



Kids First Education Foundation



FACTS ABOUT KIDS FIRST

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Kids First was formed July 1, 2004 with an endowment of \$30,000 from the estate of Bernice Osthoff. Mrs. Osthoff was trained as a teacher and was very interested in the education of Wellington & Napoleon students. Kid's First Education Foundation of Wellington & Napoleon is approved by the IRS as a public non-profit Federal Tax Exempt 501 C-3 Organization. Kids First is incorporated under the State of Missouri as a Public Non-profit Charity and have tax exemption status also from the State of Missouri.

Operation of Kids First is done by a 20 volunteer board from members of our community. Many items are donated during the course of a year to keep cost of promotions at a minimum. Our fund raising events for Kids First are a Banquet and Auction in February, Walk-A-Thon in April, and a Gospel Sing in August.

Kids First appreciates very much the support of businesses and individuals of the community. We have also received several memorial gifts and special donations from families and individuals in the community. Kids First Board uses the funds to furnish scholarships, classroom grants, and dual enrollment scholarships to enhance the education experience of students in the Wellington Napoleon School District.

Selection of grant recipients is kept unbiased by a system where numbers instead of names are placed on scholarship applications during the selection process.

Kids First in 12 years has given 109 scholarships, 80 classroom grants, 95 dual enrollment grants, and 2 District grants for a total of \$138,000.00.

This year Kids First gave 12 Classroom Grants for a total of \$6,000.00. Kids First gave 15 senior scholarships totaling \$12,000, and this Fall awarded 23 Dual Enrollment scholarships for underclass students for \$1,775.00. Kids First awarded a Math grant to the R-9 District of \$7,500 with total grants so far this year coming to a total of \$27,275.00.

Kid's First works hard to earn your respect and loyalty for how it handles the donations it receives and how that money is distributed to deserving students.

Kids First appreciates Your Support Very Much