

VIGO COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022



**EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Serving the students and teachers in our community through the VCEF is a rewarding and fulfilling experience. And, it is sometimes even jaw-dropping. Within the grant review process, we get to see first-hand the passion and commitment our teachers have for their students as well as the tremendous needs of so many in our community. I fully believe that now, more than ever before in our thirty-eight year history, grants are a critical component to help engage, support and reward educational success.

The mission of the VCEF is to provide programs and projects that enhance and enrich public education. Because of the amazing support from individuals, businesses and the community, a remarkable 131 mini grants and a total of **\$78,610** were invested in classroom programs that enhance literacy, encourage attendance, expand math skills, engage families, and entice interest in STEAM. Eleven school wide grants totaling **\$26,000** provided funding for school wide theatrical productions, language arts, math, and family involvement initiatives, technology upgrades, and more.

Transformational and district wide grants including extended day tutoring and Read Live, Summer Math Magic/Writing Wonders enrichment program, the Performing Arts Workshop, academic team competitions, and enriching field trips were implemented, as well. In all, the VCEF provided **\$217,000** in support for Vigo County students and teachers. We are forever grateful to the individuals and business partnerships who participated in helping the Foundation achieve this exceptional year!

On behalf of our outstanding volunteer Board of Directors, our amazing staff in Jane Nichols and Jennifer Kirsch, we thank you for your support and interest in education and for caring with us for the future of our community. And, we invite your continued support because student’s lives are counting on us.

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Twice per year, the VCEF invites the community to join them at a selected school for school-wide grant distributions and program highlights. This event is typically held in the fall and again in the spring.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION BANQUET

Held in the spring, this heart-warming, annual event honors teachers who have demonstrated excellence in education. One recipient is honored from each school. The list of recipients and sponsors may be found on our [website](#).

"FORE" THE KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

This golf scramble is held annually on the last Friday in July. The funds raised from this event help support VCEF sponsored programs such as classroom grants, academic competition funds, attendance programs, summer math enrichment, school wide math and literacy initiatives, extended day tutoring, and more. A list of donors may be found on our [website](#).

PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Generous contributions are made by Vigo County School Corporation employees who want to support the VCEF. Employees who enroll in the payroll deduction program have a small amount of money withheld from their pay every week. The resulting funds help the Foundation grow and expand its granting capacity. Just consider this: If 100 teachers gave \$3.00/pay, we would have \$7,800 more to grant!

LICENSE PLATES

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles offers a specialized license plate which benefits the Vigo County Education Foundation. The design features the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative. Select the "Education" plate and \$18.75 of the \$40.00 fee goes directly to the Vigo County Education Foundation to fund programs created by teachers in classrooms throughout the Vigo County School Corporation.

PLANNED GIVING

This giving option allows patrons to consider the future of the Foundation during their estate planning process. A planned gift to the VCEF can help ensure the future prosperity of our schools. Please contact the Foundation office if you are contemplating such a gift.

MAJOR SAVER

Spring sales of restaurant discount cards in elementary and middle schools throughout the Corporation provide a major source of income to individual schools and the Foundation.

THANK-A-TEACHER

This program allows parents, students, or loved ones to make a contribution to the VCEF in the name of an outstanding teacher, coach, or school employee. In return for their hard work and dedication, the honoree will receive a special pin and certificate. The donation given to the VCEF will return to the schools through classroom grants awarded to teachers.



Woodrow Wilson Middle School students were able to enjoy a hands on science lesson with the "Just Crack'n" mini grant in Mrs. McGrew's science class. Students watched the chicks grow in the classroom and enjoyed holding them when they were five days old!

PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT HELPS PROVIDE PROGRAMS WHICH ENHANCE AND ENRICH PUBLIC EDUCATION

ACADEMIC FUNDING

Funding is provided for entry fees to allow academic teams to participate in competitions.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The VCEF funds transportation costs and equipment requests for a district-wide reading competition.

GIVE A BOOK

Every VCSC kindergarten student was given a quality children's literature book and accompanying activity packet, with help from a grant from the Wabash Valley Community Foundation.



READ LIVE INTERVENTION

This program provides help in reading fluency and comprehension for students in targeted schools.

SCHOOL-WIDE GRANTS

School-wide grants are awards, generally \$1,000-\$3,000, given to principals for requested programs with a school-wide improvement focus.

TRANSFORMATIONAL TUTORING

This program provides extended-day language arts instruction to students in a number of targeted schools.

READING RECOVERY

This program provides intensive remediation for first grade readers. The VCEF purchases 'keep' books that are given to each participating student to prevent the "summer slide."

FIELD TRIPS

The VCEF funds field trips for selected grade levels throughout the school corporation. These include the Fowler Park Pioneer Days, Terre Haute Children's Museum, and the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra.

MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants are awards of up to \$750 given to teachers for enrichment programs they wish to offer in their classrooms.

PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP

The Performing Arts Workshop is a summer musical production performed by high school students and earns them a fine arts credit.

MATH MAGIC / WRITING WONDERS / IREAD 3

The VCEF funds the transportation to these summer programs that serve second through eighth grade students. Students participate in problem solving and writing to learn about science activities.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

VCEF BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2022

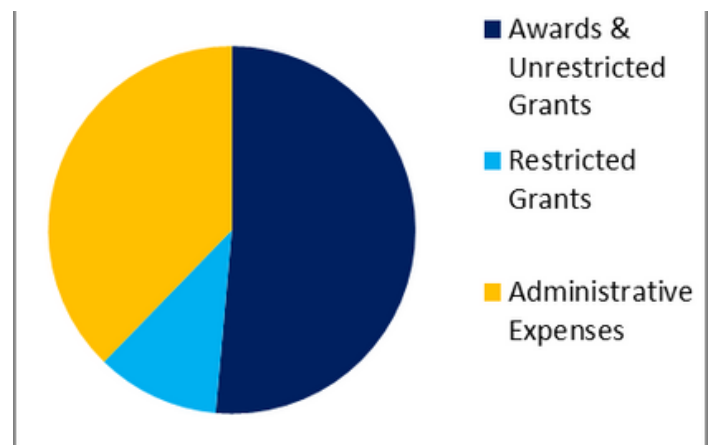
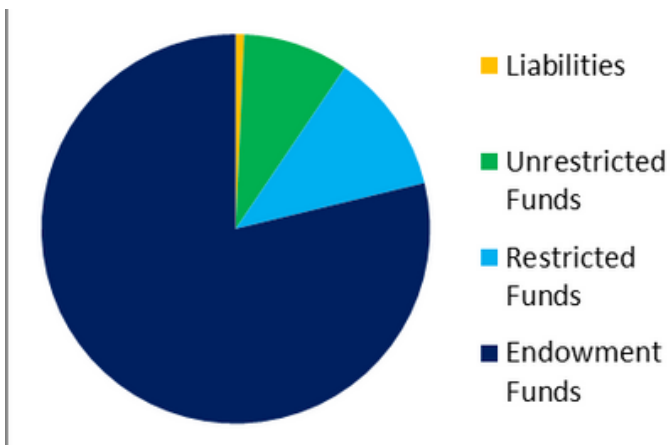
ASSETS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CASH | \$212,871.73 |
| INVESTMENTS | \$202,954.19 |
| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | \$1,544,305.87 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$1,960,131.79 |

VCEF INCOME SHEET FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

REVENUE

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| RESTRICTED DONATIONS | \$69,090.82 |
| UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS | \$247,057.77 |
| ENDOWMENT INCOME | \$(265,227.53) |
| GIFTS-IN-KIND | \$ 7,333.40 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$58,254.46 |



LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| LIABILITIES | \$13,795.90 |
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | \$172,321.67 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | \$229,708.35 |
| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | \$1,544,305.87 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUNDS | \$1,960,131.79 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| AWARDS & UNRESTRICTED GRANTS | \$164,323.91 |
| RESTRICTED GRANTS | \$34,662.15 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES | \$120,582.53 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$319,568.59 |

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MAYNARD DAVISON MEMORIAL

Established by the Honey Creek Alumni Organization in memory of Maynard Davison, this grant provides for two CTE projects at Terre Haute South.

JOHN E. ETLING MEMORIAL FUND

This grant is awarded annually to a classroom teacher for an enriching art program.

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC

Created by Kathleen Culver to provide financial support middle school students who otherwise might not have the funding to pursue their interest in music.

HIGH SCHOOL FUNDS

Funds (restricted by donors) for use at North, South, or West Vigo High for a permanent project.

RODNEY HILL MEMORIAL FUND

Created by friends of the Hill family and used to support a teacher requested creative writing program.

JEROD LAWRENCE MEMORIAL

Created by the family and friends of Jerod Hoke Lawrence, to provide a one-time cash stipend for college expenses to the child of a Vigo County School Corporation employee.

MARTHA LAYTON MEMORIAL

This travel grant helps defray the expenses for one or more students to travel outside of the United States as part of an organized trip through North High School.

EVA M. LONG MEMORIAL FUND

Created by the Long family, each year, the Eva M. Long Memorial will fund ten mini grants at five Title I schools, a school wide grant for Terre Town Elementary, professional development grants, and a scholarship for a North High School student wishing to pursue education at Indiana State University.

ARTHUR LUKENS MEMORIAL

Created by Mr. Lukens' family to support a teacher-requested grant including the fields of business or finance.

ROBERT MARDIS MEMORIAL

Created in honor of Mr. Mardis' retirement from the VCSC, to provide a teacher requested grant at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.

DR. JULIE MCLAUGHLIN MEMORIAL

Created by the family, friends, and students of Dr. Julie McLaughlin and used to support a mathematics program.

JOE MINNIS MEMORIAL FUND

Created by Pat Minnis, in memory of her husband, and longtime VCEF member, Joe, to provide an annual CTE mini grant.

PIKER FAMILY FUND

Created by the Piker family to provide funding for five third grade students at each elementary school to purchase books at their school's annual book fair, as well as a literacy-based mini grant.

CHRISTOPHER RAY/JERRY MODESITT MEMORIAL FUND

Created by the family and friends of Christopher Todd Ray and provides a payment of football camp expenses for one selected Terre Haute North Vigo High School athlete.

REA ROURKE MEMORIAL

Created by Mrs. Rea Jane Linville to provide a grant requested by a preschool to grade three teacher for a parental/family involvement program.

JOYCE A. SIEFKER MEMORIAL

This endowed fund provides two classroom mini grants every year to media specialists wishing to enrich their curriculum and media center.

TRAVIS J. SMITH MEMORIAL

Provides an award to a teacher wanting to provide a classroom enrichment project with a focus on at-risk students and character development.

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

Created by the VCSC Administrators Association and used to support a teacher requested grant.

ANTHONY THOMPSON GRANT

Created in honor of Mr. Thompson's induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, provides for a teacher-requested leadership program.

SCHOOL WIDE GRANTS

SCHOOL-WIDE GRANTS ARE AWARDS BETWEEN \$1,000-\$3,000 GIVEN FOR PROGRAMS WHICH IMPACT STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL. APPLICATIONS ARE MADE BY THE PRINCIPALS, AND PROJECTS THIS YEAR INCLUDED THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS, ATTENDANCE/BEHAVIOR/ACADEMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAMS, WHOLE SCHOOL "BIG READS," LANGUAGE ARTS & MATH & "STEAM" FAMILY NIGHTS, A MAKER SPACE, & MORE.

A COMPLETE LIST OF GRANTS IS AVAILABLE ON OUR [WEBSITE](#).

\$26,000
11 PROJECTS IMPACTED
OVER 5,100 STUDENTS



Rio Grande students to do their best each day, showing excellent character traits. This schoolwide grant rewarded students who "ROAR with Excellence." Students earned reward tickets and had the opportunity to "shop" for books, toys, games, athletic equipment, and other items which also helped to teach fiscal responsibility. We are so proud of our Rio Grande friends!

Calling all future broadcasters and technical crew! WBTV is Honey Creek Middle School's student produced news program. This schoolwide grant featured daily broadcasts that inform students and staff of school events, celebrate academic and athletic achievements, honor Character Award winners, and recognize birthdays. This grant also provided a 3D printer in the Media Center as well as the opportunity to learn the "techy" side of broadcasting. Great job, Honey Creek Bees!



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OVER

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FOR STUDENTS & TEACHERS

Budding 2nd grade scientists at Lost Creek Elementary loved the "Digging Deeper with Science: Making the Textbook Come Alive with Hands-On Experiments" grade level mini grant. Students were able to take the reading material and complete hands-on experiments that corresponded with the text.



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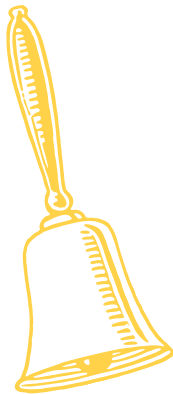
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Sugar Grove students enjoyed a "Night at the Museum" during their "Terre Haute History Club" mini grant. This after school club was offered to third, fourth, and fifth grade students twice a month throughout the year. The club was created for students to have the opportunity to learn about their city's history. Students enjoyed local guest speakers as well as presented their research projects at the Terre Haute Historical Museum.

Students at Benjamin Franklin Elementary had the opportunity to channel their inner artist during the "Caldecott Art Show" mini grant. This project began by sharing wonderful Caldecott book winners with the students. They discussed their favorite book or illustrations and then chose which book they would like to style their clay 3D tile after. They made a stylized tile with as much detail as possible and then glazed their tile. After the glazing was done the students wrote an artist statement about the tile. Families attended the after school art event where the projects were on display.



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