



Ed and Mary Copple Support Physical Fitness

Ed & Mary Copple of Lincoln donated \$1 million for the Ed and Mary Copple Student Athlete Development Center at Seacrest Field. The Copples' hope is that this new facility will help promote physical fitness and healthy living among athletes across the state. Knowing that physical activity impacts academics, they wanted to provide a facility that would be not only a source of pride for the Lincoln community, but also emphasize the importance of exercise in a well-rounded education.

Both Ed and Mary have a long history with the Lincoln Public Schools. Their children and grandchildren have attended LPS for a total of 114 years. Ed served on the Board of Education for Lincoln Public Schools for nine years, and held the positions of president and vice president. Mary taught at McPhee, Prescott, and Holmes Elementary Schools.

Ground for the facility was broken at Seacrest Field May 6, 2008, and the completed building was dedicated on October 16, 2008.

This gift from the Copples was one of the generous leadership gifts for the Foundation's \$10-million major gift campaign. Funds from this campaign are already providing financial resources and support to make critical differences needed to continue the award-winning, quality education programs characteristic of the Lincoln Public Schools.

Benefactors for Education

Benefactors are those families and organizations who have been foundational in their support of Lincoln over many years. They are known for identifying needs in the community then making contributions to meet those needs. They are recognized leaders throughout the community. Through their commitment and support Lincoln is a better place to live.

\$500,000 - \$1,000,000

Shirley M. and Harley J. Bair
Ed and Mary Copple
Union Bank & Trust

\$250,000 - \$499,999

Anonymous
Don and Nancy Bouc

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Lincoln Benefit Life
Pfizer Corporate Foundation

\$25,000 - \$99,000

Assurity Life Insurance
Company
Cooper Foundation
Nick and Ann Cusick
Robert and Marilyn Harris
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Great Schools

Gifts and pledges received from March 2008

Great Schools...Forever! is a \$10 million campaign launched in March 2008. They support the mission set out by the

Great Schools...Forever!

- To enhance reading, math, and science
- To expand opportunities for low-income students
- To provide resources to schools and teachers
- To sustain the work of the Foundation

Champions for Education

This new endowment uses the Buffet-Gates philosophy of pooling funds from many donors. Champions Funds will be available for leading-edge innovation, helping pay for the future, and supporting future needs in our schools.

Champions Circle

The following are Founding Members of this new honor club.

\$50,000 - Platinum Level

Winifred L. Cather
Alice M. Dittman

\$25,000 - \$49,999 - Gold Level

Max and Lillie Larsen
Dr. Max and Patricia Linder

\$10,000 - \$24,999 - Silver Level

Joe and Jeanette Adams
Susan and Barry Gourley
Linda Hillegass and Jim McKee
Frank and Elizabeth Hilsabeck
Paul and Becky Huebner
Mark and Deanna Hutchins
Gilbert and Joyce Lundstrom
Steve and Laurie Navin
Cynthia and Robert Milligan
Tom and Cathie Petsch
Darlene L. Rischling
Richard and Karen Vierk

\$5,000 - \$9,999 - Bronze Level

Ellen W. Baldwin
Bob and Barbara Bartle
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Burnita Den Hartog
Sharon Doll
Shawn and Doug Farrar
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Mark and Kathleen Hesser
John and Susan Hoppe
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Kim M. Robak
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Carroll and Berdine Sawin
Carl and Renee Sjulín
Dan and Melinda Stogsdill
Thomas and Susan Tallman
Ed and Sue Tricker
Greg and Marcia Vasek
Sharon and Dan Wherry
Bus and Jeannie Whitehead
Linda and Jack Wolfe
Marcy J. and Thomas C. Woods IV

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2006. Areas of need were identified by educators, parents and the community. Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Forever! campaign goals:

math and science skills in K-12;
 low-income Lincoln students and families;
 students who have more and more needs with less funding;
 innovation, which undergirds all programming.

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 ways for the greatest impact.
 to pilot new ways to aid students

Champions

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Richard and Lanelle Herink
 Keith and Jan Prettyman
 Mike Seacrest and
 Thomas M. Davies

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Steve and Jolleen Clymer
 Steve and Janice Erwin
 Stefan and Tallie Gaspar
 Mark and Susan Oppeward
 Jeff and Holly Quandt
 Gary and Susan Seacrest
 Theodore Seacrest
 Mick and Sue Sibbel
 Donald and Jean Stading
 Tim and Judy Thietje
 Tom and Karen White

\$500 - \$999

John and Jan Blumer
 Donna and Robert Ewoldt
 Edwin and Joan Perry
 Steve and Claudia Russell
 Art and Carol Thompson

\$100 - \$499

Rod and Robin Bates
 Ross and Lynn McCown
 Marty and John White

Sowers

Board and staff members led the way to Great Schools...Forever! with leadership and seed funding to launch this first-ever major gifts campaign in March 2006.

\$10,000 or More

Joe and Jeanette Adams
 Michael and Donna Alesio
 Don and Nancy Bouc
 Susan and Barry Gourley
 Robert and Marilyn Harris
 Steve and Laurie Navin

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Rich Bailey
 Barbara and Robert Bartle
 Gilbert and Joyce Lundstrom
 Arlene and James Rea
 Sharon and Ken Stephan
 Daniel and Melinda Stogsdill
 Marcy J. and Thomas C. Woods IV

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Stefan and Tallie Gaspar
 Ruth and Jay Gerber
 M.E. Group Inc.
 Ravi and Sarita Maniktala
 David and Marjorie Moore
 Keith and Jan Prettyman
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 Suzanne and Scott Sughroue
 Rhonda and Lee Williams
 Ruby Wittmann

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 Cline Williams Wright Johnson &
 Oldfather L.L.P.
 NAI/FMA Realty, Inc.
 Olsson Associates
 Union Title Company, LLC

Campaign Leadership Cabinet

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 Susan Gourley
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 John Maher
 Steve Navin
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 James Strand
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 Tim Thietje
 Rich and Karen Vierk
 Orrin Wilson



Harley and Shirley Bair Give Playgrounds a Makeover

May 28, 2008 at Campbell Elementary, Harley & Shirley Bair were recognized for their generous gift to the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools. The couple established the Harley & Shirley Bair Playground Endowment by donating a piece of commercial real estate valued at \$700,000.

Harley is a successful Lincoln entrepreneur who wanted to find a way to give back. "It is a pleasure to leave a gift to the Lincoln community in appreciation for all the Bair Machine Company employees and their families whose dedication helped us be successful. This is one way Shirley and I can say thank you and not only give back to them, but continue helping our entire Lincoln community thrive."

Campbell was the first school to receive a playground makeover. This gift will leave a lasting legacy for years to come as it funds playgrounds that need updated. Lincoln Public Schools will determine which playgrounds are the most in need for the endowment funds each year.

Great playgrounds... thanks to Harley and Shirley Bair!

To be a part of the
Great Schools...Forever! campaign
 contact **Barbara Bartle** at the
Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools
 at **(402) 436-1612** or by
 email at **foundation@lps.org**.