

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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foundation of the summit

2023 Milestones

92

Innovative Teacher Grants
benefitting all schools



Over 500

Children Benefitting from
Summit Books for Kids

50

Scholarships

60%

First in their family
to go to college



300

Volunteer hours

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Thanks to you—our donors, sponsors, partners, and volunteers—we had another great year of supporting public school teachers and students.

As you read through these following pages, I hope you feel as I do with a renewed sense of commitment to making a difference in our students' educational experience.

I also hope that if you see something in this report that particularly grabs your attention, you'll reach out and share that with me. I love to hear what engages others, and to hear their ideas, about this important work.

Thank you,

Brad Piehl

CHAIRMAN

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

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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



Pre-Collegiate Student
credit: Joe Kusumoto

OUR STRATEGIES



Student with math manipulatives
credit: Joe Kusumoto

- Encourage creativity through the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Awards
- Grow enthusiastic readers with Innovative Reading
- Strengthen partnerships with school parent-teacher organizations and the community
- Support students with scholarships
- Challenge learning in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math).

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Trivia Night

Our Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction fundraiser, presented by FirstBank, was a fun, exciting night for supporters of education. EFS partnered with Colorado Learning Connections to host the event. This year the event was bilingual, and all questions and answers were presented in both English and Spanish.

Thanks also to:

- Premier Sponsor - Summit REALTORS® Foundation
- Gold Sponsors - EyeTech Optometry, Casias Family, Town of Silverthorne, and BGV Gives



Trivia Night at Silverthorne Pavilion



Bonnie Ward, EFS Chair, Amy Lydon, Silverthorne Pavilion Coordinator, and Debra Mitchell, EFS Director

Colorado Gives Day

EFS participates in Colorado Gives Day, 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 grateful for new and longtime supporters engage in the event to donate to EFS and other nonprofits throughout Colorado.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Foundation maintains close contact with our community members to inform them about opportunities to volunteer in Summit School District classrooms and to participate in the activities of the Foundation such as TRIVIA Night and partner events. EFS relies on our volunteers to help with fundraising, scholarships, and reading projects at the schools including helping at Author Visits. Many EFS directors and volunteers are also Pre-Collegiate mentors at Summit High School and Mountain Scholars mentors at Colorado Mountain College, supporting students first in their family to attend college.



Snowy Peaks student describes his project to
an EFS volunteer
credit: Joe Kusumoto

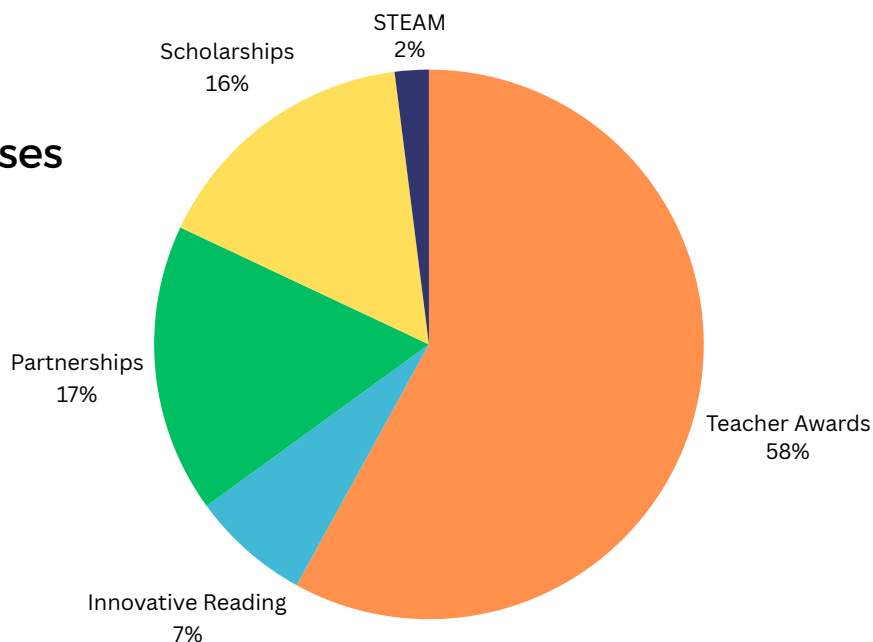
OUR IMPACT

Over \$1,150,000 has been raised by EFS since 2010 through contributions from our generous community, grant awards, partnerships with parent-teacher organizations, and fundraising events.

In 2023, the foundation raised over \$139,292 to support teachers and students of the Summit School District. Program expenses included:

- \$68,459 for Eileen Finkel Innovative Awards to Teachers
- \$7,683 for Innovative Reading programs
- \$2,500 for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- \$20,269 for Partnerships for Education
- \$18,431 in Senior Scholarships for Summit High School and Snowy Peaks High School

Program Expenses



EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS

The Education Foundation of the Summit awarded teachers \$70,500 for their ideas through the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Grants. Projects funded included hands-on science, career and technology education, and more. All schools and grade levels in Summit School District benefitted.

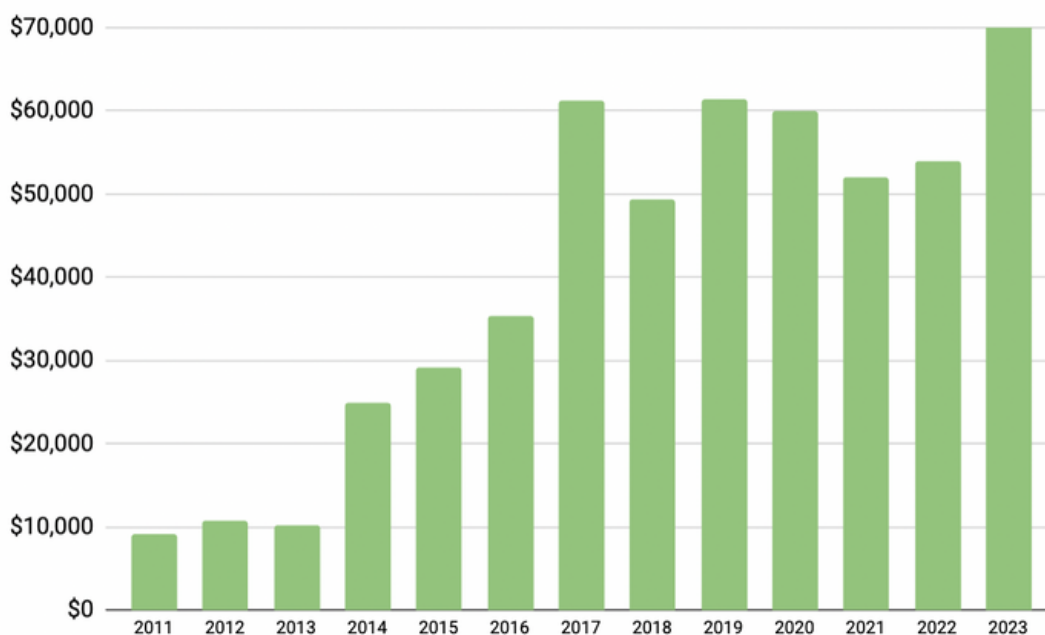
Teachers were thrilled with the support and responded:

“This is so exciting! I know the resources will be extremely beneficial for my students.”

“Thank you so much for the great news! I feel really honored to receive it and I can assure you it will make a difference in my students’ learning opportunities.”

“This is the best news ever on a snowy weekend! I am so excited to ramp up my health curriculum.”

Award Total 2010-23: \$527,733



EILEEN FINKEL INNOVATIVE TEACHER AWARDS



Paul Finkel and Renee Bartnick

Each fall, teachers request support for their ideas through the Eileen Finkel Innovative Teacher Award grant process. Principals and parent-teacher organization officers partner with the Education Foundation to review and fund the requests. The awards are also made possible through grants awarded by The Summit Foundation, F Cubed Foundation, and the Towns of Breckenridge, Silverthorne, Frisco, and Dillon.



Amy Hume, Frisco Elementary's Instructional Coordinator, took students snowshoeing to Francie's Cabin. Edward Lerner, owner of Sno Science, joined them both evenings with a captivating celestial lesson and fun experiments.

2023 AWARDEES

Summit High School

Oakley Van Oss, Welcome to Newcomers

Andrea Kubick, Bringing Health to Life!

Danelle Hicks, College Visits and SAT Prep

Kim Phipps, Graphing Calculators for Upper Level Math

Alyssa Giger, Tea Time & Games for Social Emotional Wellness

David DeRose, Restorative Justice Training

Cheryl Kassay, Lab Equipment Upgrade

Corinna Laabs, Mary Slack, Christina Garcia - Earth & Physical Science Inquiry Materials

Joe Kassay, Outdoor Ed Field Experiences

Oakley Van Oss, Shannon Svaldi - Summit High Auto Club

Kelly Finley, Post Secondary Planning Incentives

Kristin Myers, Community-Based Instruction (CBI)

Thomas Lutke, Summit High Bike Rebuild for Summit Cove Elementary

Thomas Lutke, Design Computer for Ski Manufacturing

Katie Williams, Math Department White Boards

Liz Stevenson, CNA & Summit Health Leader Experiences



Outdoor Education Field Experiences - Joe Kassay



Auto Club -Oakley Van Oss, Shannon Svaldi

2023 AWARDEES

Snowy Peaks Jr/Sr High School

Erika Kaltenbach, PBL Math

Justin Holmes, Hope Squad

Jen Wolinetz, ICAP and College Visits

Rachel Waltman, Mini Golf Project & Indoor Sport Net

Garrett Regner, Air Compressor

Megan Meek, Inspirational Mosaic Mural

Nathan Schwalen, STEAM Design Thinking & Hands-on Science

James Smith, PBIS at Snowy Peaks

Summit Middle School

Ali Subasi, Computer Lab Upgrades

Brenda Thompson-Leffler, SMS Broadcasting Class

Peder Hansen, Equity Focused Staff & Student Book Clubs

Nicholas Clements, SMS VEX Robotics

Lisa Shane, RN, SMS Moves

Ryan Burr, Adventure Anytime

Ali Pry, Kids Yoga & Mindfulness

Brian Tracey, Sand Tray Therapy

Yessenia Soto, Spanish News

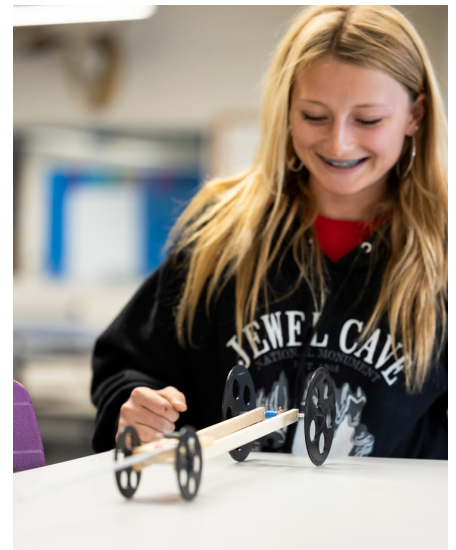
Annie Webb, Journaling

Maritza Charris, Broadcasting in Latino

Holly Meyers, Next Page, Putting Books in Children's Hands

Allyson Monroe, Broadcasting Ancient Civilizations

Shelby Muhn, Melanie Olson, Doug Grabski - Experiential Activities



Hands-On STEAM -
Nathan Schwalen
credit: Joe Kusumoto



Computer Lab Upgrades -
Ali Subasi

2023 AWARDEES

Breckenridge Elementary

Leigh Guevara, Typing Skills

Susan Wallace-Seman, Books to Connect to Second Step Units

Kelley Fletcher, Mystery Science

Kelley Fletcher, Hands-On Learning

Carole Horvath, Active PE Experiences

Dillon Valley Elementary

Melissa Klatt, Culturally Relevant Books for Struggling Readers

Jill Brickson, Tea With the Teacher & Pen Pals

Patricia Falgueras del Álamo, Aprendo Música Con La Melódica

Mary Smith-Wasserman, Summer Books

Amy Clark, Sphero Indi Education Robot Class Pack

Michelle Sellers, Books in Spanish

Kendra Carpenter, Creating a Sense of Wonder

Hollyanna Bates, For the Love of Technology

Melissa Mahlke, Animals and Their Habitats Hands On



Typing Skills - Leigh Guevara

2023 AWARDEES

Frisco Elementary

Louise Parry, Interactive P.E. Lessons

Whitney Bernhardt Smith, PBIS Assemblies

Sarah Devlin, Reading and Math Games

Amy Hume, Outdoor Snowshoe Experiences

Britt Sheafe, Kiln Fire Clay Projects

Heather Schierholz, Primary Years Programme Materials

Silverthorne Elementary

Kendra Kuehl, Engaging Equality

Alejandro Aznar, Outdoor Education Program

Tyler Bunnelle, Outdoor Education Transportation

Tyler Bunnelle, Indoor Garden

Kelsey Magnotti, Books and Rewards for PBIS

Laura Mastrangelo, Books for Students with Special Needs

Carmen Arellano, Access and Equity for All

Mar Damiá Pau, Spanish Library Books

Katy Irvin, CO Art Education Association Fall Conference

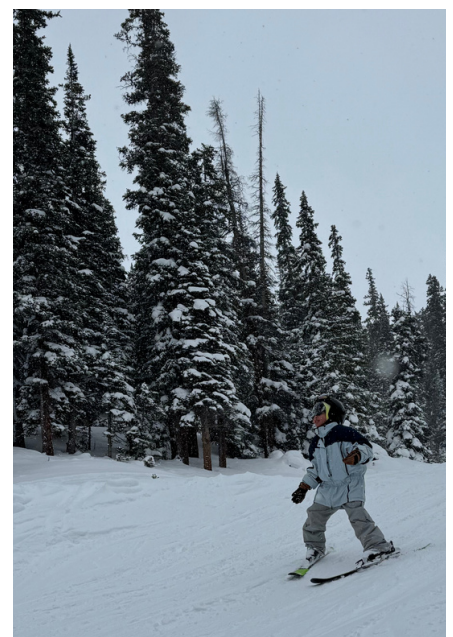
Juan Luis Alonso Benito, World of Music

Courtney Pallares, Spanish Literacy

Kali Sanoy, Technology for Special Ed Classroom



Books and Rewards -
Kelsey Magnotti



Outdoor Education - Tyler Bunnelle

2023 AWARDEES

Summit Cove Elementary

Sharon Bose, Sensory Table Work Stations

Sarah Pomeroy, SCE Kids on Bikes

Sarah Pomeroy, SCE Pump Track

Katie Latek, Play Through Inquiry

Darby Proctor, Science Inquiry Workshops

Sarah Stuhr, Building the Future and Robotics

Darby Proctor, Sky Dome Planetarium

Lesley Gregory, Visual Sketchbooks

Upper Blue Elementary

Jen Leslie, Learning Games

Renee Bartnick, Environmental Science Experiences

Ashley Girodo, Cultivating Young Changemakers

Caitie Merkle, Illuminate Young Minds: Support PreK Inquiry Learning

Renee Bartnick, Unit of Inquiry Books

Anita Overmyer, Science and Engineering Materials

Jill Dixon, Loose Parts



Students gained creativity and engaged in deeper thinking while discovering the materials around them.
-Jill Dixon, Upper Blue, Loose Parts

SCHOLARSHIPS

EFS awarded a total of fifty 2023 scholarships to Snowy Peaks and Summit High School graduates.

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. Special scholarship awards went to:

- Jeraldine Zubia Fletes, Be Legendary Award
- Sofia Bremer, Academics Award
- Jordan Arndt, Character Award
- Arny Zeman, Community Award
- Axl Bonenberger, Greg Bachman Award for Nature
- Bodie Heflin, Greg Bachman Award for Nature
- Anthony Saenz, Transformational Education Award



Snowy Peaks Graduation

SCHOLARSHIPS

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, that awards an iPad to each senior, is made possible by our annual fundraising and generous local donors. Special awards went to:

Case Bosgraaf (Kerry's Kids)
Roxana Castro Perez (Dreiling Pre-Collegiate)
Linda Chavira (Dreiling Pre-Collegiate)
Pascual Gomez-Almeida (Lewark)
Ximena Medina (Dreiling Pre-Collegiate)



Scholarship awardee with Danielle Hicks, Summit High School Pre-Collegiate Director and Bonnie Ward, EFS Vice Chair

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lewark Family Scholarship

The Lewark Family Scholarship awards \$1,000 in honor of Ron Lewark to a Summit High School graduate heading to technical school. Ron Lewark came to Frisco in 1971 and purchased the Texaco, and ran it along with his wife Donna. Sons Jeff and Larry helped out as they grew up. Ron was a car enthusiast, private pilot, and enjoyed jeeping and snowmobiling. He passed away in 2018. Jeff and Larry, and their wives Scarlett and Laura, and all of their children are Summit High School graduates. Laura Lewark serves on the EFS board of directors.

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.

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.

INNOVATIVE READING

Innovative Reading comprises two programs: Summit Books for Kids and Annual Author Visits.

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 books with their teacher's help. This program increases access to highly relevant, engaging books for children.

The **Author and Poet Visits** bring well known, published authors to Summit County to engage students in reading and writing. These visits provide students real live access to authors of books for their age group and reading level.

Jovan Mays helps Summit 8th graders find their own inner poet. Mays is the former Poet Laureate of Aurora, Colorado, a National Poetry Slam Champion, a TED Speaker and Director of Your Writing Counts. He engages every 8th grader in their initial poetry lesson for the poetry unit of study that culminates in a rousing Poetry Slam competition in May.

The success of the Author Visits is due to the collaboration between teachers and the Education Foundation of the Summit.

Thanks to our sponsor Alpine Bank and for the in-kind support (since 2016) from Ramada Inn Frisco.



Poetry Slam Competitors

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

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



Pre-Collegiate students with Daniell Hicks, Summit High School Pre-Collegiate Director. EFS provides volunteer mentors for the program.

credit: Joe Kusumoto

EFS volunteers at partner events and collaborates on efforts such as the partnership with Summit Foundation to help teachers gain certifications in the Pathways to Teaching program.

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 to parent-teacher organizations at each school to support their school-based initiatives.



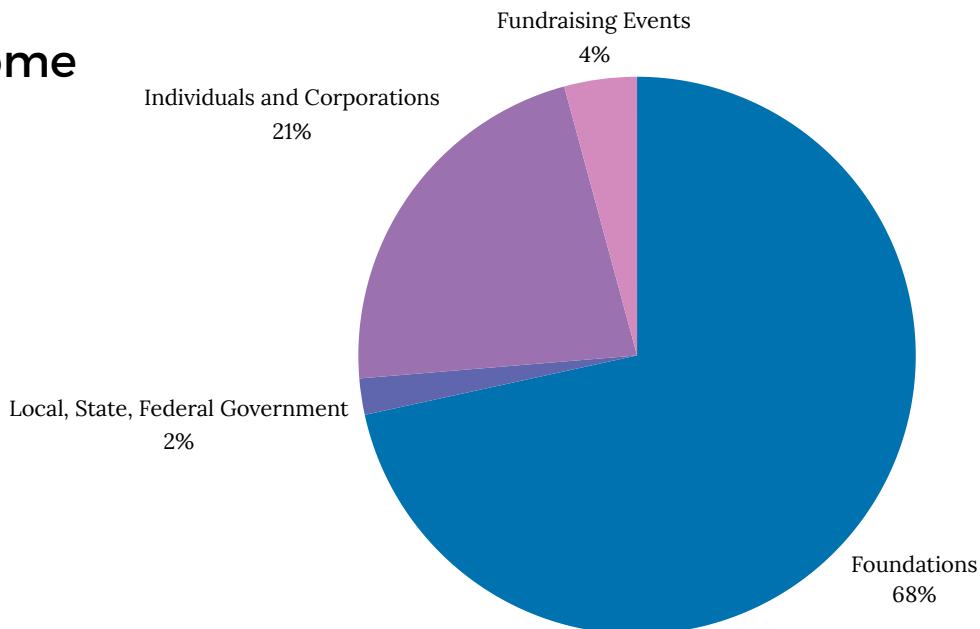
EFS volunteers at the BGV Gives Rob Millisor Heart Health Walk

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FY2023

ORGANIZATION'S INCOME	\$139,292
Foundations	\$95,412
Local, State, Federal Government	\$3,250
Individuals and Corporations	\$29,537
Fundraising Events	\$6,043
Misc	\$5,050
ORGANIZATION'S EXPENSES	\$137,369
Innovative Teacher Award Grants and STEAM	\$70,959
Innovative Reading: Summit Books for Kids and Author Visits	\$7,683
College Scholarships	\$18,431
Partnerships for Education	\$20,269
Fundraising Expenses (Trivia Night)	\$9,218
Business Expenses: Email, DB, Marketing, Website, Bank Fees	\$10,393
Administrative Expenses: Supplies, Printing, Postage, Meeting	\$416

Income



2023 HONOR ROLL



Summit Foundation
Soul of the Summit

Steven and Dawn Huckaby

F Cubed Foundation

Paul Finkel



Lloyd Family Foundation

Reflex Recovery



Casias Family
John Craig



Ward Family

SSD Parent-Teacher
Organizations

Steve and Trish Shapiro
Family Foundation



JoAn Hutchinson
Patti Bowers
Julie Davis



Kerry Buhler
Christine Ellis
Dave Miller



THANK YOU

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 \$20,000+

F-Cubed Foundation
The Summit Foundation

Champion \$5,000+

Steven and Dawn Huckaby

Partner \$2,500+

BGV Gives
Climax Molybdenum, A Freeport McMoRan Co
FirstBank Summit County
Reflex Recovery
Ward Family

Advocate \$1,000+

Alpine Bank
Casias Family
John Craig
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EyeTech Optometry
Summit County Rotary Charitable Fund
Ski Country Auto Repair and Towing & the Lewark Families
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Town of Frisco
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