

## Development Narrative Report FY 25/26 (Thru 2/2/2026)

### GRANTS

#### Recent Grant Updates

- **Awarded** – \$30,000 to support General Operations, with additional \$20,000 Capital Grant from the Hardenbergh Foundation. Capital grant will support technological upgrades and CRM expansion.
- **Awarded** - \$2000 from the Athwin Foundation to support general operations.
- **NEW - Awarded** – \$25,000 grant from Capital Group Associate Involvement Grant Program through invitation from Pete Deavan. The grant funds are expected in 1Q of 2026.
- **Submitted** - \$55,000 grant to the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to support membership engagement, leadership development and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Notification is expected in late April 2026.
- **In Process** – \$27,500 STEM Grant request to Xcel Energy – due Feb. 23, 2026
- **In Process** – \$100,000 STEM Grant request to Schott Foundation – due April 1, 2026
- **Declined** - \$50,000 to support educator AI literacy to the People First AI Fund 2025.

#### Meetings and Funding Updates

- 2-5-2026 Annual impact meeting with Xcel Energy Foundation.
- In Process – Annual Impact meeting with 3M
- Sending LOI's to a prospect list of small family foundations with planned follow-up.
- 4 prospective supporters referred by Board of Directors

### TRUSTS

- Awarded \$44,227.08 from the Helen Harrington Trust to be paid in 4 installments – January, April, July and October.

### ANNUAL FUND

Category	# of Donors	Total YTD Amount	# of New Donors
Individuals/Orgs/Corp	29	\$40,936.76	3
Trusts	1	\$44,227.08	0
Foundations	4	\$77,000	1
Sponsors	34	\$66,600	5
			<b>% Giving</b>
Board (21)	13	\$18,611.76	62%

**FY 25/26 Individual/Organization/Corporation Donors (Does not include sponsors)**

1. Tim Benz
2. Best Buy/Anastasia Benz
3. Michael Lamb
4. Heidi Gallus
5. Mike Brennan
6. M. William Lower
7. Roger Maulik
8. The Mark E. and Mary A. Davis Foundation
9. Peter and Leeann Deavan
10. Lea A. Theobald
11. Vikram Ghosh
12. Frels Family Foundation
13. William Lower
14. Blake and Kris Nelson
15. Josh and Sara Schultz
16. Tim Berner
17. Dr. Thomas D. Larson
18. John E. McCall
19. Patrick Callan - NEW
20. Dean and Cheri Broadhead
21. Sharon Dubiak - NEW
22. Sowles Company
23. Andy and Anne Biebl/
24. James and Patricia Heydon
25. Jeremy and Shana Duininck
26. Kate Wollan
27. Patrick O and Mary K. Regan
28. Premier Bank
29. Teri and Kevin McCloughan/McCloughan Family Fund - CCF
30. Lisa & Chris Vosbeek

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**SPONSORSHIPS**

**2026 Private and Independent Education Awards (April 26, 2026)**

Langer Construction (Print Sponsor)	\$1500
Premier Bank (Honor Teacher Sponsor)	\$3000
Jim Hansen (Education Sponsor)	\$1500
Hellmuth & Johnson (Table Sponsor)	\$1000
Teri and Kevin McClougan (Table Sponsor)	\$1000
Bethel University (Technology Sponsor)	\$1500

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<b>FY 25-26 Education Awards Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>
<b>Sponsorship Goal</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

**2025 School Leadership Conference (Sept. 22-24, 2025)**

Langer Construction	\$3000
Thrivent	\$3000
Enquiry Tracker	\$3000
FACTS	\$3000
Canopy IT Solutions	\$3000
Cognia	\$3000
Slow Road Photo	\$3000
Renaissance	\$3000
Tools for Success	\$1800
Opus Group	\$1800
Solid Rock Construction	\$1800
Donald's Uniform	\$1800
Escale Advisors	\$1800
Catapult Learning	\$1800
Sadlier	\$1800
Pope Design Group	\$1800
Revolution Sporting Goods	\$1800
Teaching Channel - NEW	\$1800

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<b>FY 25-26 School Leadership Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>
<b>Sponsorship Goal</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>

**Preferred Partnership Program**

Thrivent	\$500
Langer Construction	\$500
Cognia	\$500
Enquiry Tracker	\$500
Phoenix School Counseling, LLC	\$500
Tools for Success	\$500
Renaissance	\$500
Pope Design Group	\$500
Escale Advisors	\$500
Catapult Learning	\$500

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<b>FY 25-26 Preferred Partnership Program Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$5000</b>
<b>Sponsorship Goal</b>	<b>0</b>

**2025 STEM Education Conference (Aug 13, 2025)**

MN Zoo	\$250
Thrivent	\$500
Science from Scientists	\$500
Code Savvy - <b>NEW</b>	\$500
ATSR - <b>NEW</b>	\$500
High Tech Kids	\$250
MN Agriculture in the Classroom	\$250
Sadlier Publishing	\$500
SmartLab	\$500
The Works Museum - <b>NEW</b>	\$250
Fenworks	\$500
MN HOSA - <b>NEW</b>	\$250
Teaching Channel – trade for a presenter	\$0

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<b>FY25-26 STEM Education Conference Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$4750</b>
<b>Sponsorship Goal</b>	<b>\$4000</b>

**Other Organization Sponsorships 2025-2026**

Thrivent - ENEWS Spotlight Sponsor (July 2025 thru June 2026 – 12 issues)	\$2400
Thrivent – PD Webinar Sponsor (1 webinar)	\$750
Opus Design Group – ENEWS Spotlight Sponsor (July 2025 thru Nov. 2025 and Jan. 2026 thru June 2026 – 11 issues)	\$2200

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<b>FY 25-26 YTD Other Sponsorships</b>	<b>\$5350</b>
<b>Other Sponsorship Goal</b>	<b>\$5500</b>

Grant Pipeline Report - FY 2025-2026 thru 2-2-2026

Source	Purpose	Request	Budget	Status	YTD Awarded	Deadlines & Notes
Hardenbergh Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	Awarded	\$30,000.00	
	Capital Grant for IT Infrastructure	\$20,000.00	-	Awarded	\$20,000.00	
MN STEM Ecosystems Grant	Restricted - STEM	\$25,000.00	\$ -	Declined	\$0.00	Submitted LOI Sept. 15, 2025
Capital Group Associate Involvement Grant Program - NEW	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$25,000.00		Awarded	\$25,000.00	Invitation to apply from Pete Deavan. Funds expected in next 6 weeks
Richard Schulze Family Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$55,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	Pending		Grant submitted on 1/26/2026
	6 Month Grant Report	NA	NA	Submitted	NA	10/9/2025
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA			Due 4/8/2026
Althwin Foundation	Unrestricted - General Ops	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	Awarded	\$2,000.00	
People First AI Fund	Restricted - Educator AI Literacy	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	Declined	\$0.00	No feedback provided
Schoot Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	In process		Due April 2026
Xcel Energy Foundation	Restricted - STEM Program	\$27,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	In process		Due Feb. 23, 2026
	Final Grant Report	NA	NA		\$0.00	Due May 30, 2026
3M Foundation	Restricted - STEM Prog/underserved students (SciSci Programming)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	Awarded	\$25,000.00	
	2026 Final Grant Report	NA	NA		NA	Due 10-3-2026
Olto Bremer Trust	Strategic initiatives that align with ORT objectives - no grant applications accepted. Grants awarded based on stakeholder engagement and research by ORT.					Tim will schedule follow-up meeting to discuss strategic areas and which ones are the best fit for funding to fit in their new strategic priorities
GHR Foundation	Restricted - Programming (no grant deadlines published)	TBD	\$0.00	In Process		
			\$0.00	In Process		Sponsorship partners at Opus with provide introduction to new program officer at Foundation
<b>Other Funding Provided By Community Partners</b>			<b>\$ 189,000.00</b>	<b>Total Awarded YTD</b>	<b>\$102,000.00</b>	
<b>We Share Solar (WSS)</b>	WSS supplemental funding for Legacy Schools (\$6500/10 solar suitcases/school/11 schools			Awarded	\$65,000.00	Funding provided by WSS for MINNDEPENDENT member schools
<b>Science from Scientist (SciSci)</b>	SciSci supplemental funding to serve metro schools underserved students (8 schools served by program)			Awarded	\$26,000.00	Funding provided by SciSci for MINNDEPENDENT member schools
				<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>\$91,000.00</b>	

