

Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation, Inc

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2017

The foundation of every community is the education of its youth.





Our Mission

Uniting the Santa Fe community in support of quality public education

The Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) philanthropic organization chartered in 2010 to support innovative educational programs for the students of Santa Fe Independent School District. The Foundation works to fill in the gap between an adequate public school education, and an exemplary one that expands achievement and skill development, as well as recognizes and encourages student and staff excellence.

The Foundation directs support toward the following goals:

- \star Encourage all students to work to their highest potential
- ★ Fund innovative, effective programs which offer our students a creative and diverse educational experience
- \star Support staff for innovative efforts
- \star Enhance and extend educational services offered by SFISD

The focus of funding for the Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation is teacher-initiated classroom, department, or campus projects that foster, encourage and facilitate creative approaches to education.

To date, the Santa Fe Texas Education Foundation has awarded over \$662,375 in grants to SFISD classrooms. We are Funding the Gap Between Adequate & Excellent!





Financial Summary

- Income Total: \$235,516
 \$58,486 Annual Gifts & Fall Gala
 \$25,739 Dedicated Donations for Classroom Wish Lists
 \$80,290 STEM Lab
 \$12,910 Education Partner Program
 \$14,715 Santa Fe Fest Fun Run and Ball Drop
 \$1,171 Residual Programs
 \$125 Brick Walkway Fundraiser
- \$ 42,080 Other Contributions
- (In-kind Donations of Goods and Services: \$3,655)

Expenses:

- \$195,998 Grants to Santa Fe ISD Classrooms
- \$41,248 Operational & Fundraising Expenses*





Our Growth through the Years

Fiscal Year	Foundation Income	District Enrollment Raised per stu				
2010	\$47,753	4,511	\$10.59			
2011	\$96, 918	4,612	\$21.01			
2012	\$97,212	\$20.79				
2013	\$142,854	4,640	\$30.79 \$33.39			
2014	\$155,167	4,647				
2015	\$156,704	4,697	\$33.36			
2016 \$176,536		4,774	\$36.98			
2017	\$235,516	4,797	\$49.10			

* According to the Better Business Bureau, the Wise Giving Alliance and Charity Watch, a stable non-profit organization should keep operational expenses (including fundraising expenses) around 35% of its annual income. Our Foundation exceeds this standard by keeping operating expenses at 18%.







<u>2017 Recipients of</u> Grants for Great Ideas

District-wide Grant-funded Projects

Project Title	Project Leader	Impact
SPRK Their Curiosity for Full STEAM Ahead in Learning	Michelle Reynolds	Robotics Kits for all campuses are being utilized via the Science and Math Curriculum Department to inspire curiosity, creativity, and invention among students in the STEAM (science, technology, engi- neering, arts, & math) fields.
UIL Music Library	Gunnar Tietge	Junior High and High School students now have access to class sets of music without having to purchase them. They are broadening their interests, as well as developing their skills in a much shorter period of time.
OSMO Play-Based Learning Using Technology	Randi Jordan	Electronic iPad based learning system which helps students with fine-motor, visual-spatial, problem-solving, literacy, and mathematical skills through game-like activities.
#Blooming@CampBluebonnet	Ann Eckermann	A Summer reading program was provided to encourage students to participate in book-studies, arts and crafts, movement activities, and book clubs. The program put books in the hands of students so they could keep them and read over the summer.
Real Men Sing	Gunnar Tietge	Encourages increased interest by males in singing and choir participation and allows for an all-day clinic for student singers to join together and put on performances.
Microphone Update to Santa Fe High School Auditorium	Gunnar Tietge	Provided up-to-date and quality equipment for students to use and learn with, as well as educated them on proper handling and care of equipment. This grant ensured students are heard during performances and practice sessions.
1st Year Teacher of the Year	Taelor Higgins	A Grant was provided to the 1st Year Teacher of the Year by the Foundation for an approved special project of their choosing.
Secondary Teacher of the Year	Robert Perkins	A Culinary Library has been started and books have been purchased for students to utilize.
Elementary Teacher of the Year	Colby Cole	A Grant was provided to the Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Foundation for an approved special project of their choosing.



Winter Concert Performance Engaging students in the Arts



STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math) Learning Encouraging hands-on experience



Rock Club Utilizing new equipment and current songs

Grants for Great Ideas at Santa Fe High School



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DNA Analysis for the 21st Century Scientist	Robin Loner	A DNA discovery system that utilizes the Polymerase Chain Reactions technique and smartphones to view and analyze DNA and other biotechnology.			
I Can See Clearly Now	Charmaine Mantooth	Tablet computers with wireless stream devices for all High School Math Teachers are now being utilized to easily walk through helping students, connect to documents, videos, individuals, groups and cameras to quickly aid in tutoring, with projects, class homework or other student engagement areas.			
Kiln Replacement	Karen Allen	A Pottery Kiln which allows students to work hands-on running, loading and unloading ceramics for successful learning, keeping them on-track for grades and contests.			
<i>Out with the Old and In with the New</i>	Danna Kubacak	The project infused new books and current information into the High School Library so that students are better prepared and able to explore a variety of topics for greater achievement, fostering and encouraging literacy for life.			
PASS for Success	Elizabeth Brezzinski/ Hailey Couch	A Positive Approach to Student Success (PASS) assists with providing incentives for students to reach behavior goals and allows them rewards for participating in various educational and fun activities.			
Promoting Independence Through Vocational Education	Tiffanie Pitre	STRIVE students learn job skills, budgeting and social skills through training at various sites in the community and earn a "Classroom Paycheck" which they can ex- change in the STRIVE store.			
Reality Town	Melanie Featherly	A financial literacy workshop for 9th graders was provided, students were given real-world situations to learn about budgeting according to the jobs and wages their grades qualified them for in the future.			
The Deaf Experience Susan Bledsoe		Noise cancelling headphones for sign language classrooms encouraging empathy for the Deaf Community and a better understanding of the challenges many handicap individuals face daily.			

Grants for Great Ideas at Santa Fe Jr. High

Project Title	Project Leader	Impact			
Lego Robotics	Patricia Allen	Students are learning to design and create Lego robots. They form teams and work on design ideas, learn to strategically plan and problem solve. This project is helping to launch a robotics competition program.			
Practice Better with Smart Music!	Daniel Pendergrass	A software program called Smart Music is guiding and testing students while they practice their instruments. This program helps to provide a more productive, structured, and fun practice session which is tailored to each student and their abilities. Student skills are assessed immediately and the repetitive practice time with immediate correction is helping the students to improve at much greater speeds.			
Standing/Wiggle for Engagement	Kristin Lawrence	Alternative seating such as wiggle stools, bouncy bands, and standing desks are helping with student engagement in the classroom.			
Balancing Mind and Body	Sylvia Kennedy	Alternative seating balls are now aiding ADD/ADHD students and other students who have difficulty focusing. The project is helping to improve student sensory-related issues, attention span, balance, and engagement in activities. The seating balls are also helping to improve posture through the use of "core" muscles.			
Discovery Dome for SFJH Indians	Theresa Haak	A project which involved the Houston Museum of Natural Science's Dome Theaters and presented space, DNA, and natural science topics to our Jr. High students. The students enjoyed a unique and creative way of learning about core subjects and topics in an audio –visual format that engaged them in 3-D type fashion.			
Breakout EDU	Jane Vanderhoef	21st Century learning skills were taught in an innovative way to students who needed to gain critical thinking, teamwork, and complex problem solving skills through real world breakout games, activities and case scenarios. Students completed challenges as a team and utilized "outside of the box" tools and technology.			
SFJH Makerspace Little Bits Coding Kits & Keva Blocks	Susan Bunde	Students were able to learn coding and programming skills with robot kits and problem solve with electronic building blocks. Makerspace encourages critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and independent thinking. Students "tinkered" and discovered their interests which can prepare them for college and future jobs.			

Grants for Great Ideas at Kubacak Elementary

Project Title	Project Leader	Impact Helping to support students in learning through multiple content areas, this project provided books to math teachers and enabled them to incorporate literacy within their math classrooms.				
Bringing the Love of Reading into the Math Classroom	Casey Adoor					
Tech Out the Fine Arts	Cristy Femster	This project provided for independent learning and self-instruction or iPads for students in Music and Art, helping them to transition and learn at home so that music and art instruction are not just limited to the classroom.				
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The Power of YET! A Growth Mindset Book Club	Andi Hull	This creative approach to building classroom libraries helped develop common language among students and teachers about building upon common experiences through literature. Students are encouraged to embrace challenges, persist in the face of setbacks, learn form criticisn see effort as a path to success, and find inspiration in the success of others.				
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Grants for Great Ideas at RJ Wollam Elementary

Project Title	Project Leader	Impact
iPads for All Learners: Integrating iPads into Reading, Language, Arts and Math	Michelle Van Essen	This project is enriching skills and increasing access to technology through the use of iPads for differentiated instruction based on TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge, and Skills) which develop reading, language, arts and math.
iPads for Coding and Programming Robots	Shannon Davidson	Students use iPads to conduct research for various projects and learn to program robots, to carryout tasks and assignments.
Kodaly Level 1 Music Education	Allison Devera	The Kodaly method of teaching music develops stronger singers and musicians. Similar to learning a new language, Kodaly helps assimilate music skills in a sequential order, deepening skills and abilities which make more confident students.
Teach Your Heart Out	Amy Longoria	This professional development project increases innovative classroom teaching strategies and uses cutting edge research-based educational tools to increase student success.
Out of this World Field Trip to George Observatory	Shannon Davidson	A unique experience where students engaged in an interactive learning environment and were given a role that allowed them to problem solve, work in teams and experience real-world astronaut training.
Let's Be Flexible!	Amy Burkett	An innovative project which created a flexible learning environment and a means of focus for students. This project consists of furniture and headsets which encourage concentration, independent practice and increased the student's comfort level.
Counseling Corner	Lindsey Garcia	Counselors now have resources of story books, games, and videos to teach positive social skills, encourage valuable character traits, and promote social-emotional health.

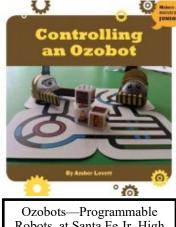


The Foundation focuses funding on educational programs that impact a large number of students per grade-level and per campus. However, the Foundation realized that many educators were in need of basic supplies and equipment for their classrooms. So, in 2014, the Foundation implemented the Santa Fe ISD Classroom Wish Lists. This online system allows educators to submit their requests online, and create a webpage that is published for the community to see.

Everyone can choose a project to support and make a secure donation online at www.sfisd.org/ educationfoundation. Donors receive an update from the classroom after the project is fully implemented. Here are few examples of the many projects funded by our community through the online Wish Lists:



Let's Listen to a Great Story at RJ Wollam Elementary with Librarian Ann Eckerman



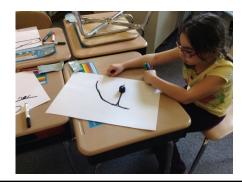
Robots at Santa Fe Jr. High with Librarian Susan Bunde



Reading Center with Teacher Molly O'Brien at Santa Fe Jr. High



Recycling at Santa Fe High School with Teacher Candice Crumby



Ozobots— STEM projects at RJ Wollam Elementary Classrooms with Teachers Balle, Green, Groo, and Van Essen.



Lazer Maze at Kubacak with Teacher Denise Johnson



Besides granting funds for educational materials for SFISD classrooms, the Foundation also recognizes outstanding alumni, students, and educators in additional ways.

★ At our 8th Annual Evening for Education Gala, we honored former student and Alumni Johnny Lee, Music Legend and Class of 1964







 ★ Our Foundation facilitates student scholarships for those donors who choose to sponsor a college scholarship. This year, our scholarships were: Chief Joe Brantley Fire and Rescue Memorial Scholarship Santa Fe Fire & Rescue Melissa Vodovar Wofford Memorial Scholarship Jacob A. Wentzel Christian Humanitarian Award

★ Our Foundation also awards grants to SFISD's Teachers of the Year. In 2017, these grants were awarded to:

Taelor Higgins, First Year High School Teacher of the Year Colby Cole, Elementary Teacher of the Year Robert Perkins, Secondary Teacher of the Year

★ Each month, during the school year, the Foundation and Rotary Club of the Mainland co-host the Santa Fe High School Student of the Month Luncheon. Students are chosen by the faculty and staff at SFHS. These outstanding students invite family to attend the Rotary luncheon, where they speak about their accomplishments and their future.





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There is a new STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) Lab located in the Fritz Barnett Building. Teachers have been trained on utilizing the Lab and students have begun visiting to expand their education in these fields. YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE THROUGH YOUR GIFTS TO THE SANTA FE TEXAS EDUCATION FOUNDATION! THANK YOU!



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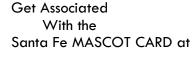
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