



# Education Foundation of the Summit

## *Strong Supporter of Public Education*

### Annual Report for 2015

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We had an amazing year in 2015 with new projects 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 public school programs—innovation, creativity, excellence, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). 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. Our recognition by The Summit Foundation as the ***Outstanding Community Organization for 2015*** supports our belief that we are making a difference in the lives of children. We urge you to join us in this exciting work of supporting public education.

#### **Brad Piehl, Chairman**

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Member of Summit STEM Grassroots Committee

Mentor for Summit High School Pre-Collegiate and Colorado Mountain College

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Retired IBM programmer and manager and a member of Summit STEM

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Keystone Science School Program Director

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Retired Teacher, Summit County's Representative Colorado Children's Campaign

Gary Moore, Director

Retired Fine Arts Educator at the Carver Creative and Performing Arts Center

Principal Dancer, San Francisco Ballet and Le Folies Bergere, Educational Consultant

Aurora Santos, Director

Summit High School Pre Collegiate Program Coordinator

Nell Wareham, Director

Community Dev. Specialist Climax Molybdenum Co., A Subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan

## 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 innovation, creativity, excellence, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)
- Support and encourage college success with scholarships
- Support schools, parents and students through collaborative partnerships
- 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 over 200 citizens and teachers gather for a fun evening of trivia questions and fun awards. Sponsorship in 2015 was provided by FirstBank. The winning team was awarded \$1000 for Silverthorne Elementary.
- ◆ A Golf FORE Education tournament is held each summer; again with sponsorship opportunities for local businesses as golfers gathered at the Keystone Ranch golf course to support education. The high school golf team played in the tournament. Sponsorship in 2015 was provided by FirstBank and Summit Sky Ranch. The winning team was awarded \$1000 for Snowy Peaks High School.



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## Our Impact

Over \$290,000 has been raised for public schools in only five years through fundraising events, grant writing, and donations. In 2015, the foundation raised \$50,648 through grants and fundraising and **75%** of all the funds raised went to grants and awards to support teachers and students of the Summit School District:

- \$21,875 for Eileen Finkel Innovative Teaching Awards to public school teachers
- \$13,720 for other grants and awards to public schools in Summit County
- \$2,727 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](http://www.educationfoundationsummit.org)
- ❖ **Donate** Stock and Securities

## Our 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, excellence and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math). We work on collaborative projects with other school support groups, such as the PTA/PTOs at each of the eight public schools. The Education Foundation of the Summit is a strong supporter of public education through these programs:

1. Supports innovation, creativity, excellence, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)

- a. The Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Award annually provides funding to teachers. Grants from the F Cubed Foundation, The Summit Foundation, Vail Resorts EpicPromise, and the Towns of Silverthorne and Breckenridge helped us award \$29,175 in 2015. A complete list of the teacher awardees is listed in this report.

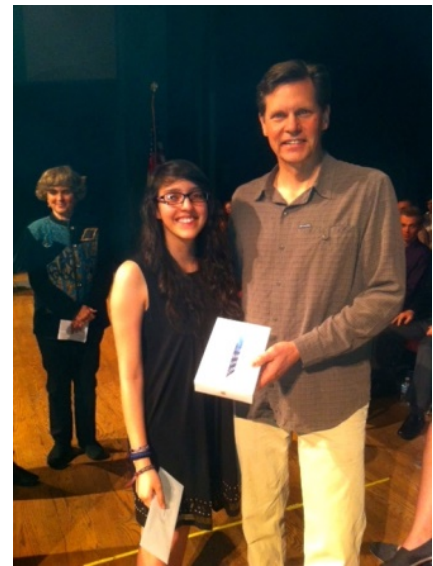


- b. Supporting reading and literacy is a priority. The Author's Visit in 2015 was a new program and its first inaugural event was a huge success. The children's author, Jerry Pallotta, visited each of the six elementary schools in the Summit School District on three days, Feb. 16-18. In addition, the visit included opportunities for six essay winners from each school to meet with the author and three free evening presentations for families to learn about creating a love of reading at home. A favorite of local students and the best-selling author of more than 60 titles such as "Who Will Win?" Jerry Pallotta visits more than 150 schools each year.



c. Providing challenging STEAM experiences for students is a major focus for the foundation. It 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. It also collaborated with the school district and Colorado Mountain College to offer 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 provides scholarships and funding. A summer Robotics Camp is offered to middle school students who experience a dynamic, hands-on approach to engineering in a week-long half-day animation and robotics-packed learning adventure. The camp uses 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. A first year College Engineering Course (3 credits) was offered to high school students who learned engineering design process and applied math, science and engineering to hands-on problems, and used 3D modeling software.

2. Supports and encourages college success with scholarships. The Education Foundation gives scholarship awards of iPads to SHS seniors. Six scholarships were awarded in 2015.
3. Supports schools, parent and students through collaborative partnerships with community and school-based organizations. Close collaboration with Summit School District and the Board of the Education resulted in shared decision making on funds raised by the foundation. A Leadership Forum for PTA/PTO leaders is held each November to share grant writing ideas from the Summit School District and Freeport-McMoRan with PTA/PTO officers. The foundation also offers grant writing assistance and provides matching grants up to \$500 to PTA/PTOs to support their school-based initiatives.
4. Supports community members who volunteer in schools. The foundation maintains close contact with retirees to inform them about opportunities to volunteer in Summit School District classrooms and to participate in the activities of the foundation. Many volunteered to help with the summer reading project that involved hours of book sorting and coding in the district's bus barn.



***Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awardees for 2015***  
***Total Awarded: \$29,175***

**To Benefit All Schools:**

Hollyanna Bates, Amy Clark	2015	Author's Visit Sponsored by Education Foundation	\$5000
Cathy Beck	2015	Pre K Exploring Foods Together Partnership with FIRC	\$2000

**Summit High School**

Karen Tosetti-Scott	2015	CNA Clinical Experiences	\$1000
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**Snowy Peaks High School**

James Smith, Principal and Staff	2015	Blended Learning	\$5000
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**Summit Middle School**

Alicia Delamarian	2015	Technology for Algebra, Gr. 7	\$2500
Megan Heflin, Lana McLaughlin			
Andrea Kubick	2015	Adapted Small Space PE Equipment	\$500
Alicia Delamarian	2015	Hands-On Math in a 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Classroom	\$500
Jamie Zupparo			
Ben Brown, Trish Berry, Sarah Merideth, Amanda Wilson, Matt Smith, Diane Smith, and Heidi Curiazza	2015	Weather Station Data, Gr. 6 and 8	\$1100

**Breckenridge Elementary**

Ainsley Gourley	2015	Unwrapping the Local Economy	\$1000
Amanda Floyd, Jessica McNary	2015	Books for Everyone, Gr. 1	\$900

**Dillon Valley Elementary**

Joe Johnson	2015	STEM Projects	\$300
Ashley Maxwell	2015	Daily Connections-Personal and Global, Gr. 5	\$2,500
Shelly Martinez	2015	Robotics and STEM with Sphero 2.0	\$1200

**Silverthorne Elementary**

Mindy Johnson	2015	PYP Book Celebration	\$1000
Sarah Devlin, Alyse Esclamado, Mindy Johnson, Mary Schwartz, Corina Kaskey	2015	Guided Reading Sets and Classroom Books	\$2500

**Summit Cove Elementary**

Tracy Arnold & Luanne Dossett	2015	Weather Forecast Videos	\$675
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**Upper Blue Elementary**

Ann-Mari Westerhoff, and Terry Bickel	2015	Book of the Month Club, Gr. K-5	\$1000
Ann-Mari Westerhoff	2015	Family Literacy STEM Connection	\$500

# Financial Statement for 2015

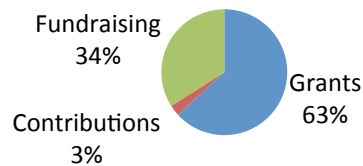
## Income

Grants	32,000
Individual/Corporate Contributions	1,419
Trivia and Golf Fundraising Events	17,219
Interest	<u>10</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,648</b>

## Expense

Stem Grants to Schools	5,800
Other Grant to School District	7,920
Scholarships to Students	2,727
Innovative Teachers Awards	<u>21,875</u>
<b>Total Grants and Awards</b>	<b>38,322</b>
Spring Trivia Fundraising Event	2,921
Summer Golf Fundraising Event	2,930
Business Registration Fee	100
Email Maintenance	540
Website	160
Supplies, Postage, Printing	82
Bank Charges	199
Meetings, Forums, Travel	1,117
Miscellaneous	<u>137</u>
<b>Total Admin Expenses</b>	<b>8,186</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>46,508</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>4,140</b>
<b>Bank Assets</b>	<b>17,506</b>

## Income



## Grants and Awards

