

Fostering Innovation, Creativity and Excellence
for District 25 Children



____ Yes, I would like to become a member of the **ABC/25 Foundation** by donating \$40 or more. District 25 staff may join at an Educator's rate of \$25 or more.

- Family Membership—If you have more than one child in District 25 schools, one membership covers all District Schools your children attend
- Staff Membership—Please indicate your school affiliation, plus any schools you may have children attending.

School Affiliations (includes Early Childhood programs) - *Please circle ALL that apply*

Elementary Schools

- Dryden
- Greenbrier
- Ivy Hill
- Olive
- Patton
- Westgate
- Windsor

Middle School and Others

- South
- Thomas
- Dunton (District Administration Staff)

Enclosed is my \$_____ tax deductible Contribution payable to ABC/25 Foundation (Please consider contacting your employer regarding matching funds or a corporate sponsorship).

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

____ Yes, I would like to become an active member of ABC/25 Foundation and would like to learn more about:

- ____ Becoming a board member
- ____ Becoming a school liaison
- ____ Just Move it! Challenge Fundraiser
- ____ General volunteering

Mail to: ABC/25 Foundation, 126 E. Wing St., Ste 285, Arlington Heights, IL 60004; or drop off at your local District 25 school.

About ABC/25 Foundation

The ABC/25 Foundation is a non-for-profit organization that began in 1991 by a group of caring parents to give **A Better Community for District 25**, hence the name ABC/25 Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is “*To foster Innovation, Creativity and Excellence for the children of District 25.*” The foundation’s Board of Directors is comprised of district parents, local community leaders, and school administrators that volunteer their time to serve the students of District 25.

Since its inception, ABC/25 Foundation has raised and contributed more than \$1 million to fund numerous projects and grants for District 25 students and teachers. The ABC/25 Foundation directly impacts the educational environment to better prepare our children for the future.

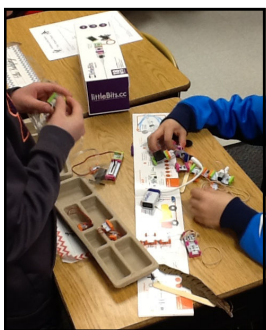
Fundraising

In the 2014-2015 school year, the Foundation raised money through four key fundraisers: Membership Drive, Product Sales (i.e. Yankee Candle), In-School Drawings, and the Just Move it! Challenge. The In-School Drawings and Just Move it! Challenge are conducted in partnership with PTA Council* and proceeds are divided equally between the two organizations. **Proceeds from both fundraisers are held in the Scholarship and Grant Fund account*



Grants Funded

The Foundation supports four different grants that benefit District 25 schools:



Membership School Incentive Grant - Each year, the ABC/25 Foundation grants **\$2,500** to all District 25 schools when 25% of the school's families become members. One membership is counted towards all district schools children in one family attend. The grant funds may be used at the school's discretion.

Karen Wessel Barr Traditional Teacher Grants (KWB Teacher Grants) – Each year, teachers and district staff submit over 50 grant applications. The applications are reviewed and awarded by voting members of the Board of Directors.

District-wide Grant (previously All School Large Grant) – Typically this grant is used to fund large-scale initiatives across District 25.

Marian Elliott Excellence in Education Teacher Grants – This grant is funded by a generous endowment from former District 25 teacher Marian Elliott. Ms. Elliott’s intent for the use of the funds was “to support teacher grants for enhancing student learning experiences.” This grant differs from the KWB Teacher Grants in that the proposals are larger in scale.

ABC/25 has funded numerous projects and/or grants for the children of District 25 including:

- iPads, iPods, eBook Readers, ChromeBooks, and supporting apps
- 88 digital microscopes for the elementary science curriculum
- Outdoor collaborative student learning spaces
- State of the art workout facilities at the middle schools
- Curtains and lighting improvements for Drama/Fine Arts programs or departments
- Traverse Climbing Walls at each elementary school
- Annual colonial historical re-enactments for all 5th grade students (\$2,000 annually)
- Administrative structure and \$20,000 for the Matthew Ives Memorial Track at South Middle School.

These creative and innovative programs and projects would not be available under current School District budget constraints.

Want more information about the ABC/25 Foundation? Visit www.abc25.org or contact your local District 25 School