The Oak Grove School District Education Foundation was established in 2017 with the mission of **"Leaving a Legacy."** The Oak Grove School District Education Foundation is a charitable organization that supports and celebrates excellence in education by providing financial resources to stimulate learning for students, teachers, and programs beyond the scope of the School District regular budget.

The Education Foundation promotes excellence in education by helping provide scholarships to graduating seniors, enhancing classrooms through teacher grants, and hopefully in the future assisting the schools in purchasing items and providing new initiatives for the district.

The Foundation is funded through private donations from individuals, local businesses, and partnership activities that enhance education for Oak Grove students.

Like nearly all the Education Foundations in the Kansas City area, we partnered with the Truman Heartland Community Foundation to take advantage of pooled investments along with retaining the expertise of their accountants, legal advisers, and planned giving specialists to further assist donors.

While any and all contributions are greatly appreciated we have established these Levels of Contributions
Founder $25,000 (may be paid over 3 years)
Founding Fifty $10,000 (may be paid over 5 years)
Legacy Club $12,500
Platinum Donor $5,000
Gold Donor $2,500
Silver Donor $1,000
Bronze Donor $500

Since the establishment of the Oak Grove School District Education Foundation we have added 10 new scholarships:
The Tripp Family Scholarship
The Krystle Rose Logston Memorial Scholarship
The Charlene Roscher Memorial Scholarship
The Duncan-Osburn Family Scholarship
One additional Kenneth and Lois Royer Memorial Scholarship and increasing the award to $2,000 each rather than $1,000
The Coach Pirch Memorial Scholarship
4 OGSDEF scholarships
And the Hockman Hardware Memorial scholarship for Dual Credit Scholarship

At Baccalaureate service in May of 2018 the Foundation awarded **$14,500** in scholarships.

In 2018 the Oak Grove School District Education Foundation awarded $1,400 Teacher/Classroom Grants to 4 different teachers.
        Kathy Alyward, Primary $200
        Angie Petit, Elementary $400
        Amanda Smith, Elementary $400
        Joanna Smith, Primary $400

As a result of the establishment of the Oak Grove School District Education Foundation and our partnership the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, Phil Hanson the CEO arranged a partnership with the KC Scholars group. In 2017 Oak Grove High School then junior **Madison Smith** was awarded a KC Scholar scholarship. In 2018 FIVE OGHS juniors were awarded KC Scholar

scholarships: **Megan Borland, Alex (Trey) Bryant, Breanne Burns, Zach Rainbolt and Cody Sanders.** That is up to a total of $50,000 over 5 years for each student. In addition, OGHS student **Kashmira Patel** was awarded a College Savings Match - $50 contribution into a 529 College Savings Account plus ability to earn 4:1 match of up to $5,000 and also, up to $2,000 for completing college-going milestone incentive activities and 6 OGHS students **Addison Rainbolt, Alysyn Hernandez, Callen Caldarella, Nathan Morris, Olivia Purkey, and Zoe Holley** were awarded a College Savings Account Seed of a $50 contribution into a 529 College Savings Account

Please visit the Oak Grove School District Education Foundation website located on the school district website: http://www.oakgrove.k12.mo.us under "District Information" for additional information. The Truman Heartland Community Foundation website is https://www.thcf.org/

Robert H. Schuller said, "Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the number of apples in a seed." The seeds that are being planted in the young people who receive these scholarships and the benefits of these grants are life changing and God only knows the difference they will make in the world!!!

We are excited about the great difference the Oak Grove School District Education Foundation funds have already made and optimistic about **"Leaving a Legacy"** for generations to come!