

NOW, MORE THAN EVER



**The Public Education Foundation**  
*Because young minds matter*

## WHO WE ARE

Inspired by a belief that improving our public schools was too big a task for a school district to undertake alone, The Public Education Foundation was established in 1991 as an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit Nevada corporation.

The mission of the Foundation is to mobilize community and global resources to support and impact public education through initiatives, programs and promising practices designed to improve student performance and advance quality educational opportunities for all children.

Our solutions to the challenges of educating a growing and diverse Southern Nevada population are impacting schools and the school district at multiple levels from grassroots classroom participation to systemic reform. Our initiatives and programs empower teachers and students, reduce bureaucracy, ensure accountability, leverage resources and deliver results.



## EDUCATION MATTERS

Our children's education is at risk.

Across Nevada and our nation, public education faces great challenges. This year, more than 311,000 students attend Clark County public schools. Currently, the average elementary school classroom has 33 students — 13 are living in poverty, two are gifted, four need special education assistance, six are English-as-a-Second-Language learners and two will drop out of school. The challenges and the needs are many.

Our public schools are in crisis, and more budget cuts are on the way. Basic programs, supplies and instruction are in jeopardy.

Now, more than ever, during these critical times we need your help.

Together, we can impact the lives of our children.

**Small Gifts. Big Results.**

## EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

We understand funds are limited. Your gift, regardless of size, will make a measurable difference for our children.

Your financial commitment can...

- Improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Advance academic achievement
- Increase the graduation rate
- Promote the use of technology
- Champion school improvement
- Demonstrate education matters.

**Join us.** Together, we can continue to change lives and help students prepare for a successful future.

## YOU CAN HELP

In just three easy steps, you can help make a difference for our children.

**Review** our programs.

**Select** the program that means the most to you.

**Visit** [www.ThePEF.org](http://www.ThePEF.org) to donate online or return the enclosed envelope with your donation.

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## YOUR DOLLARS DELIVER RESULTS

**Clark County READS**, our literacy initiative, provides books to school libraries, classrooms, students and families. We also recruit and train volunteer reading partners who work with struggling readers. To date, Clark County READS has distributed more than 827,000 books and impacted more than 329,000 students.

**We R Community** provides service learning to high school students by engaging them in the world of philanthropy and community service.

The **Best Practices** project recognizes those teachers who have developed successful programs delivering significant results. This project identifies, shares and encourages all teachers to replicate best practices.

The **Teacher EXCHANGE™** is a re-use and recycling resource center. Supplies, materials and equipment are collected from the community and provided to teachers for use in their classroom...helping teachers, students and the environment.

**Project SMILE** provides funding for emergency treatment for students who are not eligible for any other dental assistance and who have critical dental problems which interfere with learning.

**Scholarships** enable local students to access colleges, universities and other post-secondary programs that many of them may not otherwise be able to afford. Since 1994, the Foundation has awarded more than \$4.1 million to more than 1,800 local students.

The **Grant Program** offers teachers and administrators opportunities to implement best practices or test new instructional methodologies.

**Empowerment Schools** are designed to improve learning and student performance through autonomy, accountability, pay-for-performance and collaboration. Through the power of public-private partnerships and engagement, 14 schools are presently designated as Empowerment Schools.



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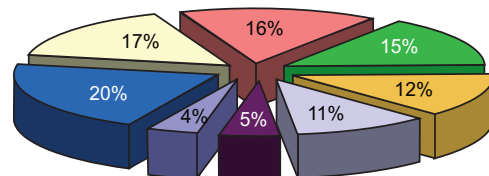
The Foundation ensures accountability and supports transparency through benchmarking, reporting and auditing procedures. We know, and want you to know, where every dollar goes. In fact, when you select the initiative or program that most interests you, 100% of your donation goes directly to funding that endeavor.

### WHERE OUR DOLLARS GO

Last year, your generosity allowed us to provide nearly \$4.3 million\* to help strengthen the quality of teaching and learning in our community.

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|-----------|-------------------|-----|--|
| \$885,004 | Teacher EXCHANGE™ | 20% |  |
| \$748,987 | School Projects   | 17% |  |
| \$673,243 | Literacy          | 16% |  |
| \$630,904 | Scholarships      | 15% |  |
| \$534,214 | School Services   | 12% |  |
| \$453,572 | Empowerment       | 11% |  |
| \$195,409 | Technology        | 5%  |  |
| \$169,519 | Grants            | 4%  |  |

\*Unaudited



Your donation makes a difference.