

2022

ANNUAL REPORT



 **Education
Foundation**
Inspiration in Education



**JAY
ARRICK**
Immediate Past President

While the past few years have presented unique challenges, the foundation has remained dedicated to the trusted stewardship of resources from our loyal donors and community partners. As a result, we have continued issuing innovative grants to teachers across the district, as well as focusing on literacy in our community through the Bookworms Literacy Program. We are also pleased to share that every campus in the district has a Book Vending Machine to encourage and support children reading throughout the community.

Last year also brought back our annual fundraising concert, after a two-year COVID break, with Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real performing at the Ector County Coliseum in September. The evening was a great success due to amazing community support and incredible musical talent; and, as it has been since inception, the event continues to be the annual-must attend party in Odessa. Having Lukas play 20 years after his father, Willie Nelson, played our original concert was a cool moment.

The Foundation continues to prioritize how we can best serve the kids in our community. Our accomplishments throughout the years reflect the strength of our board of directors and the support of the local community. Also, I want to highlight the leadership of our Executive Director, Celeste Potter. Her dedication and service are a great asset to the Foundation, the district, and the community.

As we look to the future, we are inspired by our teachers, our district leaders, and supporters who continue to help us serve our mission of creating opportunities for education in ECISD and to get our students prepared for the world.

Jay Arrick



**LISA
WYMAN**
President

Nelson Mandela said, *"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."*

The Education Foundation is ever mindful of the responsibility we have in impacting the lives of not only young people but also teachers and administrators. We ask ourselves tough questions and require great answers from our team, our school district, and our community. In a time when noise rules the day, social media has turned to finger pointing and over-shouting has replaced civil discourse, we find ourselves tasked with finding innovative and collaborative ways to bring people together for the common goal: Our future. Surely, we can all agree our school district and the work done there is squarely in the middle of how our future plays out.

There are many great stories of the impact of the Foundation. I'll share one of my favorite. A teacher submitted a grant to the Foundation requesting funding to support reading in her classroom. The goal was to put books in the hands of children because, according to the teacher, so many children don't have a home library. For those reviewing the grant request, it was a startling moment. Many children don't have a home library. The Foundation moved into action and not only funded the program but immediately moved to develop a program to put books into the hands of every kinder and first grade student. Community members came to read these books to children every month during the school year and kids got to take one home.

One volunteer reported the excitement of a first grader, "Is this really mine? I've never had a book of my own before!". This one grant which grew into a project that still lives today changes lives. It opens the hearts and minds of young people allowing them to imagine the possibilities for their lives.

Even better things are coming. Your Education Foundation is working to bring innovation and imagination as we work on our Inspiration Station project. Rather than a bookmobile or STEM lab on wheels, it will be a mobile unit able to transform not only function from day to day, but, more importantly, to inspire the hearts and minds of a child, a school district and a community.

Dream big with us! We need innovative minds, committed donors and active volunteers who are all focused on one thing: Our vision that every child in Ector County have the opportunity be school-ready, college-ready and world-ready!

Lisa Wyman

OUR MISSION:

The Education Foundation's mission is to create opportunities for education in Ector County ISD. Our vision is that every student in ECISD will be school-ready, college-ready, work-ready...WORLD-READY!



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ASSETS - 2022

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| • Cash | \$530,918 |
| • Accounts Receivable | \$3,379 |
| • Investments | \$5,323,000 |

TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,857,297
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

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| • Accounts Payable | \$0 |
| • Grants/Projects Payable | \$10,500 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$10,500
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Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$5,686,837
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Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$159,960
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,846,797
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$5,857,297
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INNOVATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

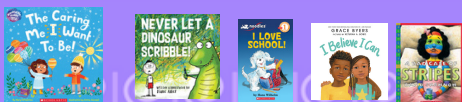
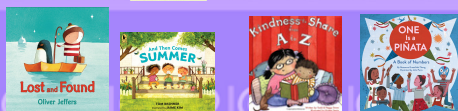
As the original focus of the Education Foundation, the Grants for Inspiration & Innovation Program funds innovative classroom projects that would not otherwise be possible due to school district budget constraints. Since our inception in May 2000, the Education Foundation has awarded more than \$2.8 million to ECISD teachers throughout the district through its grants program. The Education Foundation encourages all ECISD teachers to apply for funding for programs/projects that bring inspiration and innovation to the classroom.

- Innovative Classroom Grants
\$89,798.66
- Bookworms Literacy Program
\$108,409
- ECISD Employee Of the Year Awards
\$3,300



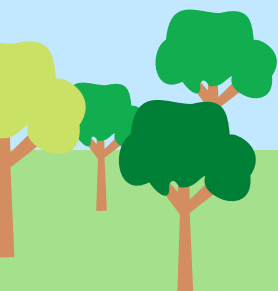
38 Bookworms Vending Machines

I ♥ BOOKS



Bookworms

race to literacy!



54,000 Books



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