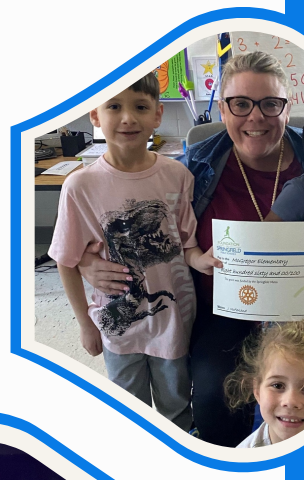




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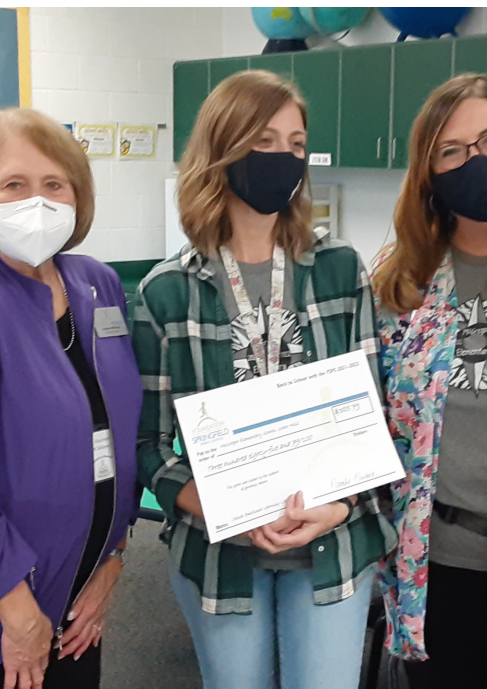


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The mission of the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools is to raise, manage, and distribute private investments to benefit the students of Springfield Public Schools.

Our vision is to promote educational excellence for every child by working with the community and the school system.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS

Natalie Murdock, Executive Director

Another year is in the books. It seems to go by fast! I am always amazed at the support our community has provided. Our annual report serves as a great way to reflect on our accomplishments, and our goals for an upcoming year. Our Foundation staff, and the staff of the SPS district, work so hard, each day, to make a difference in the lives of our students. I see this first hand. I hope in the stories you see in this report, you will have a better understanding of that work. The work that is only possible because of your financial support of the Foundation.

You helped us raise over \$1.4 million dollars to support students last year! Those dollars are making an impact all across our city. And, now as we are entering a new year, and making plans for 2023, we say thank you!

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming year. We are excited to continue the second year of the SPS Ambassadors program, a partnership program between the FSPS and Springfield Public Schools. In August we will celebrate 30 years since the Foundation published "What I've Learned So Far," spear-headed by David Harrison, establishing the Writing Fund which still supports literacy projects today. This celebration will highlight many of the students that were featured in the book and give us a glimpse at where they are today. And, as always, we will support teachers, in the classroom, on the field, and everywhere learning happens for our students.

As we keep looking ahead, I want you to know that I am extremely grateful that you have chosen to give to your public schools. This is your foundation! Thank you for being passionate supporters of the work we do!

Sincerely,



Natalie Murdock



Dr. Grenita Lathan, SPS Superintendent

Dear Friends:

A collective vision for Springfield Public Schools ensures that our 24,625 students receive the quality education they deserve and that they will graduate with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in life.

This vision is guided by our 2023-2028 strategic plan, which was developed in collaboration with our entire community, including students, parents, employees and community members.

Key priorities defined in our strategic plan are:

- Success Ready Students
- Organizational Efficiency
- Collaborative Culture
- Quality Learning Environments

Our school district is very fortunate to have the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools as one of our key partners in this journey toward excellence. Foundation staff, board members and donors walk alongside us and actively seek out ways to support our students and staff.

By generously funding student scholarships, classroom grants, teacher recognitions and other initiatives, the Foundation actively helps advance our vision of equipping students to pursue their goals and highest potential as an engaged contributor to society.

Thanks to the Foundation's steadfast commitment to our students, teachers and community, we look forward with excitement to providing every student the outstanding learning experiences they deserve.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grenita Lathan
Superintendent
Springfield Public Schools



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The Foundation for SPS relies on the generosity of the many donors who make our programs possible through designated gifts, gifts to funds and to scholarships. The FSPS continues to place the value of public education high. Thank you to everyone who have made this year a success!

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The Foundation for SPS staff, board members, volunteers and donors were able to celebrate Grant Delivery Day for the first time since 2019! Although everyone was masked, we were able to join the educators in celebrating their grants! The Foundation awarded grants in the following categories:

- Classroom Projects
- Literacy
- STEAM
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Mental Health
- Community & Family Engagement
- Student Experiences

The Back to School Grant Program is made possible by the generous donations from community members, businesses and individuals in Springfield.

96 Grant Projects Funded
Totaling \$195,600



SPS AMBASSADORS

Springfield Public Schools (SPS) and the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools partnered to provide community members an immersive behind the scenes experience of SPS.

SPS Ambassadors have the opportunity to learn more about the school district, meet with key leaders and participate in tours of schools and programs. This program is intended to deepen the understanding of SPS, its programs and services so that Ambassadors can be effective advocates for Springfield Public Schools, its employees and students.



Visit 01 – Bond Project Update

Ambassadors were given a private tour of facilities included in Proposition S. They traveled to the old Boyd Elementary, the new Boyd Elementary on Division St. and toured the renovations at Hillcrest High School. Lastly, Ambassadors were provided a detailed update of other projects in Proposition S from Executive Director of Operations Dr. Travis Shaw and Dr. Grenita Lathan.



Visit 02 – Choice Program Showcase

SPS Choice Programs have focused themes and aligned curriculum that provide students access to unique learning opportunities driven by their passion, inquiry, and community connections. Ambassadors were able to hear directly from students about the impact the programs have had on their education. Director of Choice Programs Kelsey Brabo provided an update on what is next for Choice Programs.



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CELEBRATE SPS

After a few years of being limited to how we celebrate SPS, we were finally able to host the district and community partners under one roof for the 2022 Celebrate SPS Banquet.

Recognitions at the event included:

- Linda Luke Librarian of the Year- Curtis Thomas, Westport K-8
- Rookie of the Year- Mary Kate Szymaniak, Reed Academy
- Counselor of the Year- Jamie Jo Temple, Glendale High School
- Turner Reading Award Recipients- Robyn Hagerman (Ada Fulbright Early Childhood Center), Noelle Gibbs (Campbell Early Childhood Center), Lauren Blackmon (Field Elementary), Krista Payne (Disney Elementary) and Bob Lynch (Glendale High School)
- Teacher of the Year Nominees- Mary Tilton (Cowden Elementary), Tiffany Coughenour (Jeffries Elementary), Nathan Cook (Parkview High School), Tiffany Lynch (Pipkin Middle School) and Jami Schulte (Study Alternative Center)

To end the evening, Missouri State University President Clif Smart announced the 2022 Teacher of the Year...Nathan Cook from Parkview High School!

Special thank you to our presenting sponsor:



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2022 ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION

The Darr Family has consistently supported our students and our schools. They have supported classroom needs for early childhood development and supported the creation of a magnet school focusing on agricultural science.

Over the last few years, their support has come to light through the Farm to School program, reaching students across the district, addressing issues like food insecurity and teaching students the benefit of planting and harvesting their own food.

Individually and as a family, through generations, they are leaving an incredible legacy that will benefit our schools and community for years to come.



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Since the Foundation's inception, Great Southern Bank has been in our corner, providing countless opportunities for students. They have supported us in events like Celebrate SPS and supported classroom projects through our Back to School Grant Program.

Each year Great Southern employees join the Foundation and our donors, as we deliver grants to teachers all across the district. Their generosity and support does not stop there! They consistently think of the Foundation and bring new partnerships that support our classrooms.



Andrea Brady, Community Outreach and Development Manager for Great Southern Bank



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The Foundation for SPS manages over \$6.3 million in funds and scholarships which provide additional resources short-term and long-term for Springfield Public Schools.

In May of 2022, the Foundation for SPS awarded \$155,172 in scholarships to graduating seniors. The awarded scholarships helped students as they continue their educational journey.

This year, the FSPS added nine new funds. These funds were established to help provide resources for students and continue to promote educational excellence.

PTA Scholarships

The Springfield Council of PTA's moved their five scholarship funds to the Foundation for SPS. These scholarships will rotate yearly among the five Springfield high schools.

- PTA Grace Carr Scholarship is awarded to a person who is enrolled or plans to enroll in an accredited full course of study at Ozarks Technical Community College.
- PTA Helen Smith Scholarship is awarded to a graduating SPS senior who plans to enroll in an accredited full course of study in teacher education at a Missouri liberal arts college or university.



- PTA Joan Keiser Scholarship is awarded to a graduating SPS senior who plans to enroll in an accredited full course of study in a Missouri liberal arts college or university.
- Springfield PTA 2-Year is awarded to a student who plans to enroll in an accredited full course of study at a Missouri technical college.
- Springfield PTA 4-Year is awarded to a graduating SPS senior who plans to enroll in an accredited full course of study at a Missouri 4-year college or university.

Glendale High School Class of 1967 Scholarship

This fund was established by members of the Glendale High School Class of 1967, in honor of member Suzanne Lipscomb Thomas, to support a graduating senior at Glendale High School in furthering his or her education.



Back to School Bash Fund

This fund will support the Springfield Public Schools Back to School Bash. This event is for students and families to get resources and information to start a successful school year. The event offers backpacks, hygiene kits, groceries, immunizations, connections to community resources, and more!

The event is open to all SPS students and families.

Gabe Isackson Scholarship

Gabriel Eric Isackson passed away on January 28, 2022. He spent 20 years teaching in surrounding communities before returning to his alma mater of Parkview High School as an English Literature teacher. While at Parkview High School, he also served as a baseball coach, student council sponsor, National Honors Society sponsor and enjoyed operating scoreboards for many sporting events for Springfield Public Schools.

The *Gabe Isackson Excellence in English Scholarship* was established to provide financial support to a graduating senior from Parkview High School as they continue their education.



Trotter Family Scholarship

This fund was established by the Trotter family in January of 2022 to support a deserving Parkview student in continuing his or her educational career. Parkview High School is the alma mater of all three Trotter sons and holds a special meaning for the family.

The purpose of the fund is to provide a Parkview student with support in continuing his or her education, outside of Missouri.



Parkview Alumni Scholarship

This scholarship was originally established in 1990 by several alumni who wanted to give back to Parkview. The Parkview Alumni Award was established by the classes of 1961, 1964, 1970, 1973, and 1982 and the school senior fund.

Interested in establishing a fund or planned giving?

If you would like to receive more information on next steps to establish a fund or want more information about planned giving, please contact Executive Director Natalie Murdock at nmurdock@spsmail.org

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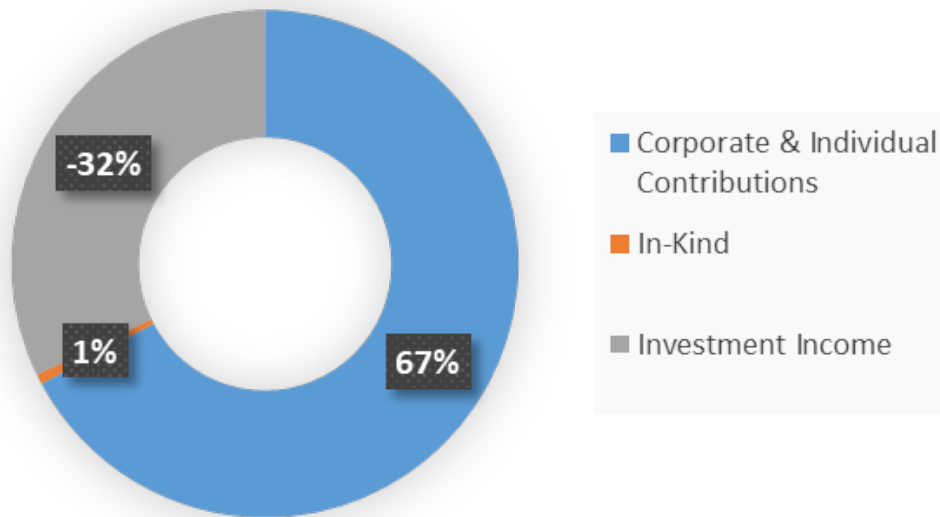
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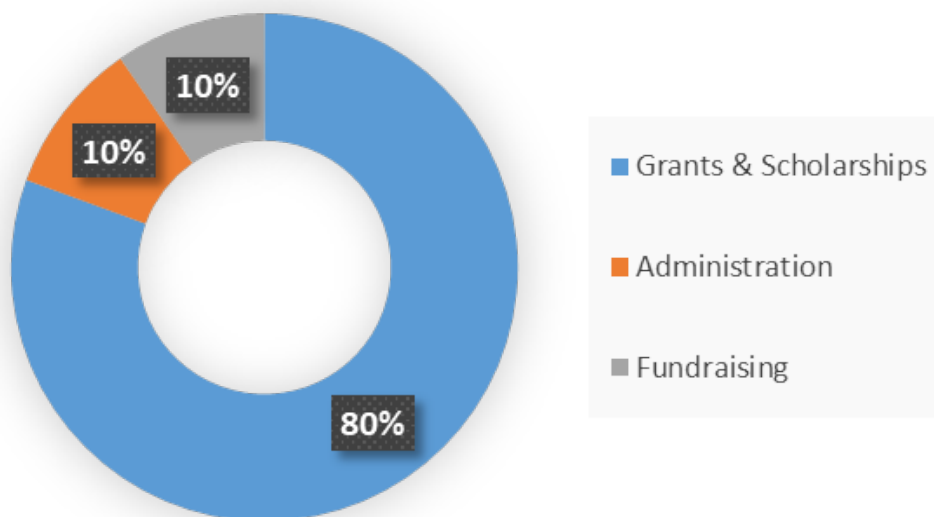
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