

Our Vision

Every student in our district has the resources to learn, thrive, and contribute to our vibrant community.

ANNUAL REPORT

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Our Mission

We develop community partnerships and bridge sustainable funding in support of the Edmonds School District's children, families, and educators in their pursuit of educational excellence.



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School District**

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Dear Foundation Donors,

I work with many students who cannot afford any art supplies and found it was a challenge to create equality amongst my group. When the year began, many did not even have crayons or enough colors to create art over Zoom. If only I could have filmed the reaction of my students when I told them that they got to KEEP the paint brushes and watercolor sets that I sent home from you! I literally teared up seeing the joy on their faces. The reaction to the pastels later in the year was just as amazing! Many of my students had never even had the opportunity to work with pastels. They loved the intensity of the color and the unique art it produced. A few parents even reached out to thank me for my efforts working with you to create this opportunity for their child. I learned so much about my students during art time. Once the lesson was taught, most chatted while they worked and shared progress over the screen. Students who were hesitant to participate in academic conversations suddenly were taking center stage sharing their masterpieces. Students never wanted to hang up! They self-proclaimed that after art was "slumber party time." They would bring their computers to cuddle up on a couch and some their beds to just hang out and talk. These kids desperately missed seeing their friends and just being kids. I feel as a teacher, one of the most important elements of my job is to really know and understand each of my students. I want them to feel seen and supported. The art time made possible by this grant, unexpectedly, gave me a window to make those connections.

I am now back in the classroom, thankful to be with the kids. Those Zoom meetings I am sharing about seem like a lifetime ago now. We have been through a lot this year. I am choking up as I reflect on how grateful I am to have built those relationships with the students through a creative outlet. I am confident in saying that the transition back to in person learning was such a successful event in part because of these "artful moments." Returning to the classroom felt more like the gathering of old friends, than the stressful "first day of school."

Thank you for the work that you do to support the students and teachers in Edmonds.

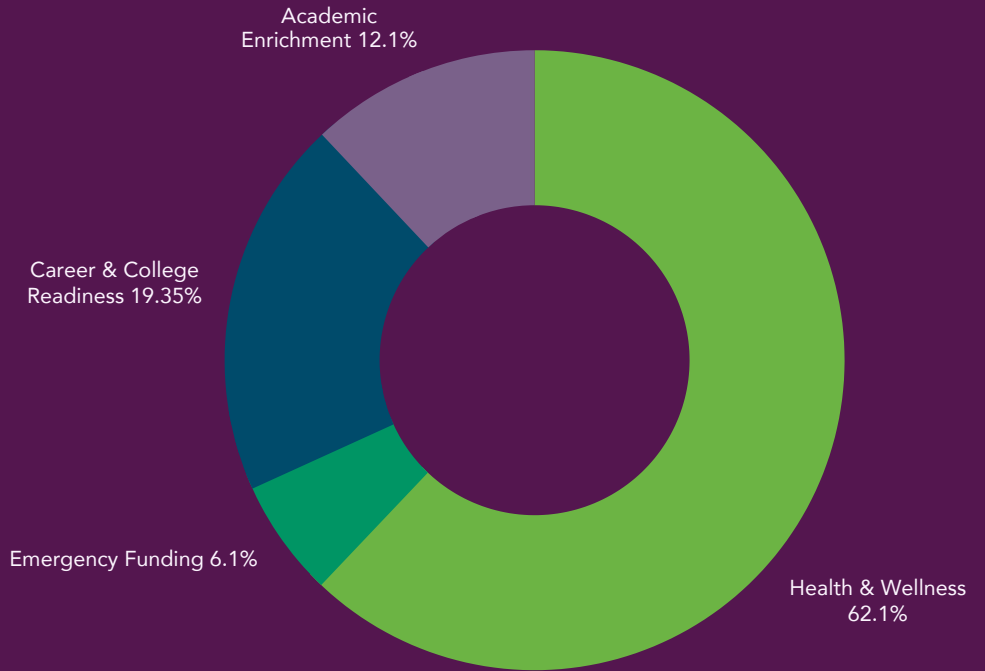
Respectfully,

Debbie Lindgren

HAZELWOOD ELEMENTARY - 3RD GRADE TEACHER



PROGRAM INVESTMENTS



AMOUNTS DISTRIBUTED

Health & Wellness: \$678,742

Nourishing Network: \$617,859

Emergency Funding: \$60,883

College & Career Readiness: \$196,738

Carpentry Program: \$4,500

College in the High School Tuition Stipends: \$15,000

STAMP Test Fees: \$15,000

Scholarships: \$162,238

Academic Enrichment: \$127,208

Creative Classroom Grants: \$53,458

Schoolwide Grants: \$66,250

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

NOURISHING NETWORK

Weekend Meals: Weekend meals, snacks, and beverages, along with a family staple item provide nourishment for hungry and homeless children as well as extra help for the family. This last year, the Nourishing Network served **9,483 weekend meals** to **360 students each week**, delivering meals to students wherever they are sheltered in place.

Summer Meals: Free healthy meals and activities for children 1-18 to help fill the nutrition gap during the summer break and provide movement and exercise in the form of fun filled activities. This year, the Foundation partnered with the Edmonds School District's food services team to provide kits with 7 days of meals at 5 grab-and-go locations as part of a continuing effort to support children during the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of **5,758 meals** were served over nine weeks.

Holiday Meals: Warm holiday meals and beverages for families struggling over the holiday season, giving families peace of mind. In partnership with FeedMe Hospitality, Mercedes Benz of Lynnwood, HNN Communities, and more than 45 church partners, **326 deserving families were served 1,304 restaurant quality meals** over the holiday season, giving them food to eat, peace of mind, and joy during the holiday season.

Pop Up Pantries: Providing food and hygiene items to help sustain children and their families toward the end of each month. The Nourishing Network continues to serve families at seven locations, serving **2,086 boxes of shelf stable food to 205 families** from the pantry along with hundreds of fresh meat, eggs, vegetables, and fruit items from local food banks and community partners. Each box contains enough food to feed a family of four for a week.

Staff Respite Meals: In partnership with FeedMe Hospitality, the Foundation provided more than **50 meals to frontline staff** in the Edmonds School District. School nurses, principals, vice-principals, office managers, and family resource advocates were able to receive a delicious hot meal from Bar Dojo to help provide relief during their ongoing efforts to keep schools running smoothly during the pandemic.



WHOLE FAMILIES, WHOLE COMMUNITIES

A collaborative partnership designed to help stabilize families in poverty and that are at risk of homelessness.

Emergency Funding: Emergency funds to cover the most important needs, such as utility bills and medical costs. More than **114 families** have been served with **emergency funding totaling \$61,496** through Whole Families, Whole Communities over the last year.





Nourishing Network

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NOURISHING NETWORK BY THE NUMBERS



HEALTH & WELLNESS Nourishing Network



9,483 Weekend Meals Distributed

121,353 Weekend Meal Individual Food Items Distributed

360 Students served weekend meals

80 Pop up Pantries

205 Total families served over the year

2,086 BOXES Served to families at pop up pantries

1,304 Holiday Meals Distributed

326 families served

5,758 Summer meals served (breakfast & lunch for 7 days)



Whole Families, Whole Communities

114 Families served

\$61,497 Amount of assistance





Barbara Bromley's 5th grade class at Hazelwood Elementary created their very own International Garden thanks to a Foundation classroom grant. Each garden was designated using the 5 world continents that have a gardening season. Students researched the types of vegetables grown on each continent focusing on their own heritage. They then prepared and tended to the gardens, planted seeds, and harvested vegetables, taking them home to create beautiful dishes from around the world. The garden provides a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about their heritage and interact with family and community to create and learn about their native food and culture, as well as learning about the science of gardening!



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

\$127,208 Amount of Classroom & Schoolwide Grants

52 Classroom & Schoolwide Grants Awarded

Classroom and Schoolwide Grants: Small innovation grants enhance classroom learning and support teacher instruction. Grants were adapted to help children, families, and teachers in the district tackle new challenges arising from online learning. Classroom and schoolwide grants helped keep children connected and provided much needed support for new and innovative projects.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

\$15,000 World Language Testing Stipends

\$15,000 College in the High School Stipends

74 Scholarships Awarded

\$162,238 Amount of Scholarships

Post-Secondary Scholarships: Scholarships for vocational, 2 year, and 4-year programs open doors to higher education for more of our students. The Foundation provided **\$162,238 for 74 need and merit-based scholarships** awarded to deserving seniors graduating from the Edmonds School District.

World Language Test Fee Stipends: With 134 different languages spoken in our District, many of our students speak two or more languages. The Foundation provides stipends to offset costs of world language proficiency exams for bilingual high school students, allowing them demonstrate their knowledge and receive high school credit. **Two hundred and eighty five students** tested for world language credits over the last year and **140 students** earned their Seal of Biliteracy.

College in the High School Stipends: stipends support students to help jump start their college career, allowing them to earn high school and college credits at the same time. College in the high school stipends help support students so that they're more prepared than ever for their post-secondary journey. **Eighty nine students** over the last year have obtained college credits with stipend support, helping them to pursue higher education.