

## **January 2020**

1. The DPFOTP held a regular board meeting on January 6, 2020 at the Administrative and Leisure Center.
2. The board discussed the budget for 2020 and approved this based on previous discussion in December.
3. The upcoming events the DPFOTP are participating in were discussed. The group will be selling popcorn, soda, water and coffee at the Dance Idol event.
4. The group will be participating in the Eggstravaganza. They will sell popcorn and have face painting as in the past.
5. Jeanette discussed the status of new dual scholarships. Since the first of the year five scholarship applications have been received, for a total amount of 12 participants. Two applications have been received for the River's Educational Scholarship Fund, for a total amount of 2 participants.
6. The next meeting will be on February 3, 2020 at 5:15pm.
7. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 1/13/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$4,059.00

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$0.00

\*Preschool Registration does not open until February 3, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.

\*Based on total remaining funds (\$11,000). We will only be accepting 1 class request per student.

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$1,500.00

#### **Redeemed**

\$0.00

\*Camp Registration does not open until February 3, 2020

\*Spring Registration does not open until March 9, 2020

\*10/12 of the participants stated they will be using funds to pay for summer camp.

## March 2020

1. The DPFOTP held a regular board meeting on March 2, 2020 at the Golf Center.
2. The board approved the additional budget item of \$3000 for PowerPlay! Scholarships for the 2020 calendar year. Moving forward this will be added to the budget line and will be evaluated each year at the December board meeting with input from Cindy.
3. The following events DPFOTP are participating in were discussed:  
Eggstravaganza; selling popcorn and water at and providing tattoos for participants  
Dash/Family Day; finding 15 volunteers and participating in the start and finish lines.
4. Board members reviewed scholarship applications and voted on approval of each.
5. Looking into creating and purchasing new DPFOTP shirts; these would include a saying similar to *"Your purchase just helped give a scholarship or Ask me how to donate to our scholarship fund"*. The Educational & Dual Agency Scholarships have been able to award money more efficiently. The new focus is on getting more donations to increase scholarship funds available for redemption each year. Many times customers are unaware that they are giving to the scholarship fund when they make a purchase from us during an event.
6. Planning to have a separate meeting to take inventory of Golf in the Dark supplies.
7. The next meeting will be on April, 6 2020 at 5:15pm, at the Leisure Center
8. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 3/6/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$8,127

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$9,250

#### **Redeemed**

\$1,460

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## May 2020

1. The DPFOTP did not hold a regular board meeting on April 6, 2020 due to COVID-19. They did hold a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on May 4, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Discussed the current state of COVID-19 within the community.
3. Discussed the plans for the cancelled programs over the summer.
4. Discussed options and plans for the Glow Golf Event in October. Including less food options, outdoor only, sending out registration information and the possibility of lower charitable donations. Looking at the next two months for deciding the best approach for this event.
5. Reviewed two Board Member Applications for approval/ denial.
6. Reviewed two Dual Agency Scholarship Applications for approval/denial
7. Reviewed the amount of money remaining, voted to increase the application period until June 5 or until the funds run out. We are accepting applications electronically or curb side drop off the information has been updated on the district website.
8. The next meeting will be on June 1, 2020 via a virtual Zoom meeting. We are looking to discuss meetings on a different day / time in the future.
9. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 5/14/ 2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$9,529

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$9,875

#### **Redeemed**

\$3,789.50

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## June 2020

1. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on June 1, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Discussed the current state of COVID-19 within the community.
3. Discussed the plans for the cancelled programs over the summer.
4. Discussed options and plans for the Glow Golf Event in October. Ideas include:  
Glow Event at Lake Park, with chipping contest, games on the patio, raffles, silent auction and glow walk around the lake.  
Mini Glow Golf Event at Mountain View with raffle and silent auction  
Virtual Auction  
Daytime Golf Event at Lake Park with no glow, but still golf and raffles/ silent auction  
Glow Dinner only  
Planning meeting in July will provide more direction as we head into phase 4 of Restore Illinois.  
Still evaluating: less food options, outdoor only, sending out registration information, and the possibility of lower charitable donations.
5. The next meeting will be on July 6, 2020 via a virtual Zoom meeting. We are looking to discuss meetings on a different day / time in the future.
6. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total  
Updated as of 6/9/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$9,529

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$9,125

#### **Redeemed**

\$2,369

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## July 2020

1. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on July 6, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Discussed the current state of COVID-19 within the community.
3. Extended the Application Deadline for Scholarships until September 1, 2020, based off the lower number of applications/redeemed funds.
4. Discussed options and plans for the Glow Golf Event in October. It was voted on by the board that 2020 Glow Golf Event would be cancelled. Influencing the decision were; comfortability of at-risk staff, ability to safely monitor a large group (at night, drinking, etc) and the limited use of current funds for 2020. Less than \$4,000 of the \$18,000 has been redeemed and this can be rolled over for 2021.  
Looking to replace funds Virtual Auction, a Send to Kid to Camp Campaign, asking for past donors to still donate to raise money.
5. The next meeting will be on August 3, 2020, at 5:30pm, planning to be in person at the Administrative & Leisure Center while practicing social distancing.
6. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total  
Updated as of 6/9/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$10,348

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$10,000

#### **Redeemed**

\$3,036.50

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## August 2020

7. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on August 3, 2020 at 6:30pm.
8. Discussed the current state of COVID-19 within the community.
9. Discussed the current use of scholarships, have received one new application with the increased September 1, 2020.
10. Discussed letter and corresponding information to be sent out to 2019 & 2020 Glow Golf Participants to let them know of the change and look to still raise donations. Letter will be sent out mid-August.
11. Superintendent Joe Weber shared details on the Des Plaines E-Learning & Action Academy and asked to provide financial support for families. The Friends will be submitting a grant proposal to Rivers Casino, in hopes to support this fund, planning to submit by Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>. If the grant is approved or denied they will host an emergency meeting to create guidelines for applications and users and determine available funds. This is a very fast turnaround given then current climate.
12. The next meeting will be on September 14 at 6:30pm, will continue Zoom meetings for the safety of all staff.
13. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 8/4/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$8485.00/ \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$7234.00

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$10,000

#### **Redeemed**

\$3,502.50

## September 2020

14. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on September 14, 2020 at 6:30pm.
15. Discussed an amount of \$25,000 grant request that the group will be applying from Rivers Casino to replace the lost revenue from not running the Glow Golf Outing in 2020. Letters will be sent out to provide options for donations collected to organizations that have already donated.
16. A grant opportunity for \$100,000 to as many as 3 organizations through the Chicago Bears which the friends will consider applying.
17. Superintendent Joe Weber shared that the Des Plaines E-Learning & Action Academy is not currently running and thanked the friends for the commitment despite the result. There may be more opportunity to provide such services given the climate fluidity.
18. Inquiries for future scholarships and programming lead the friends to no school day offs programs as an option for scholarships. These are due to D62 holiday, teacher planning, and parent teacher conference days that were created with the new district schedule.
19. The next meeting will be on October 12 at 6:30pm, will continue Zoom meetings for the safety of all staff.
20. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 9/16/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$8485.00/ \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$7234.00

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$10,000

#### **Redeemed**

\$3,502.50

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## October 2020

1. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on October 5, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Will be applying for a grant from Rivers Casino to replace the lost revenue from not running the Glow Golf Outing in 2020, asking for \$25,000.
3. Letters to past participants and organizations who donated this year will be sent out. We raised about \$3,000.
4. The Bear Grant Opportunity did not align therefore will not be submitting
5. Will be hosting the Halloween & Holiday Decorating Contests.
6. Will be hosting FRIENDSgiving at Leisure Lizards, covering the full tuition (\$29) for residents only. Up to 40 participants November 23-25. Potential Scholarship Cost \$3,480.
7. Will be giving glow sticks and stickers away at the Trunk or Treat Event on October 31.
8. Will continue to make updates to the new website and be ready to post for 2021 scholarship season.
9. The next meeting will be on November 2 at 6:30pm, will continue Zoom meetings for the safety of all staff.
10. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total

Updated as of 10/14/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599/ \$11,599

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$7,155

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$10,750

#### **Redeemed**

\$4,172.50

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800



## November 2020

1. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on November 2, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Will be applying for a grant from Rivers Casino to replace the lost revenue from not running the Glow Golf Outing in 2020, asking for \$16,000.
3. Halloween & Holiday Decorating Contests winners were decided.
4. Attended Trunk or Treat, David and Trish were the representatives on site.
5. Will be hosting FRIENDSgiving at Leisure Lizards, covering the full tuition (\$29) for residents only. Up to 25 participants November 23-25. Potential Scholarship Cost \$2,175.
6. Will continue to make updates to the new website and be ready to post for 2021 scholarship season.
7. During the December Board meeting will be discussing the 2021 funds to be allotted for Dual Agency & Educational Scholarship funds, board voting will take place at the January meeting.
8. Final 2020 funds will be shared at the December board meeting after expenses for the FRIENDSgiving event
9. The next meeting will be on December 7 at 6:30pm, will continue Zoom meetings for the safety of all staff.
10. Scholarships awarded and redeemed as of the first of the year total  
Updated as of 11/2/2020

### **River's Educational Scholarship Fund**

#### **Given Out**

Preschool- \$11,599 (Full amount)

#### **Redeemed**

Preschool- \$4,500

Not use per COVID; reallocating to the 2021-2022 fund - \$7,099

### **Dual Agency Scholarship Fund (Friends contribution only)**

#### **Given Out**

\$10,750

#### **Redeemed**

\$4,020.50

### **PowerPlay!**

#### **Given Out**

\$800

#### **Redeemed**

\$800

## **December 2020**

1. The DPFOTP held a virtual regular board meeting via Zoom meeting on December 7, 2020 at 6:30pm.
2. Will be applying for a grant from Rivers Casino to replace the lost revenue from not running the Glow Golf Outing in 2020, asking for \$16,000.
3. Holiday Decorating Contests will be selecting winners in the next week.
4. Scholarships Applications are available for 2021.
5. The board voted on the following scholarship allocations for 2021:  
Educational Scholarship Funds will be \$8,000 (\$1,000 per student one class limit).  
Dual Agency Scholarship Funds will be \$18,000 (\$125 per child, \$500 family max). We will be watching the redemption and make note to the board when reaching \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 thresholds.
6. Will continue to make updates to the new website and be ready to post for 2021 scholarship season.
7. The Friends will be providing a \$300 donation to the Winter Wonderland Event, providing candy canes and hot coco to attendees.
8. Trish Romza will be resigning from the Friends effective January 2021. We thank Trish for her service over the last 5 years. Her board position will be posted as well as the upcoming election of board positions.
9. The next meeting will be on January 4 at 6:30pm, will continue Zoom meetings for the safety of all staff.