

Our mission is to provide exceptional one-on-one tutoring for students from economically disadvantaged families, to allow them to maximize their learning potential and to confidently pursue their educational and personal goals.

SHOULDERS TO STAND ON FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO REACH THE STARS

WHERE WE'VE COME AND WHERE WE'RE GOING...

As we look back over 2018 and continue to grow in 2019, we are overwhelmed by the impact that the Life Tools Foundation has been able to make in the lives of so many young people in our community.

We are fortunate to have met so many generous donors who are

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committed to providing economically disadvantaged students the tools they need to succeed both academically and personally. The team of tutors that have joined our mission surprise us daily with their energy and their unique approaches to reaching our students.

We are encouraged by the critical mass of other not-for-profits in Northeast Wisconsin who have been walking with our young people for many years; many of these organizations have welcomed the Life Tools Foundation as together we have created new and effective initiatives to raise the academic and life skills bar for area students.

As a result of these relationships that have developed over the years, we are reaching far more students than our Strategic Plan had projected, and we are aggressively pursuing additional collaboration efforts to allow us to positively impact more lives. Most importantly, we are humbled by our students who are standing taller, speaking more confidently, and looking ahead to a hopeful future. The future looks strong for the Life Tools Foundation, and the future looks strong for our students as well.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Jim Olson, CPA, is the Life Tools Foundation Board Treasurer and is also currently a principal with CLA, Clifton Larson Allen, an accounting and advisory firm. His experience includes

providing tax planning and compliance services for individuals and family-held businesses. Jim joined CLA as a manager on the Green Bay tax team in 1999.

Jim's community involvement includes being an active member and usually an executive member on the Boards of the Center for Childhood Safety, the Rotary Club of Green Bay, Greater Green Bay Optimist Club, Appleton Sunrise Optimist Club, and Optimist International.

In addition to his accounting expertise, Jim offers his many years of business experience to the Life Tools Foundation Board as well as his broad network in the Fox Valley and Green Bay areas. Jim resides in Wrightstown with his wife and daughter.

2018 HERO DONORS



PAGE TURNERS LITERACY PROGRAM IS CHANGING LIVES!



Please go to our website and click on Amanda's video for another first-hand perspective of our student successes.

The Life Tools Foundation is mid-way through the second year of the Page Turners Program, which provides one-on-one literacy assistance for students K-3 in elementary schools throughout the Fox Valley. In collaboration with the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley and the Appleton and Little Chute School Districts, we are able to reach students most in need of literacy assistance. We are also blessed to have some of the most passionate, well-trained, and compassionate tutors on our team, many of whom are also teachers in our students' classrooms during the

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day. The program uses the Fountas and Pinnell literacy system which is used by the Appleton School District.

Kevin, one of our tutors, recently shared the following student success story: "His reading level was low, as he read books at the Level B. This is below the level at which 1st graders would be expected to read. In the next month, he was a frequent student at our reading tables and brought with him an eager attitude. During this first month, his confidence was definitely moving upward and his reading level was also moving from the initial Level B to Level E. Recently, his first grade teacher placed his reading abilities at the Level F or G! As an instructor watching a student improve, it is a joy. Last fall, his reading ability was below average for first graders and in just a few months, his abilities are placed at a level they should be. With his ability and his confidence, he will continue to surprise me."

Greg Lemke-Rochon, Chief Executive Officer of the BGC of Fox Valley added, "We are excited to be working with the Life Tools Foundation and believe they provide an important and impactful service to our community. We hope to grow and expand our collaboration with the Life Tools Foundation in the future." Together, as a community, we are changing lives.

WALLACE FAMILY FOUNDATION GRANT PAVES THE WAY FOR NEW PART-TIME GM POSITION

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Wallace Family Foundation in 2018, the LTF was able to hire a part-time General Manager to our staff. The GM's tasks include bookkeeping, scheduling, payroll, and day-to-day communications and logistics. The impact of adding this part-time position to the Life Tools Foundation staff cannot be overstated. Prior to this position being added, several volunteers (all with full-time jobs) were attempting to assist with bookkeeping, scheduling, fundraising, strategic planning, etc.

As a result of this generous grant, the Foundation General Manager is now handling the daily activities while the rest of the Foundation volunteers are redirecting their efforts to networking and fundraising for the Foundation. Fundraising is obviously a critical piece of the long-term viability of our mission and will allow us to positively impact a larger group of students.

For fiscal year 2018-2019, we are projected to reach over 100 students throughout the greater Fox Valley

region! Without this grant from the Wallace Foundation and the addition of the General Manager position, this extended reach would not have been possible.

In addition to funding for the GM position, the Wallace Family provided a second generous grant which enabled the LTF to purchase much needed educational materials and learning aids for our students. We are indebted to the Wallace Family for sharing our mission of empowering young people to reach the stars.