





## Foundation Receives \$5,000 Sprouts Neighborhood Grant to Support Nutritious Food Access

The Foundation announced today that it has been awarded a \$5,000 Neighborhood Grant by the Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation, an organization dedicated to nutrition education and fresh food access. The Foundation for Edmonds School District is one of only 108 organizations across the US to receive the award that will help to provide access to healthy food to children in the Edmonds School District.

Funding from the grant will benefit the Nourishing Network, a Foundation initiative that was created in partnership with, and at the request, of the Edmonds School District.

The Nourishing Network provides more than 40,000 nutritious, culturally responsive, emergency meals and food boxes every year to hungry and homeless students and their families.

"We know that when students don't get proper nutrition, it's much harder to focus on school" says Deborah Brandi, Foundation Executive Director. "When students can concentrate and not worry about where their next meal is coming from, it makes for a much better learning environment. That's why we are so thankful for the support of Sprouts Healthy Communities Foundation. They help us to continue helping families."

Nourishing Network food programs include Weekend Meal Kits, Summer Meals Program, Pop-Up Pantries, Home Meal Deliveries, and Holiday Meals. Food and services from the Nourishing Network helps to ensure that students in food insecure and low-income households have access to the nutrition they need, which ultimately helps create a more positive and equitable learning environment.



## On the Job Training Pilot Program

Do you own a business or work for one that is interested in supporting high schoolers to become job ready? Then the Foundation's new pilot On the Job Training program, in partnership with the ESD's Career Connected Learning Program, is for you!

This program works to provide workforce development and on-the-job training program for seniors this fall. Eligible students could also receive a scholarship upon successful program completion.

Students will be placed with employers for a paid internship to help students build basic job skills and demonstrate soft skills such as attendance and punctuality.

Interested in becoming a job site host? Contact Deborah Brandi, Executive Director, today at <a href="mailto:deb@foundationesd.org">deb@foundationesd.org</a> or 425-431-7260



We are so grateful for community partners like Campbell Auto Group!

Campbell Auto Group's Community Driven Campaign is set to support local nonprofits that care for the most vulnerable in our community, "helping those without a voice". This year, the Foundation for Edmonds School District is one of 10 organizations to be selected as a campaign partner, in support of the Nourishing Network. Funding will help support important programs that feed our hungry and homeless students. For more information, please check out our video above and feel free to share or go to https://www.campbellvw.com/community-driven/

## **Become an Investor Today**

An investment in the Foundation is an investment in our children, families, and our community. Our 21+ programs impact 20,000 students whose immensely diverse backgrounds bring together cultures from around the world and over 131 spoken languages. From helping students to become career and college ready; to putting food into the tummies and on the tables of our highest needs children and families; to enriching classroom experiences through music, art, field trips and more. Your investment can go a long way to helping a child or family in need.

Interested in hearing more? Contact Elizabeth Wiley, Individual Giving and Events Manager to learn more or become an investor today! Call 425-431-7341 or email her at elizabeth@foundationesd.org.

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