SPENCER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Our Schools. Our Community. Our Future.

2025–2026

ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

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 at Spencer County Schools.

Over the past seven years, thanks to your support, SCEF has impacted every student in the district, raising over $535,000 for our schools, including $370,000 awarded directly to teachers through Great Idea Award grants — funding that's reached individual classrooms and, in many cases, entire grades or schools. Other funding has supported district initiatives, including technology and career exploration programs in multiple schools. We've also had some fun along the way with our annual event, Denim & Pearls, an evening where the community can gather for a great cause.

As we start our eighth year, we are grateful for your partnership and generosity to make a difference for each student as we continue to fulfill our mission.

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

- Sara Brown | President

In The First 7 Years

$535,880
Total Raised

139
Grants Awarded









2026 **DENIM & PEARLS**

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8255 Mount Washington Road

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2026 **DISTRICT INITIATIVE**

$25,000

Freshman Chrome Books

Through a Grant from View on Learning, the Foundation helped Spencer County High School purchase Chromebooks for incoming freshmen, expanding opportunities for learning, creativity, and collaboration. The impact is already evident in the school's podcasting class, where students used their new Chromebooks to edit and produce a video. Beyond supporting everyday coursework, these devices are helping students develop real-world digital skills and explore new ways to share their ideas. This investment reflects the Foundation's commitment to equipping students with the tools they need to succeed—in the classroom and beyond.

GREAT Idea AWARD

2026 WINNERS

$8,290.00

Beth StBernard
ELC
Sensory and Center Materials to support curriculum

$5,000.00

Samantha Dennis
SCES
Engagement by Design: Cooperative Learning for Every Cub

$5,000.00

Darilyn Hamilton
SCHS
Modern Classroom Groups

$3,705.00

Melissa Downey
TES
Transforming Science Learning

$2,500.00

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SCES
Bridging the gap

$2,500.00

Shelby Millspaugh
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Flexible Furniture for 7th grade classroom

$1,500.00

Jamie Ware
SCMS
Enhancing inclusive learning

$1,180.00

Valorie Atcher
SCES
Bearly News and STLP Media Project

$1,147.00

Erica McGaughey
SCMS
Hands-On Science Lab & Project Supplies

$1,000.00

Cassidy Goss
SCHS
Learning Lab Store

$885.50

Kelly Hutt
TES
The Titanic Time Capsule Exhibit

$750.00

Dee Thompson
District
McKinney-Vento Services Lab

$711.00

Savannah Swift
Hillview
Empowered Learning through Movement

$710.00

Elizabeth Ernspiker
SCMS
Charlotte's Web PBL: 3-4 Week Blended Lesson & Field Trip

$648.35

Tish Kennedy
SCMS
The Grizzly Store - PBIS

$575.00

Crystal Abell
SCES
Hands-On Math

$500.00

Jamie Ware
SCMS
Grizzly Grind

$330.00

Melinda Harrelson
TES
Quick Recall Buzzer System

2025–2026 **FINANCIALS**

Donations

$161,916



SCEF Fiscal Year:
July 1ST - June 30TH

$72,862
Denim & Pearls Fundraiser

$32,383
Personal & Business

$25,906
Grants

$21,049
Endowment Funding

$9,714
Other Donations



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 **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Den Fund is SCEF's Annual Giving Initiative, designed to give *individuals, families, friends, and alumni* of Spencer County Schools the opportunity to invest in the future of our students and schools through annual giving.

Your generosity gives SCEF the dependable support to invest in the ideas, opportunities, and needs that make a difference for students and educators throughout our entire district.

$50 ANNUAL GIFT $4.17/MONTH	**$100** ANNUAL GIFT $8.33/MONTH	**$250** ANNUAL GIFT $20.83/MONTH	**$500** ANNUAL GIFT $41.67/MONTH
$750 ANNUAL GIFT $62.50/MONTH	**$1,000** ANNUAL GIFT $83.33/MONTH *Includes a special thank-you gift	**$2,500** ANNUAL GIFT $208.33/MONTH *Includes a special thank-you gift	**$5,000** ANNUAL GIFT $416.67/MONTH *Includes a special thank-you gift

The Den Fund Business Circle is SCEF's Annual Giving Community for *local businesses and organizations* who are committed to investing in the future of Spencer County schools.

Businesses can join the Business Circle through an annual gift, monthly giving, or by sponsoring any of our annual events! In return, Business Circle partners receive special recognition and opportunities to see firsthand the difference their investment is making in Spencer County schools.

BRONZE PARTNER $1,000	Business Circle Partnership announcement on Social Media	Business listing on SCEF website	Logo included in the SCEF Annual Report
SILVER PARTNER $2,500	*Silver partners receive everything with Bronze, including:*	Featured recognition in the SCEF Quarterly Newsletter	Logo included on event signage at all SCEF events
GOLD PARTNER $5,000	*Gold partners receive everything with Bronze and Silver, including:*	4 tickets to Denim & Pearls; Special Partnership recognition gift	1 dedicated Business spotlight on the SCEF Facebook page
PLATINUM PARTNER $10,000+	*Platinum partners receive everything with Bronze, Silver and Gold including:*	1 table and platinum benefits at Denim & Pearls	Premiere placement in the SCEF Newsletter and Annual Report

Learn More & GIVE!

SCEF **WAYS TO GIVE**

All donations to SCEF are 100% tax-deductible

Our Website

Scan the QR Code with your phone to easily access our Donation Page!

Or visit our website at: **www.scefkyorg**

Scan Me!



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**

Country Mart Fund

When you shop at Country Mart, you now have the option to round up your purchase to the nearest dollar and donate the differenece to SCEF.

Every small round-up helps bring new technology and resources into our schools and classrooms.

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**

By Check

Mail to:

Spencer County
Educational Foundation
PO Box 169
Taylorsville, KY 40071

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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