



# **IMPACT REPORT**

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"Life can change in the blink of an eye. I'm so thankful for the S.T.U.F.F. Bus and the 'giving' community that we live in. 'Thank you' feels inadequate for the help that we received this year. We are very grateful!"

– S.T.U.F.F. Bus Recipient

# CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

### The S.T.U.F.F. Bus & Back To School Jam

S.T.U.F.F. stands for Supplying Things U Find Fundamental. This program provides school supplies and clothing to Flagler students, educators, and families in need. Our mission is to ensure every student goes to school with the same opportunity to reach their highest educational level and become productive citizens.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful S.T.U.F.F. Bus drives.

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S.T.U.F.F. BUS has a closet at every school

# CARVER CENTER OUR HOUSE

Carver Community

Our students and families in the Carver community are supported by the G.W. Carver Community Center and Our House. The Flagler County Education Foundation and community stakeholders provide services from the S.T.U.F.F. BUS, New Worlds Reading events, the Great Minds Summer Literacy Program and other educational opportunities to this underserved community. We are thrilled to support our community to provide these programs and assistance.





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"What started as a way to honor a dear friend of mine Josh Crews, the writing project has evolved into something I had never imagined. I am so honored to see students of all ages given a platform to express their creativity through words, art and public speaking. It warms my heart to be able to help provide them an outlet to be themselves but also contribute another set of tools to help them be even more successful in their chosen adventures."

– Carla Cline

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# THE JOSH CREWS WRITING PROJECT

### **Book Release**

The JDC Writing Project is a creative writing club for students grades 4-12 in all schools in Flagler County. This program was created in memory of a local Flagler Schools alumni, Josh Crews, who was an avid reader and writer. Educators leading the creative writing clubs work with each student to become published authors. The book launch each year is filled with anticipation and excitement as our young writers autograph their work for the community. Hundreds of students become published writers by participating in the JDC Writing Project in Flagler County each year.





# JOSH CREWS GALA

### Supporting Event

The JDC Writing Project is supported by the annual fundraising event, the honorary Josh Crews Gala. Each year, Josh Crews' family selects a novel for the theme of the costume gala. Community members are invited to attend an energetic evening with delectable dining, themed desserts, costume contest, and an auction to support the writing project. This fanciful event is something the family and friends of Josh Crews, and the community, look forward to each and every year.





"This was my first year attending the Josh Crews Gala and the energy was electric! The atmosphere was the perfect backdrop for celebrating the creativity of our amazing Flagler County students. Once you experience the Josh Crews Gala it is easy to see why this event has become an annual tradition in our community."

– Deanna Wilson

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"I have learned from my mentor Sally that everything is going to be OK. She has been with me from the start of my TSIC journey and taught me so many valuable lessons."

– Mentee Molly



Peter & Sue Freytag

Take Stock in Children

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### THE PETER & SUE FREYTAG TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PROGRAM

### Supporting Event: Mardi Gras Gala

Embark on an educational odyssey with the Take Stock in Children Program – a statewide initiative empowering low-income students since 1995. The TSIC scholars are supported by grants, and scholarships in collaboration with matching funds, which catalyze proven success stories.

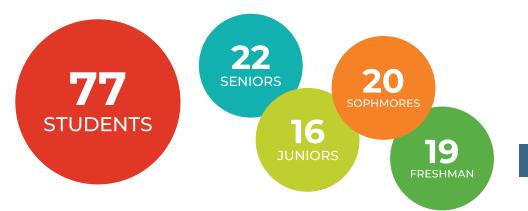
Guided by our TSIC Leadership Team, they navigate the educational landscape with precision, employing best practices in mentoring. Students, armed with a commitment to a 2.5 GPA, regular mentorship meetings, and exemplary behavior, and help them become architects of their success.

This program is so great, I love that the community is getting to read about it.



- Mentor Sally

In this transformative journey, education is not just a path; it's a masterpiece in the making. The Take Stock in Children Program – where potential meets promise, and dreams take flight.



# Chiumento CARES Fund

Introducing Chiumento CARES Fund, benefiting Families in Transition with the Flagler County Schools. Together, we can end students experiencing homelessness.

Our mission: Offset federal funding, ease financial strain for families in transition, while empowering through partnerships and innovative programs.



















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# SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Drive-By & Surprise

The Flagler County Education Foundation strives to go above and beyond for local graduates. Last year, more than 55 local businesses and organizations came together to help ease the minds of graduating seniors by awarding college and trade school scholarships.

Many community organizations such as the Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis, the Rotary Club of Flagler County and Flagler Tiger Bay Club, as well as local businesses like Quantum Electrical Contractors and Sunshine State Heating and Air help to make the Senior Scholarship Program a success. The scholarship program also includes several memorial scholarships that local families have set up to commemorate the loss of a loved one. Thank you to the Flagler community for supporting the 2024 graduates. Glynnis Gong

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# 191 Scholarships

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# CONGRATULATIONS Ciara Gordon



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"I cannot begin to explain the impact that the Flagler Education Foundation has had education in Flagler. They support teachers and students by providing them resources and opportunities to increase their knowledge and love of science. They always find a way to 'get to yes' on ways to enhance classroom experiences."

– Heidi Alves

## **MAKE IT HAPPEN** Supporting Event: Annual Dinner

FCEF is dedicated to fostering student success throughout Flagler County by promoting innovative educational practices that empower students to achieve their fullest potential. By integrating one-to-one technology with a robust curriculum, Flagler Schools enhance the learning experience and prepare students for future success. Our teachers and students are incredibly fortunate to have their unwavering support."

The "Make It Happen" initiative addresses unique and challenging situations, providing crucial support for students, teachers, and families facing difficulties such as homelessness, the loss of a loved one, or emergency food needs. This program ensures that those in the Flagler Schools community can access the resources they need during tough times. At this year's dinner, Dusty Sims, Executive Director of School Improvement for the Florida Department of Education, challenged us all to acknowledge the "All Spark" in us all to transform the lives of our students because there is Superheroes among us all.

CLASSROOM



# BEAVER TOYOTA FUND-A-PROJECT

**Teacher Grants** 

This was a record-breaking year for teacher grants as we delivered 44 Classroom Grants totaling over \$70,000 were delivered to 11 schools in Flagler County.

Each school was awarded a grant this year, including for the first time Imagine School at Town Center, which received four grants! According to the National Education Association, more than ninety percent of teachers spend an average of \$500 of their own money on school supplies and other items their students need to succeed. The Beaver Toyota Teacher Grants program matches the funds from the Florida Consortium of Education Foundations to provide educators with funding for supplies, classroom items, enrichment activities, projects, or programs not included in the school's budget.







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# CLASSROOM TO CAREERS

United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties

The Classroom-To-Careers Coaching program continues its success through the partnerships of local businesses and the community. FCEF partners with the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce, Flagler County Schools, AdventHealth, Chiumento Law, Quantum Electric, and countless local businesses who are committed to the success of Flagler students. From Future Fridays, speaker series, workshops, and numerous exposures to industry, trade, and career paths, our students are better informed of the opportunities that can help them earn a Diploma+ which propels them into their future.







# JOE RIZZO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

### Supporting Event

The Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Tournament is a cherished annual event in Flagler County, held in honor of Joe Rizzo, the FCEF's third executive director. This tournament was a passion project for Joe, and its continuation celebrates his legacy in true "Joe Rizzo style."

Each year, local golfers gather for an unforgettable day on the course, featuring games, snacks, and refreshments at every hole. The event also includes a lively 50/50 silent auction and the announcement of the tournament winners. Beyond the competition, the tournament serves a greater purpose, supporting the Classroom to Careers programs and other academic initiatives within Flagler Schools.

The day concludes with a warm and welcoming barbecue, where families and friends come together to share stories, enjoy great food, and celebrate the community spirit that Joe valued so deeply.





"The generous donations from the Ed Foundation allow me to create and share engaging, hands-on learning experiences that help our students grow a deep love for reading and a passion for learning. With their support, I can also provide wonderful tools and rewards that truly inspire our students to persevere, knowing that their hard work will absolutely pay off, and that we are here cheering them on every step of the way."

### – Kristin Frank





# **OUR MISSION**

Established in 1990, the Flagler County Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, committed to generating financial support and awareness to enhance educational programs that benefit students, families, and teachers in Flagler Schools.



# MEET THE BOARD & STAFF

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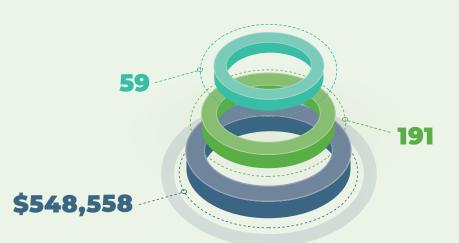
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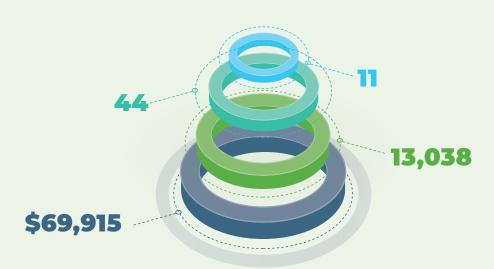
SCHOLARSHIPS MAKE IT HAPPEN TEACHER GRANTS CLASSROOM TO CAREERS

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 



 ORGANIZATIONS = 59
 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED = 191
 TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS GIVING = \$548,558 LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$279,850 TSIC SCHOLARSHIP: \$268,708

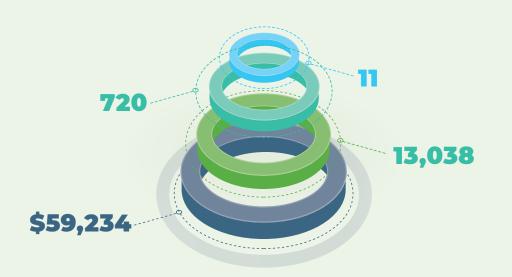
# **TEACHER GRANTS**



SCHOOLS = 11
TEACHERS = 44
STUDENTS = 13,038
DOLLARS AWARDED = \$69,915



# **CLASSROOM TO CAREERS**



SCHOOLS = 11
TEACHERS = 720
STUDENTS = 13,038
DOLLARS AWARDED = \$59,234













# To all of our Impact Donors We Thank You!



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# 2023-2024 CONTRIBUTIONS

The "One 4 the Kids" program is administered by the Flagler County Education Foundation through payroll deductions. "One 4 the Kids" ensures that funds directly benefit various departments within Flagler Schools. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience. Join us in making a difference—because together, we can do so much more for our kids!



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### There are over 13,000 students and 1,200 educators within Flagler County Public Schools. **Yet, each classroom has its own uniqueness.**

Teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, administrators, custodians, mentors, volunteers, and IT specialists all work together to support our future generations. These everyday heroes dedicate their lives to ensuring every child has access to quality education, regardless of their background or circumstances.

By including the Flagler County Education Foundation in your estate plan, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of countless students, families, and educators. Thank you for considering leaving a legacy of learning.

If you do decide to leave a gift in your estate plans to the Flagler County Education Foundation, we are deeply grateful. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

When the Flagler County Education Foundation receives your gift, we will promptly and proudly display your name within the trunk of our giving tree. This donor tree is located in the main lobby of the Government Service Building.

- We understand your loved ones come first
- We will respect what your will or trust says
- We will use your special gift wisely
- We understand this is a big decision, so please take your time
- We respect your right to privacy
- You can come and see our service first hand- just let us know
- You can see the impact of gifts left in wills and trusts to the Flagler County Education Foundation through every hallway, classroom, and Flagler Schools' graduates.

 Estate planning gifts can help pay for scholarships, resources and supplies, educational programs, housing for homeless students, literacy growth and professional development.

This allows for students to pursue their educational and career dreams, and classrooms to be equipped with necessary materials for a comprehensive education. Your gift could also secure shelter for families, develop innovative projects to foster creativity and critical thinking, and promote professional development to help teachers inspire and engage their students.

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