



Education Foundation of the Summit
Strong Supporter of Public Education
Annual Report for 2013

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am really proud of the success we've had this year in supporting the public schools in Summit County! Created in 2010, the Education Foundation of the Summit is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports innovation and creativity in the public schools in Summit School District. We raise money, donate time, and recruit community volunteers. The funds we raise go directly to innovation in public school programs—creativity, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), and innovative classroom technology. Through collaboration with individuals and businesses from Summit County, Colorado, the Education Foundation has made a real difference in the lives of our children. After a successful retreat in June we began a series of strategic steps to increase our visibility and impact in the community. We changed our name to “Education of the Summit” to make our commitment to education very clear and visible. We increased our partnership with the school district and added new directors. We urge you to join us in the exciting work of supporting public education and making a difference in the lives of children.

Brad Piehl, President

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Our Mission

To serve as the catalyst with money, time, and people to enhance innovative education and excellence in the Summit School District.

Our Goals

- *Foster innovation and excellence*
- *Provide leadership, creativity, and support*
- *Work collaboratively to solve educational challenges*
- *Help our community make a difference in education*

Our Strategies

- Support creativity, technology, and STEM through Innovative Teacher Grants to classroom teachers
- Support and encourage college success with scholarships
- Support schools, parent and students through collaborative partnerships with school-based organizations
- Support community members who volunteer in schools

Our Impact

Over \$225,000 has been raised for public schools in less than four years through fundraising events, grant writing, and donations with grants and awards distributed to the Summit School District and its teachers of

- \$83,000 for Summit School District Technology Fund
- \$25,000 for STEM programs in elementary, middle, and high school
- \$38,000 for Innovative Teaching Awards to public school teachers
- \$5,000 in Scholarships to graduating seniors at Summit High School
- \$34,000 in other awards and grants for math, early childhood, and teacher supplies

Partner With Us to Make a Difference

Your support is critical to continuing creative and innovative programs in Summit County Public Schools. All donations go directly to the foundation. The foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and your contributions are tax deductible. A gift to the Education Foundation of the Summit of any size can make a real difference in the educational experience of Summit students. We encourage you to participate at whatever level possible.

- ❖ **Send a check** to the Education Foundation at PO Box 6702, Breckenridge, CO 80424
- ❖ **Give online** at www.sef
- ❖ **Donate** Stock and Securities

What Your Donations Support

Education Foundation of the Summit provides outreach, leadership, creativity, and funding for programs that are beyond the current scope and means of the Summit School District. We are focused on innovation, creativity and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). We are starting work on collaborative projects with other school support groups, such as PTSAs. The foundation has also provided targeted funding for donor-directed projects.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

EFS is partnering with Colorado State University, 4-H, and the Summit School District to bring the STEM program to Summit County, starting with after-school programs and moving into classrooms soon. We have leveraged our own fund-raising with outside grants to provide more than \$20,000 to the Summit School District for STEM programs.



STEM materials help students get hands-on experience, bringing lessons to life.

Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards

EFS awards grants to classroom teachers that submitted proposals for innovative programs. Creativity and innovative approaches were highly valued in these awards.

Technology Grants

We award funds for targeted technology grants that provided new technology tools for classrooms at Summit High School, Summit Middle School and all elementary schools. Classroom teachers and administrators submitted proposals that were evaluated and awarded based upon need, innovation and impact on students.

Summit High School Scholarships

The scholarship program began in 2012. Last year in 2013, we gave five graduating seniors iPads and gift cards for applications to take to college as part of our focus on innovation and technology.

Financial Statement for 2013

Income

Grants	21,000
Individual Contributions	2,110
2013 Spelling Bee Fundraising Event	17,070
Interest	<u>4</u>

Total Income **40,184**

Expense

Stem Grants to Schools	2,500
Technology Grant to School District	5,000
Scholarships to Students	2,750
Innovative Teachers Awards	<u>11,804</u>

Total Grants and Awards **22,054**

2013 Spelling Bee Expenses	10,771
2014 Spring Fundraising Event	500
Family Fun Fair	344
Email Maintenance	649
Website	120
Office Supplies and Postage	65
Bank Charges	64
Travel and Meetings	178
Miscellaneous	<u>44</u>

Total Admin Expenses **12,735**

Total Expense **34,789**

Net Income **5,395**



