



What is Bright Futures Harrisonville?

- Bright Futures Harrisonville is a community-based initiative to ensure all our children have the opportunity to be successful. It's about building relationships and forming partnerships to meet the physical, emotional, and social needs of our children.
- This initiative offers the chance for everyone to be involved and it's not just about giving "things." It's about sharing your time & talent too.

How is Bright Futures Harrisonville organized?

- Bright Futures Harrisonville includes an Advisory Board, building-level Bright Futures Councils, and Partnership Committees. The Advisory Board is made up of the following members:
 - Carrie Caruthers, Chair
 - Steve Croy, Chair
 - Connie Aversman
 - Scott Bailey-Kirk
 - Chris Deal
 - Gary Hawkins
 - Shannon Hiser
 - Phil Miller
 - Marci Milner
 - Luke Scavuzzo
 - Marie Vallee
 - Lynn Laffoon, Legal Advisor
 - Jennifer Beavers, Coordinator
 - Jill Filer, Coordinator
- Building-level Bright Futures Councils include community members and school staff. These councils work to meet building-wide needs. The community members represent the four partnership areas of social/human services, faith-based, parents, and business.
- There are four Partnership Committees - social/human services, faith-based, parents, and business. These Committees work on community-wide initiatives and district-wide needs.

How has Bright Futures made a difference so far?

Bright Futures Harrisonville is a new initiative that got its "official" start in late August; however, we've experienced great successes so far.

- Individual student needs are met through requests on the Bright Futures Harrisonville Facebook page (see link below). Community members have helped students who need shoes, clothing, and winter apparel. We've helped a high school student whose family had no car get to early morning band practice. We've helped an elementary student who needed an alarm clock as he is in charge of getting himself up and on the bus each morning. We've provided dress clothes so that high school students can compete on the debate team and middle school students can participate in honor choir.
- Volunteers are a big part of Bright Futures Harrisonville. Community members have helped with school picture day, family events at our elementary schools, reading celebrations, and more. Volunteer opportunities are also posted on our Facebook page.
- A couple of stories.....
 - During our kick-off event in August, we asked for volunteers who might want to share their "time and talent" as a translator for Spanish-speaking families. We were thrilled to get a couple of volunteers and we shared their contact information with our principals. When Parent-Teacher Conference time arrived in October, the principal at our Early Childhood Center called one of the volunteers to see if he would sit in on a conference with a kindergarten student's parents who don't speak English. He agreed and what a success! This was the first time the teacher and parents were truly able to communicate about the student's abilities, successes, and needs.
 - Through the efforts of a volunteer parent, we were able to offer haircuts to elementary students before School Picture Day. Local hairstylists volunteered their time and a local salon donated the space. In addition, Durham School Services provided the transportation. Over 60 students received haircuts.

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