

Angola High School Band Boosters Fund

Each year, students at Angola High School work hard to perfect their routines for band and guard performances. They participate in competitions and lug around costumes, props, and instruments in a large trailer. Until last year, they depended on a trailer from 1978 that was leaking and could not safely lift to elevate instruments and provide additional lower storage. Thanks to the Angola High School Band Boosters Fund, established in 1998 at the Steuben County Community Foundation, they were able to purchase a semi-trailer without being forced to sacrifice funds for uniform and instrument maintenance or competition entry fees. In addition to looking as good as the band sounds, the new trailer is safer and has more storage area that can be loaded and unloaded efficiently for competitions.

Now that their trailer issue is resolved, the Band Boosters plan to combine SCCF aid with other fundraising to replace their decade old uniforms with new ones that will require less maintenance. However, SCCF's support for the band extends beyond material investments. For the past several years, a number of drum majors have also benefitted from scholarships to attend leadership camps. When students are able to bring back leadership skills and achieve individual growth, both the band and the Steuben County community benefit from the investment.

"As an organization, we are very grateful for the support of the SCCF and the greater Angola community. This is a group of very hard working students who are constantly reminded of their role as ambassadors of their school and community. We are certainly proud of our students and hope that contributors to the SCCF feel that their investment has a high rate of return!"

– Amy Alexander, AHS Band Boosters Treasurer



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