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# NORTH SYRACUSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**DUE TO COVID-19 Restrictions**  
**The 2nd Annual NSEF Golf Tournament has been cancelled**

**If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation you may do so by sending a check to:**

NSEF, PO Box 5225, Syracuse, NY 13220

Or donate via PayPal using a credit card on our website or Facebook page.  
(Refer to page 6 for more information)

Our Chick-fil-A Fundraiser, February 26, 2020 raised \$111.84  
Panera Fundraiser raised \$42.89  
Chipotle Fundraiser, March 23, 2020 was cancelled due to COVID  
Paladino's Pizza Fundraiser was very successful! We raised \$1,500!



Our Bottle Drive is on-going and doing well. It has raised \$358.55!  
Refer to page 7 for locations

**UPCOMING EVENTS (Refer to page 7 for more information)**



**November 14, 2020 10:00am - 3:00pm**  
**Cicero North Syracuse High School Parking Lot**

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**2020-2021 NSEF Board Meetings - Wednesdays 6:30 pm****NSEA Office**

210 S. Main Street

North Syracuse, NY 13212

**\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED\***

September 23, 2020

October 21, 2020

November 17, 2020

December 9, 2020

January 20, 2021

February 24, 2021

March 24, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 21, 2021

June 16, 2021

The North Syracuse Education Foundation was established in 2001 with the following objectives:

- Provide superior educational programs.
- Award grants to groups and teachers.
- Build an endowment for future use.
- Sponsor activities such as concerts, speakers, clubs, or other special programs.

The North Syracuse Education Foundation (NSEF) serves a simple, but comprehensive purpose - To ensure that students in the North Syracuse Central School District have the benefit of a quality education, to maintain and enhance the level of excellence in North Syracuse schools, and to respond to the realities of diminishing local and federal funding.

The North Syracuse Education Foundation secures resources to support quality education through innovative programs, creative opportunities, and imaginative approaches. These programs enrich the curriculum, inspire students and staff, and expand the community's involvement in public education.

## 2020-2021 GRANT WINNERS

18 Grants were submitted and 8 were chosen.



### 1. Susan Winn - To Bee or Not to Bee Roxboro Road Elementary - Grade 1

A Bee Bot is a programmable bee robot. It teaches students the fundamentals of computational thinking. The small robot can remember up to 40 commands. The first graders will learn to speak the language of computer code.

### 2. Susan Winn - One Grade One Read Roxboro Road Elementary - Grade 1

One Grade One Read is designed to create a reading community within the five first grade classrooms and allow teachers, parents and students to have conversations about what they are reading.

Purchase: 100 books: Friendship According to Humphrey

### 3. Alex Parsons - Computer Aided Technologies - Emblaser 2 Laser Engraver North Syracuse Junior High - Grades 8 & 9

The Laser Engraver will provide students ways to manufacture products and create solutions to problems. This will enhance the curriculum areas of Science, Technology, Math and Engineering.

Purchase: **Emblaser 2 Laser Cutter/Engraver, Cutting Mat, External Fume Filter System.**



### 4. Cynde Ciesla, Erika Gilbert, Monica Fitzgerald - Making a Difference One Child at a Time Gillette Road Middle School - Grades 5, 6 & 7

Two years ago Gillette created a mentor program to help the school's most vulnerable students. Teachers volunteer to be mentors during the day to help with social emotional learning and to help reinforce the need to build relationships. Materials are needed to continue the success of the program.

Purchase: Supply Cart, Storage Bins, Games, Puzzles, Craft Materials, and Sport Equipment.

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**5. Jennifer Kondrk - Social Morning Work: A Soft Start for Second Grade  
Smith Road Elementary - Grade 2**

This grant gives students the opportunity to build social skills such as verbal and nonverbal communication, speech, gesturing and facial expressions, and body language during self motivated activities.

**Purchase:** Storage bin to hold toys and games that encourage collaboration, play, imagination, and problem solving.



**6. Matthew Harbinger, Jason Fabian - Raspberry Pi: Dedicated Machines, Dedicated Students  
Cicero North Syracuse High School - Grades 10, 11, 12 - Math and Computer Science**

Raspberry Pi units are inexpensive mini computers designed to teach students how to write computer code as well as build tangible devices.

**Purchase:** 5 Raspberry Pi Kits, Peripheral Hardware, Raspberry Pi Megapixel Camera with Case, and 2 - 7 Inch Touch Screens with LCD Display.



**7. Erin Wallace, Nicole Kowanes, Kathryn Moran, Sherri Nalli - Enhanced Sensory Exploration  
Main Street Early Education Program - Preschool**

Enhanced Sensory Exploration offers a variety of diverse activities and designated sensory materials to engage all types of learners.

**Purchase:** Dome Mirrors, Jigsaw Softees, Liquid Sensory Mats, Montessori Busy Boards with Sensory Panels.

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**8. Sara Bambino - Diversity and Cultural Perspectives through Literature**  
**Cicero North Syracuse High School - English - Grades 10, 11**

The purpose of this grant is to build on the existing classroom library that will offer a multi cultural perspective covering a wide range of reading levels.

**Purchase: 43 New Multicultural Books and a Windowsill Bookcase to house the books in an organized manner.**

## Special Administrative Request (SAR) Grant

NSEF is excited to announce a Special Administrative Request (SAR) Grant that was awarded to **Allen Road Elementary School** thanks to the efforts of school principals, Emily LaFountain and Olivia Cambs. This grant provided standing desks for use in all of the first grade classrooms this school year.



2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Sophie Kuryla



Marcella Lucas



Kayla Murphy



**NORTH SYRACUSE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (NSEF)  
NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

Come out and show your support for NSCSD students  
by donating your Bottles and Cans.



WHEN: Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: CNS High School Parking Lot

(Please stay in your vehicle & our volunteers will unload  
your cans & bottles while wearing masks. Look for the  
trailer supplied by the Bottle and Can Retrieval Center)

Monetary donations are also welcome. If you can't make  
this date and time, you can drop off bottles and cans at  
any time at their storefront in Lakeshore Heights Plaza  
on Rte. 31 in Cicero. Just tell the attendant that you are  
donating to NSEF, and you will not need to wait in line.  
Just drop and go!

Help the NSEF achieve our goal of empowering our  
students by funding programs not covered by the  
school budget in grades Pre-K thru 12th!

[www.nsefweb.org](http://www.nsefweb.org)

PLEASE WEAR A MASK!

Have a quick question? Need a can  
and bottle pickup?

Email Us:

[GiorgioRawda@gmail.com](mailto:GiorgioRawda@gmail.com)

[AbbNorr13@yahoo.com](mailto:AbbNorr13@yahoo.com)

Like us on Facebook

*Thank  
You*

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## On-Going Bottle & Can Drive

Help support the mission of the NSEF to enrich education in our public schools by donating your **CANS & BOTTLES** at the following locations:

- Cicero Bottle & Can Retrieval Center, Lakeshore Heights Plaza  
6195 Rte. 31, Cicero, NY 13039 (by Cicero Walgreens)
- Here's Your Nickel/Bottle & Can Retrieval Center  
2204 Brewerton Rd., Mattydale, NY 13211 (Near Molloy Rd.)
- Plank Road 5 Cent Bottle Return  
8097 Brewerton Rd., Cicero, NY 13039  
(in the plaza across from Walmart on Rte. 11)

**This fundraiser is on-going all year. Just mention that you would like to credit your cans/bottles to the "North Syracuse Education Foundation" account.**



# THANK YOU!

NSEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Check us out at [www.nsefweb.org](http://www.nsefweb.org).

Like us on Facebook

Questions call: (315) 214-9782

Address: NSEF, PO Box 5225, Syracuse, NY 13220-5225



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**NSEF is looking for adult volunteers and student volunteers entering 8th through 11th grade for the 2020-2021 school year.**

Students, if you are interested, please email [info@nsefweb.org](mailto:info@nsefweb.org) with your name and contact info and a short paragraph telling a little about yourself and why you would like to become an NSEF Student Rep.

**Adults, if you would like to volunteer your time with the NSEF please contact us at:**

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### OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT US

- \*Designate North Syracuse Education Foundation as your United Way contribution recipient
- \*Direct tax-deductible donations are also accepted on-line on our website at: [www.nsefweb.org](http://www.nsefweb.org)
- \*"Like us" on Facebook under "North Syracuse Education Foundation – NSEF"
- \*Choose NSEF for your charitable organization with:



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### PURCHASE A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK

These personally engraved bricks will be placed outside the entrance to the Michael J. Bragman Athletic Complex on the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Campus

4" x 8" Brick- \$50.00 with 3 lines up to 18 characters per line

8" x 8" Brick- \$100.00 with 4 lines up to 18 characters per line

The order form is on our website at [www.nsefweb.org](http://www.nsefweb.org)

**\* PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING BY USING A CHECK OR CREDIT CARD\***

Send your tax-deductible donations to:  
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or donate via PayPal using a credit card on our website or Facebook page

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