

SHOSHONE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

In 1995 the Shoshone School Board along with superintendent, Max Excell, decided that it was time for the school district to have a Foundation. Several individuals with Foundation experience were contacted for ideas. Local residents were approached about being the first directors.

The first board consisted of Victor J. Bozzuto, Virginia Churchman, Max Excell, Ken Haught, Donna Hibbard, Gale M. Roberts, Denise Stark, Chris Uhrig, and Terry Zech. Virginia Churchman was elected Chairperson, Ken Haught, vice Chairman, Victor Bozzuto, treasurer and Chris Uhrig secretary.

In March the group began the process to become a non-profit education foundation. One of our members donated money to become a corporation and one donated money to apply to be a non-profit organization.

The goals of the Foundation were and are: Provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Shoshone High School for higher education, provide arts events for students to enrich and expand their academic experience and to help teachers with special projects.

Every year since our inception we have provided scholarships for graduating seniors. We also administer scholarships for other's funds. The first scholarship we administered was the "Sue Messick Memorial Scholarship". This scholarship still has funds for another five years. We also administered the "Chuck Cox Memorial Scholarship, the "Martha Wallace" scholarship, the Desano, scholarship and the "Dorothy Alexander" scholarship.

Many changes have been made during this time in both the applications for scholarships and in the awarding of the scholarships.

We have received donations from school district employees, local residents, and from alumni. Many have been made as memorial donations. We also have what we call the "Heritage Club", you may become a member either through making a lump sum donation of \$1,000.00 or by making a five year pledge of \$200.00 per year. Our members have continued to contribute and some have donated over \$5,000.00.

We have also earned money through concessions sales. All profits from concessions go into an endowment fund designated for scholarships ONLY. None of these funds is ever used for anything else. WHEN YOU PURCHASE GOODIES AT A BALLGAME ALL PROFIT GOES TO SCHOLARSHIPS.

The only administrative costs are for postage, stationary, etc. No Director benefits in any way.

We also like to help with special projects for students. Some that we have helped with in the last few years are: Elementary physical education class rewards, academic decathlon students to state competitions, senior graduation party. We have also helped fund an incentive system to encourage

elementary students attendance and citizenship, helped BPA attend National Leadership Conference and many other projects. This year, for the first time, we had to turn down an application due to lack of funds.

We are honored to be able to do these things, but we cannot do them without your help. **Please consider giving a gift to the Shoshone Education Foundation, Inc. When you give a gift to us you also give a gift to a Shoshone Student. The Education Foundation has tax-exempt status under section 501©3 of the IRS code meaning your gift is tax-deductible. In Idaho you may also use it for a tax credit subject to limitations.**

If you have questions about the foundation or about the way we operate please contact a board member. Virginia Churchman, Chairperson – 208-886-2128 or e-mail jrvchurc@q.com, Carol Olsen, Secretary – 208-886-7776 or e-mail carol@lutherheights.org.