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Avon Education Foundation
Grant Awards Announced
December 17, 2015

Over \$12,500 in funding was granted by the AEF to enhance education for all Avon residents. The AEF is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, which is entirely donor-funded and volunteer-led. We thank our generous donors and volunteers without whom we could not exist and our innovative grant applicants who allow us to continue our mission of providing enriching educational programs since 2004. Our website is avonedfoundation.org and we can be followed on Twitter @avonedfound and on Facebook.

AVON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LyndaLibrary: The AEF Chairman's Grant, named in honor of past chair Joanne Beers & current chair Beth Zweibel, of \$3,300 was awarded to the AFPL for LyndaLibrary, which builds upon the Library's LyndaKiosk, and will allow access to Lynda.com's vast array of online courses that teach business, technical and creative skills to all users. LyndaLibrary's course selection will put industry experts on various topics directly into Avon classrooms, offices and homes via the Internet. With this upgraded subscription, multiple simultaneous use of Lynda's content will be available 24/7/365 to anyone with an Internet connection and an Avon Free Public Library card.

"Avon Free Public Library is grateful for the AEF's support. We are excited for this opportunity to offer state of the art online learning opportunities to Avon students and residents through LyndaLibrary. The collection of courses is first rate, and by allowing remote, simultaneous access, we hope to broaden the reach of this resource."--Glenn Grube, AFPL Director

AVON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Verba Card Sets: AMS Teacher Kathleen Hickey and the AMS World Language Teachers were awarded a Mini-Grant for \$479.95 for these Spanish, French and Chinese educational game card sets which will enhance authentic & meaningful communication in the target language.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL

Acoustical Shell: An AEF grant of \$6,123, generously funded by The Polley Family Music & Arts Grant and all of the AHS "Another Brick in the Walk" supporters, helped provide a seven-piece acoustical shell to the Avon High School Music Department that

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will enhance AHS auditorium acoustics to both the ensemble & the audience. The AEF is proud to be part of this collaborative \$17,000 project supported by many Avon stakeholders, including Avon UNICO, AHS FAME, AHS PTO & Avon BOE.

Water Bottle Filler Initiative: AHS Teacher Andrew Dorr was awarded \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of a water bottle filler station at Avon High School to provide students and staff with a quick and easy way to fill their water bottles. This program will enhance sustainability, encourage healthy habits, and help minimize our dependency on disposable plastic bottles.

Jill Paterson, AHS Drama Teacher and previous AEF grant recipient, was awarded a Founders' Fund Grant of \$1,920 for further improvements to the AHS performance space, building upon her 2013 grant for "Enhancements to the Theater Program." With this funding, she will be purchasing a scrim and cyclorama pipes. Founders Fund grants are available to previous AEF grant recipients to update, improve or expand upon an existing program.

****SAVE THE DATE****

The Avon Education Foundation Spring Gala & Auction will be held on
Saturday, April 2, 2016 at The Golf Club of Avon.

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