

Annual Report

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Douglas County
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2019 DOUGLAS COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Douglas County Education Foundation (DCEF) is grateful to a generous community for helping the organization have the most successful fundraising year in its 26 year history. Gifts were received from the community, local businesses, school system staff, and several regional foundations.

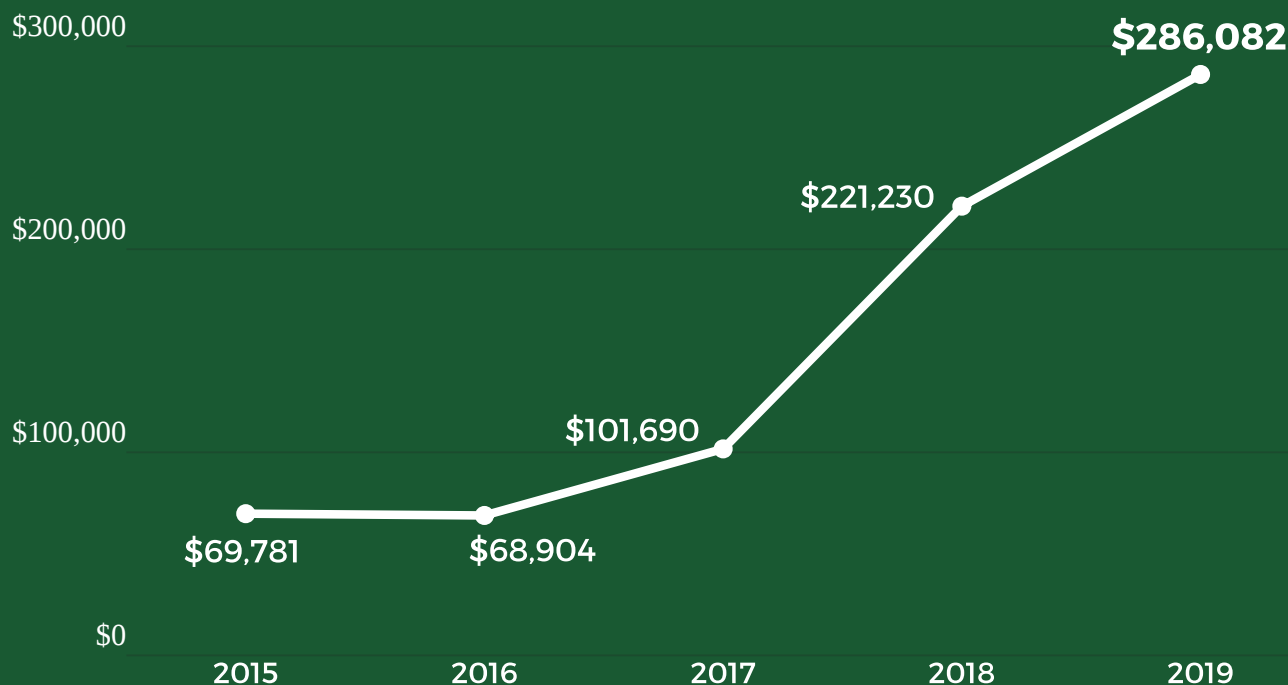


\$286,082

Total Donations for 2019 Fiscal Year

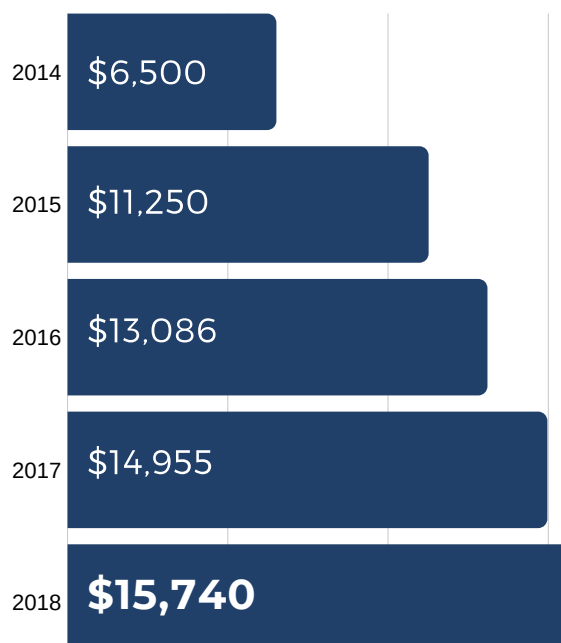
Thank you to donors who allowed the foundation to support school system teachers and students.

Yearly Donation Growth



DCEF EVENTS

FOUNDATION FUN RUN



KALEIDOSCOPE

Kaleidoscope began in 2018 as a high school music talent showcase. In 2019, Kaleidoscope was expanded to include a student art gallery. To increase community involvement, the Douglas County Chamber Singers, comprised of vocalists of all ages, opened and closed the show for the high school students.

2018 \$9,982

2019 \$10,699



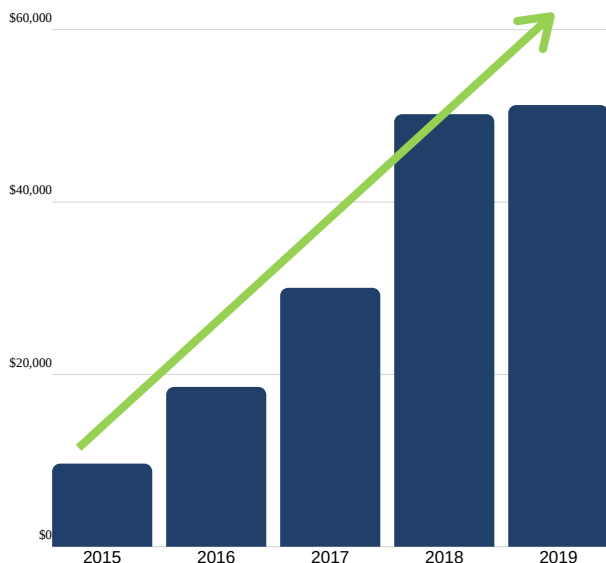
SUPERINTENDENT'S GALA

DCEF was pleased to be asked by Superintendent Trent North to partner with him in the inaugural Superintendent's Gala, a memorable evening of dining, dancing, and networking with business, community, government, and school system leaders.

The sell-out event's theme was Great Gatsby and raised over **\$45,000** for out-of-classroom experiences for students enrolled in Special Education classes. A portion of the proceeds were used to establish an endowment to provide grants to students for generations to come. The remaining \$12,000 was dispersed to schools that have Special Education classes.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

"Thank you for your investment in students like me! I hope to give back someday and help a student reach their own educational goals with a scholarship as you have done for me."

WILL BLEVINS, CLASS OF 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED HAVE GROWN FROM \$9,600 IN 2015 TO \$51,210 IN 2019.

CLASSROOM IMPACT GRANT RECIPIENT

"Thank you for supporting Douglas County teachers and students! We couldn't do what we do without people like you!"

MEGHAN RATHIEL, HSES

CLASSROOM IMPACT GRANTS

2015 \$17,289
2016 \$22,007
2017 \$28,515
2018 \$32,400
2019 \$37,058

COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR SUPPORT

2015 \$500
2016 \$700
2017 \$1,000
2018 \$1,000
2019 \$0*

**Counselors of the Year were not recognized in 2019*

\$3,400

GIVEN FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR SUPPORT

\$3,400 has been given consistently through 2016-2019. \$3,300 was given in 2015.

ADDITIONAL GRANTS

2015 \$5,000
2016 \$5,000
2017 \$3,000
2018 \$101,055
2019 \$42,465

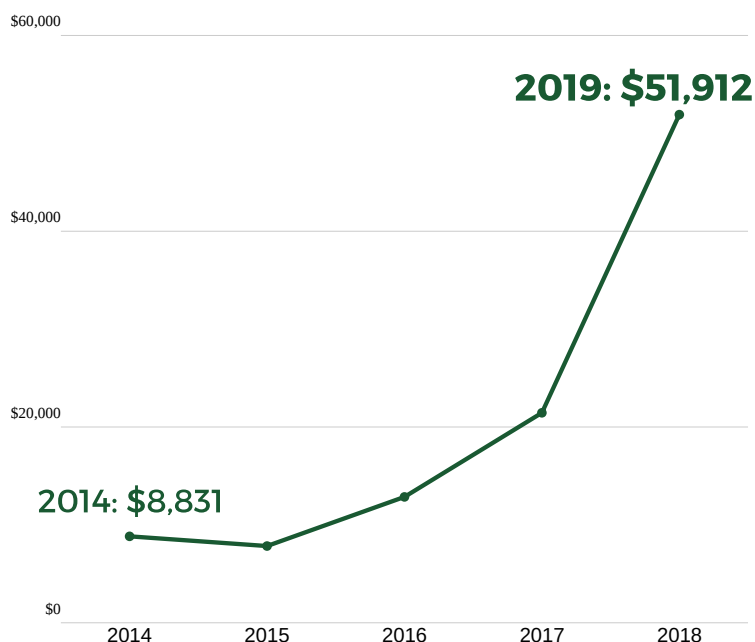
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Building a Firm Foundation

expanded this year to include Communities in Schools of Douglas County (CISDC). When CISDC lost a big source of its annual funding, the organization asked to partner with DCEF. Staff were given the opportunity to contribute to one or both organizations. Almost \$52,000 was raised, with just over \$14,000 earmarked for CISDC.



100%
FOUNDATION BOARD
PARTICIPATION

IN GIVING/SOLICITING
DONATIONS FOR THE PAST
5 YEARS.

DCEF is governed by a group of volunteer board members who are diligent both in operating the organization and administering its funds. The board leads by example – consistently having 100% participation in giving and/or soliciting donations. The board proudly welcomed four new community leaders to its ranks.

Officers: *Tonya Jackson, Chair; Rocky Clay, Vice Chair; Athena Bryant, Treasurer; Brandee Menick, Secretary; Jerry Hall, Immediate Past Chair*
Jim Brown, Jim Browning, Sissy Bunch, Lynne Cole, KC Emberson, Karen Emory, Wes Farnan, Angie Holland, Sherry McKinley, Henry Mitchell, Deanna Morrow, Chris Stanley, Genny Williams
Ex Officio: *Trent North, Tracy Rookard, Karen Stroud*

Special thanks to Mr. Clair Eskew, CPA, for his volunteer financial services, and to Coach Butch Soles, Arbor Station Elementary School, for his volunteer services during the Fun Run.

**If you are interested in being part of the progress as a donor, event sponsor, or board member, contact DCEF Executive Director Lynn L. Murray at lynn.murray@dcssga.org.
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