Top Donation Awards presented by Walled Lake Schools Education Foundation

Walled Lake, MI, April 8, 2015 - The Foundation for Excellence (FFE) – Walled Lake Schools presented top donation awards at the Walled Lake Consolidated School District’s (WLCSD) April school board meeting to Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM - Walled Lake, Hersh-Beattie Orthodontics, and M3 Investment Services, in recognition of their outstanding level of support this school year to benefit Walled Lake students.

On behalf of Shuman Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM in Walled Lake, Bob Shuman; Dealer, past president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and past chair of the 2014 North American Auto Show, donated $50,000 to the Foundation for Excellence this past July. The Foundation is fulfilling Shuman’s goal of reaching out to students who want to be involved in Walled Lake Schools’ performing arts programs, but need assistance. Initial student grant awards will be announced this spring and will aid in offsetting students’ cost for registration and/or participation fees for 2015-2016 WLCSD performing arts programs.

The FFE received from Hersh-Beattie Orthodontics $15,000 to benefit WLCSD’s four middle schools and $9,000 for its three high schools. The total $24,000 contribution was provided this school year to enable the purchase of 4,289 planners for middle school students and 5,350 planners for high school students. Dr. Hersh’s commitment to supply planners dates back to 2003 with funding for WLCSD middle school students, which was then expanded a few years thereafter to include high school students.

Hersh-Beattie Orthodontics also supports the Foundation's fundraising efforts by contributing golf towels or water bottles for its annual Golf Scramble.

Michael Bernhardt of M3 Investment Services has consistently been the top sponsor for the Foundation’s Golf Scramble with a contribution of $5,000 and provides the outing’s welcome gifts. Bernhardt has been a Foundation Board Trustee since 2004 and is the current Vice-Chairman. He also annually supports the Foundation’s Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle by purchasing blocks of tickets and assists with promoting ticket sales.

“The Foundation and Walled Lake School District truly value these business partnerships, as they are key in moving forward and meeting the needs of our students,” states Michelle Bianco, Foundation executive director.

This school year the Foundation for Excellence realized contributions and support also from the AT&T Foundation, GKN Sinter Metals, DFCU Financial, Auch Construction, Walled Lake School Employees Federal Credit Union, Janicki family, Envrio- Clean, and the DTE Energy Foundation.

Shuman is the newest member among the Foundation’s fourteen trustees, who share a dedication and passion for increasing and enhancing innovative, educational opportunities within the areas of technology, literacy, leadership and community for the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. The board is open to the addition of community members wishing to lend their talents to help further its
mission and building a strong foundation…one child at a time. Contact the Foundation for Excellence to learn more; phone 248.956.2116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org.

The Foundation for Excellence – Walled Lake Schools is dedicated to advancing ways for children to learn. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. All gifts are tax deductible as charitable contributions to the full extent of the law. The Foundation subsidizes a variety of programs in our schools which are not funded by tax dollars and the District budget.