



Merrillville Education Foundation

Making a Difference

July 2025

Dear Friend of Merrillville Community Schools,

On **Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 11:30 – 2:00 PM**, the Merrillville Education Foundation will be having a **“Jeans and Jerseys Gala”** at The Croatian Center, 8550 Taft St. in Merrillville, IN. This is an afternoon filled with fun tailgate food; exceptional beer, wine and spirits tasting; basket raffles; friendly fellowship; and football games to watch. Cash/Credit Card Bar will also be available. Wear your favorite pair of jeans and your favorite team’s jersey while supporting the MEF in a relaxing atmosphere!

Why should you consider contributing to or sponsoring this wonderful event? The mission of the Merrillville Education Foundation is to be the primary private sector partner in supporting public education in Merrillville. The grants provided by the Merrillville Education Foundation offer resources that are not available through public education funding. Over the past 23 years, we have funded 536 grants and other programs totaling close to \$441,000 and impacting over 142,000 students in the Merrillville schools from pre-school through high school.

All sponsors will have their name/business name recognized at the Gala and on the MEF website for one year (www.merrillvilleeducationfoundation.org). Please consider contributing by choosing one or more of the options below by **October 20, 2025**:

1) Financial Contribution options:

Platinum Star Contributor	\$1,000 or more
Gold Star Contributor	\$500 to \$999
Silver Star Contributor	\$250 to \$499
Bronze Star Contributor	\$101 to \$249
Purple Star/Table Sponsor	\$100



2) Door prize gifts and/or gift cards for raffle prizes

***We are a not for profit 501(C3) corporation. Our tax-exempt number is 35-2170844.**

All monetary contributions/sponsorships can be sent electronically to Give Lively at the following link:
<https://secure.givelively.org/event/merrillville-education-foundation-inc/jeans-and-jerseys-gala-2025>

OR sent to the post office box address listed below **OR** we can arrange to pick up contributions from your business at your convenience. Contact Mary Hoffman with any questions at 219-730-1215 or mchoffma@mvsc.k12.in.us.

Thank you,
Merrillville Education Foundation
P.O. Box 14475
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Tickets are only \$45 per person!
Purchase yours at the Give Lively site!
We would love to have you join us!