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# 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



What a great time to be in the Grandview School District! I became Executive Director of the Grandview Education Foundation early in 2023 and, even though I have been a resident of the district for the past 15 years, I'm constantly learning something new about our progress as a community. Enrollment is stable, graduation rates are up, college acceptance and job placement numbers are strong and taxpayers have voted to make more investments in the district. These are all signs of a healthy community on the rise.

GEF is doing its part to contribute to this progress by awarding more in scholarships and grants than ever before while continuing our successful programs like the amazing Cover to Cover summer reading program which provides thousands of books for students across the district to take home at the end of the school year and keep forever. It was a joy to see this program in action with my own eyes. As a sign of our mutual success, GEF has received the largest single donation in our history and partnered with many first time sponsors for our events and programs.

But the work is never done and will never be enough. We will continue to reach out to new prospects, explore new ideas and evolve with the community we serve. On behalf of the GEF Board of Directors, I hope you will join us in the journey of continued progress and success.

Go Bulldogs!

Geoff Gerling, Executive Director

## 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.

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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# 2022-23 GEF HIGHLIGHTS

## Trivia Night

The 13th Annual GEF Trivia Night was held virtually once again this year. On January 26th participants from all over the country joined online to raise nearly \$4,000 for student scholarships and teacher grants in the Grandview C-4 School District.



## Alumni Brunch

GEF held the Distinguished Alumni Brunch on April 1, 2023 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 2023 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 24, 2022. Nearly 90 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 & GRANTS

## Scholarships

The foundation awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to Grandview High School's Class of 2023 to support students as they continue their education.

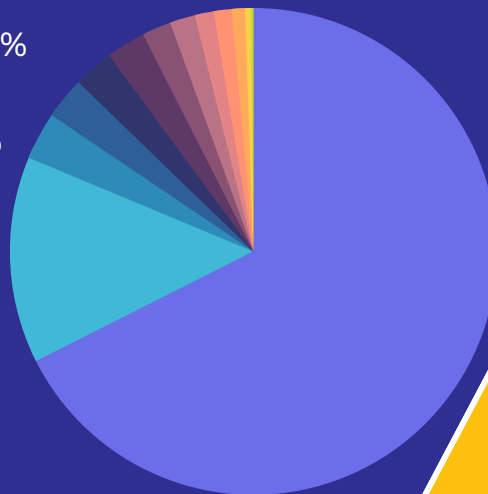
## Grants

The Grandview Education Foundation awarded over \$10,000 in grants to teachers and staff in the Grandview School District. Teachers were awarded \$2,000 in Innovative Teaching Grants. The purpose of these grants is to help teachers implement innovative teaching ideas that supplement regular classroom instruction. The recipients were selected from a pool of applications from across the district. The remaining \$6,000 was awarded to staff and teachers in the district in the form of Instagrants and Staff Grants.

# CONTRIBUTIONS & FUNDRAISING

Each year GEF is funded through various contributions from alumni, staff, and members of the community as well money raised from various events. Below is a snapshot of funds raised in 2022-23.

- Memorial Fund Contributions - 67%
- Other Contributions - 15%
- Distinguished Alumni Brunch - 3%
- Cover to Cover - 3%
- Staff Payroll Deductions - 3%
- Corporate Donations - 3%
- Other Scholarships - 1%
- 5k Run/Walk - 1%
- Trivia Night - 1%
- Individual Donations - 1%
- Board Member Donations - 1%
- Misc. Income - 1%



*Thank you to All of the Supporters  
of GEF. Together we're shaping a  
Bright Future for Grandview  
Students!*



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