



A Recipe for Success! Annual Breakfast Raises \$162,879 to Fund Important Programs in the Edmonds School District

The Foundation would like to say a BIG thank you to our donors, sponsors, grantors, and the local community who helped raise \$162,879 during our annual *A Recipe for Success!* Breakfast. The event drew more than 300 local civic and business leaders, district staff, and community supporters who joined the Foundation for this virtual event.

Funds raised by the event will be used to provide a wide range of programs, including post-secondary scholarships, classroom and schoolwide grants for innovative teaching ideas, school supplies, and test fees. Importantly, funds will provide financial and nutritional support to children and families who are facing financial instability, persistent poverty, and homelessness, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, through the Whole Families, Whole Communities and Nourishing Network Programs.

During her presentation, Executive Director Deborah Brandi highlighted the important partnership between the Foundation and the Edmonds School District and praised the efforts of the Nourishing Network and the District's Nutrition Staff. Their coordinated efforts continue to provide thousands of meals each week to children in need.

Guests also heard from Nancy Webster, a first grade teacher at Martha Lake Elementary, who, with the help of a Foundation classroom grant, created a virtual reading environment for her class that's showing impressive results. "The virtual environment has demanded extra creativity and innovation from our educators," says Deborah Brandi, "we have been honored to be their partner and to award grants to make their incredible ideas possible."

In a typical year, the Foundation serves roughly 8,000 students across the Edmonds School District struggling with underemployment and poverty, with more than 650 children facing homelessness. Due to the pandemic, the Foundation has served double the amount of students in the last year. "Support from our community is vital," says Deborah Brandi, "without the help of our community partners, businesses, and grantors, we wouldn't be able to provide such important programs."



Marilla Sargent (left), MLT Branch Manager, presents a \$5,000 donation on behalf of HomeStreet Bank, accepted by Deborah Brandi (right), Executive Director, on behalf of the Foundation. Thank you, HomeStreet Bank!

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