



2023 Impact Report Shaping the Future





Central Middle School Science Teacher Madelyn Klopfenstein used a BCSF grant to purchase a Van de Graaf electrostatic generator for hands-on, hair-raising learning about electricity.

Dear BCSF Supporters and Friends,

Another year has passed, and the school foundation begins 2024 with renewed energy and commitment from our incredible donors.

This report includes some of the many ways your donations helped to touch lives and improve educational experiences in our school district's classrooms.

New partnerships and a strong, committed board of directors will propel the foundation forward in 2024. This year, BCSF will design a strategic plan with input from the community, and of course, our supporters. The BCSF team looks forward to shaping the future and embracing the possibilities!

Have a wonderful New Year!
Nicole Cunningham,
Executive Director, BCSF

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Thank you to board members who recently concluded their service: Sydell Gant, Megan McGriff, Tyler Nickerson, and Adam Schumm.

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How Your Donations were Used 2023

Reeves Foundation Walmart Gift Cards=\$81,600

Donors Choose Teacher Grants=\$25,000 (\$50,00 with match)

BCSF Scholarships= \$16,800

Academic Travel Grants/Wide Horizons Fund=\$25,500

Lightning Grants=\$10,000

Custer-Nugent Foundation Gift for Student Personal Care Items=\$5,000

Crider Fund Gift to CEHS Performing Arts=\$5,000

Crider Fund Gift to CEHS Athletic Department=\$5,000

Crider Fund Gift to Central Middle School=\$5,000

Crider Fund Gift to Richards Elementary= \$3,000

3rd Grade Architecture Tours=\$5,500

5th Grade Youth Camp Trips/Burton Fund=\$4,800

Summer Math Boot Camp at FFY=\$2,000

Exhibit Columbus School Projects and Trips=\$1,500

School Supply Assistance=\$1,000

SPARK Night=\$1,000

BCSC Professional Development Support=\$1,000

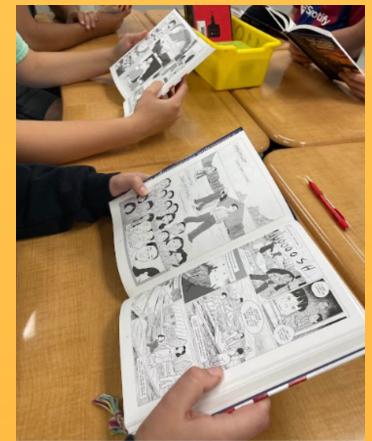
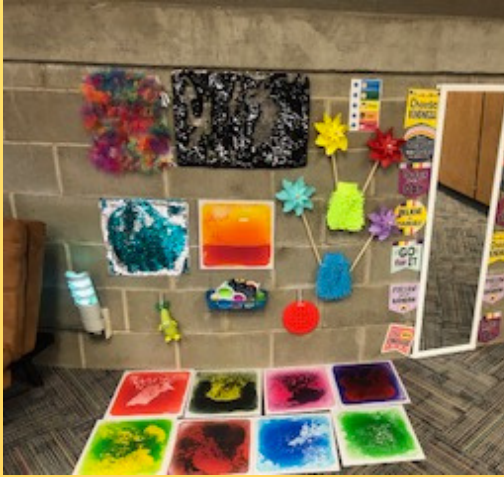
BCSC Teacher of the Year=\$500

Grimes-Wallace Out of the Box Award=\$500

UDL Book Study=\$500

GirlUp STEM Supplies=\$300

Teacher and Staff Grants: Creating Imaginative and Memorable Lessons

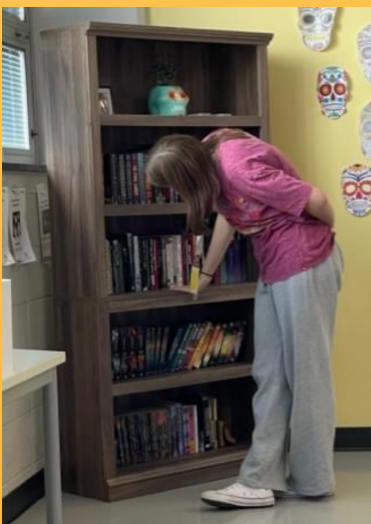


Your donations fund BCSF grants that go directly into classrooms. With the Donors Choose match, the \$25,000 from you doubles to \$50,000.

Projects Funded in 2023: 110
Schools Reached: 16

All BCSC staff members are eligible for Lightning Grants. Four, \$250 grants are given each month.

These grants mean so much to kids. They mean that the floor is lava, that bugs can get an X-Ray, that a small tent can help with sensory overload, and that books can carry students away to faraway places without ever leaving their classrooms.



A Commitment to STEM



BCSF funded the inaugural Summer Math Boot Camp at FFY!

BCSF created the Robotics League Fund to support elementary teams.



BCSF sponsored CNHS student Manya Suresh in her fundraiser and community art competition for eye disease research.

Below: GirlUP STEM Event



BCSF funded some of the STEM projects taking place in conjunction with Exhibit Columbus. Hands-on learning at its best!



Foundations: Friends in Giving

The Custer and Nugent Foundations provided \$5,000 for “Care Carts” to help students with personal care needs during the school day.



The Landmark Farm Foundation, Inc. has provided a major gift for academic team travel, including the CNHS Debate Team’s trip to State.



The Carl Marshall and Mildred Almen Reeves Foundation donated \$100 Walmart gift cards to each classroom in BCSC in 2023.



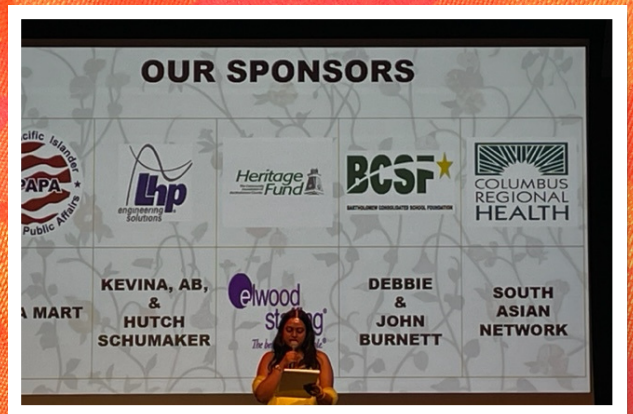
**South Asian Network
MELA 23 Gala
A Celebration of Culture and Equity of Access to Opportunity**



The School Foundation table at the MELA 23 Gala



**Dr. Jim Roberts, Kaushal Gandhi, Bethany Huckaby, Anuja Mazgaokar, and Todd Grimes
Front: Nicole Cunningham, Angie Kirkham, Dr. Vasu Voleta**



The South Asian Network (SAN), with amazing support from Cummins, hosted the MELA 23 Gala at The Commons. The event highlighted the beautiful cultures present in Columbus. BCSF was the beneficiary of the event's auction proceeds. SAN presented a \$15,000 check to BCSF to support educational programs.

Thank you SAN and Cummins!



Dr. Mandy Wyant poses with the game ball!



The Broadway Squad of the Harlem Wizards entertained more than 2,000 people in the Columbus North High School Gym in March 2023. This annual fundraiser is one of the community's largest single-event gatherings. BCSC Superintendent Dr. Jim Roberts captained the BCSC Stars team, which featured teachers, staff, and community members. Family Chiropractic and Wellness was the game's marquee sponsor.



Players visit CSA Lincoln a few weeks before the game.



BCSF was proud to participate in the Festival of Lights parade and nonprofit showcase in The Commons.!



Burton Family Camp Fund

A Gift that allows fifth graders to enjoy the great outdoors at Columbus Youth Camp, build confidence, and form lasting friendships.



"I really liked camp because you get to try new things. You can be scared at first but you can get the feeling that you can do it. You have to walk a lot but it's worth it: I wish all 5th graders could try this camping trip." -Clifty Creek

"I thought I would just climb halfway on the power pole and I went a couple more steps up and it made me feel I can do anything and nothing can stop me." -CSA Lincoln

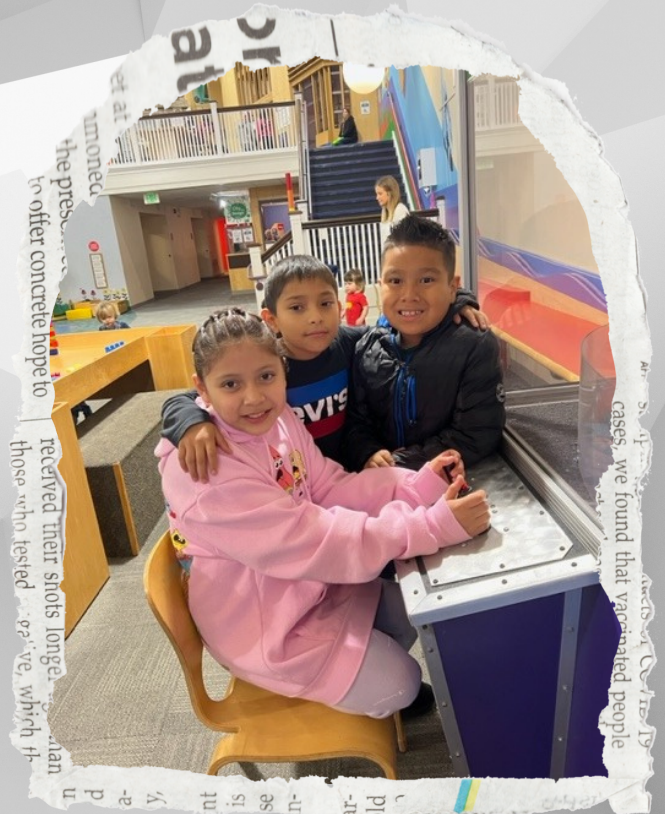
"The power pole was my favorite part of camp because it pushed me out of my comfort zone and I loved seeing people proud of themselves." -CSA Lincoln



Thank You Brandon and Tonya Burton!

3rd Grade Architecture Tours

Every BCSC 3rd grader has an opportunity to visit the special architectural wonders of Columbus, thanks to a grant from German American Bank, and the talented educators at kidscommons! Students get to learn, see, and play on these tours!





BCSF Scholarships

Columbus East Scholarship Winners

- The CSA Lincoln Scholarship: Addyson Mathis
- The Cole Morgan C4 Scholarship: Leighanna Shelton
- The Jean McClellan Scholarship: Chloe Krueger
- The Louise J. and Wells J. Fish Scholarship: Riley Carothers
- The LeRoy Nelson Scholarship: Leah Bachmann
- The Ray LeBlanc Memorial Scholarship: Emma Burns and Lydia Taylor
- The Tony London Company Scholarship: Kloe Thompson and Leighanna Shelton
- The Xavier Scrogam Memorial Scholarship: Jasmine Fisher
- The Bill Stearman Scholarship: Leah Bachmann



Columbus North Scholarship Winners

- The Chef Gregory Scholarship: Alexis Yanez-Cisneros (New Tech) and Tyler Martin
- The Hazel McKain Scholarship: Ishna Kesti
- The Cole Morgan C4 Scholarship: Kellen Hottell
- The Jean McClellan Scholarship: Lilly Wells
- The Louise J. and Wells J. Fish Scholarship: Hailey Hardin
- The LeRoy Nelson Scholarship: Sam Robinson
- The Parkside Laura Cox Scholarship: Ishna Kesti
- The Tony London Company Scholarship: Paige Rice
- The Taylorsville Bears Scholarship: Addyson Rogers



Scott Taskey Grant Winners:

- Owen Hebert
- Melanie Whipple
- Chase Mathis
- Kaylee Cowan
- Ivan Chavez



Andrea Quick McDowell Education Center Scholarship:

Oliver Campuzano





BCSF is the fiscal agent for three important groups: Book Buddies, which provides literacy tutoring for elementary students, Busy Bees Pre-K, and Family School Partners, serving local families in need of kindergarten readiness and educational support.

The fiscal agency relationship allows your donations to these entities to be tax deductible.

If you hope to donate to these causes, submit your check to BCSF, but be sure to name these groups in the memo line (or for online donations, in the PayPal memo/donor instructions).



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