

### 2016 Annual Report



### Giving Kids Tools to Create Better Lives

Dear Friends.

We have so many exciting things to report this past year! The Hallsville Education Foundation is celebrating 15 years of making a difference for Hallsville students and teachers. Over the last 15 years, we have helped students achieve lasting success and strengthened the Hallsville community. Our grants to teachers program has allowed our teachers to explore their own creativity and innovation. We want to make sure we are not resting on yesterday's successes, but always pushing forward to tomorrow's opportunities.

Imagine building a robot at just 8 years of age. Or, being given the chance to be the first in your family to go to college? These are just some of the exceptional opportunities brightening the lives of the many Hallsville students.

Although our success in helping kids succeed has always been closely linked to others who share our goal, last year, more than ever, we made progress thanks to several key partnerships. With help from generous donors, we made great progress

in expanding the opportunities available to our students, even at a time when resources have been limited. We raised \$70,000 at Get Rowdy, Get Loud in October and, for the first time ever, we have reached our goal of \$100,000 just during the months of August through

December...and we still have 7 months to go in our fundraising fiscal year. This has never been more important than right now when our schools are struggling with fewer resources.

Putting kids first has always been our goal. Throughout this report, you will learn more about the programs and our funding goals. Even more important, you will meet some of the kids who have already reaped the benefits of our efforts. We are grateful to all of our valuable partners for their help in igniting the spark of learning over the last 15 years. Together, we are giving kids tools to create better lives.

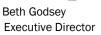
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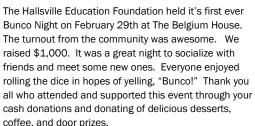
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~Cole Monroe

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Many thanks to everyone who came out and braved the weather to support the Foundation. We had 74 registered runners. The race began/ended at Hallsville City Park and included an appearance by Santa and his elf, Joshua AND an ugly sweater contest. Proceeds from the Fun Run benefit the Foundation's innovative teaching grants and dual credit scholarships and our Fun Run partner, Hallsville High School Cross Country Team.

Special thanks to Jason & Paula Ainsworth for donating the snacks, Tommy & Traci Dionisio for the hot, Main Street Coffee





### In the Spotlight

#### **GIVING STUDENTS A HEAD START ON THEIR CAREERS**

In 2010, the Education Foundation implemented Dual Credit Scholarships for Hallsville High School juniors and seniors who longed to begin their college careers early, but desired the assistance of a scholarship. Dual Credit allows students to get a jump-start on their college careers while still enrolled in high school. These courses enable students to obtain both high school and college credit at the same time. Dual Credit Classes offered at Hallsville High School include English, History, Mathematics and Speech among several others, including cosmetology, culinary, and ag mechanics courses from Texas State Technical College. Students must adhere to collegiate standards and rigor and must obtain a passing grade of "C" or higher to obtain college credit. Hallsville High School's collegiate partners are Kilgore College, LeTourneau University, and TSTC and students walk away with a college credit transcript along with high school credit on a Hallsville High School transcript.

Recipients are awarded dual credit scholarships via an application process that begins each spring. The applications are then reviewed by the Education Foundation Scholarship Committee and recipients are notified during the summer. "There's nothing that compares to that light bulb moment when a child realizes they have a chance to go to college. Something like

that changes the way they feel about their life and it changes your life, too," said Beth Godsey. Since fall of 2010, the Education Foundation has awarded 176 scholarships totaling \$48,798. Rachel Kuykendall, one of the dual credit scholarship recipients, believes "The scholarship made a difference in my life for the following reasons. First, it gave me an opportunity to take the class, for without it, I would not have financially been able to afford the classes. Next, it pushed me to achieve high goals in the curriculum itself. I needed the grade to maintain the scholarship. By pushing myself, it has implanted a drive to achieve my goals faster and more efficiently than before. Lastly, the scholarship has taught me to be grateful for the little things that can turn into a big thing. The scholarship alone is a glimpse into my college expenses, but overall, it has given me over 30 hours to walk away with, but at a fraction of the dual credit cost." Rachel plans to pursue a career in the field of allied health.



### And the Award Goes To...

Since 2010, the Hallsville Education Foundation honors the Top 10 percent of the graduating senior class. Each honored student selects an educator that made a difference in their lives. The Hallsville ISD Teachers of the Year are also recognized and awarded \$1,000. In addition, the Foundation's generous donors are invited to attend and they are acknowledged. "Being selected as a Distinguished Educator at our Top 10 Percent is one of the highlights of my year. Being a teacher means the world to me, and it is nice to hear from the kids that I have impacted their lives in such a positive manner. I hope

that I am able to continue being a positive influence for my students for many years to come!" said Lee Branson, HHS Biology, AP Biology & UIL instructor.







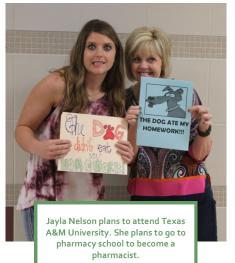


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McKenna Barker	Jennifer Roberts
Jack Barron	Tracy Dewoody
Taylor Boozier	Dawn Dillard
Sarah Bradford	Lee Branson
Lauren Dirksen	Cari Bailey
Emily G. Emerson	Rex McCullough
Andrea Gonzalez Huerta	Tracy Dewoody
Hannah Greer	Brian Greer
Carson Henderson	Martha Dalby
Melanie Kroyer	Sarah Odom
Nicolas Lanas	Amy Fix
Colin Lapic	Mike Clay
Victoria Laughlin	Dawn Dillard
Mallan Mauldin	Lee Branson
Jacob Middleton	Shalom Johnson
Hannah Mizell	Rex McCullough
Jayla Nelson	Debbie Cline
Kevin Nguyen	Christina Eagan
Haley Prazak	Martha Dalby
Pralahad "Peter" Raman	Daniel Pipak
Ethan Reeder	Daniel Pipak
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Rita E. Spellman	Sherry Britt
Alena Swanson	Rex McCullough
Caden Thomson	Lindsay Slaten
Rebekah Walton	Rex McCullough
Ariel Winsted	Kathryn Calaway
Jacob York	Amy Fix















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### **14th Annual Golf Tournament**

We had a fun day, despite the rain. The 14th Annual Golf Tournament raised \$4,144.88. Held at Pinecrest Country Club on June 13th, 68 golfers hit the fairway for a good cause. We can't wait until next year!!

#### First Flight

1st Place - Monty Meissner, Scott Mitchell, Matt Whatley, Chris Whatley 2nd Place - Troy Crafton, Tiger Stovall, Trey Clinkscales, Les Price 3rd Place - Josh Goll, Skooter Goll, David Trimble, Taylor Goll

#### Second Flight

1st Place - Ronnie Fritz, Victor Perot, Merritt Grimm, Keith Lloyd 2nd Place - RJ Jimerson, Barry Sheets, Ben Marjason, John White 3rd Place - Les Langley, Darrell Mayfield, John Gobert, Jarred Gobert

Closest to Hole #3 - Eddy Anderson

Longest Drive #16 - Taylor Goll

### **Golf Tournament Sponsors**



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Drinks & Snacks Provided by Lone Star Vending















#### Thankful for My Teacher & Valentine Fundraisers

Each Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day we partner with Main Street Coffee House by offering a Thanksgiving or Valentine's Gift for teachers. With a \$5 donation, the student purchases a gift certificate for coffee, bagel, or muffin for Thanksgiving treat or three yummy cake balls beautifully wrapped for Valentine's Day. These fundraisers give the students a chance to tell the teachers how much they are appreciated and it boosts the Foundation's annual drive.





#### EAST TEXAS East Texas Giving Day & Giving Tuesday

Always ready to rally, the Hallsville Education Foundation team developed social media campaigns to support their yearly giving initiatives during #ETGD and #GivingTuesday.

The results made our heads swirl. We won a \$250 bonus from someone making a donation at 6:32AM during #ETGD and we received \$190 matching funds from Bill Gates Foundation

during #GivingTuesday Facebook campaign. Both were unexpected gifts!

We ended both campaigns with \$1,150 in donations and series of high-fives. Thanks to all of you that donated, we sincerely appreciate your participation and

support of the Foundation's good works.



#### **Bobcat Radio 104.9FM**



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### **Community Partnerships**



#### **DRIVE ONE 4 UR SCHOOL**

The Ford Motor Company's Drive One 4UR School event sponsored by Pegues Hurst Ford Motor Company was held August 18 at Hallsville High School parking lot during the "Community Wide Pep Rally." The Foundation partnered with the HHS Cheerleaders, HHS Cross Country, and HHS Band on this event. A simple test drive in one of Pegues Hurst Ford's vehicles gave the Hallsville Education Foundation an opportunity to raise \$6,000 in four hours. Pegues Hurst Ford presented the Education Foundation a check in the amount of \$4,610. Remarkable, isn't it? Special thanks to the community members who took test drives, Kevin Palmer and his crew at Pegues Hurst Ford Motor Company, and Hallsville ISD Administration for allowing us to issue Jeans Coupons for staff participation.







## **2016 Distinguished Alumni**



#### **Gary Lovelace, Class of 1971...**

**Exemplifies high standards** in his education, career, church involvement, service to the community, and life. Mr. Lovelace taught 39 years with 35 years at Hallsville schools. He was a teacher/coach for 10 years, 29 years in administration which included Assistant Elementary Principal, Elementary Principal, Intermediate Principal, Director of Support Services, and Director of Facility Planning and Development. Mr. Lovelace is married to Trisha Lovelace and has twin daughters, Tara Rangel and Lara Hood, four grandchildren. His parents are the late James "Bugs" Lovelace and Betty Lovelace. When not keeping grandchildren, he loves watching all sports, especially the Hallsville Bobcats. He volunteers on Bobcat Radio and broadcasts Bobcat football games, plays golf, travels, and enjoys family activities.

The 16th Annual All-School Class Reunion was held on September 16, 2016. Dinner was catered by the Bodacious BBQ. Many classes celebrated reunions this year in conjunction with the All-School Class Reunion. For more information on nominating someone for the Distinguished Alumni award or joining the Alumni group with a \$10 membership, please contact Carol Greer, Hallsville ISD's Public Information Officer, at 903-668-5990, ext. 5012. Nomination forms are available at hisdfoundation.org. Nominees must have been out of school for at least 10 years. Anyone can join!

### **Wall of Legacy...**

Hallsville Alumni & Friends continue to leave their mark at HISD in the Education Foundation Plaza located at the entrance of Hallsville High School. The plaza is a prominent landmark and source of pride to Hallsville ISD students, staff, and friends. Bricks are \$50 each and is a great way for someone to honor or memorialize someone. Brick order forms are available on our website: hisdfoundation.org.



- **♥** Do you want to give a Senior a lasting graduation gift?
- Do you want your name to be a part of your alma mater in the years to come?
- Do you want to honor or memorialize a special person?
- Recognize that Bobcat fan in your family!

Foundation activities serve multiple purposes: Raising funds, recognizing teacher excellence and student achievement, always drawing attention to the Mission.

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## **6th Annual Get Rowdy. Get Loud Raises \$70.000** #4theKids





The 6th Annual Get Rowdy, Get Loud at Carter Ranch was held on Saturday, October 8. 2016. The event, presented by Richard & Amy Traweek and Patterson of Marshall, included a dinner catered by Bear Creek Smokehouse, music featuring Dagnabbit, a live DJ (DJ Daddy Company), and auction for just over 300 participants. The event raised just over \$70,000 to help fulfill Hallsville ISD Education Foundation's teacher grant requests.

For the fourth year, hand-held bidding devices...cell phones, were used. That's right, bidders could bid from the comforts of their seats. "The annual fundraising event for the kids was an enormous success," said Beth Godsev. Executive Director, "This demonstrates that the

community can meaningfully impact Hallsville schools by amounts raised and fulfilling the Education Foundation's goal of providing innovative grants to Hallsville teachers and students. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank the Get Rowdy, Get Loud committee, the sponsors, private donors, volunteers, and countless individuals who attended and donated to our annual event and made this year's event the most successful ever!" The Hallsville Education Foundation recognized event sponsors Richard & Amy Traweek, Patterson Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Marshall, Patterson Toyota of Marshall, AEP/Pirkey Power Plant, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Westlake Chemical, AAA Alliance Auto Auction, Studio L Salon,

























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### **The Foundation Story**

The Hallsville Education Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt public corporation founded in 2001 to provide funds beyond the normal operating budget for Hallsville students and staff. While core educational needs are met through the allocation of tax dollars, the margin of excellence is possible only by contributions and efforts that go above and beyond the minimum. Funds are used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, recognize and encourage staff excellence and expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

**Mission** The Hallsville ISD Education Foundation will generate and distribute resources that enhance the quality of education, one student at a time.

#### 2016 Income and Expense Statement

Income	<b>A</b> 04 000 04	
Beginning Checking Balance, 01/01/16	\$ 81,389.84	
Revenues		
Donations/Fundraisers	\$ 100,742.17	
Interest	\$ 152.60	
Total Revenues	\$ 100,894.77	
Expenses		
Operating	\$ 8,513.99	
Grants	\$ 42,515.67	
Scholarships	\$ 5,250.00	
Academic/Donor Reception	\$ 3,061.00	
UIL Rings State Champs	\$ 3,500.00	
Endowment Investment	\$ 16,342.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 79,182.66	
Ending Checking Balance, 12/31/16	\$ 103,101.95	

#### **2016 Net Worth Statement**

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#### The Hallsville 15D Education Joundation ...

- ♥ Is a 501(c)3 nonprofit tax-exempt philanthropic organization of citizens.
- ♥ Shares a vision of enhancing education in Hallsville ISD.
- ♥ Works to increase private support for education activities in Hallsville ISD.
- ♥ Benefits Hallsville ISD students and staff personnel by supporting activities not funded by tax dollars.
- ♥ Fosters creative approaches to education.
- Awards Foundation funds through a volunteer Board of Directors made up of business, community, and education leaders.

Goals

- ♥ Build community awareness
- Inspire parents and community to create partnerships with HISD to enrich education
- Motivate students to continually exceed expectations
- ♥ Support staff for innovative efforts
- ♥ Recognize exemplary efforts



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### **Awarded Grants 2016**

Have you ever known a teacher who had to take money out of their pocket to do something special for their students in their classroom? The Hallsville Education Foundation assists teachers by awarding Enrichment Grants which makes a difference in the education of our students. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit, tax exempt organization founded in 2001 to help Hallsville ISD meet needs above and beyond the district's budget. This year, the Foundation awarded \$43,014.86, which impacted 54 teachers and thousands of students. In the last 15 years, the Foundation has awarded \$350,000 in teacher grants to Hallsville ISD.

A Fresh Coat of Paint - \$4,247.84 - All Campuses—Stacey Perkins, Rachel Crider, Emily Dunagan, Beth Green

Our District uses an effective, but dated, curriculum to teach reading and spelling strategies to Dyslexic students in a pull out, small-group setting. The curriculum (Multisensory Teaching Approach) was developed in the 1980s before technology was readily available in classrooms. Much like a 30-year old home, although structurally sound, needs periodic updating with a fresh coat of paint, our dyslexia program needs updating to include technology resources. We would like to bring our MTA curriculum program into the 21st century with the integration of iPads.







LEGO and Let Your Imagination Soar - \$2,410.90—East Elementary—Becky Meitzen & Anna Pratt

LEGO bricks are such simple toys, brightly colored, inviting children to come and play. To children, LEGO bricks are like magnets drawing them in to build, and create. While LEGO bricks provide children with an avenue for play, they also allow children's minds to soar with imagination. Children love being able to explore, construct, and build with LEGO bricks. The WeDo 2.0 sets will enable students to not only play and construct, but also to learn about science, technology, engineering and math in a way that will truly set in motion a love of science through hands-on learning.

*I*<sup>3</sup>—*I Code, I Connect, I Succeed* - \$3,859.90—North Elementary, East Elementary, & Intermediate—Anda Juban

It is my goal to help the students of HISD go beyond computer literacy by providing 21st century skills necessary for innovation. I plan to initiate this movement through the purchase of programmable robots. At an early age, students will hypothesize, explore, experiment, evaluate, and draw conclusions.











Making Reading Connections With Nexus - \$2,721.30—Junior High—Lisa King, Andrea Taylor, Taylor Miller, Jill Ward, Linda Chaplin, Wendy Edney, Vicki Russell, Lindsey Woods, Carolyn Cole Our grade level ELA team would like to "make reading connections" in our students served under special education, below grade level, at risk, ESL, dyslexia, or struggling with fluency and comprehension by providing sixteen Nexus 7 devices that can be accessed at least 3 days of the week for independent reading as a warm up. Although primarily in the co-teach reading classes, the devices would also be used during writing classes to conduct research for written projects. With Audible and text to speech features, students would also access material for literature circles, as well as literature book online.

**There's an App for That!** - \$4,798.50—Junior High—Rhonda House, Nancy Gilstrap, Ken Wall

There's an App for That will allow our students to be on the cutting edge of technology usage in the classroom. These apps will help our students to become better readers and thinkers. We will be able to use these apps throughout the entire school year and other years to follow.











All About That Bass - \$3,339.60—East Elementary—Kimberly Hendrix The bass line will come alive in the East Elementary music classroom as students play their new Contrabass Resonator Bars. The Contrabass Resonator Bar set will include an entire octave of bass bars and mallets which will allow more students the opportunity to place pieces in the music classroom at the same time. Students at East Elementary will be able to play and experience the beat in a whole new way with the addition of these instruments to our music classroom.

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### -Awarded Grants 2016, Continued-

Flavors Noodle Stack Chairs-\$3,131.75-Intermediate-Ann Edington

Appropriate seating for students in a computer lab is almost as important as the computer. My project asks for the money to outfit two computer labs with Flavors Noodle Chairs. The chairs have a flexible back and a raised seat that allows the wiggly, active bodies of 4th and 5th grade students to move naturally without chair legs coming off the floor. The Noodle Chair has a patented suspension which allows the student to move in all directions without tilting the chair! The chair even requires the student to engage core muscles. What could be better-exercise while you are on the computer.







Learning Alive Suite - \$2,591.90—East Elementary—Katie McBride & Blythe Martin The Learning Alive program will enable students to improve their reading and math skills through utilization of a computer equipped with a document camera, software, and cards that spring to life in 3D through the advanced technology of augmented reality.

HIS Ukulele - \$3,918.87-Intermediate-Jennifer Puckett & Tina Cooper

While our music programs in the elementary and intermediate settings offer our students a wide variety of musical experiences, learning ukulele will add another dimension to our program. Learning to play the ukulele will give students more confidence in learning string instruments as well as wind instruments. Although our district doesn't have an orchestral setting for students to participate in, learning a stringed instrument will encourage students to learn guitar, etc. which could carry over into our band programs in the capacity of jazz band. Even if students don't participate in band, learning an instrument is a hobby that can enrich a person's life and become a life-long hobby.







There's No Place Like Chrome! - \$4.720-Junior High-Laura Adams, Karen Fleet, Schrundagale Griffith, Angela Scroggins, Tracey Fernandez,

Traditional teaching methods are no longer feasible in this 21st century, technology is necessary to engage our busy student's minds. Because students are comfortable with digital devices, this will enable our teachers to reach multiple learners within the classroom. Teachers will be able to motivate students in ways like never before. Learning will occur in real-time and with collaboration of both the teacher and students' peers. With the use of the Chromebook and its educational applications, the learning environment will be digital, which will enable high-level learning.

Expanding Comprehension One Book at a Time - \$267.05—Junor High—Stacy Smith

At a young age, majority of students learn to read. As children grow up, they develop into young adults which read to learn. What about the struggling readers who despise reading? Who feel defeated because they read slowly or can't recall what they're reading? This interferes across all subjects and at all ages. By sixth grade, struggling readers feel defeated with their lack of ability to read. Adding Read 180 Xtra Advance books into the classroom will provide these defeated readers with twenty-four new book titles, two copies per title, and provide each student with an enhanced variety in the existing Read 180 library.





The Memory Project - \$450-High School-Amanda Clements Painting smiles across the world! The memory project is an opportunity for our students to connect with cultures around the globe by using their creativity. Our artists will be using their talents to create portraits of children in poverty that face many challenges. In return, we will get to witness a video of these children's faces as they light up from receiving these gifts.





Light Up Learning! - \$342.47-North Elementary-Jennifer Gillaspie & Jerilyn Zackary Light Up Learning with the use of artificial outdoor lighting! Many elementary students struggle with attention and focus issues in the classroom. The addition of Sky Panels in the reading intervention rooms would allow the at-risk readers to have better stamina as they read throughout the year.





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### -Awarded Grants 2016, Continued-

Learning to Love Robotics - \$499.95—North Elementary, East Elementary, Intermediate—Anda Juban Learning to Love Robotics using Cubelets is an easy way to hook our kids on computer science! These easy to use/assemble blocks turn any child's imagination into robotic exploration. Building robots provide playdriven learning opportunities that explore design, engineering, and complex systems. Cubelets can be paired with Lego brick constructions to add levels of learning.









Do You Hear What I Hear? - \$470.46—East Elementary—Kimberly Hendrix This grant will allow the use of two choir microphones to be used during student performances. The addition of these microphones will allow large group performances to take full advantage of they gymnasium as a performance space.

Innovative Seating for the Individual Mind - \$486.38—Intermediate—Rebecca Rawson Keeping students engaged in lessons and activities is essential to the overall classroom success. The more senses a student can activate in their learning, the higher the attention threshold and retention rate. Alternative seating is one way to keep kids engaged in their lessons by providing a student specific seating arrangement which entices more sensations in each activity. The alternative seats provide ranges from sitting on the floor with cushions, Wobble Stools, traditional chairs, and traditional stools. By being able to offer different styles of seating throughout the classroom, I will be able to activate multiple senses so students can interact with the lesson in a more intense and focused way.









Standing to Learn: Our Brains Are Active - \$422-North Elementary-Sarah Nixon Our class is a very active class. We are special needs combined with regular education. We do lots of moving, activity and brain compatible learning. Sitting in desks is hard for anyone! We would like to make some standing tables from bookshelves and wood to help our students be hetter learners and healthier

Exploring, Extending, and Enjoying Guided Reading - \$398-North Elementary-Sarah Nixon Student use of iPads and Google documents to get their instructions for guided reading. I can differentiate the instructions, add links, videos, pictures, graphic organizer, etc. My class has special education students with regular education students and I have had visitors walk in my room and not know who the special education kids are because they look like they're doing what everyone else is doing, but their directions are on their level!





A Projector in My Pocket - \$437.99—Intermediate—Stacey Perkins There are times that all students in our group need to be able to see the content of one iPad simultaneously. Whether I am using an iPad to illustrate part of the lesson, or a student needs to share something he/she has created, the entire group needs a way to see one iPad's content without having to crowd all of our heads around a 9-inch screen. My reading groups comprise up to 5 students, so a small, pocket-size projector would be ideal for mirroring the iPad onto a blank wall or screen.

In addition to the Grants to Teachers, the Hallsville Education Foundation

awarded \$100 mini-grants to 35 teachers!!



Look what I got in the school mail!! Thanks Hallsville Education Foundation!!!!



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Total amount awarded during the Spring, 2016 grant process = \$43,014.86!

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