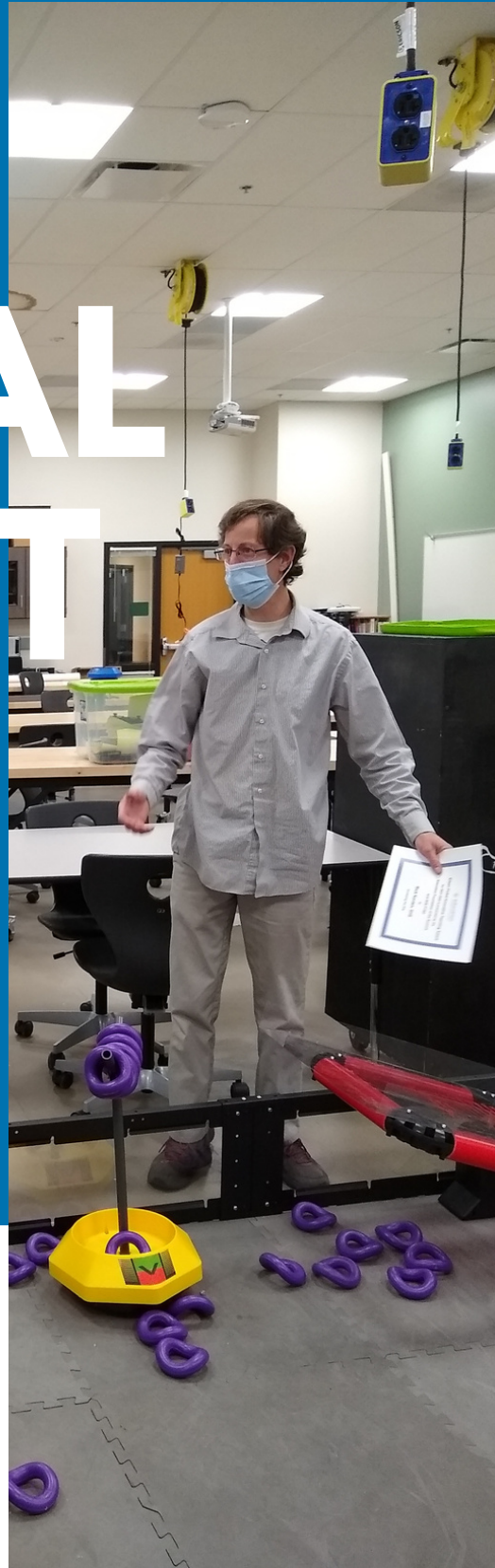


# ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Rick Karden, Awardee



# CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

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Dear Friends,

2021 was an incredible year for us as our community was so generous helping our mission of supporting Summit County public school teachers and students.

Frustration is what many of us are feeling during the second year of the pandemic, especially trying to support education. But we also were able to experience some positive feelings, like the joy of being able to give friends and family hugs. These times require strength but we have been able to rely on our own combined with other's strength. We definitely learned more empathy as the pandemic exposed so many challenges we all face. In the end we are feeling gratitude—for acts of kindness, large and small.

We are so grateful for everyone that makes the education community so resilient and generous in Summit County. I think of teachers who are working so hard to keep our kids engaged and having fun in school. I think of the students who have so much going on in their world and study hard so that they can contribute to it and make it better. I think of the support provided by our all-volunteer board and our incredibly supportive partners including businesses, foundations, and individuals.

Together we remain committed to, and optimistic about, the future of Summit County's students.

**Brad Piehl**

CHAIRMAN

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*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

**Dr. Bonnie Ward, Vice Chairperson**

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

**Dr. Karen-Jo Dolamore, Secretary**

Retired Veterinarian

Real Estate Broker for Omni Real Estate, Dillon and Frisco

**Kyle Spencer, Treasurer**

Community Member and Financial Professional

President of Summit-Lake Dillon Optimist Club

**Nick Brannon, Director**

Local Business Owner of Elevation Home Improvement

**Carla Huebner, Director**

Community Member and Data Scientist

**Flor Cruz, Director**

Senior Enrollment Services Specialist / Academic Advisor for CMC

**Phillip Dolamore, Director**

Community Member and Local Businessman

**Kara Drake, Director**

Chief Financial Officer for Summit School District

**Paul Finkel, Director**

Former EFS Treasurer

Retired Financial Services Executive

**Sharon Koblinsky, Director**

Retired IBM programmer and manager

Mentor for First Generation College students at Colorado Mountain College

**Dave Miller, Director**

Former Member of Summit School District Board of Education

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

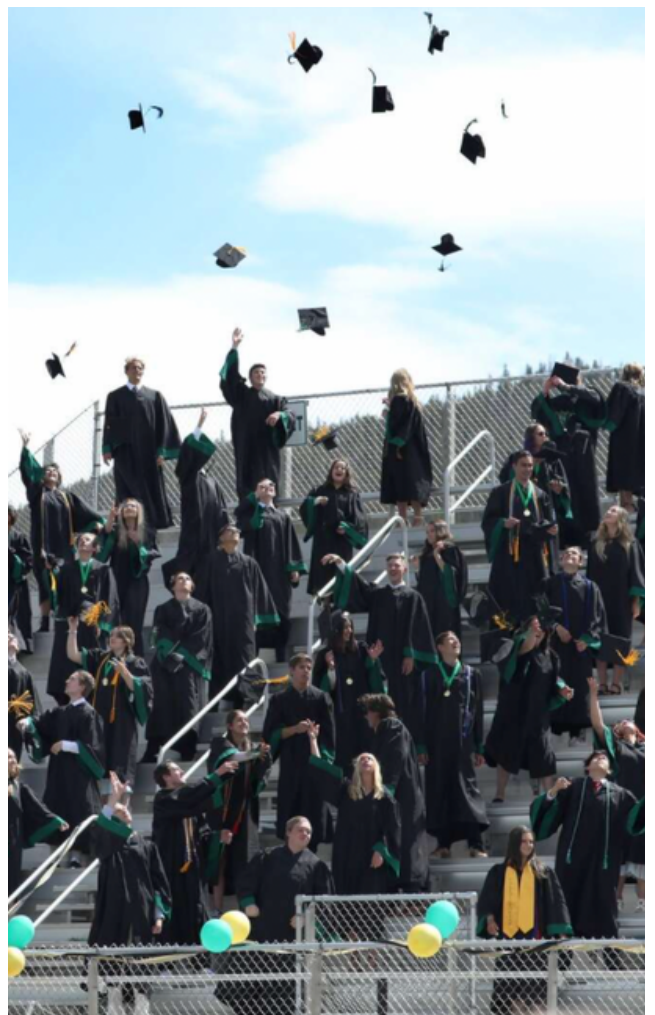
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## **Our Mission**

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



From Summit Daily: SHS Graduation 2021

# OUR STRATEGIES

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Rick Karden and PTSO Officers

## 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

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## *Trivia Night*

Unfortunately we could not host our Annual Trivia Night fundraiser. This community event is a celebration of teachers, students, and everyone that supports them—parents, janitors, administrators, sponsors, and so on. We look forward to hosting Trivia Night in the future.

## *Colorado Gives Day*

EFS has participated in Colorado Gives Day for the past five 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 and longtime supporters engage in the event to support EFS.





# OUR VOLUNTEERS

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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.

This year, volunteering was limited as we continued to take precautions against spreading COVID. EFS volunteers helped where they could, such helping with Summit Books for Kids and reviewing scholarship applications.



# OUR IMPACT

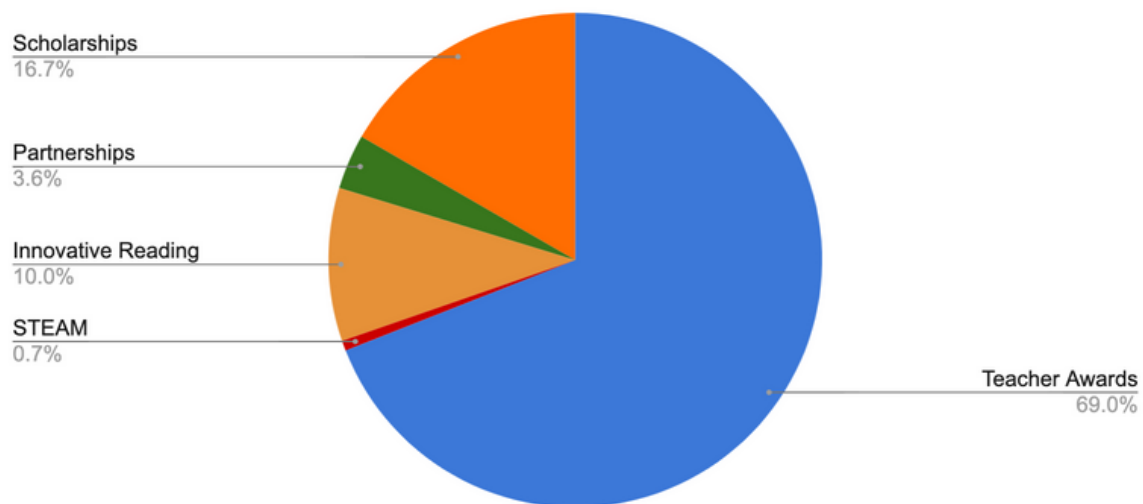
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Over \$900,000 has been raised by EFS since 2010 through contributions from our generous community, grants, partnerships with parent-teacher organizations, and fundraising.

In 2021, the foundation raised \$93,145 and 80% of all the funds raised went directly to the schools to support teachers and students of the Summit School District:

- \$52,000 for Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards
- \$500 for STEAM
- \$7,543 for Innovative Reading programs
- \$2,715 for Partnerships for Education
- \$12,565 in Senior Scholarships for Summit High School and Snowy Peaks High School

## Program Expenses





# EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS

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With help from the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards, students will be growing vegetables, building virtual worlds, welcoming the zoo to their school, playing with sand and tools while learning STEM, and learning how to custom-mold ski boots. These are just a few examples of teachers' creative ideas funded by the Education Foundation of the Summit, in partnership with each schools' parent-teacher organizations. The teacher grants have funded teachers' ideas since 2011.

Hollyanna Bates, Dillon Valley Elementary (DVE) first grade teacher, requested funds to bring the Cheyenne Zoo to her students. The visit is tailored to curriculum standards for the Feathers, Scales and Fur unit. Students can touch the animals that are part of the presentation. "Many of our students have not visited a zoo and this grant provides a close-up experience with animals they have never seen," Hollyanna said.

Kendra Carpenter, DVE principal, is expanding usage of video equipment funded last year from the grant. Kendra requested equipment for remote learning to amplify teachers' voices while streaming classes to students at home, as well as webcams to increase visibility of the whiteboard. She reported that quality video helped students' engagement when they were learning from home. DVE continues to use the technology to support teacher professional development.

During the pandemic, many requests revolve around remote and physically-distanced learning. Bonnie Ward, vice chairperson of Education Foundation of the Summit (EFS), said "We've been impressed with the resilience and flexibility of teachers as they continue adapting to new learning environments."

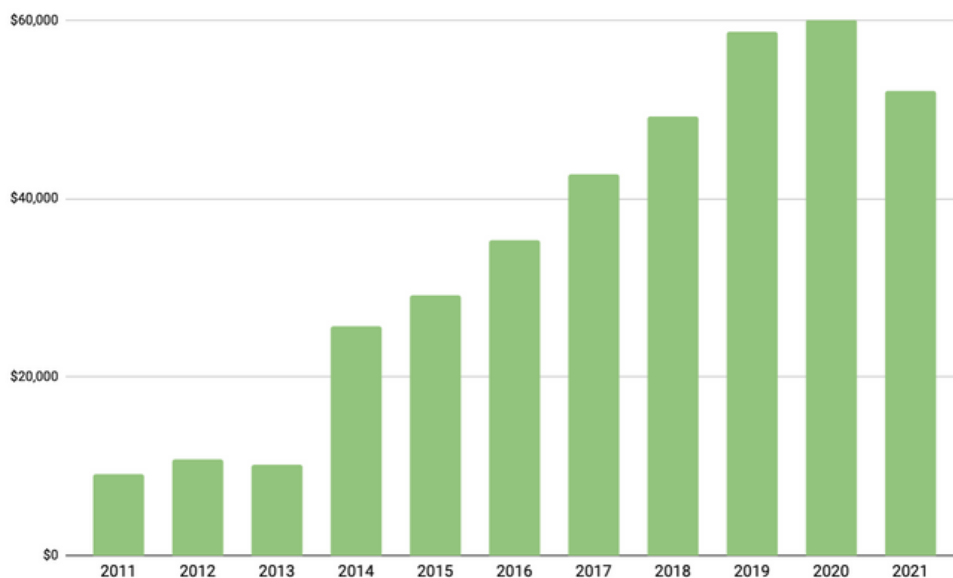
# EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS

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The awards are typically presented to teachers by several EFS directors, the PTA president, and the principal during a brief visit to their classroom. "It's always a mini-celebration when we present the awards. The teachers are so appreciative and they really deserve the recognition," said Paul Finkel, EFS director.

Each fall, teachers request support for their innovative and creative ideas from EFS through the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards. Principals and PTA presidents, while helping review requests, will add on other support such as volunteers from the parent-teacher organizations or materials the principal can provide. The awards are made possible through parent-teacher organizations at each school and other generous sponsors.

## Impact



# 2021 AWARDEES

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## **Summit High School**

Brittney Acres, Connecting and Supporting Parents: Admin  
Danelle Hicks, Pre C Mentoring and College Visits  
Jennifer Hagburg, Almost American  
Joe Kassay, SHS Outdoor Education Field Experience  
Karen Bautista, Students Know the Score! Instrumental Music  
Katie Garvert, Academic Intervention Books  
Kristin Myers, Best Buddies: Transition in Spec Ed Dept  
Molly Griffith, Building Teen Strengths and Resilience  
Oakley Van Oss & Caroline Hesford, Construction Tech/Theatre Tech Storage  
Shed Remodel  
Rick Karden, Increasing Robotics Vex Kits  
Thomas Lutke, Outdoor Ed/Ski Tech Hut Trip  
Thomas Lutke, Custom Boot Molding  
Karen Tosetti Scott, Health Sciences Experiences

## **Snowy Peaks Jr/Sr High School**

Garrett Regner, Career Technology Experiences  
James Smith, Experiential Learning  
Jennifer Wolinetz, ICAP experiences - career and college visits  
Jennifer Wolinetz, Learn to skateboard  
Jennifer Robbins, Spanish and Art  
John Ruben, PE Heart Monitors  
Justin Holmes, Culturally Responsive Classroom Library: Social Studies  
Mindy Regner, Yoga

# 2021 AWARDEES

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## **Summit Middle School**

Ali Subasi, Virtual reality developer

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Andrea Kubick, SMS Bikes

Brittany Wilson, Poetry Slam Guest Speaker

Greg Guevara, World Affairs Challenge

Harriet Hoffman, Amazing Art Studio for Artists

Julia Scott, Plants Save the World! Science/Design Thinking

Justine Smith, Homologous Structures Lab: Science

Nadine Carter (and Team 610), Connections/Conexiones

Rachel Draheim, Schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports

Rebecca Kaplan, Equity Focused Staff & Student Book Clubs: Developing Social/Emotional Competencies

Bobbie Wood, PBIS Awareness

Susan Smith, History Alive! Teacher Subscription, Humanities

## **Breckenridge Elementary**

Ainsley Gourlay, Accessible Math Journals

Leigh Guevara, OG Resources

## **Dillon Valley Elementary**

Amie Branson, "Farm" to Table

Betsy Buerk, Classroom Library

Hollyanna Bates, Wildlife Wonders

Jill Brickson, Crafting Creativity & Consciousness

Yessenia Infante, Scholastic News

# 2021 AWARDEES

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## **Frisco Elementary**

Allison Lloyd, NGSS Hands-On Science

Amy Hume, Technology in PE

Britt Sheafe, Fun Art Supplies!

Colby Ricci, LETRS Training (science of teaching reading)

Courtney Robinson, Social Emotional Learning book set

Heather Schierholz, Social Emotion Learning Materials & Fine Motor

Jodie Lachance, PK Stem materials

Mary Kraatz, Social Emotional Learning Counseling Dept

## **Silverthorne Elementary**

Caroline Cunningham, Changing Perspectives Through Literature

Courtney Pallares, Books and Science

Hannah Stolz, Science Materials

Leslie Way, SVE Challenge Course

## **Summit Cove Elementary**

Amanda O'Keefe, Grade-Level Recess Equipment

Julie Willis, Mobile Science and Sensory Lab

Sarah Pomeroy, Storybook STEM

## **Upper Blue Elementary**

Jodi Owens, Making a Classroom Beautiful

Shannon Klefsaas, Zoo Virtual Classroom



Shannon Klefsaas and her class  
with Paul Finkel

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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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, in place since 2012, is made possible by our annual fundraising and generous local donors.

## *Lewark Family Scholarship*

The Lewark Family Scholarship 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

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## *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 retired superintendent Kerry Buhler. As Superintendent, 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 was 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, and before that, she taught first and second grades for more than 7 years.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

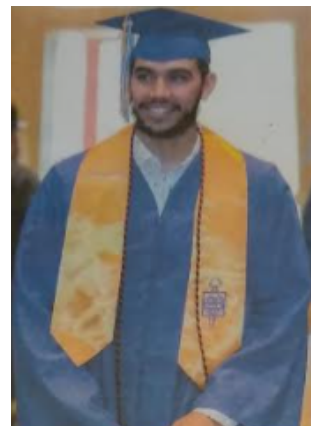
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## *Roaring Summit Valley Scholarship*

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 two students 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 wondered, 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."

Joel and his friends (two from Valley HS and one from Roaring Fork HS) award the scholarship to students who have a passion and work ethic to pursue STEM.



Joel Gomez  
*photo from CMC web site*

# INNOVATIVE READING

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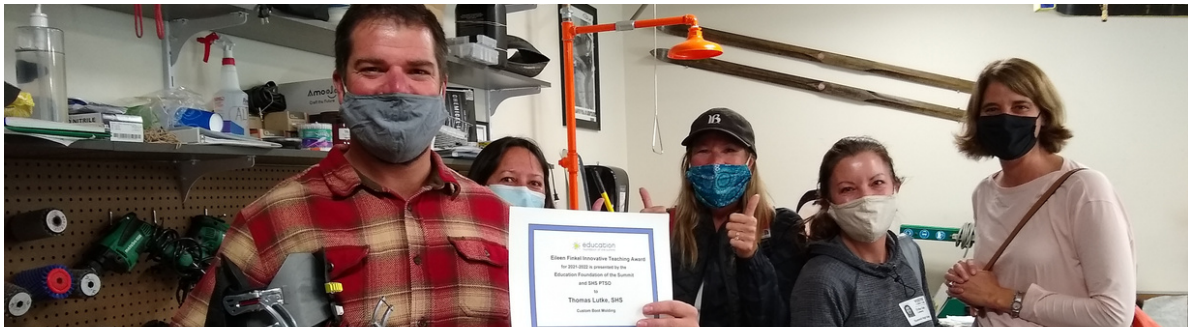
Innovative Reading supports the Annual Author Visits and Summit Books for Kids.

The Annual Author Visit is made possible through our generous partners. This year 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.

# COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

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Thomas Lutke, Ski Tech and Bike Tech Teacher, and PTISO Officers

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 organizations of all nine schools.

The foundation offers grant writing assistance and provides matching grants up to \$500 to parent-teacher organizations at each school to support their school-based initiatives.

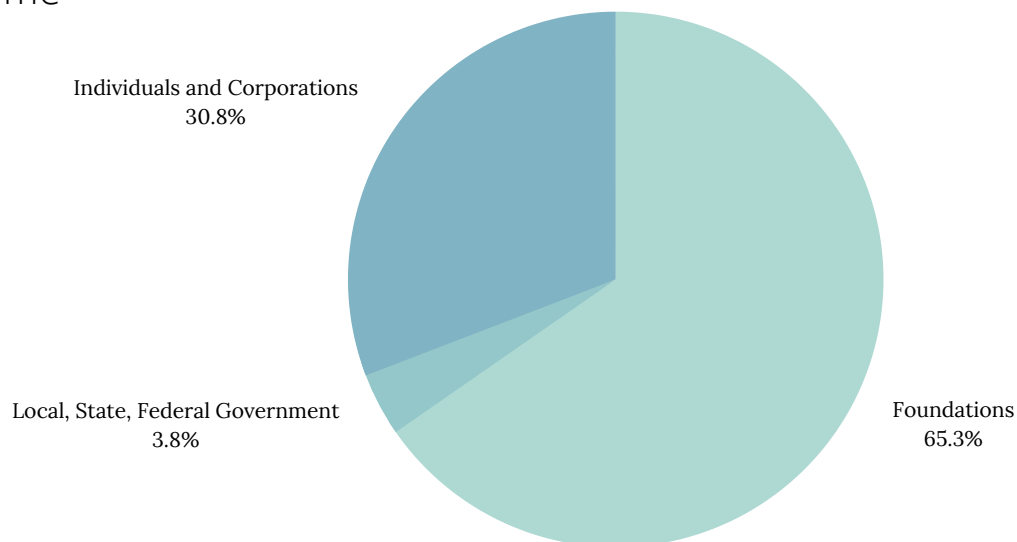
Through a partnership with teachers and school district staff, EFS supports the Annual Teacher Appreciation Night held each spring.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>ORGANIZATION'S INCOME</b>	<b>\$93.145</b>
Foundations	\$59,883
Local, State, Federal Government	\$3,500
Individuals and Corporations	\$28,262
Fundraising Events	\$0
Misc	\$1,500

<b>ORGANIZATION'S EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$93.697</b>
Innovative Teacher Award Grants and STEAM	\$48,902
Innovative Reading: Summit Books for Kids and Author Visits	\$7,543
College Scholarships	\$12,565
Partnerships for Education	\$2,715
Fundraising Expenses (Trivia Night)	\$0
Business Expenses: Email, DB, Marketing, Website, Bank Fees	\$21,562
Administrative Expenses: Supplies, Printing, Postage, Meeting	\$411

## Income



# 2021 HONOR ROLL



F Cubed Foundation



Paul Finkel



Lloyd Family Foundation



Dolamore Family

Casias Family

SSD Parent-Teacher  
Organizations



GIVE  
LOCAL.

Ward Family



Bessie Minor Swift  
Foundation



Steve and Trish Shapiro  
Family Foundation

Steven B. Huckaby





# THANK YOU

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To honor our partners' generosity in this program and all of our other programs, we place partner names on our website Honor Roll. Thanks to all of our partners for helping us support education:

## **Visionary \$10,000+**

F-Cubed Foundation  
Paul Finkel  
The Summit Foundation

## **Leader \$1,000-9,999**

Bessie Minor Swift Foundation  
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Breckenridge Elementary PTSA  
Dillon Valley Elementary PTSA  
Frisco Elementary PTSA  
Summit Cove Elementary PTSA  
Silverthorne Elementary PTA  
Upper Blue Elementary PTSA  
Summit Middle School PTO  
Summit High School PTSO  
Snowy Peaks Jr/Sr High School PTSO

# THANK YOU

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## **Advocate \$500-999**

Alpine Bank  
Arapahoe Basin  
City Market Community Rewards  
Town of Dillon  
Sharon Koblinsky

## **Supporter \$1-499**

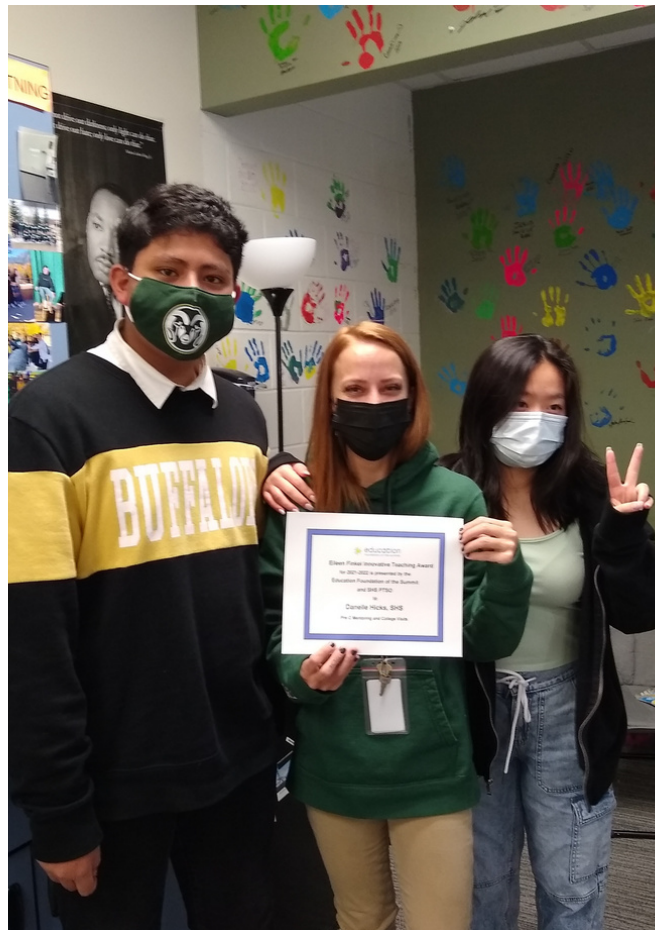
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