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## FAST FACTS: Maryville City Schools Foundation

### Overview and Purpose

The Maryville City Schools Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) community-based organization that seeks to enhance the educational opportunities offered to children in the Maryville City School System through solicitation of funds and greater involvement from parents, business, and the community at large.

### Mission

The mission of the Maryville City Schools Foundation is to provide educational opportunities above and beyond what is available through public funding; to benefit the broad spectrum of students, at all ages and all levels of ability; to involve the entire community in a partnership for excellence in our school system.

### History

The Maryville City Schools Foundation, Inc. (MCSF) was formed in 1991 due in large part to State Department of Education funding cuts. The board of education authorized the establishment of a task force of parents and community leaders to explore the feasibility of a foundation. The MCSF was chartered on January 7, 1991 as a non-profit, 501c(3), community-based organization. The Foundation seeks private sector donations which allow the Foundation to assist in providing new, cutting-edge programs for the teachers and students of Maryville City Schools. An endowment was established with East Tennessee Foundation as part of the original charter.

### Fundraising Results

During 2008, the Foundation awarded \$25,500 in Lamar Alexander Scholarships, launched the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Partnership with Maryville City Schools, School Board, City of Maryville, and parent organizations to raise over \$500,000 for classroom technology, and funded programs within the school system that provided educational opportunities that benefit a broad spectrum of students at all ages and abilities. Program highlights funded by MCSF during 2008 include:

- **Cross-curriculum Science Inquiry (CSI) Lab** – This grant funded Phase II of a previously funded grant for Maryville Middle School. CSI Lab is a comprehensive, hands-on, inquiry-based lab experience for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- **9<sup>th</sup> Grade 7 Habits Program** – Sean Covey's book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* and coordinating day planners were purchased for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.
- **Health Sciences** – Through a partnership with Blount Memorial Hospital we were able to provide equipment for the Maryville High School health sciences classroom. This included a Pulse Oximeter, Doppler, Transmission Gel, Thermometer, Probe Covers, Oral probe, Ophthal/Otoscope set and Stethoscopes.
- **DVD Historical Collection** – This collection was purchased for the Maryville High School Library to support a U.S. History class required for all MHS juniors.

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