

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT











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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.

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 made this year a success!

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#### Natalie Murdock, Executive Director

Dear Donors,

I recently learned that a program the Foundation for SPS funded a couple years ago, is now being expanded by the district. The All Kids Bike Program was started with a Foundation grant and support from our community partner Paragon Architecture. Today, the program has been expanded by the district with more bikes. This is a win! It is a great example of what can happen when businesses and our school system work together. We are excited to see how it continues to grow, born out of our signature program.

While it is always exciting to reflect on the past and celebrate our wins as an organization and a community, I also use this time to dream of the future! At the Foundation for SPS, we spend a lot of time planning for the future. I almost always have one foot in the present and one foot in the future thinking about next year. The budget, the programs, the changes and all that comes with moving forward.

I am always excited to think about where we could go. Never more so then right now! We have an amazing team at the Foundation. Small, but mighty. We have added programs, most notably our Alumni Program. More opportunities to connect with alumni are on the horizon. This is something we have talked about for years, but now we are acting on it and have already seen these efforts generate connection and funds to support our students.

We are managing more dollars than ever before. That means more money for the future and more opportunities for students to come!

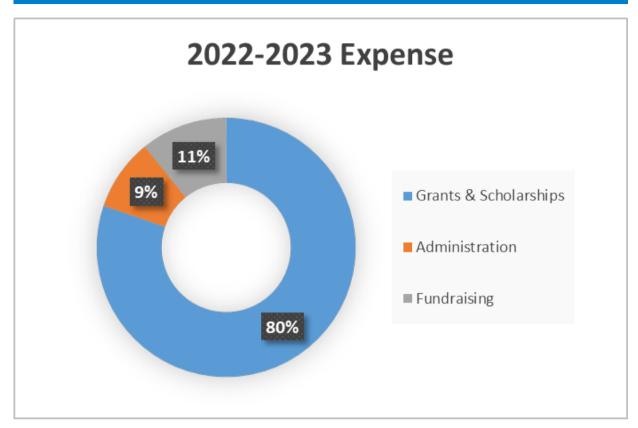
Above all else, you, our donors and supporters, make this all possible. You are the reason this Foundation exists. I am eternally grateful for each of you!

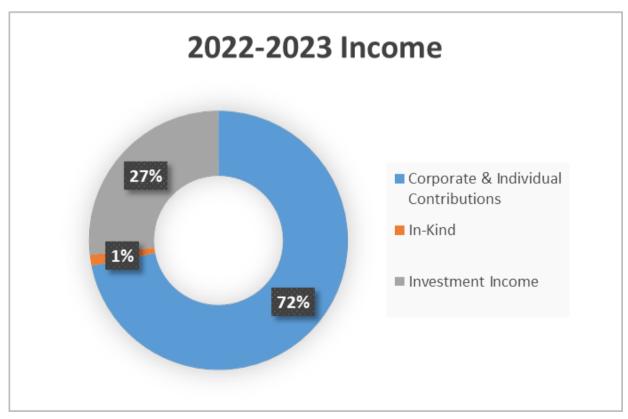
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#### **BACK TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM**

The Foundation for SPS staff, board members, volunteers and donors united in a collective effort to distribute \$257,187 in grants throughout the SPS district! These 92 grants spanned a diverse range of categories, including:

- Classroom Projects Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Literacy
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

The Back to School Grant Program owes its success to the generous contributions from community members, businesses, and individuals in Springfield. Through their unwavering support, these vital resources are made available to enhance educational opportunities for students across the district.





















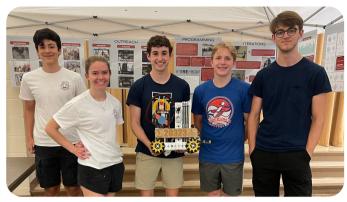
#### **GRANT SHOWCASE**

At the end of the school year, we invited a handful of Back to School Grant recipients and their students to showcase their projects with Foundation staff, Foundation Board Members, donors and community partners.

At this special event, our grant recipients were given the chance to shine as they share their innovative projects and initiatives made possible by the support of our donors. From enhancing classroom technology to funding extracurricular programs, every grant has played a vital role in enriching the educational experience of our students.

But the real stars of the show? Our students! They were front and center, sharing stories about how these grants have made a difference in their lives. From newfound opportunities to unforgettable learning experiences, their testimonials showcased the true impact of donor contributions.















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# **SPS AMBASSADORS**

Springfield Public Schools (SPS) and the Foundation for SPS have joined forces to offer community members an immersive behind-the-scenes experience of the district.



Through the SPS Ambassadors program, participants have the unique opportunity to gain insight into the inner workings of SPS, engaging with key leaders, and take part in guided tours of schools and programs. This initiative aims to cultivate a deeper understanding of SPS, its diverse array of programs, and the services it provides.

By equipping Ambassadors with firsthand knowledge, the program empowers them to serve as effective advocates for Springfield Public Schools, championing the needs and aspirations of its employees and students.





Class 2 SPS Ambassadors:

Ale McClanahan, Chelsea Coale, Allison Englang, Christie Browne, Amy Sutton, Debi Murray, Becky Cliffton Hopkins, Gary Buzbee, James Robert Hayes, Kendall Bennett, Jennifer Johnston, Kim Ross, Jim Mason, Krystal Simon, Joe Holcomb, Lindsey McDaniel, Joyce Jarman, Lisa Schultheis, Michael White, Sara Barry, and Steven Nurnberg

If you are interested in participating in the SPS Ambassadors Program, please contact the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools for more information about the application window.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**



The Foundation for SPS manages over \$7.4 million in funds and scholarships which provide additional resources short-term and long-term for Springfield Public Schools.

In May of 2023, the Foundation for SPS awarded \$99,050 in scholarships to graduating seniors. The awarded scholarships helped students as they continue their educational journey at community colleges, universities, or trade schools.

#### **NEW FUNDS WITH THE FSPS**

#### SPS High Need Instrument Fund

The Springfield Public Schools High Need Instrument Fund was established to provide support for instrumental music in Springfield Public Schools high need schools. Support can include instruments, books, strings, cleaning supplies and more!

The procedure for the SPS High Need Instrument Fund:

a. The FSPS will disburse money for this fund in the specified amount below annually according to the FSPS management policies.

b. Yearly disbursement amount shall be: As needed; requested by the SPS Fine Arts Coordinator



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# **CELEBRATE SPS**

Celebrate SPS is an annual event organized by the FSPS. It serves as a platform to celebrate the achievements and contributions of educators, students, and community



partners within SPS system. The event aims to highlight the importance of public education and the collaborative efforts that help enrich the learning experience for students. Through engaging activities, recognition ceremonies, and networking opportunities, Celebrate SPS brings together stakeholders to showcase the positive impact of supporting public education initiatives.

#### Recognitions at the event included:

Linda Luke Librarian of the Year: Jill Norman, Cowden Elementary Rookie of the Year: Alexis Cooper, Williams Elementary

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Counselor of the Year. Phil Jones, Weller Elementary

Turner Reading Award Recipients: Bobbi Beard (Weller Elementary), Jill Norman (Cowden Elementary), Krista Payne (Disney Elementary), Jodi Pitts (Central High), and Claire Spence (Glendale High)

Teacher of the Year Nominees: Josh Cantrell (Central High), Robin Davison (Wanda Gray), Rachel Hoing (Sequiota Elementary), Tiffany Lynch (Pipkin Middle), and Sam Shelton (Central High)

2023-2024 Teacher of the Year Presented by Missouri State University: Robin Davidson from Wanda Gray Elementary.







# **DONOR AWARDS**

The Advocate for Education and Corporate Partner of the Year, represent a community of partners, both businesses and individuals that have made public education a priority. They work with the Foundation and our school system to make Springfield a better place.

#### 2023 ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION

Matt Simpson has been committed to the Foundation for Springfield Public Schools and Springfield Public Schools for years. He graduated from Kickapoo High School in 2003, served as a FSPS board member and board president, and continues to be an advocate for everything SPS, FSPS and Public Education.

Matt has given countless hours to support our schools and continues to be one of our biggest cheerleaders in the community.







#### 2023 CORPORATE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Since 1990, CoxHealth has supported our vision to promote educational excellence for every child. Every year, CoxHealth and its employee volunteers join the FSPS for one of our most exciting days of the year, Grant Delivery Day. Their support allows students the opportunity to learn through experiences, especially grants with an emphasis in health and science. Their support has been monumental and our partnership will continue to grow.



Max Buetow, President and CEO of CoxHealth



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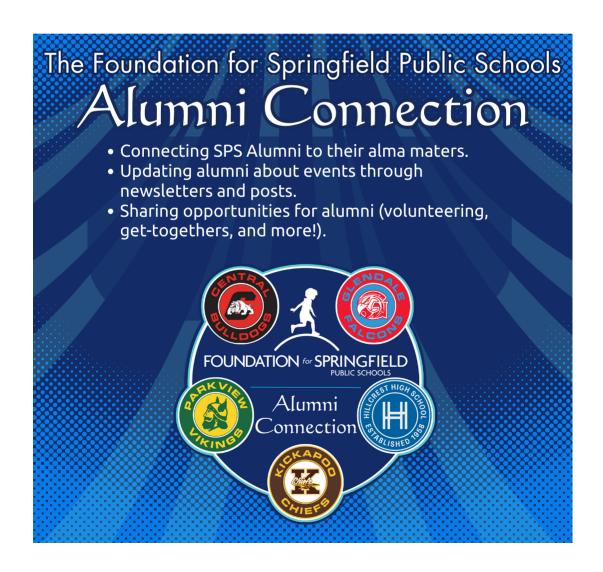
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