



2021-22 Annual Report

From the President

Dear Friends of GEF,

I am proud to say that the Grandview Education Foundation continues to work diligently to provide additional funding and opportunities for the students and staff of the Grandview C-4 School District.

We appreciate the support given to our annual fundraisers, the Heroes for Education 5K Run/Walk and the virtual Trivia Night, because the money raised from these events allows us to award student scholarships and staff grants. The scholarships help students to continue their education and the grants allow staff to try new and innovative ideas to help students learn.

Two big events for GEF this year were our Distinguished Alumni Recognition Brunch and the Cover to Cover Summer Reading Program. The Alumni Brunch brought together alums, community members, district staff, and volunteers to honor and celebrate three outstanding GHS grads. The impact of an education in Grandview goes way beyond the classroom and doesn't stop upon graduation.

In July, GEF was honored to be recognized by the South Kansas City Alliance for the success of our Cover to Cover Summer Reading Program. The program provides new, free, high interest books to all elementary and early childhood students in the GC-4 district. Students choose 5, 7, or 10 books to take home to add to their home libraries and to read during the summer. The program is designed to help prevent the decline of reading skills during the summer months and to promote a life-long love of reading.

In order to accomplish the work of GEF in the coming years, we continue to ask for support from the school district, the city, local businesses, patrons, alums, and students. Together we can accomplish great things for the students and staff of the Grandview C-4 School District. To see way to support GEF, visit the website at www.grandvieweducationfoundation.org.

Best Regards,

Cindy Bastian,
GEF Co-President

About GEF

The Grandview Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit formed in 1997 with a mission to partner with the Grandview School District and the community to enhance educational opportunities for all students and staff in the district.

The education foundation:

- Stimulates excellence in the Grandview C-4 School District with teacher and staff grants, student scholarships and special programs.
- Enhances the learning environment for students.
- Increases the effectiveness of instruction.
- Strengthens the ties between schools and the community.

Student scholarships, programs and staff grants are funded through donor gifts and grants, district staff payroll deduction, the Heroes for Education 5K, Alumni Brunch and Trivia Night events.

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2021-22 GEF Highlights

Trivia Night

The 12th Annual GEF Trivia Night was held virtually once again this year. On January 27th participants from all over the country joined online to raise nearly \$5,000 for student scholarships and teacher grants in the Grandview C-4 School District.

Alumni Brunch

GEF held the Distinguished Alumni Brunch on April 9, 2022 and inducted three new honorees into this group of Grandview High School graduates. This award honors individuals whose deeds and character exemplify outstanding achievement in their life's work and/or service to their communities. The honorees' spirit and leadership are worthy of recognition and have inspired praise and gratitude among his/her peers.

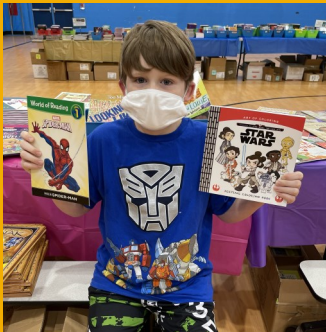
Cover to Cover Summer Reading Program

This program is designed to help prevent a summer decline in Grandview students' reading skills and promote a lifelong love of reading. In May 2022 more than 1,700 students at Grandview's five elementary schools and early childhood center received their choice of 5, 7 or 10 new books. Over 14,000 books were given to students to take home and keep forever!



Heroes For Education 5K Run/Walk

The annual 5K Run Walk was held on September 21, 2022 after a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. Over 100 participants including students, teachers, friends and family joined in the fun to raise money for student scholarships and teacher grants.



Christmas in the Park

Volunteers helped at Christmas in the Park in December to help raise money for GEF. Jackson County Parks & Recreation donated \$1,000 to the Grandview Education Foundation for their efforts. The money will be used to help support the mission of GEF to provide teacher grants, student scholarships and other efforts to support the Grandview School District.

Scholarships

The foundation awarded \$21,500 in scholarships to Grandview High School's class of 2022.

Staff Grants

The Grandview Education Foundation awarded over \$4,665 in Innovative Teaching Grants to three lucky teachers from the Grandview School District. The purpose of these grants is to help teachers implement innovative teaching ideas that help to supplement regular classroom instruction. The recipients were selected from a pool of applications from across the district.



GEF Cover to Cover Program Receives Award

On July 30, 2022 the South Kansas City Alliance recognized GEF's successful Cover to Cover Summer Reading Program by presenting the Foundation with the Outstanding Educational Achievement Award at its annual community awards breakfast. The award recognizes organizations and programs that have an impact on student achievement and learning.

