



Lufkin ISD
EDUCATION
Foundation

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





Lufkin ISD EDUCATION Foundation

our mission

*To provide opportunities for excellence in education,
promote innovation in teaching, and partner with the community
to enhance the quality of education for all students
of the Lufkin Independent School District*

who we are

- *The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation is a nonprofit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) public corporation operating independently under its own Board of Directors. The Foundation's vision is to enrich and enhance the education in the Lufkin Independent School District.*
- *An all-volunteer Board of Directors comprised of representatives from local and regional businesses, along with community and LISD alumni volunteers*

what we do

The Foundation achieves its mission by:

- *Partnering with the school district and the community to raise funds for LISD*
- *Awarding innovative teaching grants*
- *Recognizing the top 20 graduating seniors for academic achievement*
- *Recognizing Educators of Influence*
- *Recognizing First Year Teachers*

investment in education

The Foundation's achievements are possible because of our community's commitment to investing in education in an effort to provide the highest quality of education to every student.

To accomplish this goal, the Foundation:

- *Established an Endowment Fund to assure the financial security of the Foundation*
- *Awarded grants totaling nearly \$340,000 to LISD teachers and campuses from 2014 – 2021*

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ON THE COVER

Hailey Rodriguez 3rd grade at Anderson Elementary
at the annual Grant Patrol celebration.

From the president

On behalf of the Lufkin Education Foundation, please allow me to extend our deepest gratitude for making 2021 another exciting year for the students at Lufkin ISD. The on-going generosity of our wonderful community once again allowed us to fund inspiring and innovative projects by extraordinary teachers who go above and beyond to provide the best learning experiences they can for their students. We are happy to report that we were able to award \$55,734 in grants to teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. These additional learning opportunities will benefit the students of LISD for many years to come.

Those of us who serve on the Foundation Board are certainly honored to do so and can think of no better investment in our community. We also recognize how important our donors are, and whether individual or corporate, we recognize you as our partners in this investment in our community. However, we must also recognize the generous teachers of LISD, members of the High Five Club, who pledge a

portion of their salaries to fund teacher grants. Teachers, who may or may not receive a grant, still participate by expanding opportunities for the children at LISD. These exceptional teachers pledged over \$48,000 for the 2021-2022 school year.

In September, our wonderful Executive Director, Vercie McMullen, resigned to spend more time with her family. We were sad to see her go, but so very grateful for all that she had done to lead and grow the foundation. Her thoughtful efforts to transition the role to our new Executive Director, Morgan Watson, afforded a smooth and seamless process and we will forever be in her debt.

As we welcome the New Year, please join me in welcoming our new Board President, Hunter Haglund, and our new Executive Director, Morgan Watson. It has been my privilege to serve as the 2021 Board President and to work with a group of volunteer board members who are motivated by creating a brighter future for our community and the children who live here.

Tyane Dietz



Thank you for your continued support,

Tyane Dietz

Tyane Dietz, 2021 President



Board Members



Tyane Dietz
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Vice President of Programs

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Vice President of Finance

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Tara Watson-Watkins
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Jamie Zayler



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INCOME

General Donations	\$	47,678
Grants Received	\$	7,078
Academic Banquet	\$	19,904
Teacher High 5 Club	\$	48,090
50/50 Raffle	\$	2,749
Total Income	\$	125,499

EXPENSES

Direct Program Expenses		
Grants to Teachers	\$	55,734
Academic Banquet	\$	4,365
Total Direct Program Expenses	\$	60,099

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

Teacher High 5 Club	\$	8,490
Total Fundraising Expenses	\$	8,490

OPERATING EXPENSES

Insurance - D&O	\$	474
Supplies	\$	284
Website/Communications	\$	1,630
Postage	\$	891
Printing	\$	2,110
Accounting Fees	\$	2,431
Meeting Expense	\$	1,004
Payroll Expenses	\$	16,181
Miscellaneous	\$	760
Total Operating Expenses	\$	25,765

Total Expenses	\$	94,354
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Net Income	\$	31,145
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Checking Account Balance	\$	94,800
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Endowment Fund Balance	\$	100,065
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Notable accomplishments

Hosted **Panthers of Prestige**

HONORING THE
TOP 20 SENIORS AND
THEIR EDUCATORS
OF INFLUENCE

3RD ANNUAL
VIRTUAL

Grant Showcase

1st Year Teacher Grants

48 first-year teachers
received \$100 to get
their classrooms up
and running

LISD **High \$5 Club**

Generated \$48,090
through
designated giving

AWARDED

21

INNOVATIVE TEACHING
GRANTS TOTALING
\$48,862.61

Social Services Grant \$2,500

Donuts for Donors

DELIVERED DONUTS
TO 25 BUSINESS
OWNERS WHO
SUPPORT THE
FOUNDATION

Our donors

PLATINUM \$10,000 AND ABOVE

- Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP
- Marsellos Family

SILVER \$2,000 - \$4,999

- Mary K. Grum
- Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation
- Ellen Temple
in honor of Lynn Torres
- Jane Ainsworth
- Stafford Whitetails
in honor of Linda Stafford
- Anonymous Donor
in memory of Lucille Anderson

BRONZE \$1,000 - \$1,999

- Whataburger, GVCS Inc.
- Dr. Ravinder & Mrs. Aruna Bachireddy
- Haglund Law Firm, PC
- Austin Bank
- Lufkin Host Lions Club/Z&OO Board
- The Heart Institute of East Texas
- HEB
- Drs. David and Terri Todd

LEGACY \$500 - \$999

- Charles and Sellestine Hunt
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- Doug and Susan Ashburn
- Beth and Byron Jones
- Junior League of Lufkin
- Two West Investments, Inc.
- Walmart
- Commercial Bank of Texas

- Southside Bank
- Chance Law Firm, Jeff and Becca Chance
- Don and Tyane Dietz
- LISD
- DeAnne Steele
in honor of Max Alvis

BENEFACTOR \$250 - \$499

- Texas National Bank
- Keller Williams Buchanan Realty Group
- Verabank
- Bancorp South Bank
- The Children's Clinic of Lufkin
- Angelina Pediatrics
- Shelli and Dr. Keven Ellis, SBOE
- Kendall Gay
- Brookshire Brothers
- Tatum & Tatum PC
- Law Office of Kaye M. Alderman PLLC
- Brenda Elliot
in honor of Lufkin ISD Teachers
- Ricky and Kristi Gay
- Dr. Troy and Mrs. Lorelle Coleman
- Lufkin ISD PE Teachers

FRIEND \$100 - \$249

- The TNTP Aldine Team in
memory of Joseph Goffney II
- Gip and Andrea Friesen
- Nancy Manning
in memory of Leon Manning
- Lisa Crow, Realtor
- Marilyn Hartsook

- State Rep. Trent Ashby
- Lufkin Coca Cola Bottling, Lynne Haney
- Alderman Cain & Neill, PLLC
- Dr. Brian and Ginny Spore
- Dr. Pratibha Deshpande
- James and Vercie McMullen
- James Guest
- Alexander and Weeks, PC/Koshy and
Preethy Alexander
- Audiological Services
- Drs. Swati and Prashant Kumar
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- Trey and Sally Denman
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- Rufus and Marianna Duncan
- Dr. and Mrs. Tom Willis
- Sally and Max Alvis
- Oscar Dillahunt
- Todd, Hamaker & Johnson LLP
- Brian and Sharon Kruk
- Scott and Erika Neill
- Darrel McDonald
in memory of J.P. McDonald
- Don and Tyane Dietz
in memory of Brax Haney

SUPPORTER UP TO \$99

- Humberto Garcia
- Donna Spore
- Meb and Cathy Todd

Thank You
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2021 Innovative Teaching Grants awarded

Emotional Regulation Station

Nikki Cordova

Grades 3-5

\$1,181.75 – Brookhollow Elementary

Boom! Pow! Wow! Look at our Readers Now

Angela Dean, Angela Holt

Grades K-2

\$3,493.00 – Trout Primary

Ants in my Pants!

Jamie Murphy, Debbie Flournoy

Grades 3-5

\$2,240.05 – Coston Elementary

Full STEAM Ahead!

Danalisa Walker, Darby Smith

Pre-K

\$4,892.77 – Garrett Primary

The Magical Mystery Tour (Mobile Escape Room)

Suzy Jungmann, Jennifer Stover

Grades K-12

\$5,000.00 – District-wide

Blaze Pods for Flash Reflex Training P.E.

Aby Goff, Wyndie Shepherd

Grades 3-5

\$851.86 – Anderson Elementary

Chick Fest

Samantha Brazeil, Shelby Jacob

1st Grade

\$400.00 – Kurth Primary

Hands – Only, CPR for Elementary Students: Never too Young to Save Life!

Aby Goff, Wyndie Shepherd

Grades 3-5

\$577.61 – Anderson Elementary

*Thank you to The Heart Institute of
East Texas for sponsoring this grant!*

Veggietales

Angela Pool, Mabel Havard

1st Grade

\$2,222.12 – Burley Primary

Inhale, Exhale, Repeat

Jennifer Free, Kendrick Morris

Grades 9-12

\$4,443.11 – Lufkin High School

Lego Therapy: Developing Social Emotional Skills One Brick at a Time

Jessica Collins, Aby Goff

Grades 3-5

\$2,036.16 – Anderson Elementary

Help Me Speak My Mind with Go Talk 9

Cali Hollers, Mindi Wallace

Grades 3-5

\$1,500.00 – Anderson Elementary

On Air with Learning

Barrett Duncan, Karen Walters

Grades 3-5

\$626.88 – Anderson Elementary

Away We Grow! Learning through Gardening

Barrett Duncan, Karen Walters

Grades 3-5

\$455.18 – Anderson Elementary

Once Upon a Time with Ozobots

Angela Duncan, Pam McPherson

Kindergarten

\$2,050.00 – Dunbar Primary

Fresh Air Lab

Mary Navarro, Amber Ford

Grades K-2

\$5,000.00 – Kurth Primary

Newscast Grant

Terah Knowles, Ashleigh Bentley

2nd Grade

\$326.21 – Trout Primary

Passport to Learning – Kinder Around the World

Angela Duncan, Pam McPherson

Kindergarten

\$2,106.20 – Dunbar Primary

Plugged into Learning! Making the Most of Screentime with Plugo STEM Wiz!

Angela Duncan, Pam McPherson

Kindergarten

\$959.92 – Dunbar Primary

Interactive Learners and Presenters

Nikki Neal, Aunchalee Whisenant

Grades K-2

\$3,650.00 – Herty Primary

STEAM Learning Lounge

Barrett Duncan, Tracey Charanza

Grades 3-5

\$4,854.23 – Anderson Elementary



2021 at a glance

1st Year Teacher Grants

The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation was proud to present 1st Year Lufkin teachers, with zero teaching experience, \$100 to purchase supplies for their classrooms. The Foundation helped 48 new teachers thanks to money received from our sponsors: Brookshire Brothers Charitable Foundation, Wal-Mart, Lufkin Host ZOO Board, Austin Bank and Junior League of Lufkin.



The LEF Board of Directors extends a thank you to its sponsors and a warm welcome to all 2021-2022 First Year Teachers.

Donuts for Donors

Each morning during the first week of October 2021, LEF board members reached out in appreciation to approximately 25 local business owners who support the Foundation by delivering donuts to their businesses.

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Tang, owners of Donut Palace, for providing the delicious donuts!



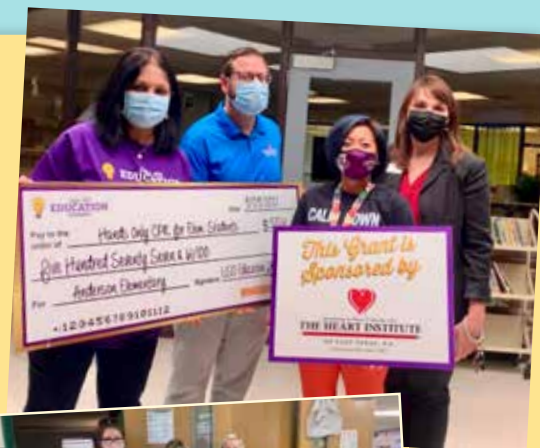
2021 Annual Campaign

In 2021, the Foundation had its largest Annual Campaign effort to date.

Over 250 letters, flyers and infographics were mailed to past, present, and future donors.

The support that was received was INCREDIBLE! In 6 weeks, The Education Foundation was able to raise just under \$15,000 from corporations, local businesses, individuals, and other non-profit agencies. The generosity of the Lufkin Community is unmatched.

Lufkin Education Foundation is so appreciative to be at the receiving end of that support. We could not do it without the help of our Community Partners.

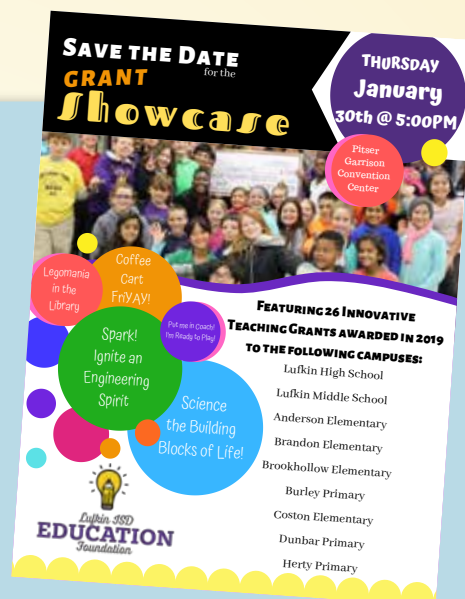


2021 at a glance

GRANT Showcase

The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation hosted its 3rd Annual Grant Showcase on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Pitser Garrison Convention Center. The Foundation invited corporate donors, community partners, and parents to see how their donations positively impacted teachers and students through innovative teaching grants.

In 2020-2021, the Foundation awarded 21 classroom grants totaling over \$48,000. All 21 grants were showcased at the event.



High Five Club

In 2021, The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation raised over \$48,000 through the High 5 Campaign!

The employees of LISD are our largest group of donors and support the Foundation's mission by donating \$60.00 (or \$5/month). In return, they are given a t-shirt to wear with blue jeans every Monday of the school year. This year, we had a record number of nearly 850 members participate. A large portion of those that

gave increased their donation by \$12 or more dollars.

We are so grateful to the LISD staff. Without their generosity, we would not be able to give back to the district at the same level that we do now.



GRANT CELEBRATION DAY

The Innovative Teaching Grant Program is one of the most important aspects of the Foundation's work.

The Lufkin Education Foundation offers teachers and administrators with innovative teaching ideas the opportunity to apply for grants to support higher levels of student learning. The grants provide resources and programs not already available through school funding.

The Lufkin Education Foundation Program Committee lead by VP of Programs, Sharon Kruk, received applications during the month of May and worked diligently throughout the summer months to evaluate and make grant selections.



21 grants totaling over \$48,000.00 were awarded to teachers on multiple campuses in the Lufkin Independent School District. The grants included STEM, literacy, fine arts, social skills grants and physical education initiatives.

What an exciting and rewarding opportunity to provide excellence in education for the students of Lufkin ISD!

Panthers of Prestige

Honoring Students and their Educators of Influence

Student Honorees



Each year the Lufkin ISD Education Foundation hosts an event honoring the Top 20 graduating students from Lufkin High School. In addition to the students being recognized, each student selects an Educator of Influence who has made the most positive impact on their educational career at LISD.

Student honorees for 2021 were: Christopher Acker, Kade Carr, David Cassity, Chance Day, America Diaz, Nathaniel Eubanks, William Hansard, Michael Hill, III, Noah Hillis, Hunter Jones, Minhal Khan, Abigail Lantis, Yousuf Mir, Taha Nazeer, Sarah Riley, Paulina Rios, Joel Sarmiento, Hiba Siddiqui, Morgan Wagnone and Mia Zuniga.

Educators of Influence recognized were: Shelly Tatum, Thomas Hungerford, Dayna Kerr, Jonathan Aviles, Guadalupe Lila, Jennifer Powell, Cathey Friesen, Tracie Miller, Danny Eubanks, Jennifer Free, LaTessa Rogers, Brandon Beavers, Christy Fox, Julie McManus, Jennifer Stover, Christine Tarbutton, George Little, Savanna Tutt, David Willis and Suzy Jungmann.

The Top 20 students will represent Lufkin ISD at higher education institutions such as Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, Northwestern State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M University, University of Houston, University of Oklahoma, and University of Texas.

The Foundation thanks Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson Law Firm for their continued support in underwriting this banquet, as well as numerous local businesses and individuals who assisted in funding this memorable event. We would also like to thank Real Graphics and BP Media for putting together a wonderful virtual banquet honoring both students and educators.



The power of giving



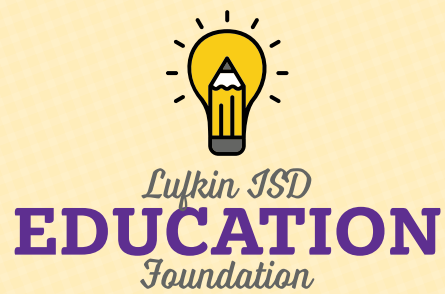
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are incredibly grateful for the support of all of our Community Partners. Because of you, we are able to further the mission of The Lufkin ISD Education Foundation.



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