

Dear *CASD Class of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 Alumni,*

**The Charleroi Area School District Education Foundation (CASDEF)** is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and a separate entity from the **Charleroi Area School District (CASD)**. Our mission is to help raise funds to provide necessary resources/learning materials for the students and staff of the CASD.

2020 proved to be a very difficult year. Covid-19 not only created havoc within our own personal lives; but it, also, had a major impact on our schools, educators and students. For the 2021-2022 school year, the CASDEF is joining forces with the CASD to help raise monies to fund two major renovation projects.

When the new High School complex opened in 1965, it included a state-of-the-art **Planetarium**. Even though it was updated in 2010, some of the original equipment was retained. For example, the original telescope is still in place and needs to be replaced. In addition, a large part of this Science curriculum revolves around the use of leased, licensed films which have expired. These films not only focus on space, but also on marine ecosystems, environmental sciences, biology and anatomy thus providing additional learning opportunities for students from Elementary to High School. With additional fundraising efforts by CASDEF and **Alumni support** from the **class years ending in '1 and '6** we hope to reach our goal of **\$50,000.00**. Working together, we hope to purchase a new telescope and leases for films to keep our Planetarium up-to-date and functioning.

Our second renovation project is to help refurbish the Charleroi Area Middle School **Greenhouse** with updated heating and irrigation systems. This project will work in partnership with California University of Pennsylvania, incorporating science, consumer science and health and wellness curriculums. Students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades will have the opportunity to grow a variety of plants, learn about healthy eating habits, create new recipes and learn about composting. The approximate cost for these updates is **\$10,000.00**.

Being a Charleroi Alumnus, the Education Foundation is asking for your consideration in supporting the **2021-2022 "Give 5" Alumni Fundraising Drive**. Your contribution of \$5, \$25, \$50, or \$500 can truly make an impact for the students of the CASD. **We are counting on YOU!** Thanking you, in advance, for your consideration. **We are. . .COUGAR PROUD!**

With Warmest Regards,

*Jjo Huskey Wiltz*  
*1976*

*Counting on our alumni to help keep  
Charleroi a great place for kids to learn!  
Please consider donating.*

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## 2021-2022 Charleroi Alumni "Give 5" Drive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Donation Enclosed for:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Planetarium
- \_\_\_\_\_ Greenhouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ CASDEF discretion



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