

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Photo by award recipient Caitlin Steele



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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

At the Education Foundation of the Summit (EFS), our priority is to provide support to our students and teachers. While being responsive to needs that arise during the year is always our goal, we felt it was even more important this year.

Students faced a challenging learning environment this year, unlike any other. The pandemic, resorts closing, economic loss, fires and drought, remote learning, social unrest...it's been a lot. Yet teachers continued to innovate. Teachers took those difficulties as a challenge to make things better. Students continued to learn. EFS continued to respond.

We were inspired by the determination that teachers, students, families, and administrators demonstrated. We found strength in the dedication to education that EFS shares amongst our all-volunteer board and our incredibly supportive partners including businesses, foundations, and individuals.

I am hopeful that what we have experienced helps us value public education, as well as health, social equity, and the environment. Education is a foundation, a common ground, that will help us recover and rebuild. We have a renewed sense of how important public education is, and we remain committed to, and optimistic about, the future of Summit County's students.

Brad Piehl

CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors represent local businesses, the Summit School District, and community volunteers

Brad Piehl, Chairperson

Partner in JW-Associates

Former Member of Summit School District Board of Education

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Former Member of Summit School District Board of Education

Retired School Superintendent and Mathematics Educator

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

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Retired Veterinarian

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Community Member and Data Scientist

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Senior Enrollment Services Specialist / Academic Advisor for CMC

Phillip Dolamore, Director

Community Member and Local Businessman

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Chief Financial Officer for Summit School District

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Retired IBM programmer and manager

Mentor for First Generation College students at Colorado Mountain College

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Keystone Science School Director of Marketing & Strategic Partnerships

Debra Mitchell, Director

Retired Teacher, Summit School District

Summit County's Representative on the Colorado Children's Campaign

Fabiola Spencer, Director

Community Member and Local Businesswoman

Nell Wareham, Director

Manager, Strategic Community Development at Freeport-McMoRan - A Climax Molybdenum Co.

MISSION AND GOALS

Our Mission

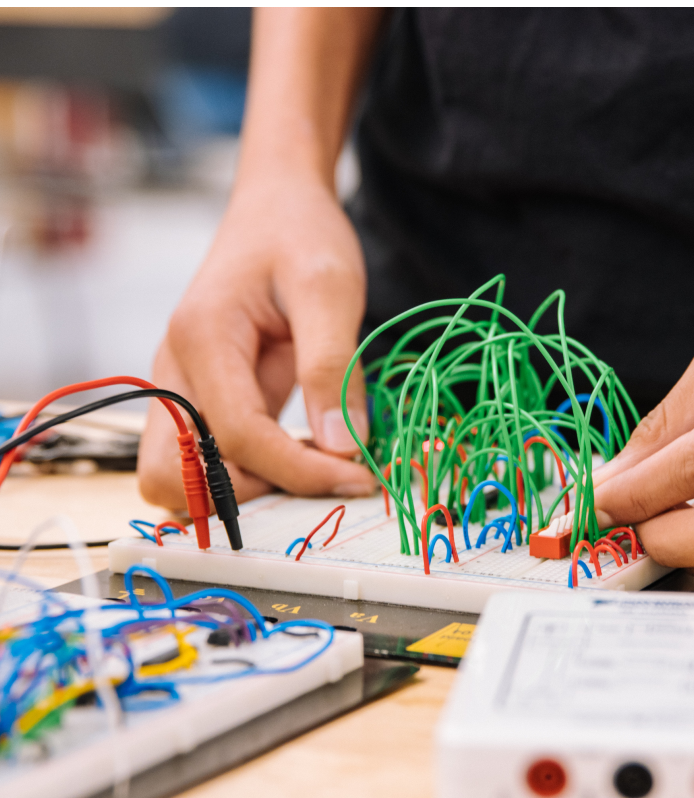
To serve as the catalyst with money, time, and people to enhance innovative education and excellence in the Summit School District.

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



EFS Supports:

- Innovation, creativity, excellence, and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics)
- College and postsecondary success with scholarships
- Schools, parents and students through collaborative partnerships
- Community members who volunteer in schools

OUR FUNDRAISING

Trivia Night

The Education Foundation of the Summit has a major fundraising event each year with all profits going directly to the public school students and teachers in Summit County. While EFS could not host an in-person event this year, the show did go on. EFS hosted Virtual Trivia Night. We are grateful for the sponsors that continued to support the event, despite the change in venue and limited exposure to their organization.

Colorado Gives Day

EFS has participated in Colorado Gives Day for the past four years, taking part in a state-wide campaign of giving on the first Tuesday of December. This event was created and is supported by Community First Foundation and FirstBank. We were thrilled to see individuals engage in the event and support EFS even more than in previous years. Community First Foundation also announced that this year there was a huge turnout of overall support for nonprofits in the state.



Virtual Trivia Night Drawing

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The foundation maintains close contact with our community to inform about opportunities to volunteer in Summit School District classrooms and to participate in the activities of the foundation. EFS relies on our volunteers to help with Trivia Night, reading projects at the schools, including helping at Author Visits and sorting incoming book shipments for Summit Books for Kids and summer reading.

This year, volunteering looked quite different as we had to increase physical distance and could not enter schools. EFS volunteers helped where they could, such as sorting books for Summit Books for Kids and reviewing scholarship applications.



EFS Volunteers sorting books

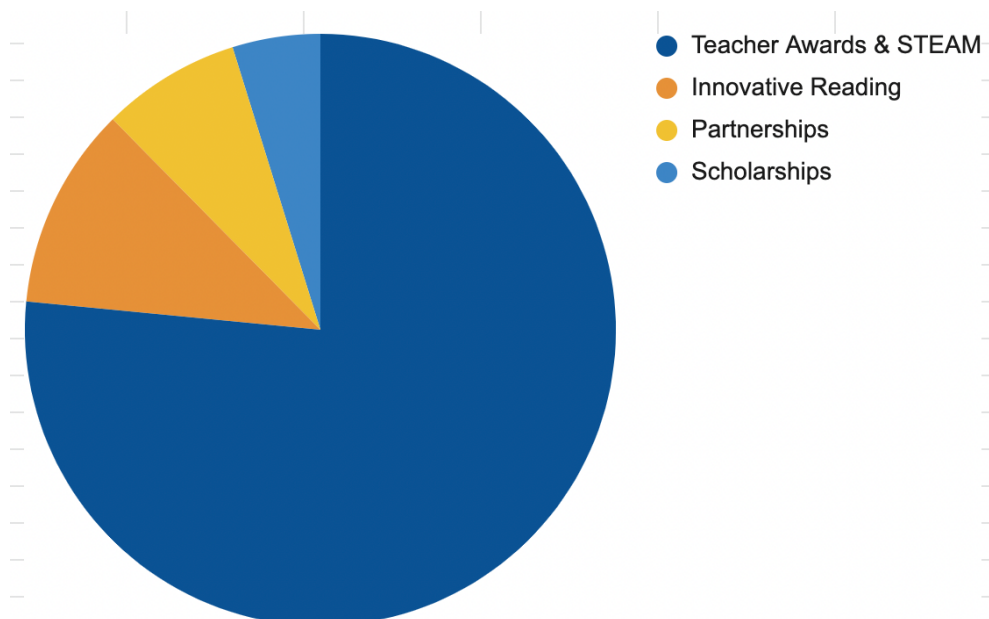
OUR IMPACT

Over \$800,000 has been raised for public schools since 2010 through fundraising events, grant writing, and donations.

In 2020, the foundation raised \$87,819 through grants, partnerships with Parent Teacher Associations, contributions and fundraising. 90% of all the funds raised went directly to the schools to support teachers and students of the Summit School District:

- \$66,000 for Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards and STEAM
- \$9,546 for Innovative Reading programs
- \$6,553 for Partnerships for Education
- \$4,147 in Senior Scholarships for Summit High School and Snowy Peaks High School

Program Expenses



EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS

Summit public school teachers received \$60,000 from the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards. The grants were awarded to teachers in a partnership with the Parent-Teacher Organizations at each school, as well as our generous sponsors. "Our educational community is so fortunate to have a joint partnership between EFS and our school's PTSA to support special requests such as mine," said Robyn Cornwell, literacy resource teacher at Summit Middle School.

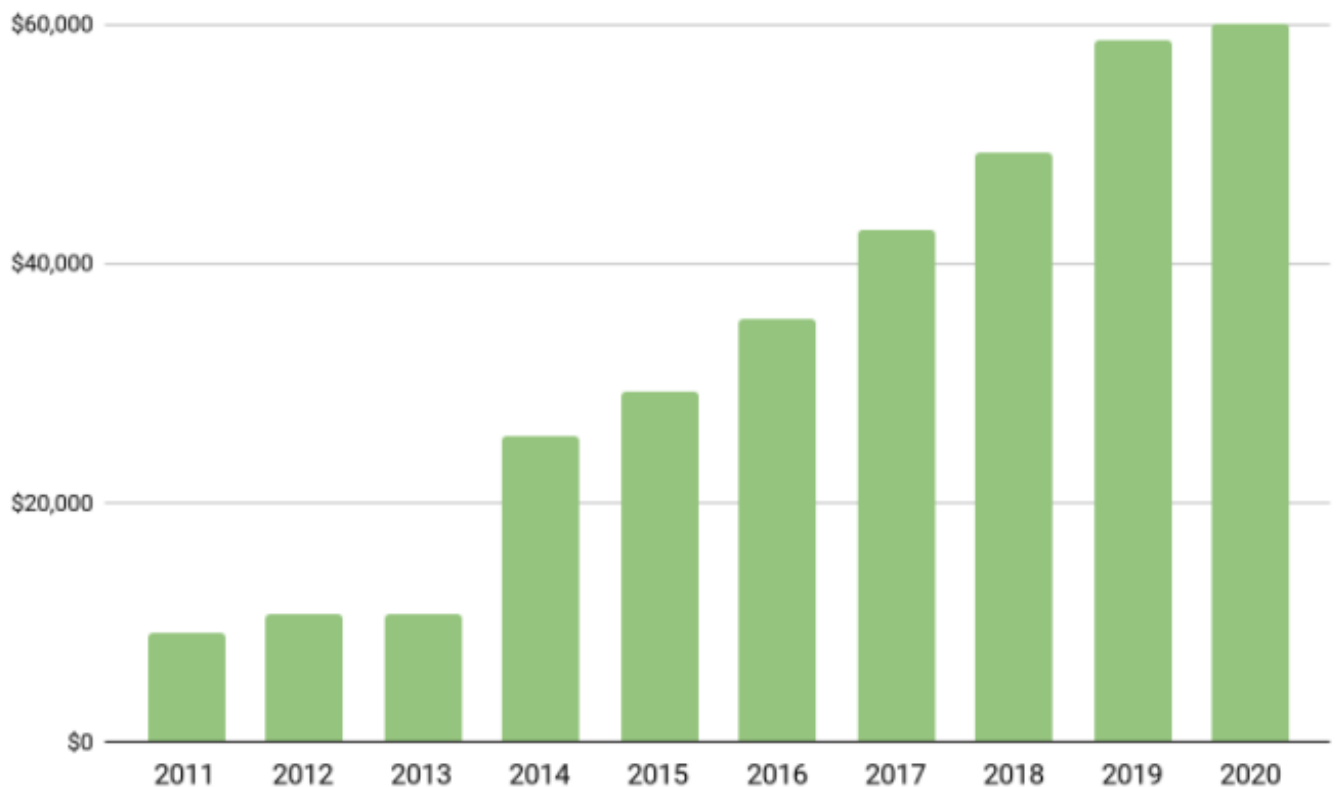
Teachers were thrilled with the awards. "Yay! This will be so much fun! The STEAM learning in preschool with this Flight Lab will be amazing!" said Julie Willis, Summit Cove Elementary preschool teacher.

Every Summit School District student benefits from an award, as they reached across each school and grade. Awards included:

- Outdoor education learning and flight lab for pre-Kindergarten
- More safety helmets for welding to limit sharing
- Trades program for STEM labs—plumbing, electricity, wood-working
- Outdoor education fitness equipment to get kids off the screens and outside
- Books that include culturally responsive literature
- Technology for distance learning—voice amplifier and headphones
- Lab equipment—magnets, motors, and flight
- Materials for the new physics course at Snowy Peaks Junior/Senior High
- Support for the EVO3 Foundation 2021 drone course for high school students, which is an introduction to drones, coding, engineering, and career opportunities in technology
- Snowy Peaks outdoor education fitness stations

With the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards, many ideas may be just a one-time trial. Other ideas grow into long-term programs, such as the Annual Author Visit, as well as robotics and coding which brings STEAM programs to all schools.

EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS



2020 AWARDEES

To Benefit All Schools

Anne Lamb
Peder Hansen

Empowering Parents to Teach their Children
Drone Project with EVO3

Summit High School

Molly Guevara
Sara Gacnik
Katie Garvert
Danelle Hicks
Doug Blake
Oakley VanOss
Oakley VanOss

Math Literacy
American Dream
Reading Plus Pilot Subscription
Pre-C Mentoring
Unity Day
Welding Helmets for Future Welders
Tools for All

Snowy Peaks

Erika Kaltenbach
Anita Ferrell, Jen Wolinetz,
Connor Catron, Kim Dyer, Mo
Flannagan, Julie Comstock,
Matt Brenner
Greg Bachman
John Ruben
Garrett Regner
James Smith
Mary Grace Stocker

Digital Math Experiences
Calm/Headspace for Student Mental Health

Practical Physics
Outdoor Fitness Park
Trades Program
Annual Leadership Academy
Art for All

2020 AWARDEES

Summit Middle School

Jeannine Brock
Brayan Daniel
Rebecca Kaplan

Emily Baronich
Brittany Wilson
Holly Meyers
Justine Smith
Julie Scott
Brandon Lantz
Robyn Cornwell

Skiing with BOEC
Pre-Collegiate Activities
Equity Focused SMS Staff/Student Book Clubs: Dev.
Social/Emotional Competencies
Whiteboards for All
Poetry Slam
SMS Reads
Electro Magnets and Motors
Newton's Laws
Dual Language Ropes Course
SMS Reads

Elementary Schools

Breckenridge Elementary

Kelley Fletcher
Stacia Slaughter
Carole Horvath
Hollyanna Bates

Pandemic Book Replacement
Primary Book Room
Snowshoe Express
Room to Breathe, Extra Books

2020 AWARDEES

Dillon Valley Elementary

Gale Westerberg
Ariana Cisneros Robles
Melissa Klatt
Caitlin Steele
Hollyanna Bates
Kendra Carpenter
Kendra Carpenter
Jill Brickson
Yessenia Infante
Elizabeth Buerk

5th Gr Action Club Promotes Learner Profile
Literacy/New Ways of Learning/Equity Lens
Culturally Responsive Literature
Outdoor Education--Operation XC Ski
Dismissal Disaster
Inclusive Teaching
Voice Amplifier
Social Emotional Learning - Hands on Projects
Scholastic News Dual Language
Subscription to Pioneer Valley Digital Books

Frisco Elementary

Whitney Bernhardt Smith
Amy Hume
Sarah Devlin
Kelly Johnson
Kyle Kahnweiler
Jodie Lachance

Moby Math
Outdoor Education--Operation XC Skis
Digital Reader
Guided Reading Books
Remote Intervention
Outdoor Equipment for PreK

2020 AWARDEES

Silverthorne Elementary

Kendra Kuehl

Engagement through Embracing Equity and Inclusion

Courtney Pallares
Louise Wacaser

Engagement and Diversity
Books for All Students

Summit Cove Elementary

Sarah Pomeroy/Sarah Stuhr
Julie Willis

Robots Gone Viral
Flight Lab

Upper Blue Elementary

Kerry Bergstrom
Carole Horvath
Jessica Grafmiller
Ashly Lowdermilk

OWL Are You Listening?
Snowshoe Express with BRE
Headphones for Classroom
Zoo to You

SSD ENROLLMENT

	2019/20 Enrollment	2019/20 Free/Reduced
Breckenridge Elementary	209	6%
Dillon Valley Elementary	426	49%
Frisco Elementary	265	13%
Silverthorne Elementary	312	64%
Summit Cove Elementary	250	30%
Upper Blue Elementary	262	36%
Summit Middle School	826	37%
Summit High School	952	30%
Snowy Peaks Jr/Sr High School	80	29%
Total SSD Enrollment PK-12	3590	34%

SCHOLARSHIPS

The **Snowy Peaks High School Scholarship** was established in 2016 with a donation from the F Cubed Foundation. The Scholarship Program is an important part of EFS's support of this innovative junior and senior high school. Snowy Peaks has a 100% graduation rate, and each of those graduates receive a scholarship from EFS.

Scholarships are awarded to **Summit High School** seniors, many of whom will be the first in their family to attend college. EFS directors also serve as mentors to high school students in the Pre-Collegiate Program that serves first generation college students. This scholarship program is made possible by our annual fundraising and generous local donors.

Lewark Family Scholarship

2020 was the inaugural year of the Lewark Family Scholarship, which awards \$1,000 in honor of Ron Lewark to an SHS graduate heading to technical school. Ron Lewark came to Frisco in 1971 and purchased the Texaco, and along with his wife, Donna ran it. Jeff and Larry helped out as they grew up. Ron was a car enthusiast, private pilot, and enjoyed jeeping and snowmobiling. He passed in 2018. Jeff and Scarlett, Larry and Laura, and their children are Summit High School graduates.



The Lewark Family

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarship funds were created in 2020 and will be awarded to 2021 graduates:

David Dreiling Pre-Collegiate Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of David Dreiling, a longtime Summit High School teacher and Pre-Collegiate mentor. This scholarship will go to a Pre-Collegiate student to honor David and his distinguished career and also his commitment to students who will be the first in their family to attend college.



David and his wife Jackie



Kerry Buhler
photo from Summit Daily

Kerry's Kids Scholarship

This scholarship fund was created in honor of long-time educator and recently retired superintendent Kerry Buhler. Her priorities included implementing more collaboration and planning time for teachers, improving technology infrastructure and overseeing an extensive master facilities planning process that involved major expansions and additions to several district schools. Kerry has been the engine behind some of the district's most innovative reforms, such as piloting the International Baccalaureate's program for all elementary schools and building a student-led, grassroots movement for sustainable, environmentally friendly practices.

Kerry came to the Superintendent role after 13 years as principal of Upper Blue Elementary, which during her time had been twice recognized for student academic achievement with the John Irwin Award. Before that, she taught first and second grades for more than 7 years. "Whenever you saw Kerry, there was always a child running up to hug her, especially during her time at Upper Blue," said Bonnie Ward, EFS vice-chairperson.

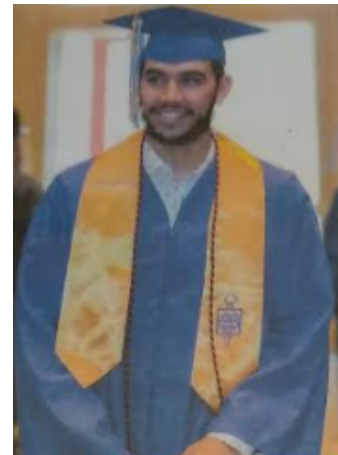
SCHOLARSHIPS

Roaring Summit Valley Scholarship

Joel Gomez is a Summit High School alum and graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in May 2020. He and three friends created the scholarship to award \$500 to a student graduating from their alma maters who will be pursuing a college degree in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, or education.

During high school, Joel's passion was to go to college and be an engineer. "It's always been my dream. I always wonder, how could this design be better? The biggest help I had in achieving this dream was the financial support. Our scholarship isn't very big, but I know that everything makes a difference."

The other three students (two from Valley HS and one from Roaring Fork HS) all wanted to give back to the communities that supported them with scholarships. They want to pay it forward to recognize the help they received and to encourage other students to do the same after they graduate from college. They will award the scholarship to students who have a passion and work ethic to pursue STEM.



Joel Gomez
photo from CMC web site

INNOVATIVE READING

Supporting reading and literacy is an EFS priority. Innovative Reading supports the Annual Author Visits and Summit Books for Kids.

The Annual Author Visit is made possible through our generous partners. A community business, Frisco's Ramada by Wyndham, provides hotel lodging each year for the authors. This year most Author Visits were all but cancelled. However, the poet Jovan Mays, made a virtual visit to help Summit Middle School kick off the poetry unit and Poetry Slam. He also visited Summit High School's Winter Arts Festival to give a poetry reading.

Summit Books for Kids increases access to books for children whose families do not have the means to purchase books. The identified children are able to purchase two books each month with their teacher's help. This program increases access to highly relevant, engaging books for children. Developing lifelong readers requires a systems approach to helping children acquire behaviors that support literacy: reading for pleasure, reading a series, knowing favorite authors, and having books of their own at home. The number of books in a child's home is highly correlated to their literacy success, both in the short term and the long term, as they develop into lifelong readers. The program continued this year and provided books to students, both in-person or virtual.



Hollyanna Bates, DVE & BRE Teacher, and Paul Finkel in front of a "Finkel library"

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION



EFS supports schools, parents and students through collaborative partnerships with community and school-based organizations.

Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher grants are awarded in partnership with the Parent/Teacher Associations of all nine schools.

The foundation offers grant writing assistance and provides matching grants up to \$500 to Parent/Teacher Associations at each school to support their school-based initiatives.

Through a partnership with teachers and school district staff, EFS supports the Annual Teacher Appreciation Night held during the spring.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ORGANIZATION'S INCOME

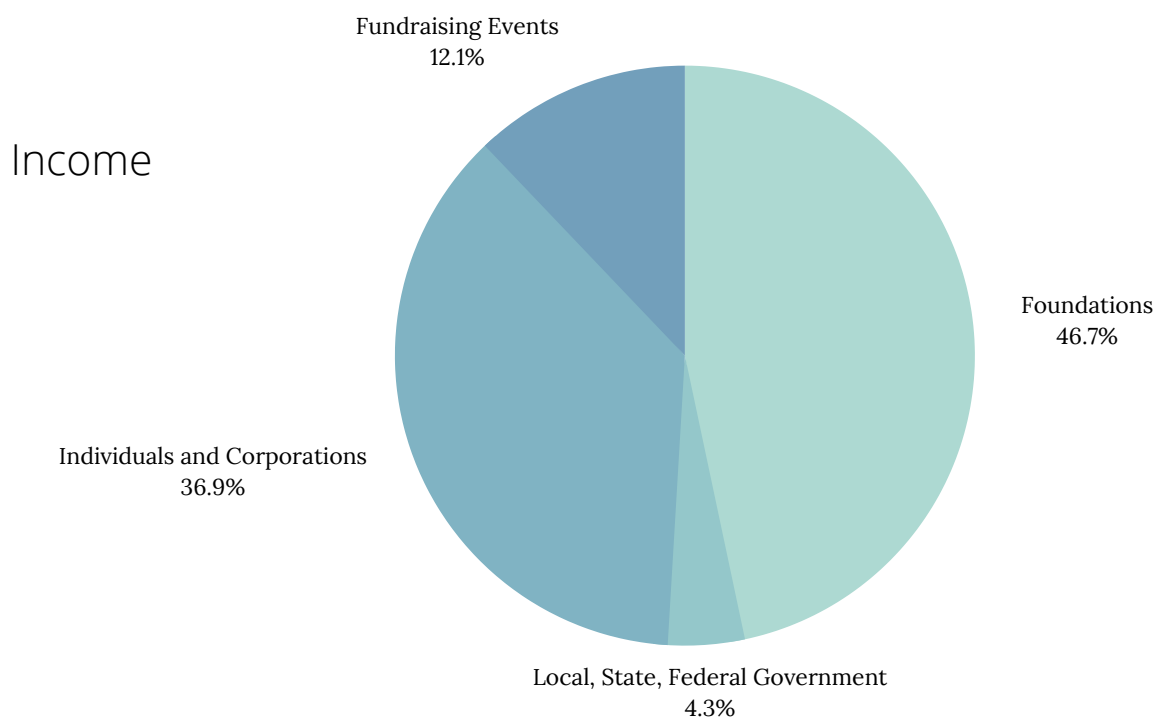
Foundations	\$40,985
Local, State, Federal Government	\$3,750
Individuals and Corporations	\$32,443
Fundraising Events	\$10,640

\$87,819

ORGANIZATION'S EXPENSES

Innovative Teacher Award Grants and STEAM	\$66,000
Innovative Reading: Summit Books for Kids and Author Visits	\$9,546
College Scholarships	\$4,147
Partnerships for Education	\$6,553
Fundraising Expenses (Trivia Night)	\$528
Business Expenses: Email, DB, Marketing, Website, Bank Fees	\$9,747
Administrative Expenses: Supplies, Printing, Postage, Meeting	\$68

\$96,588



2020 HONOR ROLL



F Cubed Foundation



Paul Finkel



Lloyd Family Foundation

Casias Family



GIVE LOCAL.

SSD Parent Teacher Organizations



BGV GIVES



Steve and Trish Shapiro
Family Foundation

Ward Family
Steven B. Huckaby



Rotary
Club of Summit County



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