



Education Foundation of the Summit
Strong Supporter of Public Education
Annual Report for 2014

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a successful year we had in 2014 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, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art 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. Our impact in the community has increased with an expanded Board of Directors drawn from our generous and supportive community. Our strong partnership with the school district helps us ensure that the dollars we raise are aligned with the district's goals. We urge you to join us in the exciting work of supporting public education and making a difference in the lives of children.

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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 STEAM 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 Fundraising

The Education Foundation of the Summit has two major fundraising events each year with all profits going directly to the public school students and teachers in Summit County.

- ◆ A Trivia Event, held each spring, provides sponsorship opportunities for local businesses as over 200 citizens and teachers gather for a fun evening of trivia questions and fun awards. Sponsorship was provided by Grand Lodge at Peak 7 and First Bank.
- ◆ A Golf FORE Education tournament is held in late summer; again with sponsorship opportunities for local businesses as 100 golfers gather at a local golf course to support education. Sponsorship was provided by Kaiser Permanente.

Our Support

The Education Foundation of the Summit is a strong supporter of public education through these programs:

1. Supports creativity, technology, & STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) –The foundation’s Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Award to classroom teachers annually provides funding to teachers. Grants from the F Cubed Foundation, The Summit Foundation, Vail Resort ECHO, and The Highlands at Breckenridge Advised Fund, and the Town of Silverthorne help us award \$25,750 in 2014.
2. Supports and encourages college success with scholarships--The Education Foundation gives scholarship awards of iPads to SHS seniors: 6 scholarships in 2014.
3. Supports schools, parent and students through collaborative partnerships with community and school-based organizations-- Close collaboration with Summit School District to expand the Board of the Education Foundation with shared decision making on funds raised by the foundation. A Leadership Forum for PTA leaders is held each November to share grant writing ideas from SSD, Vail Resorts, Freeport-McMoRan, and Summit Foundation with PTA officers. The foundation also offers grant writing assistance and provides matching grants up to \$500 to PTAs to support their initiatives for their schools.
4. Supports community members who volunteer in schools—The foundation holds an annual Retired Educator social to inform them about opportunities to volunteer in Summit School District classrooms and to participate in the activities of the foundation.



Our Impact

Over \$215,000 has been raised for public schools in only five years through fundraising events, grant writing, and donations with grants and awards distributed to the Summit School District and its teachers. In 2014, the foundation raised \$41,610 and funded

- \$3,000 for STEAM programs in elementary, middle, and high school
- \$25,750 for Innovative Teaching Awards to public school teachers
- \$3,080 for early childhood & teacher supplies
- \$2,340 in scholarships to graduating seniors at Summit High School

Partner With Us to Make a Difference

Your support is critical to continuing creative and innovative programs in Summit County Public Schools (SSD). 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.educationfoundationsummit.org
- ❖ **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 STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). We work on collaborative projects with other school support groups, such as the PTAs at each of the eight public schools. The foundation has also provided targeted funding for donor-directed projects.

STEAM

Providing exciting challenges experiences for students is a major area of focus for the foundation.

- EFS partnered 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.
- Last summer, the foundation partnered with the local STEM Grassroots Committee, the school district, and Colorado Mountain College to offer first time ever summer engineering opportunities for students with teacher training and curriculum provided by Project Lead the Way, the nation's leading provider of engineering curriculum for students. A grant from the Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Foundation provided scholarships and funding.



Summer Animation and Robotics Camp—
ten middle and high school students

experienced a dynamic, hands-on approach to engineering in a week-long half-day animation and robotics-packed learning adventure. The camp used a problem based curriculum to challenge and engage the natural curiosity and imagination of students who used the VEX Robotics platform to design, build, and program real-world objects such as robotic arms and cars.

First Year College Engineering Course—high school students age 16 and above and college students collaborated together in this 3-credit college engineering course. They learned engineering design process and applied math, science and engineering to hands-on problems, and use Autodesk Inventor, a 3D modeling software.

Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards

EFS awards grants to classroom teachers who submitted proposals for innovative and creative approaches. These are the teacher awardees for 2014:

To Benefit All Elementary Schools:

Joy Sparks \$500 Educational Materials for New Preschoolers

High School

Karen Tosetti-Scott \$950 Field Trip Bus to Denver and CNA Supplies
 Dylan Hollingsworth/Chris Hall \$750 Improving Humanities Learning with Stand Up Desks
 Mindy Regner 2014 Tiger Pride Student Recognition

Middle School

Mark Clark/Donna Clark/Mark Koob \$5000 Technology in Fine Arts Classrooms
 Brenda Thompson-Leffler/Julia Scott/
 Amanda Wilson \$3600 Technology for three 7th Grade Science Classrooms
 Andrea Kubick \$500 Exergaming Technology
 Andrea Kubick \$250 Apps for iPads
 Nelle Biggs/Sarah Merideth/Brian Richardson \$1200 Energy Lesson Materials for 6th Grade Science
 Therese McGraw \$900 Leadership and Personal Awareness Program
 Brenda Thompson-Leffler/Julia Scott \$6400 Technology for three 7th Grade Science Classrooms
 Susan Arrance/Robin Cornwell \$2000 eReaders to Support Below Proficiency Students

Breckenridge Elementary

Amanda Floyd \$900 Balance Ball Chairs for 4th Grade Classroom

Frisco Elementary

Peder Hansen \$750 Spheros for Robotics Club

Silverthorne Elementary

Corina Kaskey/Mary Schwartz \$500 Books for Reading Recovery Library

Summit Cove Elementary

Pam Minard \$500 eReading Devices for Reluctant Readers
 Laura Rupert \$400 Exploring Food Together (FIRC) for Kindergarten

Upper Blue Elementary

Kerry Buhler, Principal \$400 Exploring Food Together (FIRC) for Kindergarten

Financial Statement for 2014

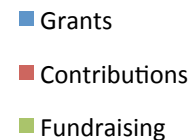
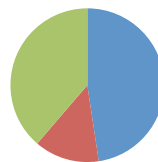
Income

Grants	21,000
Individual/Corporate Contributions	6,032
Trivia and Golf Fundraising Events	14,569
Interest	<u>9</u>
Total Income	41,610

Expense

Stem Grants to Schools	3,000
Other Grant to School District	3,080
Scholarships to Students	2,340
Innovative Teachers Awards	<u>25,750</u>
Total Grants and Awards	34,170
Spring Trivia Fundraising Event	7,518
Summer Golf Fundraising Event	2,056
Business Registration Fee	10
Email Maintenance	336
Website	404
Supplies and Postage	867
Bank Charges	
Meetings, Forums, Travel	296
Miscellaneous	<u>44</u>
Total Admin Expenses	11,486
Total Expense	45,656
Net Income	(4,046)
Bank Assets	13,004

Income



Grants and Awards

