



2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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**Clarke County
Education
Foundation, Inc.**
Supporting Our Public Schools

CCEF AT A GLANCE

The Clarke County Education Foundation (CCEF), a non-profit organization with a current board of 13 members and a part-time executive director, is dedicated to providing private support to the Clarke County Public Schools to enhance its tax-supported programs.

Founded in 1991, CCEF has provided more than \$3 million in student scholarships, teacher grants, system demonstration grants, and donor-defined projects through a combination of fund-raising and endowment income since its inception.

OUR MISSION

The Clarke County Education Foundation is an independent public charity dedicated to promoting, expanding, and augmenting the educational opportunities for students and staff in the Clarke County Public Schools, by generating private support and involvement to enhance these publicly maintained services.

AREAS OF SUPPORT



SUPPORTING
OUR SCHOOLS



OFFERING
OPPORTUNITY



ENHANCING
EDUCATION

CCEF 2020-2021 GIVING

\$125,877.⁷⁵

CCPS FACTS

TOTAL STUDENTS
ENROLLED

1,745

STUDENTS GRADUATING
WITH ADVANCED DIPLOMAS

73%

STUDENTS WHO
QUALIFY FOR FREE AND
REDUCED LUNCHES

21%

TEACHER/
STUDENT RATIOS

11.78:1

GRADES
K-7

11.91:1

GRADES
K-8 - 12

PERCENTAGE OF TEACHERS
WHO HOLD MASTER'S DEGREE

62%

ON TIME
GRADUATION RATE

97%

PERCENTAGE OF HIGH
SCHOOLERS EARNING ONE
OR MORE CTE CREDENTIAL

28.4%

DATA COMPILED FROM THE VDOE SCHOOL QUALITY PROFILE REPORT



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Since our founding in 1991, the Clarke County Education Foundation has remained a lifeline for the teachers and students in Clarke County Public Schools. With the community's support, the Foundation has served as a vehicle for matching community resources to educational needs in our schools and programs throughout the County. This past fiscal year, the CCEF was proud to offer significant financial support to our Clarke County Public Schools.

Highlights of some of the support offered this year include:

- Establishing new ways to assist in COVID relief including purchasing a school supply pack for EVERY child in need in our schools for them to use at home while virtual learning, donating 10,000 masks, a reusable water bottle for every student in the district, as well as a huge supply of toilet paper when it was hard to come by,
- Establishing new COVID Grants for teachers needing help modifying their classrooms,
- Partnering with Biff Genda and Historic Rosemont to establish the Rosemont Leadership Scholarship, a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000, given to the student exhibiting the top leadership skills from the graduating class,
- Sponsoring the Clarke Innovation Conference bringing professional development to all of our CCPS teachers and staff,
- Partnering with the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum to bring virtual field trips to our youngest learners at both Boyce Elementary and DG Cooley Elementary, providing at home wifi to students in need through wifi hotspots purchased through the Dr. Richard M. Lewis Academic Access Fund,
- Hosting successful fundraisers including our Fore the Kids Golf Scramble, Virtual Gala and Game Night, Thank A Teacher Campaign and Employee Giving Campaign
- Giving away the greatest amount EVER in student scholarships, during one of the most difficult years our Foundation has endured.

This year we were able to modify our grant program offerings and offer support to our classrooms when they needed it quickly. COVID protocols required teachers to change their way of teaching and we were proud to be there when they needed help. Grant programs offered included STEM Grants, Covid Grants and Classroom Innovation Grants. These grants, which totaled over \$63,000 were awarded to over 35 teachers and impacted every student in CCPS.

As we look toward the future, we are proud of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. Next year will celebrate this Foundation's 30th year, and is sure to be our best year yet! Clarke County is stronger when its schools are working in partnership with community businesses and individuals to remain one of the best kept secrets in Virginia.

The Clarke County Education Foundation is proud to share our successes with you through this Annual Report. We invite you to join us in supporting our public schools and making our community a better place to be! As always, we remain... Clarke County, Small but Mighty!



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SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS

Enhancing the academic experience for the students of Clarke County Public Schools is of great importance to the Clarke County Education Foundation. This year, these are some of our programs which made an impact in Clarke County Public Schools:

● EMERGENCY COVID SUPPORT

With the community's support, we were able to raise over \$10,000 to purchase school supply sets for each student in need in CCPS for our first ever Project School Supplies! We also were able to donate 10,000 masks as well as a reusable water bottle for every student in CCPS.

● THE CLYFF HILL MEMORIAL FUND

This Fund, which was opened in 2018, honors the legacy and life of Clyff Hill, former English Teacher at Clarke County High School. These funds help publish and print the CCHS IB English Culminating Book of Poetry which can be found in the CCHS library.

● THE EVAN ROBB PROFESSIONAL BOOK STUDY FUND

This Fund, allows team leaders, department leaders, grade level leaders or administrators from Clarke County Public Schools to apply for funding to purchase professional development books for book studies within the district. All teachers from Boyce Elementary School and DG Cooley Elementary School will start the 2021-2022 school year studying *The Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon.

● IB/AP SUPPORT

Established in 2009 by the Concerned Citizens of Clarke County (CCCC) this fund is to supplement IB and AP course registration and test fees for students desiring to pursue the programs. The fund also provides IB/AP training for CCHS teachers.

● JOHN FRIANT, SR. DICTIONARY PROJECT

Established in 2002 by John Friant, Sr., this fund enables the CCEF to purchase dictionaries for every third grade student in Clarke County each year.

● RICHARD M. LEWIS ACADEMIC ACCESS FUND

Established in 2017 in honor of the late Dr. Richard M. Lewis, these funds provide Kajeets, a broadband internet device, to those students who are not able to access internet in their homes. This technology is the result of generous memorial contributions made to honor the late Dr. Lewis, who passed away in July 2016. Dr. Lewis was the President of the Clarke County Education Foundation at the time of his passing, and he was a tireless advocate for access to educational opportunities.

● SHENANDOAH VALLEY DISCOVERY MUSEUM PARTNERSHIP

New this year, this partnership allowed for two interactive, virtual field trips for our youngest learners at both elementary schools as well as a prerecorded video activity of the teacher's choice.

● VA STAR

The Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment Program (Virginia STAR or VA STAR) is a program in schools all across the Commonwealth of Virginia. These students refurbish computers and work toward IT industry standard certifications. The program helps teach students to refurbish surplus computer hardware from government agencies and private companies. The refurbished computers are donated to families, organizations, and school districts at no cost. Through participation in the program, students work towards earning digital badges (badges.vastar.org) and industry-standard certifications which can pave the way for both higher education and well-paying jobs.



OFFERING OPPORTUNITY

Each year, CCEF provides financial funding to bring students' dreams of post-graduate studies to a reality. We also help teachers with their professional development goals. These funds are provided through the generosity of scholarship funds and endowments. Last year, we were able to offer the most scholarships ever to our graduating seniors - almost \$50,000.

CCEF'S CLASS OF 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

*indicates scholarship which was awarded Junior Year

Alaina Pastore

Alice Loope Scholarship

Catherine Drosselmeyer

Eugene V. and Laura L. White Scholarship

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Eugene V. and Laura L. White Scholarship & Moore Family Scholarship

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Rosemont Leadership Scholarship

Trey Trenary

2020 Wilbur and Helen Feltner Athletic Scholarship*

Evelyn Wilkie

Moore Family Scholarship

Alison Sipe

Danielle N. Moyer/ Kimberly J. Stutzman Scholarship, Mitchell "Good Neighbor" Scholarship, Jimmy Racer Scholar-Athlete Scholarship* & 2020 Wilbur and Helen Feltner Athletic Scholarship*

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Gary & Joanne Hornbaker Scholarship

Sam Brumback

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Bryce Robertson

John McCuan Elementary Education Scholarship

Thomas Marsden

Andy Kiser Performing Arts Scholarship

Kinsley Myers

Chris Ball Scholar-Athlete Scholarship

Mackenzie Cather

Dr. Joseph M. Casey Scholarship

Angel Crider

Renee F. Weir Business Scholarship

Charles Casey

Nancy L. Friant Performing Arts Scholarship

CCEF TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Rachel Ratliff and Marissa Gett

Virginia B. Lloyd Superintendent Scholarship



ENHANCING EDUCATION

CCEF annually awards thousands of dollars to teachers, in the form of grants, to enhance the classroom experience. Aid has been in the form of supplemental materials, additional supplies, and state-of-the-art equipment. This year, grants were offered in three specific categories and totaled \$63,090.82!

COVID GRANTS

COVID grants were created to help ease the burden of new expectations of social distancing and virtual learning during the pandemic. Congratulations to the following teachers who were awarded a grant last year:

Donna Michael, CES, Reader's Theatre Puppet Show Supplies

Jessica Tavener, BES & CES, Beginning Band Supplies

Pam Seekford, CCHS, Marketing Supplies

Dannielle Ames, CES, Transparent Masks

Lauren Allison, CCHS, Hanging Mats

Kim Baker, CES, Kindergarten Social Distancing

Donna Shaughness, CES, Digital Books for Virtual Learners

CJ Wilkerson, J-WMS, Virtual Band Consortium & Music FUNDations

Marissa Gett, J-WMS, Insert Learning

Jennifer Strosnider, CES, Supply Bins

Mark Curry, CCHS, Virtual Band Consortium

Meredith Stenberg, J-WMS, Oil Pastels

Donna Michael, CES, Utility Carts

Elyse DeQuoy, J-WMS, Symbaloo and BreakoutEDU

Amelia Erickson, BES, Social Distancing in our Classroom

Carol Marshall, CCHS, The Escape Classroom & Pivot Interactives Lab Learning Simulations

Gina Basham, CCHS, Super Quizizz

Christine Brewer, CCHS, KAMI

STEM GRANTS

CCEF STEM grants provide the resources for CCPS to build and expand their STEM programs as well as their professional learning for educators to lead our students. Last year we were proud to award the following grants:

Library STEM Book Update, Susanna Gawrysiak, BES, \$11,218.74

Virtual Reality Headsets, Patrick Hausammann & Susanna Gawrysiak, CES & BES, \$24,058.00

Reading Specialist STEM Books, Sherry Newman, CES, \$1,256.20

CLM Courtyard Update, Amelia Erickson & Heather Montgomery, BES, \$2,500

CCPS Innovation Conference, Patrick Hausammann, \$5,000

CLASSROOM IMPACT GRANTS

Classroom Impact Grants were created to allow teachers a funding source for new and innovative projects as they begin the school year. This year, the following teachers will begin the school year able to implement a new project or idea in their classroom. Congratulations to the following teachers:

Story Walk at Boyce Elementary, Susanna Gawrysiak, BES

Pickleball for Middle School PE, Sarah Casey, J-WMS

Children Literature – Think Alouds, Pam Seekford, BES

Vermicomposting, Lauren Marzetta, J-WMS

Newcomer ELL Program for K-12, Lisa Knick, Kerri Spitler, Janine Davis, CES, BES, CCHS, J-WMS

IXL Grammar for English 11, Eric Morgan, CCHS

Installation of Northstar Stainless Steel Extruder for Ceramic Clay at CCHS, Chrissy Schmohl, CCHS

Choir Masks for CCPS Elementary Schools, Derek Boyce, CES

Backyard Games, Lauren Allison, CCHS

Scholastic Guiding Reading Short Reads, Lynne Esslinger, J-WMS

Don't Dis My Ability, Donna Michael, CES

Reading Resources for Teachers, Sherry Newman, CES

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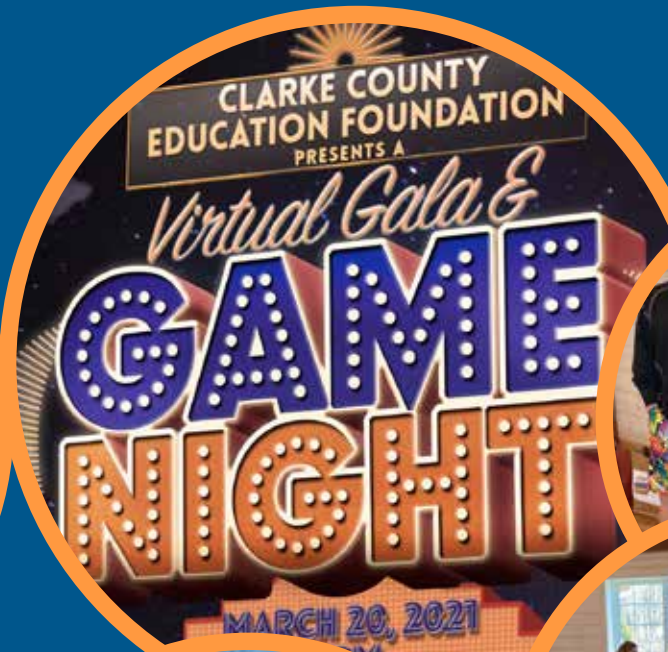
FUN EVENTS

The CCEF is proud to host several events each year to support our mission!



Golf Tournament October 26, 2020

This year we hosted a new and fun event at Rock Harbor Golf Course, our Fore the Kids Benefit Golf Tournament!



Gala and Game Night March 20, 2021

For the 23rd year, we hosted a gala to raise a huge amount of money to support our mission! Due to the pandemic, this year we worked hard to turn this into a virtual event! Participants picked up dinner and wine to go from Presto Dinners and sat back and enjoyed themselves at home! Great presentations, interviews and a rousing game of Bingo through The Giving Game ended the evening! In total, we raised over \$31,500 through this virtual event! We also turned our auction into an online auction and had great success! SO MANY local friends and businesses donated auction items and we were able to raise over \$12,700 in the auction alone! We can never thank our community enough for their continued support of this event!

Thank A Teacher Campaign May 3-8, 2021

Teachers were again honored by community members who wanted a special way to say THANKS! In addition to a sign placed publicly for the community to recognize our teachers and staff, recipients received an individualized letter indicating why they were recognized as well as doughnuts and coffee donated by HN Funkhouser.

Employee Giving Campaign

CCPS and Clarke County Employees are given the option to make a one time or recurring donation from their paychecks. Last year, employees donated over \$2,300 to help us continue our mission!

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