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*During this season of giving, we are very pleased to highlight the extraordinary generosity of BEF Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Joseph Kliminski '61, aka, Mr. K. Following is a story of one man's big-hearted effort to enrich the lives of thousands of Bloomfield's youth.*

### Why Joe Gives

A little over 20 years ago, Joe had a conversation with Superintendent Thomas Dowd regarding the Bloomfield Board of Education's tight budget. Superintendent Dowd wished there were funds for special needs students, for the gifted and talented, and for students curious about subjects beyond the classroom, to name a few scenarios.

While educational foundations existed for private and religious schools, not many existed to support the public schools. Joe offered to explore the possibility of creating a foundation to enhance the educational experiences for all students in the Bloomfield School District.

Recognizing that such a task is not accomplished alone, he contacted two BHS graduates, Howard Friedman '55, and Robert Fetterly '71. Intrigued by the idea, the three sketched out a mission and goals for this new non-profit and in 1999, the **Bloomfield Educational Foundation** was born.

"I feel that I have had success in my life, due to my education by the Bloomfield Schools. I attended Fairview Elementary School, South Junior High and Bloomfield High School. I enjoyed sports, which included basketball, due in part, to my 6 ft 4 inch height and my first love, baseball. I attended St. Michael's College in Vermont, graduated and served in the Army for 21 months, including a tour in Vietnam. ([Read more.](#))



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