

2022 2023

ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COMMUNITY





Our Why

What a year! The 2022-2023 school year saw some outstanding accomplishments.

We are proud to showcase the positive impact made possible by the generous community of donors who trust The Foundation, recognizing our unique position to elevate student achievement, foster community engagement, and support dedicated teachers and staff. From realizing a 28% increase in the number of students benefiting from our classroom grants to seeing an 8% increased use of the Free School Supply Store by our teachers, our reach and impact continues to grow.

Our close collaboration with district leaders ensures that the programs we fund align seamlessly with county-wide goals, contributing to the continued “A” rating of our district. This year, in addition to our regular programs, The Foundation also took the lead to distribute \$30,000 in hurricane relief to impacted school staff, provide over \$330,000 to support school district priorities and acquire \$435,000 in funding to initiate a robust Resilient Community project.

Our partnerships continue to be strong. Local leaders, engaged parents, and top employers all see the strength in our programs and join us to make an impact for students. We know that together, we will continue to shape a brighter future for our community and education system.



Our Impact



Over \$2 Million
in School Supplies
given to teachers



\$65,000
awarded in Teacher
Classroom Grants



92% of
Funds
Raised
directly support
programs



**\$100,000 for Visual
& Performing Arts**

distributed throughout
Seminole County Public
Schools



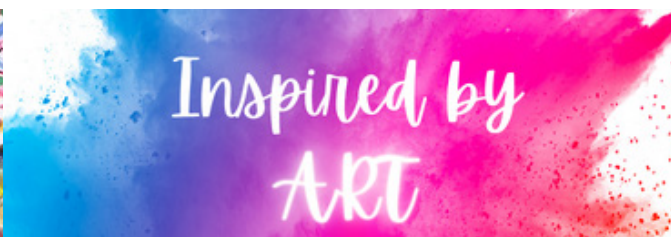
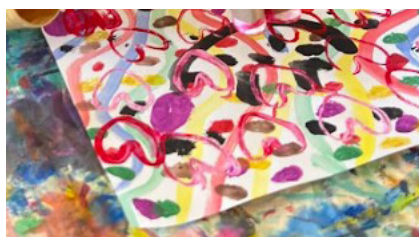
100 Students
in our Take Stock in
Children Program



191,000
pencils distributed



Over \$170,000
scholarships to high
school seniors



Brand new in the 2022-2023 school year, The Foundation started an “Inspired by Art Week” to highlight the talented students and premier visual and performing arts programs in Seminole County Public Schools. Between February 13-17, The Foundation highlighted different art programs on social media with videos or photos submitted by students and teachers. Each program highlighted received a donation. In addition, Foundation board members visited each Seminole County Public School to deliver checks totaling over \$60,000 to support purchasing instruments, theater costumes, painting supplies, and more. This initiative is part of the Foundation’s commitment to promote the arts and provide over \$100,000 to art programs to ensure every student has access to enriching arts curriculum.

“Inspired by Art Week gives talented students a chance to share with our community the amazing arts programs in our schools, from 2D art to TV production. I’m excited the Foundation could launch this program and provide continued funding to support the arts.”

**- Jean Vansmith, Foundation
Executive Director**



Grants for Great Ideas

The
FOUNDATION
Grants for Great Ideas

Each year, teachers have the opportunity to put their great ideas into action for students through The Foundation's Grants for Great Ideas program. Teachers are eligible to apply for up to \$1,000 for an individual classroom project and up to \$2,500 for a grade or school wide initiative in three categories: English Language Arts, STEM, or Arts. Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded over \$2.48 million to support hands-on projects for students.

These projects go beyond normal classroom instruction and allow teachers to provide memorable experiences for their students. With over \$65,000 given out in grants in grants in 2022-2023, nearly 15,000 students received positive learning experiences through this program with 44 projects.

At Eastbrook Elementary, the 2022-2023 class of third graders were just kindergartners when COVID happened and that time of distance learning took a toll on the young students. Upon returning to normalcy, many students struggled in the classroom. Teacher Lisa Langston had a creative idea to use bucket drums to reinforce reading skills. Scan the QR code(below) to see how her idea helped improve test scores while having fun!



“Although my main focus was on third grade reading, 5th grade also used the bucket drums. There was a noticeable improvement in the rhythm reading with my older students. The special equipment fosters a love of learning and growth in our students and staff.”

-Lisa Langston, 2022 Grant Recipient



We Had A Great Idea!

**Building Character in Our MakerSpace
Lake Orienta Elementary**

\$2,500 Funded by
The Foundation for
Seminole County Public Schools

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A Night of Impact

After celebrating 25 years of Arts Alive, the Foundation created a new signature gala, A Night of Impact! This brand-new event gave guests the red-carpet treatment while raising funds to support the amazing programs in Seminole County Public Schools. It featured a live and silent auction, VIP reception, gourmet dinner, live band, and a showcase of Foundation programs.

The event highlighted the impact donations to The Foundation make to provide resources to over 2,000 homeless students in Seminole County, STEM programs, and mentoring and college readiness coaching for over 100 high school students. That night, over \$224,000 was raised by the community to support these vital programs.

“A Night of Impact is a fantastic event and a great way to give back to teachers and students here in Seminole County. The attendees experienced live performances from bands, students, and teachers while enjoying a magical evening of giving. Donors really stepped up this year giving over \$224,000 in one night to help keep Seminole County an ‘A’ rated and leading school district.”

- Greg Grannon, Foundation Board Chair



Take Stock in Children



Take Stock in Children offers deserving, low-income students a chance to escape the cycle of poverty through education. The program provides 103 hard-working students with the tools to thrive throughout high school, into college, and in their future communities. Our program begins the summer after 8th grade and includes wraparound services such as weekly mentor sessions, workshops, support by Foundation staff, and the promise of a 2-year Florida Prepaid Scholarship upon graduation.

Throughout the school year, the program hosts many workshops for our students, mentor appreciation events, career panels, college tours, and more. One of the key success factors of the program is the mentoring, which leaves a lasting impact on both the student and mentor.



“I want to thank my mentor for being great and helping me along this journey... just from the weekly talks, check-ups, and many more. This is definitely not the end for me and Mrs. Patty, I plan on staying in touch with her for as long as possible and keeping her a part of my life as if I was still in school. - Azan’l Austin, Take Stock in Children Graduate

Tools 4 Seminole Schools

Teachers often spend \$500 or more of their own money buying supplies for their students and materials for their classrooms. Tools 4 Seminole Schools collects and distributes school supplies and classroom materials to teachers, who in turn ensure their students have what they need to be prepared for class. In 2023, teachers shopped at the store over 2,500 times and received on average supplies valued at \$595 each time they shopped. Between teacher shopping and the 3,500 back packs given out to students in need, the store distributed over \$2,000,000 in supplies during to 2022-2023 school year.

The store has everything from pencils, notebooks, and crayons to tissues, socks and underwear, providing whatever is needed for students to be in school, ready to learn. With about half of Seminole County’s students qualifying for free or reduced meals, the need for this type of support is undisputed.

The store is funded through The Foundation and primarily supported by grants, corporate giving, individual donors, and our annual supply drive every summer. Over 150 businesses, civic organizations, and individuals come together each year to collect thousands of school supplies to keep the shelves stocked all year long.



“This store has helped me physically and mentally be a better teacher! Thank you so much for helping support my efforts in the classroom, paying it forward!!!”

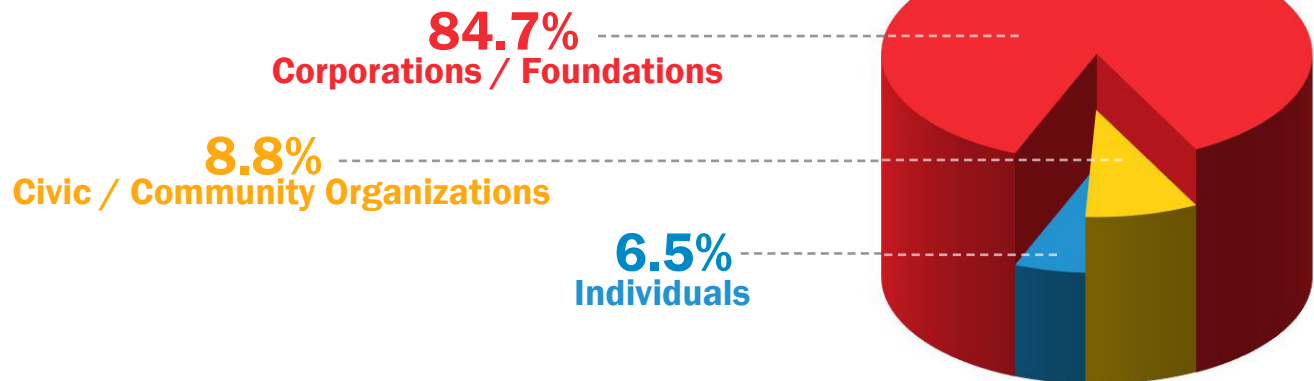
- Tools 4 Seminole Schools Shopper



2022 - 2023

Financial Snapshot

Percentage of Total Given By Constituency



Endowment Fund Balances

Excellence in Education Endowment	\$1,769,976
Scholarships - Endowed	\$237,607

Statement of Net Assets

ASSETS:

Current and Other Assets	\$4,654,458
Noncurrent Assets	\$1,395,182
Total Assets	\$6,049,640

LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable and Other	\$ 185,061
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NET POSITION

Unrestricted:

Undesignated	\$ 583,184
Board Designated	\$ 105,428

Restricted:

Expendable	\$3,168,384
Non-expendable	\$2,007,583

TOTAL NET POSITION	\$5,864,579
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Revenue and Support

2022 -2023

Donated Teaching Supplies (Tools 4 Seminole Schools)	\$2,050,177
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PROGRAM SUPPORT:

Program Revenue and Contributions	\$1,214,199
Fiscal Agent Programs	\$ 997,044
Fundraising Events (Net)	\$ 212,134
Unrealized Gains from Scholarships	\$ 10,277
Invest Income (Loss)	\$ 319,599
Other Income	\$ 9,821

Total Revenues and Support	\$4,807,288
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Expenses

2022 -2023

Program Services:	\$4,768,443
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SUPPORT SERVICES:

Fundraising	\$ 60,155
General and Administrative	\$ 349,427

Total Expenses	\$5,178,025
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Change in Net Position	\$ (40,861)
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Foundation Board



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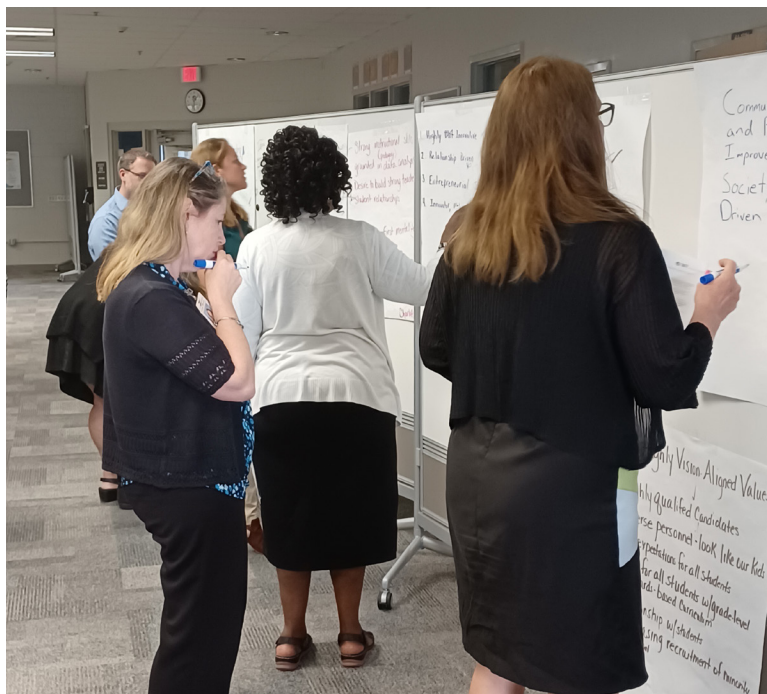
Dr. Anne-Marie Cote, Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Excellence & System Equity



Providing Support for Our Employees

Professional Development

In 2021, the Foundation launched the Educational Leadership Academy to provide teachers with an opportunity to grow in the area of professional development. The 2022-2023 series focused on “Creating an Inclusive Classroom.” The series gave 26 participants the tools to create an inclusive and equitable classroom while also building relationships and community with others. All of the teachers left feeling more knowledgeable and excited about how they can incorporate these lessons in their classroom; one teacher said **“This training was amazing and should be a required training for all educators.”** The Foundation will continue to provide this professional development opportunity to teachers in Seminole County.



Hurricane Ian Assistance

After Hurricane Ian, many of our own teachers, bus drivers, and other staff were struggling with losses and damages of their own including flooded homes and complete loss of their food supply. Some were even displaced and staying with family or residing in hotels. The District and Foundation partnered on two events for employees who had been impacted by Hurricane Ian. They identified 245 staff needing short-term assistance, and the Foundation provided gift cards so teachers and staff could replenish their refrigerators, purchase clothing or other items that had been damaged, or purchase gas as they commuted from outside their normal residence. For SCPS employees who had their own children in our schools, the Foundation provided backpacks with supplies if they had lost these during the storm.

The SCPS employees were so appreciative of this support and quick response to help them get back on their feet. This was only possible thanks to donors just like you.



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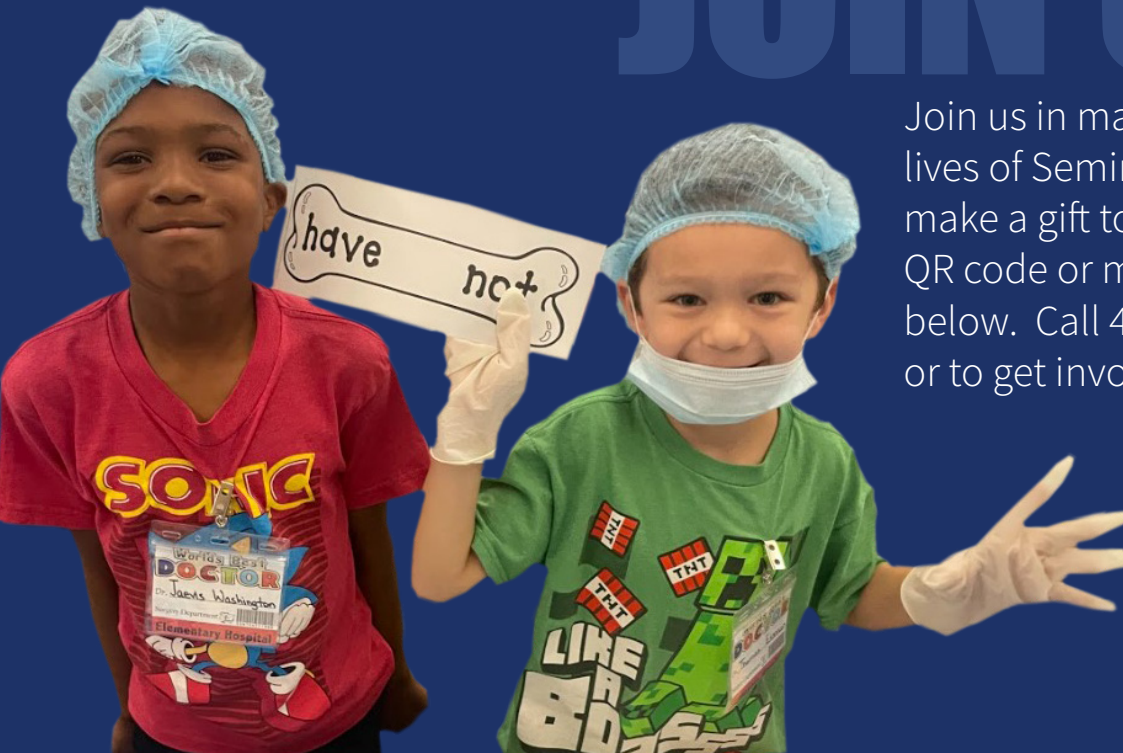
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To improve student achievement in Seminole County Public Schools by:

- Raising and distributing funds and in-kind donations,
- Fostering involvement in schools by business and the community,
- Providing recognition and reward for outstanding contribution to, and performance within, the school district.



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Join us in making a difference in the lives of Seminole County students. To make a gift to the Foundation, scan the QR code or mail a check to the address below. Call 407-320-0176 to learn more or to get involved.



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