



PASCO EDUCATION
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PASCO EDUCATION FOUNDATION IMPACT REPORT 2023 - 2024



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“ Students all year have been engaged in learning about our history. Many students have told me that this was the first year that they have enjoyed learning history and that history is "fun." Our quarterly test results have been stellar this year.



“ My students were very engaged in instruction and our test scores reflect that. My class is 95% proficient in math pm 3 STAR assessment. My class is 100% proficient in ELA pm 3 STAR assessment.



“ Your support has truly made a difference in the lives of our special needs students, empowering them to thrive and contribute meaningfully to their environment and school community. We are immensely grateful for your partnership and dedication to enriching the educational experiences of all students.



OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING STUDENT EDUCATION

The mission of the Pasco Education Foundation is to promote and enhance the quality of education in Pasco County Public Schools. We aim to support and recognize educational excellence through fundraising, community involvement, and program development. Our goal is to bridge the gap between school needs and available public funding, ensuring every student has access to essential tools and opportunities for growth.

Since its inception in 1991, the Foundation has expanded programs and increased impact through strategic partnerships and innovative fundraising efforts, playing a pivotal role in supporting educational initiatives within the county.

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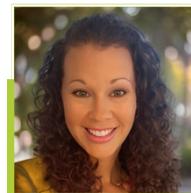
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CLASSROOM & DISTRICT SUPPORT

81

Innovative Classroom Projects funded for creative and innovative ideas to help teachers and students engage in learning

92%

of students showed growth in skills and interest in the subject areas addressed in their particular classroom project



19,923

students directly impacted by Innovative Classroom Projects



442

educators directly impacted by an Innovative Classroom Project

Innovative Classroom Projects

Every teacher has creative and innovative ideas to help their students engage in learning. Innovative Classroom Projects help teachers with the financial resources to inspire learning.



Project L.E.A.D.

Geared toward school-wide and district-wide programs, Project L.E.A.D. focuses on the following impact areas: STEM Education, Literacy, Low-performing Students, Teaching Quality/Professional Development, Career/Technical Education, and Increasing Graduation Rates.

96%

of students showed growth in skills and interest in the subject area addressed in their particular district-wide or school-wide project



37,448

students directly impacted by Project L.E.A.D.



4,571

educators directly impacted by Project L.E.A.D.





I can't thank you enough for selecting me for this project. In all my years teaching, this is by far the most engaged my students have ever been. The excitement they showed when they walked in the room and saw the transformation for the first time was amazing! The growth they show reviewing this way is remarkable.



I was shocked to see the improvement in my students module assessment scores when comparing to the beginning of the year. I think this was due in large part to the activities I was able to complete with the new science materials such as plant growing materials, butterfly life cycle kits, observational containers and more.

This is generally a low area of engagement/growth for 4th grade students, and ours improved their scores on an End of Unit by 20%.



SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS



CLASS OF 2024

\$358,200

TO GRADUATING SENIORS

Generous donors to the Pasco Education Foundation make these scholarships possible for students. A committee of reviewers evaluates applications and awards scholarships to graduating seniors in Pasco County Public Schools who meet specified criteria through a competitive selection process.

OVER
60
NAMED
SCHOLARSHIPS

AWARDED
182
SCHOLARSHIPS
TO SENIORS



1,203 STUDENT APPLICATIONS



EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIPS



The Pasco Education Foundation believes that we must support efforts to retain our schools' best and brightest staff members. Our Employee Scholarship program provides financial assistance to employees who want to further their education to better serve the needs of our students. We believe our collective future depends on strong public schools, and we are honored to partner in accelerating student success.

40

District Employee Scholarships Awarded

100%

of participants found that their experience positively impacted their classroom and improved their instruction



11,524 students indirectly impacted by Employee Scholarships

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Having attended this program to obtain my Masters Degree was a great opportunity for me that has motivated me to strive for more within my career. I am motivated to take on more challenges and responsibilities to continue my growth and development throughout my career.

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It's all about reaching EVERY child when I am teaching so they can be academically successful and helping to build productive skills for college, career, and life.



“

I have been a student at Saint Leo since my undergraduate degree. I was very proud to also obtain my graduate and now my post graduate degrees from St. Leo as well. As I neared the end, I ran out of financial aid and this program made it possible for me to finish my Ed.S and start my Ed.D.

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WISE SUPPLIES



Out of the 85,840 Pasco County School students, nearly 64 percent are economically disadvantaged, and our teachers educate these students daily. This ever-increasing number is why the Pasco Education Foundation founded our free teacher resource store, Wise Supplies. Many times teachers spend their own funds before letting their students go without. We want every student to have the basic supplies they need for academic success.



32,947
supplies distributed



1,370
teachers shopped



83
schools reached



51,080
students impacted by school supplies distributed



of teachers felt that the resources received at Wise Supplies helped students complete classroom and homework assignments because they had adequate supplies



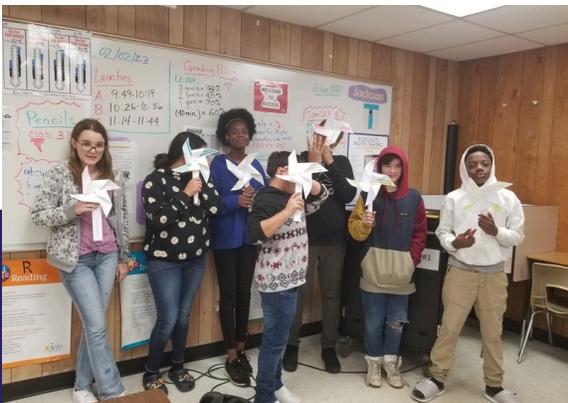
of teachers felt that the resources received at Wise Supplies supported their classroom for student success





“ The availability of notebooks, pens, and whiteboard markers among other supplies, has not only enriched the interactive sessions but also fostered a well-organized and engaging learning atmosphere. The quality and variety of supplies available were exceptional, meeting the diverse needs of my classroom settings. Moreover, the generosity and thoughtfulness of Wise Supplies have alleviated some of the budget constraints, allowing me to redirect resources to other crucial areas.

“ Wise Supplies helped me to supply the school supplies to my students so that they may actively participate in class in a meaningful way!



“ We don't have any parent involvement to raise money for various supplies or things for our school. We also don't have a lot of access to various supplies and needs due to our type of school. This store helps to provide my students with things we need and use daily.

“ I appreciate the generosity of the community in making Wise Supplies such a useful resource to our classrooms.



NOW, MORE THAN EVER, WE MUST TAKE STOCK IN OUR CHILDREN

Since 1997, Take Stock in Children Pasco County has been with the Pasco Education Foundation and partnered with Pasco County Schools to provide a unique opportunity for deserving low-income youth/students, many from minority families, to escape the cycle of poverty through education. We offer our students college scholarships, caring volunteer mentors, and hope for a better life. Our comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school, and include their transition into college.



of participating TSIC seniors graduated this year



of TSIC students remain on track for grade promotion and/or on-time graduation



of participating juniors and seniors feel very prepared or somewhat prepared for high school graduation and beyond



426

MENTORING HOURS FOR TAKE STOCK SCHOLARS





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I have found the role of a mentor to be important to the mentee through the support the mentor gives the student. The mentor also brings in new experiences, ideas and even different points of view for the student to expand his or her knowledge base and expand their outlook.



“

When I learned that I had been selected as a scholarship recipient, I was overjoyed. The financial assistance you have provided has relieved a significant burden for me and my family, allowing me to focus on my studies without the worry of financial disadvantages. This scholarship has opened doors of opportunity for me that I could only dream of before, and for that, I am eternally grateful. This recognition opportunity has inspired me to strive for excellence in all areas of my life and be determined to make the most of this incredible opportunity and to honor your investment in my future.



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As a student who had many, many ups and downs throughout her high school career, I would just like to thank Take Stock in Children from the bottom of my heart for always being there when I needed the most help.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

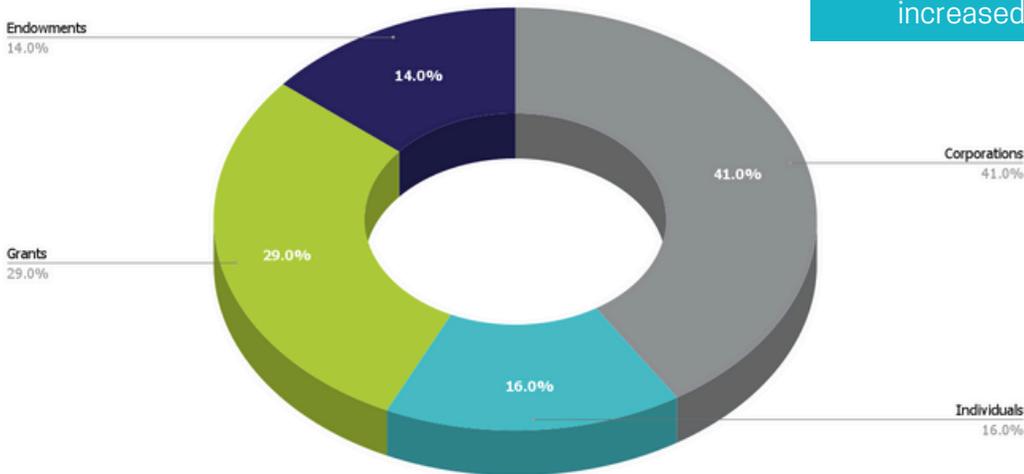
THE POWER OF A 1 : 1 MATCH



School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program

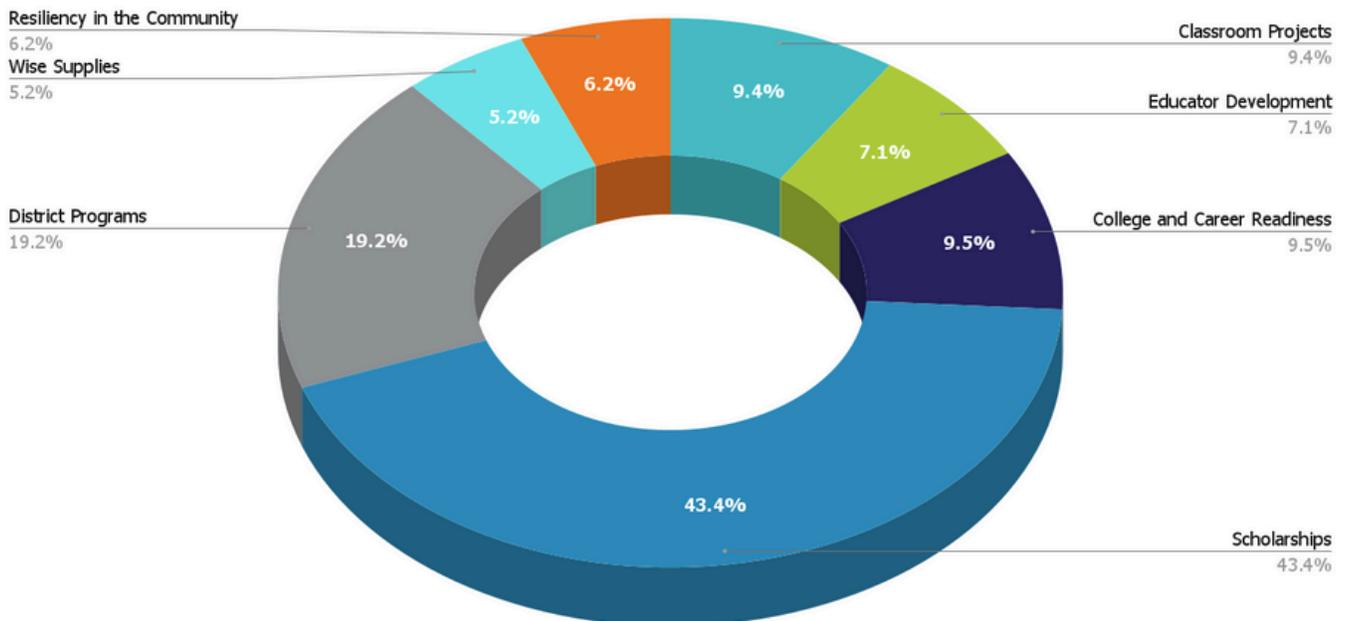
Each year we have access to 1:1 matching funds from the State of Florida for contributions that support low-performing students, technical career education, literacy initiatives, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) education initiatives, increased teacher quality and/or increased graduation rates.

INCOME BREAKDOWN



IN 2023-2024 YOU HELPED US MATCH **\$163,309** TOWARD ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS!

PROGRAMMATIC BREAKDOWN



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Pasco Education Foundation, Inc. is comprised of a 20-member Board of Directors, including representatives of local businesses and community organizations. Members of the Board of Directors serve two-year terms, and many have continued on for several terms. Foundation staff and board members are dedicated to advancing student achievement in Pasco County Schools. Board members and staff actively participate in Foundation events and on committees. They are committed to helping provide quality education to prepare all students for college, career, and life.

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