and friends -
Thank you for making a difference. Because of
you, Mapleton students have opportunities that
shape their every day.*



*because of teachers,
possibilities grow
every day.*



*because of students,
we invest in the
future.*



*because of you,
opportunities
become possible.*



*because together,
we can make a
difference.*

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