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FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Collective Support for a Stronger Future

The Education Foundation of Harris County's (EFHC) impact is fueled by meaningful giving campaigns that invite individuals and leaders to invest directly in student and educator success. Through seasonal and internal campaigns, EFHC brings together supporters who share a commitment to strengthening public education across Harris County.

The **Holiday Giving Campaign** inspires generosity during the season of giving, providing critical support when student and classroom needs are greatest raising over \$10,000 and, with **Calpine Corporation's** \$10,000 match, doubling the impact to more than \$20,000 in support of educational programs and resources. The **Employee Giving Campaign** empowers HCDE staff to make a collective impact, demonstrating a shared commitment to the communities they serve. Through the **Board Giving Campaign**, EFHC board members lead by example, reinforcing a culture of philanthropy and advocacy for education.

Together, these campaigns generate vital resources while strengthening the network of partners who believe in investing in opportunity and educational excellence.

number of campaigns: **3**

total funds raised:
\$43,912

Community Support That Fuels Student Success

EFHC is proud to partner with generous donors, businesses and community organizations whose support makes the Foundation's work possible. Through engaging fundraising events, giving campaigns and corporate partnerships, EFHC raises critical funds that directly support students, educators and school districts across Harris County.



The Heart of Education Luncheon

The Heart of Education Luncheon unites community leaders and supporters to celebrate early childhood learning while raising funds for programs that strengthen students, educators and classrooms across Harris County.



Kendra Gives Back events engage shoppers and supporters while directing a portion of proceeds to EFHC programs.



Smashburger fundraisers turn casual dining into meaningful community impact.

95 number of community and corporate partners engaged

\$58,566 total funds raised

Incoming Grants Powering Our Impact

Through proposals submitted by the Harris County Department of Education’s Center for Grants Development, EFHC secured \$46,000 in grant funding to support programs across four HCDE divisions. These grants advance early childhood education, literacy, STEM and entrepreneurship initiatives, strengthening opportunities for students, educators and communities throughout Harris County.

Funder	Program	Amount
TDECU Cares Foundation	Kids’ Day Entrepreneurship	\$13,000
H-E-B	Early Childhood Winter Conference / EFHC 2025 Scholarships (each program received \$5,000)	\$10,000
CenterPoint Energy Foundation	2025 All-Earth Ecobot Challenge	\$10,000
Bank of Texas	REAL SuperMENTors Read	\$5,000
Henderson Foundation	2025 All-Earth Ecobot Challenge	\$5,000
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Summer Reading Program at ABS East and ABS West	\$3,000
Total		\$46,000

Sponsorships Investing in Stronger Education

EFHC transforms generosity into measurable impact. Each sponsorship is a direct investment in students, educators and school communities across Harris County, strengthening classrooms, expanding opportunity and supporting long-term success while advancing public education and honoring educators.

This impact spans school districts, education foundations and nonprofit partners through a coordinated approach that supports both immediate needs and long-term student achievement. Through district partnerships, EFHC has supported signature initiatives such as golf tournaments, State of the District events, back-to-school supply drives, teacher grant programs and educator recognition events.

Support also extends to mission-driven organizations focused on youth development, mentorship and scholarships, helping remove barriers and expand pathways for student success.

Taken together, these sponsorships represent a strategic investment in public education that strengthens educators, uplifts students and builds a stronger foundation for learning across the region.

FY25 sponsorship beneficiaries include:
Aldine ISD, Alief ISD, Communities in Schools, Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, The Cameron Champ Foundation, Humble ISD Education Foundation, Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators, Houston ISD Foundation, Spring ISD, Texas Executive Women - Women on the Move.

13 number of sponsorships
\$29,143 total sponsorship support

DISTRICT SUPPORT

Strengthening Schools Through Targeted Grants

The Education Foundation of Harris County (EFHC) partners with school districts across Harris County to invest in programs that expand opportunity, remove barriers to learning and directly support students, educators and campuses. Through EFHC grants, districts are able to launch innovative programs, strengthen existing services and respond to immediate needs—ensuring resources reach classrooms and students where they matter most.

From college-readiness initiatives to workforce training and student wellness, EFHC grants are designed to meet districts where they are and help them move forward.

From Sparks to Success: Empowering Future Welders Through Hands-On Opportunity in Stafford MSD



Through a \$10,000 from the EFHC, the Stafford High School Welding Program is transforming student opportunities through hands-on career training. With this investment, the program was able to purchase new welding machines, significantly expanding students' access to equipment and increasing opportunities to build real-world skills. Through initiatives like their twice-yearly welding

camp, students are earning industry certifications across multiple welding processes and positions while still in high school, preparing them to enter high-demand careers immediately after graduation. The program's impact is already evident, with students earning state-bound ribbons at SkillsUSA competitions and creating the very awards being presented—each one a unique, student-crafted piece. This grant not only strengthened the program's capacity but also reinforced a pathway for students to gain confidence, achieve certification and transition directly into the workforce.

Code and Conquer: Robotics Driving Engagement and Discovery in Clear Creek ISD

In Clear Creek ISD classrooms, a \$10,000 grant is transforming the way students experience learning by turning everyday lessons into hands-on adventures with 15 VEX IQ robotics kits. Instead of simply reading about landforms or coordinate planes, students are building imaginary worlds and programming robots to explore them, bringing abstract concepts to life in real time. As they design, test, fail and try again, students are discovering more than academic content—they are discovering confidence, curiosity and their own capacity to solve problems. Teachers are witnessing students who once blended into the background step forward as leaders and “go-to” experts, while others uncover hidden talents in coding, building and critical thinking. The excitement in the classroom has reshaped how students connect to school, making learning feel relevant, engaging and fun, and ensuring that every child, regardless of background or prior exposure to STEM, can experience success. This investment is not just changing lessons; it is changing how students see themselves as learners, thinkers and future innovators.

Through strategic grants and strong district partnerships, EFHC drives meaningful, measurable impact across Harris County, with \$33,993 invested in workforce readiness initiatives.

2025 GRANTS AWARDED

School District	Project Title
Aldine ISD	Student Scholarships
Clear Creek ISD	Code & Conquer: VexRobotics
Crosby ISD	Colleen Walker Relays
Goose Creek CISD	Enhancing Dyslexia Support with Digital Innovation
Houston ISD	HISD - BridgeYear's Career Test Drive® Program
Humble ISD	Equipping Middle Schoolers for the Future
La Porte ISD	Focus Coffee House
Pasadena ISD	New Year-Full "STEAM" Ahead
Sheldon ISD	Little Scientists, Big Chefs: Exploring Science in the Kitchen
Spring Branch ISD	Project School Supplies 2025-2026
Spring ISD	Acquisition of Flip Form Risers for Hirsch Elementary Music Education
Stafford MSD	Stafford High School Welding Program



Driving Impact Through Grants

EFHC Partners in Education (PIE) Grants invest in innovative, high-impact projects that address unmet needs and support students and educators across 25 Harris County public school districts.

Designed to strengthen educational opportunity through student-centered solutions, creativity and measurable outcomes, the following 2025 PIE Grants Awarded reflect EFHC’s continued commitment to meaningful district and campus-level impact.

Total Grant Funding Distributed:
\$100,000

Total Students Impacted:
43,038

School Districts Supported:
12

STUDENT SUPPORT

Expanding Opportunity Through Innovation and Access

The Education Foundation of Harris County (EFHC) invests in programs that ignite curiosity, build practical skills and remove barriers for students across Harris County. From hands-on STEM challenges to real-world entrepreneurship and direct student support, EFHC programs are designed to meet students where they are and help them imagine what's possible.

Back-to-School Support

As each school year approaches, EFHC ensures students have the tools to start strong. In August 2025, EFHC provided free backpacks to students in Aldine and Spring ISDs, helping families offset back-to-school costs and ensuring students were ready to learn from day one.



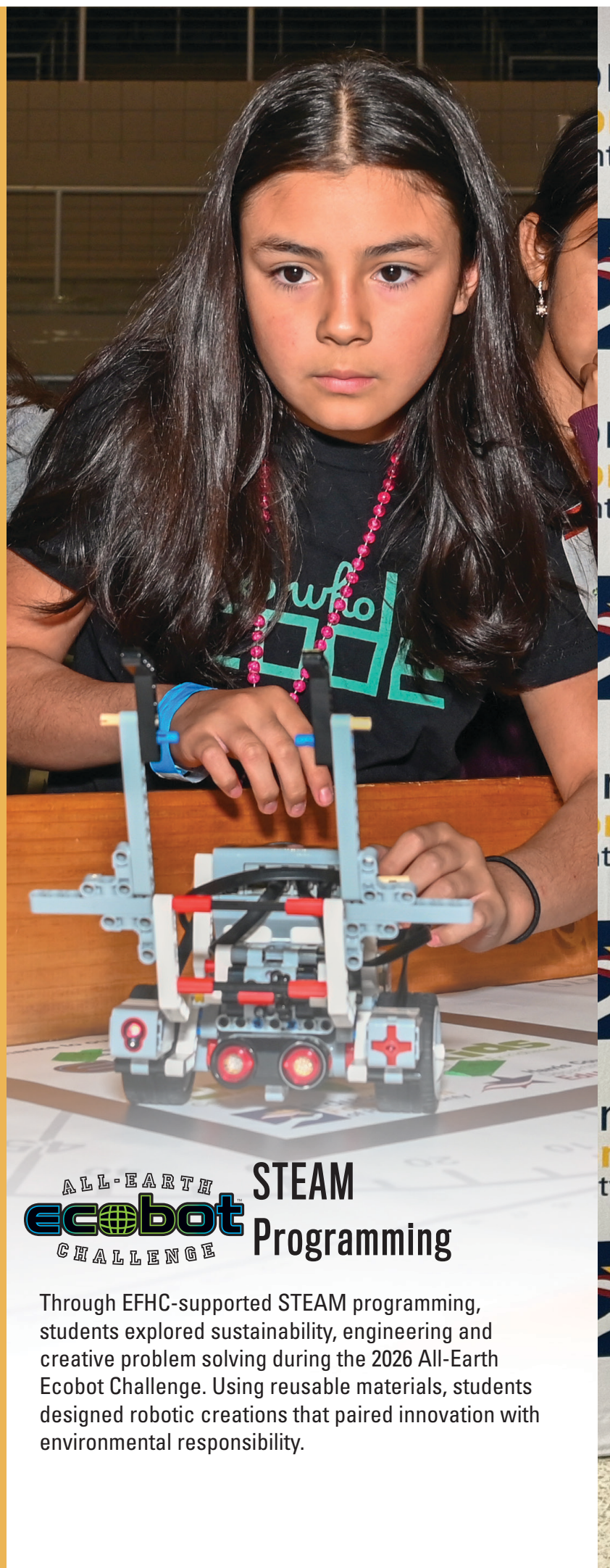
Creative Arts Programming

With EFHC support, Harris County Department of Education recognized regional winners of the 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, selected from more than 13,900 student submissions, nearly 2,000 more than the previous year, honoring middle and high school students whose artwork and writing demonstrated exceptional creativity, voice and technical skill.



Literacy Mentorship

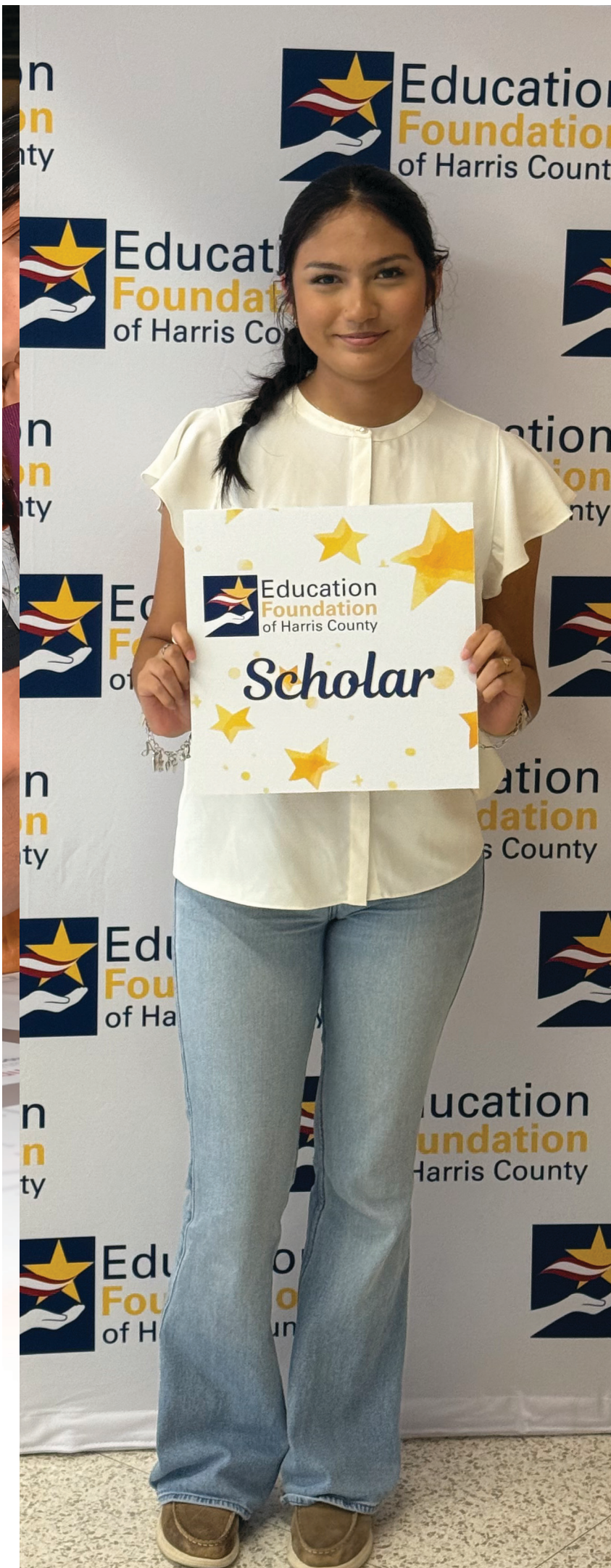
Through community involvement supported by EFHC, male volunteers read monthly with students at HCDE Head Start centers. Real SuperMentors Read builds early literacy skills, fosters a love of reading and connects students with positive role models who strengthen learning through community involvement.



ALL-EARTH ecobot CHALLENGE

STEAM Programming

Through EFHC-supported STEAM programming, students explored sustainability, engineering and creative problem solving during the 2026 All-Earth Ecobot Challenge. Using reusable materials, students designed robotic creations that paired innovation with environmental responsibility.



Scholarship: Fueling Dreams, Shaping Futures

At EFHC's annual scholarship celebration, students and families gathered to recognize academic achievement and future aspirations. EFHC awarded scholarships to graduating seniors whose dedication and hard work exemplify the Foundation's mission to support student success.

Each recipient received financial support to help offset the cost of post-secondary education, easing the burden on families and allowing students to focus on their next chapter with confidence.

13 students awarded scholarships

\$2,500
awarded per student

\$32,500
total awarded

EDUCATOR SUPPORT

Empowering Educators, Strengthening Classrooms

The Education Foundation of Harris County (EFHC) invests in educators because strong schools begin with supported teachers and informed leaders. Through classroom grants, professional development and early childhood programming, EFHC helps educators access the tools, training and resources they need to meet the evolving needs of students.

Tools for Teachers

Direct Support for Classroom Impact

EFHC’s Tools for Teachers program provides direct funding for classroom supplies and learning tools. In September 2025, the program set a new record for educator participation, highlighting strong demand for support. By putting resources directly into the hands of teachers, Tools for Teachers strengthens instruction, engages students, reduces out-of-pocket costs and delivers immediate, lasting impact in classrooms.

\$125,000
distributed directly
to classrooms

1250
teachers supported



Early Childhood Winter Conference

Advancing Early Learning Through Professional Development

EFHC proudly supports the Early Childhood Winter Conference, an annual professional development experience for early learning educators and leaders. Held January 31, 2026, ECWC focused on STEAM in Early Learning, equipping educators with hands-on, classroom-ready strategies that fostered creativity, inquiry and foundational skills in young learners across the region.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS SUPPORTED
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IN 2021, IN RESPONSE TO THE UNMET
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