

Loveless couple helps Carlinville CUSD#1 students succeed with transformative donation

The estate of the late Lindell and Jean Loveless, well-known Macoupin County pork producers, have made very generous equal gifts to The Partnership for Educational Excellence in CUSD7 and to the Carlinville Public Schools Foundation (CPSF). The gift, the remainder of a family trust established to ensure high quality end-of-life care, was divided upon the passing of Jean Loveless and passed in equal halves to the education foundations in each of the public school districts: Gillespie CUSD7 and Carlinville CUSD1.

"It was my parents' desire to use these remaining funds to support and enhance career and technical education programs in our schools," says Tim Loveless, local businessman and son of Lindell and Jean. Tim recounts the commitment of his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents to hard work and the acquisition of life skills.

"The spirit of this gift is to prepare students for life in general, and to prepare them to earn a living by learning a trade. My dad and my mom believed strongly in supporting the bottom half of the class," he says. "The top of the class has plenty of advantages when it comes to scholarships, qualifications for jobs. The bottom half of the class needs financial education and skills. A person can learn and earn their way to success."

Tim recounts his parents' and grandparents' many attempts - farming, cattle, turkeys, nursing homes, meat processing, swine production, and subdivisions - before they achieved success. "The point is that a high level of education is not necessary for success, but motivation and good skills are," he concludes. "It is our hope as a family that this gift will help the school districts give a needed boost to students who aren't sure they can ever succeed."

The Carlinville Public Schools Foundation was established in 1988 to provide teachers with additional support in creating the best possible learning environment for students. Each year, the Foundation awards dozens of grants that help teachers purchase classroom items and resources not covered by the school's regular budget. Through annual fundraising and interest generated from its existing endowment, the Foundation provides approximately \$40,000 in grants each year.

This gift from the Loveless Family will allow the CPSF to work with the Carlinville CUSD#1, to expand the opportunities that Carlinville students have when they walk out of our doors to be as successful as possible.

Through the generosity of the Lindell and Jean Loveless Estate, the Carlinville Public Schools Foundation looks forward to providing many ways to help students develop skills and find their path to a successful life. We want to honor Lindell and Jean Loveless by working very hard to be good stewards of their generous gift. Thank you!

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