



Blackford High School Bruin Boosters

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Alumni of Blackford High School,

We are asking our alumni and current Bruin supporters for help. There is a lot of work to be done at the school's current facilities but no money to complete these projects. We, the Bruin Boosters, recently failed in a grant application for money which would've been used to replace the fence that surrounds the football field / track. The fence is the original, 40+ years old. The cost for a new fence is \$24,000 which has dropped \$6,000 in the last five years. The new fence would have kick outs instead of gates, provide a place for the shot put / discus competitors to get through, provide a gate for maintenance access, and even provide a bar for the track kids to stretch on.

We also have other projects that need to be addressed as well. The fence along both foul lines on the baseball field, again the original, need replaced. It comes with a \$10,500 price tag. The baseball and soccer fields need new LED scoreboards which carry a combined price tag between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The softball field needs a new dirt mixture hauled in at \$4,500. Also we have the project of providing brick dugouts and press boxes, along with a new home plate area on both baseball and softball diamonds at an estimated cost of \$20,000. We would also like to provide tennis with a practice board area, a new 'welcome to' area leading to track, football, baseball, cross country, and softball, and down the road we've been told there is a need for a brand new basketball court which we've been told has a price tag of \$300,000.

We plan on a Blackford High School memorial where the early plans are to put up 3 flag poles in between all the outdoor facilities for an American Flag, state of Indiana Flag, and Bruin flag will fly. Our vision is a flower box around surrounding the flag poles with bricks in a circular area with names of those who donate a certain amount to the projects.

We do not know final costs for that or what it would cost to get names on bricks. So for now we would say anyone who donates \$100 or more will get their name on a brick and have a chance to be a permanent part of BHS.

The Bruin Boosters have provided \$300,000 to the school and community organizations over the last 3 years. It has not just been athletic teams as we have supported the band and choir, BPA and Science Clubs, drama, student council, and many others. The Bruin Boosters provide \$45,000 every 3 years just for uniforms for our teams. We also provide money for game balls and other necessities. We have also brought many professional athletes, BHS alumni, and Boomer of the Indiana Pacers to BHS, and added a pep rally for every season and many other events to promote excitement and excellence at our school.

Any donation is appreciated as we ask that you help in anyway possible in helping us support Blackford High School of 2011 and beyond. Please make all checks to Blackford Bruin Boosters and mail to Bruin Boosters, attn Chris Landis, 305 Buckingham Drive, Hartford City, IN 47348

Donation amount - _____

If \$100 or more, name you would like on brick _____

Donor _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

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Mission Statement: The Bruin Boosters is an essential part of the process of providing fun, pride, and enthusiasm for the community through its outreach to all Blackford Bruins. We are an independent organization that works with the approval, support, and cooperation of the Blackford High School athletic department and school corporation, in order to help the student-athletes throughout the school year. The Bruin Boosters is made up of FANS — fans whose primary goal is to provide

a positive atmosphere where we can have a positive impact on the student-athletes, coaches, school and community. The Bruin Boosters provide support for all student-athletes in all sports. The funding provided by the Bruin Boosters is critical to the existence of the athletic programs at Blackford High School.