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Class of '69 Makes Donation, Continues to Challenge Other Classes To Do The Same

When the 1968 graduating class of Michigan City Isaac C. Elston High School started their fund with Unity Foundation in 2018, they issued a challenge to other alumni years: raise the amount of your graduating year to donate to the “The Graduates of Isaac C Elston High School Education Support Fund” with Unity Foundation of La Porte County.

Kathy Pahs Rhodes and Linda Nowatzke Swedenberg led the charge for the class of 1969, and presented a check to Jamie Miller, Unity Foundation Development Officer, on November 22nd for a total of \$1,969. The success of the fundraiser spurred the group to make the challenge to other graduating classes. The class of '69 hopes the challenge will inspire more creative ideas and support for the Elston Education Fund.

The Fund was created to support the educational, social, and personal development for students served by the Michigan City School Corporation with a special emphasis on programs that may not receive federal or state funding. You don't have to be an alum to support the fund, though! Donations can be made anytime on the Unity Foundation website, uflc.net.

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