



CHATHAM
EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

INVEST *in* EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

2023 IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023 Year In Review

INNOVATION

Teachers across the county were awarded Creative Teaching Grants to bring innovative resources, not available through the district's budget, to their classrooms. Projects included everything from STEM to art to athletics to history to character building.

LITERACY

14,000 books: In May, 2,500+ of Chatham County Schools' students "shopped" for new, free, high-interest books to build their at-home libraries. Volunteers helped set up the book fairs and guided students in choosing several books each.

With support from our amazing donors and numerous volunteers who held book drives, CEF placed **6,800** gently used books in our community where students need them most.

ACCESS

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, business partners, and grantors, more students have access to AVID—a national academic success and college readiness program. AVID is now in five middle schools as well as CCS's high schools.

ADVOCACY

CEF staff, board, and volunteers want ALL students in Chatham County Schools to have access to the resources they need to succeed. Through public education events, keeping abreast of local needs, and staying informed on legislation impacting our local students at the state level, we play a critical role in local public education policy.

MISSION

To engage our community as public school advocates and to raise funds and resources to support innovation and education excellence in Chatham County Schools.

VISION

Maximize community investment to ensure Chatham County Schools (CCS) are leaders in education excellence, program innovation, and graduating 21st century students ready for career or college.



Chatham County Schools is the 3rd fastest growing district in the state. There are 4 high schools, 1 early college, ONE Academy, 3 middle schools, 5 K-8 schools and 5 elementary schools.

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FOCUSING IN ON SCIENCE CLASS

Chatham Grove Elementary’s 5th grade teachers purchased microscopes with a CEF Creative Teaching Grant. “They were a huge hit with the students and helped extend learning in our science units,” said Ms. Hamilton. “Students were also able to attach phones to the microscopes to increase their viewing area and take photos of what they were observing.”



CHATHAM READS PARTNERS WITH CORA

Chatham Reads, a program of CEF, is dedicated to ensuring that literacy and reading resources are accessible to all Chatham County residents. To that end, Chatham Reads partnered with CORA—a nonprofit that serves Chatham residents facing food insecurity—to provide books for its recently renovated space. The books reside in a spacious waiting area on shelves built and installed by Woodworkers of Galloway Ridge. When families come through the pantry, they can take one book home for each child at each visit. CEF is thankful for the many volunteers who helped sort and deliver 527 books to the new family space to get the program started.

A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear CEF friends,

As we look back on the past year, we are thankful to the residents, businesses and foundations that invested in CCS students by putting books into their homes; providing access to a proven system to increase academic success and college readiness; adding engaging resources to classrooms; and continuing to advocate for fully funded public schools here in Chatham and North Carolina.

Our vision is for ALL students to have access to the opportunities and resources they need to launch toward their next step—whether that is college or career. Our aspiration is that ALL students have access to a fully staffed and funded school that continues to value the work of our teachers and staff and continues on the current track of success by annually increasing the percentage of students ready to launch.

Thank you for joining us in our work and for your dedication to investing in education excellence. Please join me in taking a moment to applaud how much we accomplished together in the 2022-2023 school year. We hope we can count on your continued support as we move into this year’s annual campaign.

Sincerely,

Jaime Detzi
Executive Director

By the Numbers



LITERACY

Student Resources

14,000 New books donated

6,800 gently used books distributed



INNOVATION

19 Creative Teaching Grants Awarded

\$12,700 in engaging classroom resources

9 Schools awarded grants

2,150 students impacted by grants



ACCESS

28 teachers trained to support academic success
and college readiness

9 schools now have access to AVID trained teachers

2023 HONOR ROLL of DONORS

Includes all gifts received between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023

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\$5,000+

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