



Dear Friends and Staff of Plainwell Community Schools:

The Plainwell Education Foundation has been serving the staff and students of Plainwell schools since 1985. The Foundation provides financial assistance each fall to teacher initiated projects to improve their classroom environment or educational scope. Teacher Mini-Grants typically range from \$100 to \$400 depending on funds available. All Plainwell Community School teachers and employees are eligible to apply for mini-grant awards. The Foundation also provides Senior Scholarships ranging from \$250 to \$750 depending on available funds. We are proud to say that we have awarded over \$20,000 to teachers and students in the last 5 years. However, there is so much more we could do.

In an effort to enhance our contribution to the staff and students of the Plainwell schools, the Education Foundation Board of Directors is working very diligently to grow our funds. Our first step was to establish an endowment fund with the Allegan County Community Foundation. An endowment fund provides financial benefits in perpetuity. The funds contributed to the endowment are never spent – only the growth on the fund is distributed. So our gifts to the endowment today will provide scholarships and grants for our children and grandchildren tomorrow.

We are asking the Plainwell Community Schools Staff to join us in supporting our efforts to enhance excellence in education in the Plainwell schools. By contributing through payroll deduction, your gift, pooled with the gifts of other staff and donors, can create additional scholarships and grants that recognize the outstanding efforts our teachers and students demonstrate. For example, if one staff member provides \$10 per pay period - \$260 will be contributed. If 20 people contribute \$10 per pay period - \$5,200 will be contributed! Over 10 years, \$52,000 will have been added to the endowment fund creating an additional 5 – 10 scholarships/grants per year!

Please join us in recognizing the staff and students of the Plainwell Community Schools. Fill in the information requested below and turn in to **your building office**. Thank you – your support is greatly appreciated.

### ***A Personal Invitation For Plainwell Schools Staff***

We invite you to participate in the payroll deduction program in support of the Plainwell Education Foundation.

Donations may be directed to either the ongoing, **Immediate Needs Fund** of the Foundation or to the **Plainwell Education Foundation Endowment Fund** held by the Allegan County Community Foundation. (In addition to being tax deductible, your gift to the endowed fund may also qualify for a Michigan Tax Credit!)

**No donation is too small**      **Year end receipt provided**

I will participate in the payroll deduction program designating the Plainwell Education Foundation.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please direct \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per pay period to the (circle one) **Endowment Fund** or the **Immediate Needs Fund**.

Questions call: **Bill Willett at 685-5813** or **Mike Kimble at 685-1256**.  
Please sign and return to your building office