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# SPENCER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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**Our Schools.  
Our Community.  
Our Future.**

## 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

### MISSION

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To enhance and elevate the education experience at Spencer County Public Schools.

# A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT



The Spencer County Educational Foundation was created with a simple mission – to enhance and elevate the education experience in Spencer County Schools.

In 6 years, thanks to your support, the SCEF has impacted students in the district by pouring over \$310,000 back into our schools. We have awarded 120 grants to teachers impacting their classrooms and, in some cases, the entire grade or school! We've also had some fun along the way with our annual event, Denim and Pearls, an evening where the community gathers for dinner and live music, all while raising support for a great cause.

As we start our 7th year, we are grateful for your partnership and generosity to make a difference for each student as we continue to fulfill our mission. Each year our requests grow and the need is greater. Our goals continue to get bigger so that we can continue to make a lasting impact.

Again, thank you for your support. YOU are making the future bright for Spencer County Schools.

- Sara Brown | President

## In The First 6 Years



**\$374,000**  
Total  
Raised

**120**  
Grants  
Awarded



COLLEGE & CAREER READY  
LABS

# 2025 DENIM & PEARLS

## Platinum Sponsors



## Gold Sponsors



## Silver Sponsors



# 2025 DISTRICT INITIATIVE

**\$20,000**

## Hillview PAX Lab

Hillview, which is our district's alternative school, is creating a space for career-focused modules that allow for hands-on skill training, career research and collaborative student work. The SCEF granted \$20,000 to support the start-up of this space, which has purchased modules in the following areas:

- Intro to Culinary Arts • Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Home Maintenance Fundamentals • Welding • Plumbing • Electrical

# GREAT Ideas AWARD

## 2025 WINNERS

**\$10,000.00**

**Jalei Peters**

SC High School

*The Heartbeat of the  
Choral Classroom - Piano*

**\$9,500.00**

**Chad Collins**

SC Middle School

*Grizzly Innovation Labs*

**\$7,500.00**

**Principal Funds**

District

*Climate & Culture Building*

**\$7,154.82**

**Jenny Kidwell**

Taylorsville Elementary

*Ozobot Classroom Set -  
Coding & robotics come to life*

**\$5,890.00**

**Drama Department**

Drama Dept.

*Costumes Props and  
Set Design Projects*

**\$4,888.30**

**Rebecca Owen**

SC Middle School

*8th Grade Ukuleles*

**\$4,179.00**

**Ashley Browning**

Taylorsville Elementary

*Mystery Science School  
Membership & Mystery Packs*

**\$3,000.00**

**Micayla Gabriele**

SC Middle School

*Empowering Students  
Through Technology*

**\$2,600.00**

**Kelsey Metts**

SC Elementary School

*Mystery Science Materials*

**\$2,500.00**

**Leslie Slaughter**

SC High School

*Spirit Store Start Up*

**\$2,496.03**

**English Department**

SC High School

*Graphic Novels*

**\$2,245.00**

**Michelle Gross &  
Kabrel Woods**

SC Middle School

*Math on the Board,  
Minds on the Move*

# 2025 GREAT IDEA AWARD WINNERS

**\$2,070.00**

**Erica McGaughey**  
SC Middle School

**\$1,974.50**

**Brooke Klaus**  
SC Elementary School  
*Digital Microscopes for  
SCES STEAM Lab*

**\$1,650.00**

**Valorie Atcher**  
SCES  
*Tiny Takes, Big Stories -  
Stop Motion Studio*

**\$1,500.50**

**Rachel Glass**  
SC Elementary School  
*North American Animal  
Non-fiction Selection*

**\$1,500.00**

**Laura Gabbard**  
SC Middle School  
*One Book One School*

**\$1,466.52**

**Bill Dunning**  
SC Elementary School  
*Living Library*

**\$1,388.66**

**Kelly Hutt**  
Taylorsville Elementary  
*Diversity Learning*

**\$1,365.72**

**Jessica Wood**  
SC Elementary School  
*Being active for life*

**\$1,330.00**

**Kendra Lyvers**  
Taylorsville Elementary  
*2nd Grade Literacy Lock-In*

**\$1,213.90**

**Jamie Langley**  
SC High School  
*Motivational Rewards For  
Low-Achieving Students*

**\$1,007.30**

**Alexis Porter**  
Taylorsville Elementary  
*Novel Study Book Sets*

**\$860.21**

**Trish Recktenwald**  
SC High School  
*Supporting Writing Skills  
Through Reading*

**\$640.00**

**Nichole Hutchins**  
SC Elementary School  
*Bridging the Gap*

**\$489.72**

**Whitney Beyer**  
SC High School  
*Huellas Spanish Curriculum*

**\$450.00**

**Jalei Peters**  
SC High School  
*Sight Reading Factory  
Subscription*

**\$222.16**

**Lauren Weaver**  
SC Middle School  
*Headphones*

**\$208.87**

**Alyssa Howie**  
Taylorsville Elementary  
*Alternate/Flexible Seating*

**\$128.65**

**Rachel Kramer**  
SC Middle School  
*Collaborative Learning  
Through Strategic Furniture*

# 2024-2025 FINANCIALS

## Donations

\$114,398.28



\$65,996.14

Denim & Pearls Fundraiser

\$28,232.14

Personal & Business Donations

\$20,170

Grants

## Funding

\$115,538.33



\$73,919.86

Great Idea Awards

\$20,000

Hillview Academy

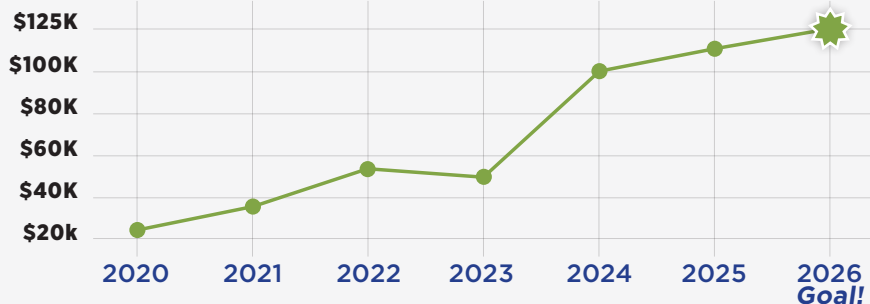
\$11,618.47

Climate & Culture Building

\$10,000

Future Investments

SCEF Fiscal Year: July 1<sup>ST</sup> - June 30<sup>TH</sup>



In addition to our contributions to the schools and direct scholarships, we were able to provide:



## BREAKFAST

For All Staff During Teacher Appreciation Week!

\$100

Gift Cards To All New Teachers!

# SCEF WAYS TO DONATE

All donations to SCEF are  
100% tax-deductible



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PO Box 169  
Taylorsville, KY 40071



## School Spirit Check Card

Promote your school spirit and help your  
school raise money on your everyday  
purchases. Each purchase will automatically  
earn \$0.02 for Spencer County.

*You can participate by switching your current German  
American Bank Check Card to the School Spirit Check  
Card; Or by opening a checking account with German  
American and requesting the School Spirit Check Card.*

Call to learn more: **(502) 477-2265**



## Kroger Rewards

By linking your Kroger account to our  
organization through Kroger Community  
Rewards, a portion of your purchases helps  
fund SCEF.

Organization Code: **YJ500**



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