

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR Board President MOLLY CROW



Thad Roher, FISD Superintendent; Molly Crow, FEF Board President; & Ashley Adair, FEF Executive Director

As we close out another year for the Friendswood ISD Education Foundation, we are excited to share our 2023-2024 Impact Report with you, our donors and supporters, who make everything possible. The difference we have been able to make this year, and the impact on the students and teachers of Friendswood ISD, was one of record-breaking success! None of our accomplishments would have been possible without YOU, and we are very grateful for your support and belief in FEF. The mission of FEF is to support FISD and enhance student and teacher experiences by providing innovative and engaging learning opportunities. Our purpose, and living out our mission, has never been more crucial to the success of our students than it is today. Thank you for believing in us, and RENDSWOOD allowing us to be the vehicle providing for our students and teachers. We are grateful for your past support and look

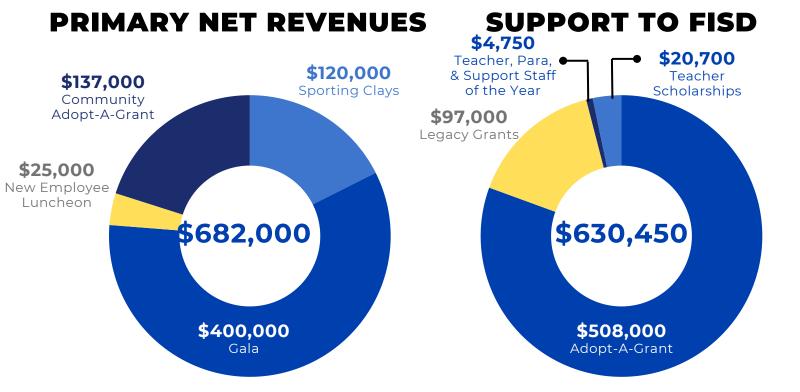
In gratitude,

forward to continuing to partner with you in the future!

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### FINANCIALS



### **EMPOWERING EDUCATORS**

### New Employee Luncheon

With the support of the Friendswood community, FEF welcomed over **100 new employees** to the Mustang family this year! Every new employee left with a door prize and the Foundation gave away **two classroom grants** to one new teacher and one mentor teacher. A highlight of the luncheon was our invited guest speaker, former **astronaut Colonel Terry Virts**. Col. Virts provided some excellent motivation to start the year off right!







### Teacher Scholarships

We are blown away by the response to the inaugural semester of the FEF Continuing Education Scholarship and recognize that this is a powerful way for FEF to strive to support teacher recruitment and retention within FISD. After our first round of applications, we were able to fund **\$20,700 in scholarships** which includes \$10,700 of FEF funds and a \$10,000 donation from Drs. Sara and Glenn Freedman.

### Scholarship RECIPIENTS

Christina Brown
Ty Bush
Jordan Garlinge
Steven Griffith
Cassidy Jordan

Chrissy Lutz Maycie Meyer Sarah Pike Megan Thurman Andrew Turnbull



\$20,700 IN SCHOLARSHIPS



**18** APPLICATIONS



**10 TEACHERS AWARDED** 

### EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

## Teacher & Paraprofessional of the Year Awards

With so many amazing teachers and paraprofessionals in FISD, it is a tough decision selecting Teacher of the Year from each campus in Friendswood. The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation is honored to partner with FISD to recognize each of these outstanding educators each year. Please help us congratulate the following:

# Teacher of the YEAR

Sharon Dixon - Bales
Chelsea Copley - Cline
Lindsey Smith - FJH
Sonia Gutierrez - FHS
Madison Cheatwood - Westwood
Katya Silveira - Windsong

# Para of the YEAR

Joel Neeson - Bales
Stephanie Rosten - Cline
Jenny Porter - FJH
Sheri Walker - FHS
Sara Rice - Westwood
Stacy Orr - Windsong

FEF awarded **\$500** to each of the campus Teachers of the Year and **\$250** to each of the campus Paraprofessionals of the Year. The Foundation also had the privilege of selecting the Elementary and Secondary Finalist to represent FISD at the Region IV level.



### ENGAGING COMMUNITY

Sporting Clays Tournament







Clays weren't the only thing shattered at the 2023 Sporting Clays Tournament! While fifty-six teams battled for top team, the Foundation raised a record-breaking \$120,000+ and welcomed over 250 guests.







\$120,000+ NETTED 56 TEAMS 825 RAFFLE TICKETS



# "Soirée in Paris" Gala







The 2024 Gala was Tres Magnifique! Our Soirée in Paris was celebrated with over 700 members of the Friendswood community attending to support FISD while enjoying an unforgettable evening of fellowship, fundraising, and fun! The 2024 Gala featured an unforgettable scene of a Parisian street with custom art from the FHS Art Department. The Soirée in Paris Gala netted over \$400,000!





### ENGAGING COMMUNITY

# Rotary 12 x 12 Art Project



The mission of the Friendswood Rotary 12 x 12 Art Project is to feature the gifts of the artists of today while investing in the artists of tomorrow in our community.

This joint project between The Rotary Club of Friendswood and the Friendswood Education Foundation showcases local artistic talent including **9 FHS students** and **5 FISD fine arts teachers** to support the arts in Friendswood!

This joint effort raised \$6,570! The Rotary Club selected fine arts grants that will impact **art, music, and theatre** projects at the elementary and secondary levels in FISD.





**38** ARTISTS



**13** GRANTS FUNDED

# Kimberly Montz Memorial Grant

The Friendswood ISD Education Foundation had the privilege of linking arms with the Montz family to award the inaugural Kimberly Montz Memorial Grant on Monday, Dec. 18.

The Kimberly Montz Memorial Grant, an endowed fund that now sits at **over \$50,000**, was established thanks to the generosity of the Montz family and the Friendswood community to honor a cherished member of the FEF family, Kimberly Montz.



With a recommendation from the Montz family, FEF selected Windsong Media Integration Specialist Amy Boyer's Grant **"Strawbees Robotics"** as the first grant to be awarded.

### EQUIPPING STUDENTS

# Adopt - A - Grant Campaign

FEF's SurPrize Patrol is the most amazing day of the year! It was truly a joy seeing the energy and excitement take over our students and educators receiving grants. This year, we were able to fund **675 grants** totaling over **\$508,000** which includes over **\$81,000** funded by campus PTOs and over **\$56,000** funded by community donors!



### **EQUIPPING STUDENTS**

# Legacy Grants

Legacy Grants are designed to go above and beyond FEF's traditional Adopt-A-Grant program and may fund projects ranging from \$5,000-\$40,000. Legacy Grants are powered by our endowment which is funded by our **Century Club** members as well as general donations to the endowment. Contact FEF to support the endowment today!



**\$97,300** DONATED



4 SCHOOLS



**6** AMAZING GRANTS

What's Cooking Westwood?

**Amount: \$16,220** 

School: Westwood Elementary

**Teacher: Jennifer Quigley** 





Amount: \$14,023 School: Windsong Elementary Teacher: Sarah Pike Stallion Science Lab

Sensory Room
Glow Up

Amount: \$21,446

**School: Friendswood High School** 

**Teacher: Kaitlyn Alati** 





Amount: \$18,754
School: Bales Intermediate
Teacher: Chantell Edmond

Bronco Science Lab

Sensory Room Refresh

Amount: \$15,768

School: Bales Intermediate

**Teacher: Alexis Young** 





Amount: \$11,154
School: Friendswood High School
Teachers: Amanda Davies & Jon Hall

CSI Friendswood

### **EQUIPPING STUDENTS**

Bales students are enjoying the fresh air in the new Bales Outdoor Classroom courtesy of Mrs. Katie Osbourne and several FEF grants! "The outdoor learning center is a whole vibe in itself, " says Mrs. Osborne. "It was a big group effort to help create the space outside." This space allows up to two classrooms to attend at a time and includes covered shade, tables and versatile seating, and even an outdoor sink for teachers and students to utilize. When asked what her favorite thing about the outdoor classroom was, Mrs. Osborne said "being able to take the kids out of the traditional classroom setting and aivina them new environment of sunshine and air which invigorates them to learn!"

Adopt-A-Grant Snapshot





# Legacy Grant Snapshot







In Fall of 2022, FHS Art Teacher Mandy Harris wrote a Legacy Grant to start a ceramics program at FHS. What started as a big dream has turned into a reality, with art students creating original works of art through authentic learning experiences. In addition, the Art Department is working with Faculty, Little Mustangs Preschool, and the Special Education Department to create collaborative projects to bring art throughout FHS. Mrs. Harris excitedly told our board, "It has totally transformed our program. Our students are loving it. We have lots of ideas for the future!"

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25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

**FEBRUARY 8, 2025**