

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022-2023

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023



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

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# CCEF AT A GLANCE

The Clarke County Education Foundation (CCEF), a non-profit organization with a current board of 14 members and a part-time executive director, is dedicated to providing private support to the Clarke County Public Schools (CCPS) to enhance its tax-supported programs. Founded in 1991, the CCEF has provided more than \$3.5 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.

## 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 2022-2023  
TOTAL GIVING  
\$151,232**

## CCPS AT A GLANCE

Clarke County Public Schools is a small public school division just West of the Shenandoah Mountains and Washington D.C. It serves 4 schools which are all fully accredited: 1 high school, 1 middle school and 2 elementary schools in the communities of Berryville, Boyce and Clarke County, VA.

- Boyce Elementary
- D.G. Cooley Elementary
- Johnson-Williams Middle
- Clarke County High

**1,894**  
TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED

Students graduating with advanced diplomas:



Students who qualify for free and reduced lunches



Four-Year On Time Graduation Rate



Dual Enrolled Students:



Percentage of Teachers With Master's Degrees:



Data compiled from the VDOE School Quality Profile Report

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Friends & Supporters of the Clarke County Education Foundation,

We are so thankful for the many friends and alumni who have contributed to the Clarke County Education Foundation (CCEF) this year and throughout our 31 year history. The Clarke County Education Foundation is proud to support enrichment programs that help celebrate a legacy of excellence and enhance the ways in which Clarke County Public Schools is collectively opening a world of possibilities for its students. We are proud to award thousands of dollars each year to the teachers and students of Clarke County Public Schools in the form of grants, scholarships and monetary support for amazing opportunities for our schools. To date, we've given over \$3.5 million dollars in support, benefiting every teacher and student in Clarke County Public Schools.

In the past year, the CCEF took a very active role in addressing literacy and social inequities by bringing eight diverse authors to Boyce Elementary and DG Cooley Elementary. This was made possible through a \$35,000 Good Neighbor Grant, awarded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. In partnership with Clarke County Public Schools and Shenandoah University, the program offered presentations and interactions with culturally diverse authors throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Some students were provided the additional opportunity to participate directly with the author in a book study discussion and received several books to add to their home libraries.

One of the most rewarding programs of the Clarke County Education Foundation continues to be awarding annual scholarships for deserving students pursuing post-secondary education. With the rising cost of college tuition, our organization values the importance of assisting families and students with this endeavor. We were thrilled to welcome several new scholarships to our offerings this year including: the Bonnie Ann Justice Memorial Scholarship, Brent Emmart Memorial Scholarship, Denise Geiszler (Holman) Memorial Endowment Scholarship, Marty McMichael Memorial Scholarship, Shirley Elizabeth Bartlett Memorial Scholarship, and the Kenneth and Barbara Thomas Memorial Scholarship. With the support of Mr. Biff Genda of Historic Rosemont, we again awarded The Rosemont Leadership Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to the student with the greatest leadership potential in the CCHS Class of 2023, Miss Julianna Pledgie.

We encourage you to get involved as a volunteer, sponsor or CCEF donating member. Supporting the Clarke County Education Foundation with your time, talent, or financial support makes a meaningful and direct impact on the educational experiences of students, teachers, and staff of the Clarke County Public School District; it's a great opportunity to contribute to the betterment of the community and invest in the future of the young learners.

As we look to the future, we know there is more to be done to help every student achieve academic and personal success. Our children today are counting on us to prepare them for tomorrow's workforce. Through our collective commitment to invest in education, we can help students in ways that will last a lifetime. As you read our report, we hope you share in the pride and impact of our work. As always, we remain, Clarke County, small but mighty!



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# CCEF RAISES FUNDS

## Golf Tournament

September 30, 2022



For the third year in a row, we were able to host our FORE the Kids Golf Tournament! Over 100 golfers came for a cold and blustery day of 18 holes at Rock Harbor Golf Course in Winchester, VA. The event raised over \$23,000 for our mission! Congratulations to this year's winners: John Slye, Bob Caines, John Sullivan and Laura Sullivan.



## Thank A Teacher Campaign

May 7-13, 2023

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.



## Love of Literacy Grant

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded the Clarke County Education Foundation a Good Neighbor Grant in the amount of \$35,000. This grant was funded to support the Clarke County Education Foundation, in partnership with Clarke County Public Schools (CCPS) and Shenandoah University, in establishing a new multicultural author study program within the elementary schools. Eight incredible authors were brought to our schools to inspire our students! We also hosted a community literacy evening event at Clarke County High School featuring the New York Times bestselling, Newbery Medal winning author Matt de la Peña.

## Visiting Authors

2022-2023

September 21 - Matt de la Peña  
October 19 - Sasha A. Alston  
November 9 - Angela Dominguez  
January 10 - Hena Khan  
February 1 - Leah Henderson  
March 21 - Raul the Third  
April 18 - Stacy McAnulty  
May 2 - Phil Bildner



# 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. These are some of our programs which made an impact in Clarke County Public Schools:

## Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum Partnership

Funding provided each elementary school the opportunity for its students to play for free for an evening at the Museum!

## John Friant, Sr. Dictionary Project

The Dictionary Project came to fruition as a collaborative effort between the Clarke County Education Foundation, the Clarke County Library Council and the Clarke County Public Schools in 2004. Shortly thereafter, under the leadership of John Friant, Sr., funds were raised from the community to fund an endowment adequate to purchase a dictionary annually for every third grader, public or private.

## StoryWalk(c) at Clarke County Parks and Recreation

In honor of our 30th birthday, the CCEF unveiled a new StoryWalk(c) at the Chet Hobert Park in Berryville, VA in June 2022. This StoryWalk(c) was a gift to our community in honor of our 30th Anniversary! Families can enjoy reading and discussing literacy at the 2-mile loop at the park while exercising together!

## The Virginia Student Training and Refurbishment (VA STAR) Program

A service organization dedicated to providing working computers to community members in need.

Students in CCHS technology classes learn real world technology skills repairing computer hardware, installing software, and troubleshooting. Students help donate the computers to community members in need.



# ENHANCING EDUCATION

The Clarke County Education Foundation is pleased to provide \$52,499 to Clarke County Public Schools in Teacher Grant Funding during the last school year! Grants were awarded in three different categories:

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANTS

These grants are for CCPS teachers/staff who are needing supplies immediately while working in their classrooms during the school year. Congratulations to the following teachers who were awarded a grant last year:

Alysia Deem, CCHS, Library Relaxation Station

D. Panitz & D. Funkhouser

Molly Tinsman

Ann Bishop supervising CCHS students: Olivia Morise & Bailey Beard, Kindness Rock Garden at CES

## 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. Teachers will begin the school year able to implement a new project or idea in their classroom. Congratulations to the following teachers:

Allyson Snapp

Cherylynn Shiley

Chrissy Schmohl

Christine Brewer

Jennifer Mooney & Jeana Knickerbocker

Josie Bauknecht, M.S, BCBA, LBA

CCHS Greenhouse

Corsair HS35 Headphones

NAHS Mural

Stock the Box

Girlytalk

"ABA to Improve Your Day": Expanding Behavior Resource at Clarke County High School

Collaborative Math Whiteboards

Ping Pong

Putting the "Science" in Agriscience

Re-Write Boogie Board Writing Tablets

Scooters for Middle School PE

## 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:

Amy Smith, J-WMS, Desmos Math Curriculum Support

Patrick Hausmann, 2022 CCPS Innovation Conference & Convocation

Victoria Segerstrom & Jesse Hudson, Cooking in Alternative Education

Dr. Cathy Seal, Worlds of Work 2022

Amelia Erickson, BES Garden Update

Jennifer McDonald, CES Technology Grant

## NEW TEACHER GRANTS

New CCPS teachers were reimbursed for expenses in setting up their classrooms.

# 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, endowments, private donors and fundraisers.

## CCEF'S CLASS OF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### \*Scholarship Awarded Junior Year

	<b>Julianne Pledgie</b> Rosemont Leadership Scholarship Moore Family Scholarship		<b>Graham Wolford</b> Jimmy Racer Scholar-Athlete Scholarship* Marty McMichael Memorial Scholarship
	<b>Bella Clotzman</b> Alice Loope Education Scholarship		<b>Addison Plummer</b> John D. Hardesty Agriculture Scholarship
	<b>Lily Mackenzie</b> Andy Kiser Performing Arts Scholarship		<b>Emma Stanley</b> John F. Milleson Jr. Scholarship Virginia B. Lloyd Scholarship
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	<b>Willow Oliver</b> Denise Geiszler (Holman) Memorial Endowment Scholarship		<b>Matthew Sipe</b> Ray A. Gray Trades Scholarship
	<b>Ava Mansfield</b> Dr. Joseph M. Casey Scholarship		<b>Campbell Paskel</b> Shirley Elizabeth Bartlett Memorial Scholarship
	<b>Keira Rohrback</b> Wilbur and Helen Feltner Athletic Scholarship*		

## CCEF TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Nancy Polo** - Kenneth and Barbara Thomas Memorial Endowment Scholarship  
**Mark Curry** - Virginia B. Lloyd Superintendent's Scholarship

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