



Cedarburg
Education
Foundation Inc.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

INVESTING BEYOND THE LESSON PLAN



The Cedarburg Education Foundation (CEF) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation founded in 2006. The CEF is a self-sustaining partner with all Cedarburg public schools and community - sharing the pride and passion of creating educational excellence for our students. The Foundation prudently receives, manages, and invests contributions to achieve the optimum benefit for the children of the community. The CEF provides grant funding to support curriculum innovation including equipment and materials for Cedarburg School District students, teachers, administrators, and staff members.

From Our President

Dearest Cedarburg Community & Friends,

On behalf of the Cedarburg Education Foundation (CEF) Board, it is my honor and joy to share our gratitude for your extraordinary support throughout this remarkable year. The energy, generosity, and spirit of this community continue to amaze and inspire us.

This year's Rock for Education Gala was our most exciting yet – a night filled with celebration, purpose, and incredible momentum. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we raised an impressive total, over \$172,000, that will directly fuel innovation and opportunity for students across the Cedarburg School District. Your commitment to education ensures that Cedarburg continues to be a place where creativity, curiosity, and excellence thrive.

Guided by our mission – to support innovation and educational excellence in the Cedarburg School District through community funding – CEF proudly awarded over \$100,000 in grants this year. These impactful investments reached every school in the district and supported transformative experiences for learners at all levels. Highlights from this year's grant cycle include:

Connecting the Community "Mr. Hatch"

All Elementary Schools: Strengthening literacy, empathy, and connection with an engaging community-wide storytelling initiative.

PE Cardio Equipment Webster: Enhancing wellness and physical education with new tools to support movement, motivation, and lifelong healthy habits.

Happy Place Cooking R.E.A.C.H. Pilot: Bringing hands-on learning and life-skills education to students through cooking, collaboration, and creativity.

4K Motor Labs All Elementary Schools: Supporting early learners with sensory-rich, developmentally essential motor skill exploration.

Automation & 3D Printers Webster: Empowering future engineers, designers, and problem-solvers with advanced technology and real-world applications.

Virtual Reality (VR) Lab CHS: Opening doors to immersive learning, global exploration, and cutting-edge instructional innovation for high school students.

These grants reflect the heartbeat of our mission – fueling imagination, equipping educators, and expanding possibilities for every student.

To our exceptional CEF Board members and dedicated Student Ambassadors: your leadership and dedication are the foundation of our success. The time, creativity, and passion you bring to every meeting, event, and initiative continue to move our mission forward in meaningful ways. Thank you for being the driving force behind our impact.

To every donor, sponsor, volunteer, and supporter:

your involvement – whether through financial contributions, advocacy, or hands-on service – makes a profound difference. Because of you, our students are better supported, our educators are more empowered, and our schools are more innovative.

As we look ahead, I am filled with excitement and optimism. With your continued partnership, we will keep championing innovation, expanding opportunity, and ensuring that every student in Cedarburg has access to the tools, experiences, and inspiration they need to succeed.



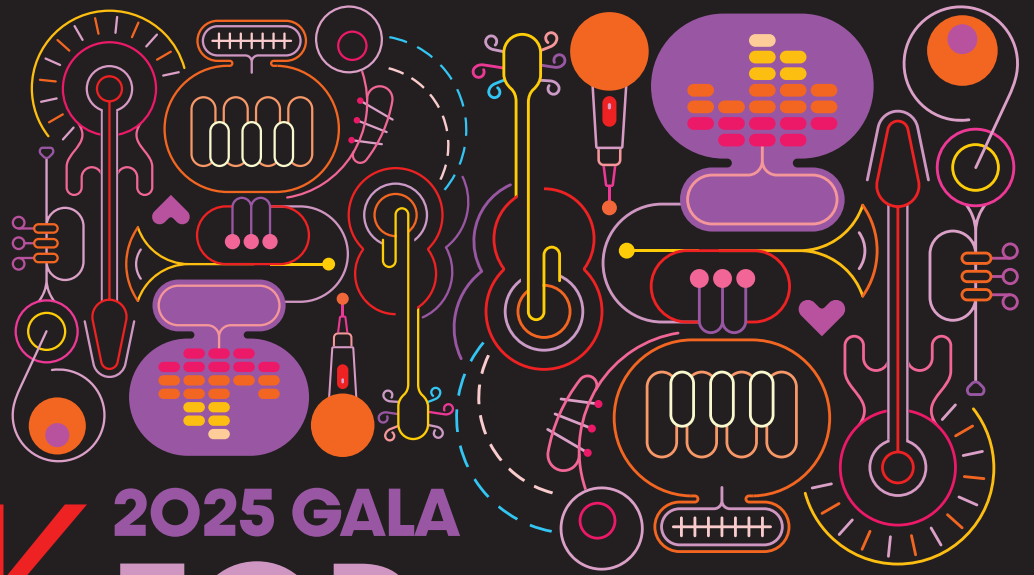
With heartfelt appreciation,

Christina Wegner

President

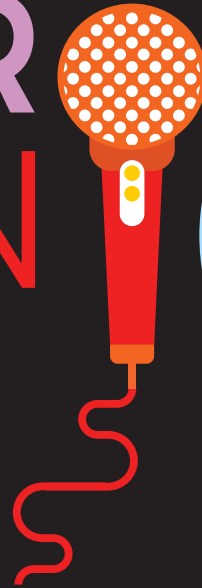
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Winter 2023 – Present



ROCK FOR EDUCATION

2025 GALA



Thank you to all the tremendous sponsors & community members who made a monetary donation, in-kind donations and their talent to make the evening a success! The Cedarburg School District children are grateful!

\$35,000 towards Fund-a-Need

Founder's Award
Julie Collins



Innovator of the Year
Ashley Moldenhauer



Business of the Year
Master Printwear



2025 Grants

Total Grants Awarded: **\$153,260**

Art
iPads
\$1,500

4K Motor
Lab
\$3,000

Happy
Cooking
\$3,500

Dash
Robots
\$14,480

Virtual
Reality Lab
\$93,280

PE Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment
\$9,000

Automation & Design 3D Printers
\$28,500

Special Thanks to:



STEAM Strategic Plan



Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics

The Cedarburg Education Foundation has designed a strategic fundraising plan to focus on putting the "A" in STEAM. This campaign will provide financial support for aligned strategies across the entire Cedarburg School District from our incredible elementary schools through middle and into high school.

Supporting our kids with 21st Century Arts Opportunities

INITIATIVES

2024 - 25

- Study, highlight and replicate impactful teacher and student application of innovation practices
- Implement new CHS course(s) aligned to the District's Innovation Vision 3.0

Grant Impact Stories

4K Motor Lab

“Our students now begin each day with intentional movement – things like balance beams, hopping ladders, army crawls, and core-strength stations. It’s become such a joyful and meaningful part of their routine.” **Elementary 4K Teachers**



Elementary Art iPads

“Additional iPads allow more students to access the technology during art class, helping them enhance their observational drawing skills and develop as emerging artists” **Elementary Art Teachers**

Empowering Independence Through Cooking

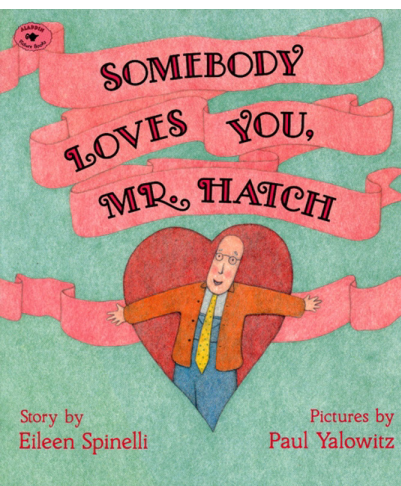
“This grant allows students with special needs to acquire important skills in the kitchen.

Thank you for supporting this meaningful opportunity for our students!” **CHS Special Education Teachers**



Webster PLTW Vex Robotics

“Students have the opportunity to code their prototypes and make real time decisions on how to modify and change code based on their subsequent results” **Sean Skipper, PLTW Teacher**



Artist in Residence

Inspired by the book, elementary students embraced a “Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch” campaign, reading the book, visiting senior living facilities and attending the puppet show.

“We fully embraced the book and the project by actively participating in various activities and working with members of local senior living communities to foster intergenerational connections and learning.”

Katie Ramos, Westlawn Principal



Financial Statement

	YEAR ENDING		
	12/31/2023	12/31/2024	12/31/2025
PROJECT EVENT INCOME			
Total Income – Gala / Bash / Donations	\$135,988	\$170,574	\$188,566
Total Expense – Gala / Bash	\$(28,166)	\$(41,902)	\$(41,167)
Net Earnings – Gala / Bash	\$107,822	\$128,672	\$147,099
TOTAL EVENT NET EARNINGS	\$107,822	\$128,672	\$150,051
OTHER INCOME			
Donations			
WILO Large Grant	\$55,965	\$55,975	-
Misc Donations	\$36,721	\$880	-
Total Donations	\$92,686	\$56,855	-
Interest Income	\$6,950	\$14,558	\$12,970
Endowment Gain / Loss on investments	\$66,394	\$60,499	\$62,741
TOTAL INCOME	\$273,852	\$260,584	\$222,810
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$5,950	\$10,497	\$16,890
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$267,902	\$250,087	\$205,920
GRANTS AWARDED	\$95,980	\$26,500	\$257,641
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$171,922	\$223,587	\$(51,721)

Endowment Funds for Our Future

Over 10 years ago the CEF Board had a vision to invest a portion of proceeds from event profits to provide necessary funding for larger grants and to ensure the financial sustainability of the Foundation. Our endowment is managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

Thank you for your vision!



Ways to Give

CEF graciously accepts donations big and small.

Community members and businesses are encouraged to give year round in a variety of different ways.

Gala Sponsors

Organizations and individuals willing to make cash donations, in-kind contributions or donate auction items will receive marketing opportunities based on the contribution.

Innovation Donors

Organizations and individuals willing to make cash donations to directly fund innovation throughout the Cedarburg School District (ie Makerspace grant).

Please visit us at cef4kids.org to make a contribution

Connected to Our Students

Thank you to our Cedarburg High School Student Ambassadors. They attend and participate at board meetings, volunteer at events, work on grant submissions and run the foundation social media.

We are grateful to have them on our Board!

Claire Kennison Student Ambassador Class of **2026**

Ariana Sikora Student Ambassador Class of **2026**

Avery Simpson Student Ambassador Class of **2026**

Mia Marks Student Ambassador Class of **2027**

Lola Pitel Student Ambassador Class of **2027**

Adeline Brogelman Student Ambassador Class of **2027**

Mikaella Abdullayeva Student Ambassador Class of **2028**

Mackenzie Wegner Student Ambassador Class of **2029**



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