



# INVESTING BEYOND THE LESSON PLAN

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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.



**Cedarburg  
Education  
Foundation Inc.**

# From Our President

## Dearest Cedarburg Community & Friends,

On behalf of the Cedarburg Education Foundation (CEF) Board, I am thrilled to share my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership throughout this incredible year.

Together, we raised over **\$163,000** during our 2024 Gala—an inspiring testament to the strength and generosity of our community. Thank you to **Olsen's Piggly Wiggly** for their loyal commitment as our Presenting Sponsor for a fifth consecutive Gala. Your belief in our mission continues to fuel the work we do for students across our district.

This year, the Foundation awarded over **\$26,000 in grants** to support innovative projects across our schools. From **Story Stroll podiums** that bring literacy outdoors, to **advanced 3D printing equipment** that empowers students to build real-world engineering solutions, your contributions have directly enhanced learning and inspired creativity in countless ways.

Our strategic initiative to put the “A” in STEAM continues to grow, focusing on innovation through **Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics**. We're excited to support new CHS courses and replicate successful innovation practices district-wide.

To our exceptional **CEF Board members** and dedicated **Student Ambassadors**—thank you. Your leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment continue to drive our mission forward. The passion you bring to every meeting, event, and initiative is truly the heartbeat of our organization.

Finally, to every donor, sponsor, volunteer, and community supporter: thank you. Your involvement—whether financial or hands-on—makes a profound difference. Because of you, our students are better equipped, our educators are more empowered, and our schools are more innovative.

As we look ahead, I am filled with pride and optimism. With your continued partnership, we will keep pushing boundaries and creating opportunities for every student in Cedarburg.



With heartfelt appreciation,  
**Christina Wegner**

President

Cedarburg Education Foundation  
Winter 2023 – Present

## Beverage Service at Summer Sounds – July 2024



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# A NIGHT AT THE MASQUERADE



**\$34,050 towards  
Fund-a-Need**

**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!**



**Founder's Award  
Brooke Napiwocki**



**Innovator of the Year  
Elizabeth Masslich**



**Business of the Year  
CG Schmidt**



## 2024 Grants

# Total Grants Awarded: \$26,500

**Story Stroll  
Holder Installations**  
(Elementary Schools)  
\$1,500  
February 2024

**Advanced  
3D Printing**  
(High School)  
\$25,000  
February 2024

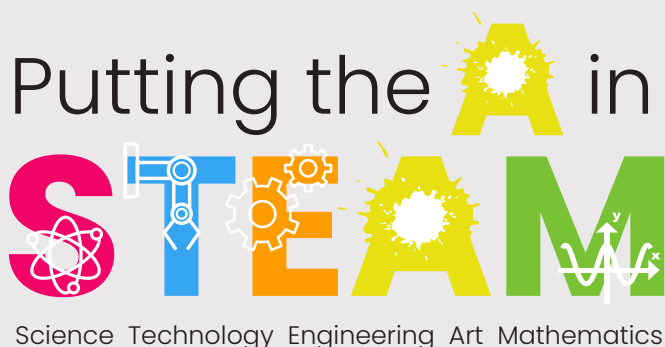
**iPads**  
(Elementary Schools)  
\$34,080  
November 2024

**Connecting the Community**  
The Value of Intergenerational Teaching  
(Elementary Schools)  
\$11,745  
December 2024

Special Thanks to:



## STEAM Strategic Plan



Supporting our kids  
with 21st Century  
Arts Opportunities

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.

## 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

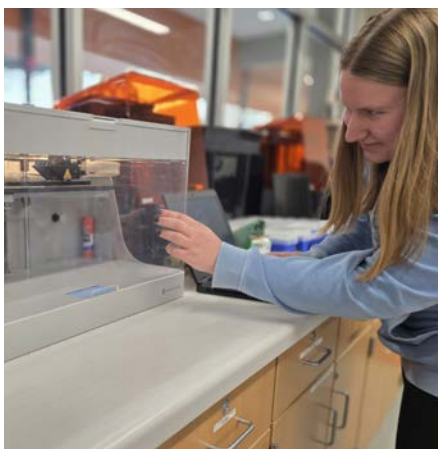
# Grant Impact Stories

## Story Stroll Holder Installations

**\$1,500 February 2024**

"The grant of \$1,500 towards the Thorson story stroll holders has allowed students to enjoy literature while also having the benefit of nature. Children attending Thorson elementary school and those in our community are fortunate to have a safe outdoor space to run, play and navigate. They have access to an outdoor learning center for creativity, exploration and with the addition of the story stroll, they have access to a variety of literature. The students have loved being able to get outside and enjoy the benefits of nature while learning."

**Kelly Papke – Thorson teacher**



## 3D Printer Advancements

**\$25,000 February 2024**

"The grant from the Cedarburg Education Foundation has had a remarkable impact on our Technology and Engineering program at Cedarburg High School. With the upgraded equipment, our capstone students have been able to take their design and engineering skills to the next level, beyond what normal 3D printing has allowed. They've applied their knowledge to create functional, real-world solutions, including custom replacement handles for a truck topper, specialized fixtures for our tube bender, and carbon fiber-reinforced parts for a robotics project. These hands-on projects have provided invaluable learning experiences, preparing our students for future careers in engineering and manufacturing. We are deeply grateful for the Foundation's support in fostering innovation and technical growth." **Daniel Kneiss – CHS teacher**



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Investing beyond the lesson plan

## Financial Statement

|                                      | YEAR ENDING      |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                      | 12/31/2022       | 12/31/2023       | 12/31/2024       |
| <b>PROJECT EVENT INCOME</b>          |                  |                  |                  |
| Total Income – Gala / Bash           | \$161,805        | \$135,988        | \$170,574        |
| Total Expense – Gala / Bash          | \$(38,966)       | \$(28,166)       | \$(41,902)       |
| Net Earnings – Gala / Bash           | \$122,840        | \$107,822        | \$128,672        |
| <b>TOTAL EVENT NET EARNINGS</b>      | <b>\$122,840</b> | <b>\$107,822</b> | <b>\$128,672</b> |
| <b>OTHER INCOME</b>                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Donations                            |                  |                  |                  |
| WILO Large Grant                     | –                | \$55,965         | \$55,975         |
| Misc Donations                       | \$4,728          | \$36,721         | \$880            |
| Total Donations                      | <b>\$5,871</b>   | <b>\$92,686</b>  | <b>\$56,855</b>  |
| Interest Income                      | \$201            | \$6,950          | \$14,558         |
| Endowment Gain / Loss on investments | \$(71,480)       | \$66,394         | \$60,499         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                  | <b>\$57,432</b>  | <b>\$273,852</b> | <b>\$260,584</b> |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>          | <b>\$9,567</b>   | <b>\$5,950</b>   | <b>\$10,497</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>        | <b>\$47,866</b>  | <b>\$267,902</b> | <b>\$250,087</b> |
| <b>GRANTS AWARDED</b>                | <b>\$57,406</b>  | <b>\$95,980</b>  | <b>\$26,500</b>  |
| <b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>         | <b>\$(9,540)</b> | <b>\$171,922</b> | <b>\$223,587</b> |

# 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!**



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## 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](https://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!**

**Braden Baken** Student Ambassador Class of '25

**Olivia Kresnak** Student Ambassador Class of '25

**Regan Wagner** Student Ambassador Class of '25

**Nora Zimbelman** Student Ambassador Class of '25

**Claire Kennison** Student Ambassador Class of '26

**Ariana Sikora** Student Ambassador Class of '26

**Avery Simpson** Student Ambassador Class of '26



## 2024 CEF Board Members

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