



KC Blind All-Stars Foundation

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Charlotta A. Bauke Duffy
Walter E. & Barbara A. Bauke Foundation, Inc.
c/o 5110 W. 96th Street
Overland Park, KS 66207

Dear Ms. Duffy:

Thank you for your wonderful donation to the Kansas City Blind All-Stars Foundation in honor of your parents. We absolutely will put your gift of \$4,500 to good use supporting our TEAMS programs.

The annual regional Braille Challenge competition held at the Kansas State School for the Blind in February gives area students who read and write braille a chance to compete with their true peers and to showcase their hard work and talent. For many of them, this is their first opportunity to win an award for their own efforts. And it may also be a unique chance to compete on an equal basis and to share experiences with another child who is blind – maybe for the first time! There are friendships made that could last a lifetime.

As you know, there are many times when a student lacks the money needed to fully participate in school activities or to go on a special outing (e.g. skiing at Snow Creek or athletic trips to compete at other schools for the blind). Contributions to the foundation help make these things possible for students and also have helped us do some preventative maintenance on our pool and our track to ensure that they continue to teach and entertain new generations of students.

We also hold low vision clinics in ten regional cities in Kansas with specifically trained optometrists so that students can be prescribed low vision aids. These optical aids can make huge differences in the students' ability to read and write in school, to navigate their environment, and to enjoy a sporting event. We will be using part of the donation to purchase vision screening kits to help identify infants and toddlers with vision impairments earlier and to purchase new technology to help students with low vision become more independent in daily living activities.

Anne and I so enjoyed meeting you and your father. He is such an interesting man with such vigor and enthusiasm. We appreciate your generous gift that will make a significant difference in what we are able to do for children who are blind or visually impaired in this area and across the state of Kansas.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madeleine Burkindine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Madeleine Burkindine
President, KC Blind All-Stars Foundation
Superintendent, Kansas State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

cc: KC Blind All-Stars Foundation Board Members