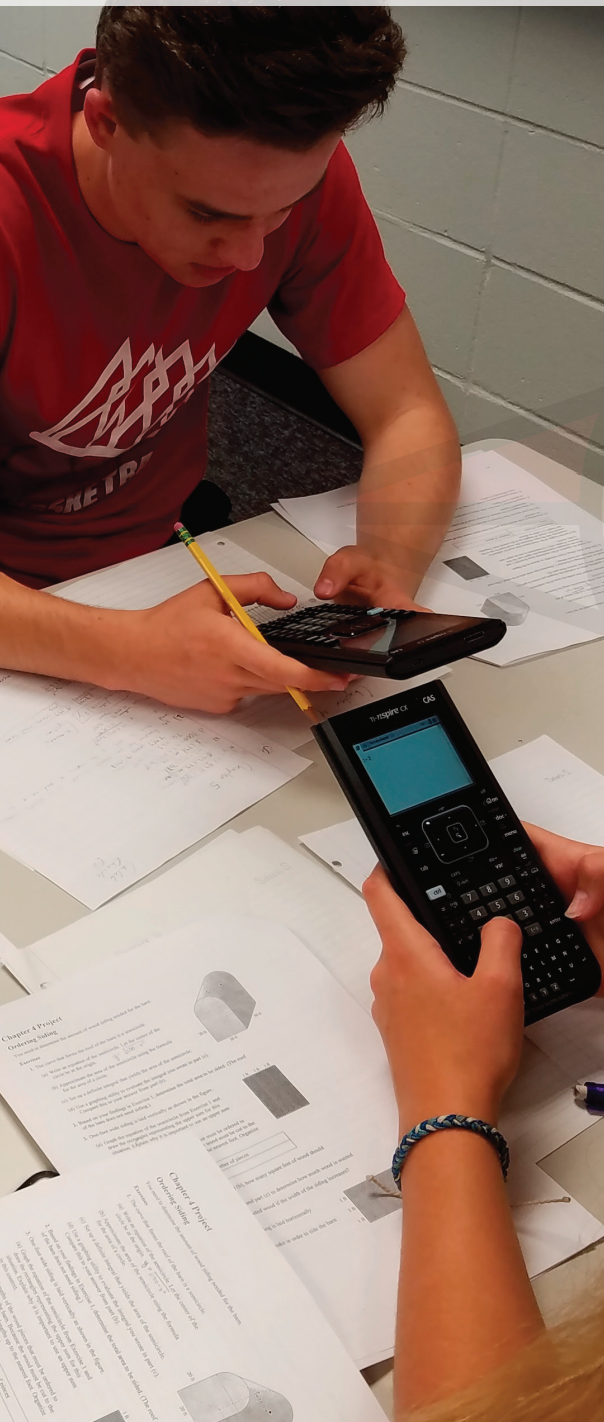




DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES
EDUCATION FOUNDATION



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*"An investment in knowledge
pays the best interest."
~ Benjamin Franklin*

The mission of the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation will be to provide additional equitable education opportunities to students, staff, faculty, and residents of the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District through a charitable giving organization.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

*"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use
to change the world."
~ Nelson Mandela*



The Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF) is an amazing organization backed by equally amazing people - the patrons and businesses of the DC-G community! This annual report will demonstrate the growth of DCGEF as well as the commitment of our communities to support the education of our youth.

DCGEF was established in 2014 by a group of visionary community members who saw the power in creating a foundation in which to receive charitable gifts and raise funds to support the education of our district's students. We were blessed to have existing funds donated by the Burnett family, providing a strong financial start. The Dallas Center and Grimes communities have a history of investing in their communities, schools, and people, and the DCGEF is the vehicle in which to manage these investments and return them back to the community in the form of scholarships and educational grants.

Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The students of today are our future. These students will become men and women that will be making decisions, working, paying taxes, raising children and all other aspects that are part of a healthy life and economy. It is more important than ever to help these students with their educational

goals to aid them in making a difference in their own lives as well as the future of our country and world.

DCGEF is also pleased to provide grants to enhance the education of students in grades PK-12. We have been able to purchase many books for teachers' classrooms at all levels, science equipment, and STEM materials, among other items. Literacy and critical thinking are an important key to education, and it is our mission to continue to support our district in the classroom.

Thank you to the board members, committee members, DC-G staff, businesses, and individuals that have contributed in a variety of ways to the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation. You are impacting the future of our students, your future, and the future of your children and grandchildren. Please consider DCGEF in your future giving and estate planning and Change the World!!

A stylized, cursive signature of Mitzi Chizek in black ink.

Mitzi Chizek, Board President
Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation



R.E.D. EVENTS

The DCG Education foundation is proud to offer opportunities for the community to be involved and invest in the long term educational needs of our district - including Dallas Center-Grimes students, staff, faculty, and community residents. We currently offer two R.E.D. (Raising Education Dollars) Events, which are charitable opportunities for the community to participate in.

R.E.D. Breakfast Fundraiser

An annual breakfast event with a keynote speaker providing insights and learnings for today's business professionals. This breakfast event provides informative content for you and your business, an opportunity to network with other professionals, and an opportunity to invest in the future of young people in our district.

R.E.D. Dinner and Auction

An annual dinner and auction designed to engage the community providing socializing, great food, unique and compelling auction items, and an entertaining and enjoyable evening experience. This event is scheduled directly ahead of the holidays and provides a great opportunity to socialize with friends, work on your holiday shopping list, and invest in the future of the students, staff, faculty, and residents within the DC-G School district.

How do I get involved?

- Attend the events and bring a friend, or group of friends
- Volunteer for the Events and Fundraising Committee
- Make a donation from your business or personally for either silent or live auction
- Let us know your interested by emailing contact@dcgeducationfoundation.org

Other Annual Events:

Grimes Governors Days Run - June

Dallas Center Fall Festival Run - August



SCHOLARSHIP PARTNERS

Thank you to these important investors and partners to the Dallas Center-Grimes Education Foundation. Without their generous support we would not be able to provide the support and positive impact to so many individuals.

Absolute Group ESOP
Air Free Duct Cleaning
Bankers Trust
Beta Sigma Phi - Dallas Center
Bob & Verlena Key Club (Kiwanis)
Brody Grant Freking Memorial
Buck Bauman Memorial
Burnett Alumni
Burnett Graduating Seniors
City State Bank
Dallas Center Rotary
DCG Education Foundation Board
Doris Labor Rotarian
FarmHer
Fox Engineering
Friends of Fine Arts (FOFA)
Glen Brewer Memorial
Grimes American Legion Post

Grimes Chamber & Economic Development
Grimes Fire and Rescue
Grimes McDonald's
Grimes Plaza Veterinary Clinic
Jacob Nockels Memorial
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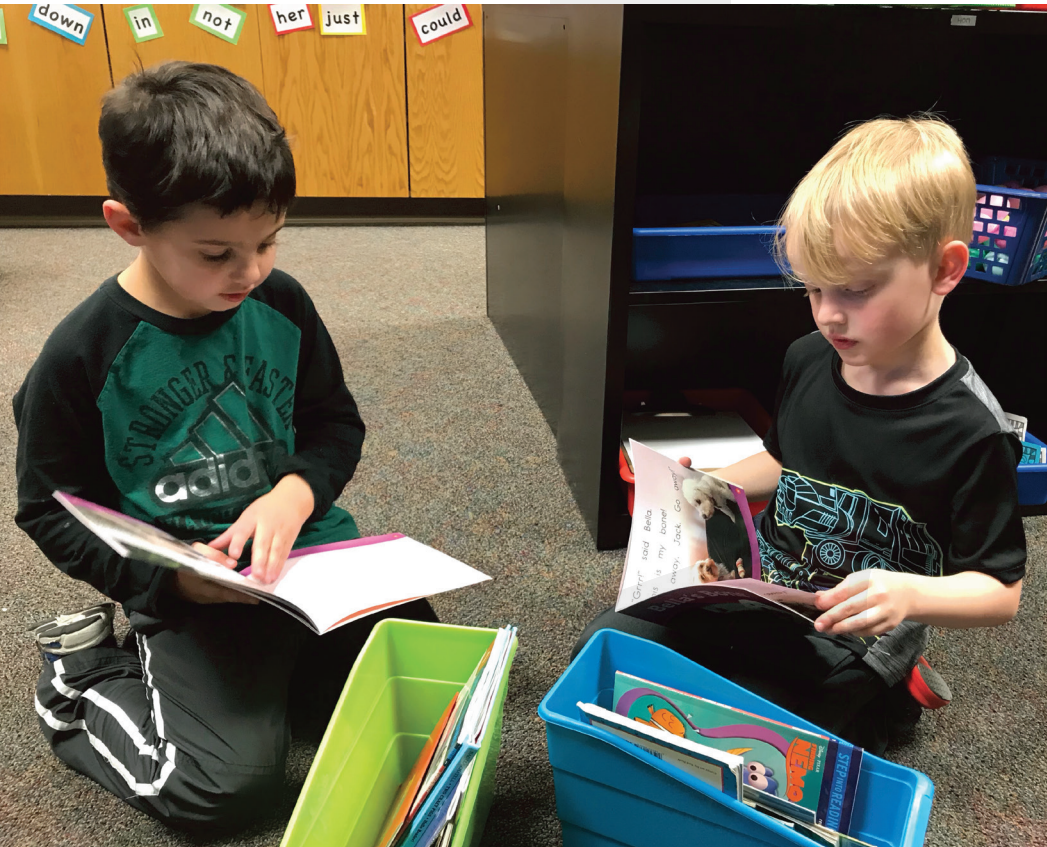
By next year, it is predicted that 65-68% of all jobs will require some sort of post-secondary education. In 1973, this was 28%. (Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, 2013). About 30% will require some training through an Associate's Degree, 24% a Bachelor's degree and 11% a Master's degree or higher. These numbers show that education is a key to future success, whether that be skilled training, a community college, or a four year college.

A study was done by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2009 to determine the reasons students dropped out of college, and it was revealed that 63% of students cited a conflict with balancing work and school and 60% said tuition and fees were too high.

The scholarships provided by DCGEF and our communities can work to address the rising costs of continuing education and the lack of finances for students in our backyard.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

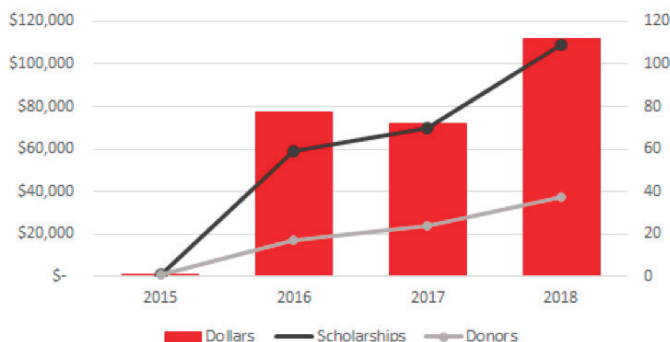
Fiscal Year Ended June 30	2018	2017
Public Support & Revenue		
Contributions	\$1,326,088	\$61,338
Fundraising Income	\$4,880	\$5,290
Grants	\$3,500	\$3,500
Investment Income/Losses	\$3,099	\$1,724
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$1,337,567	\$71,852
Program Services & Expenses		
Scholarships	\$111,600	\$72,100
Teacher Grants	\$5,469	-
Management & General Expenses	\$4,509	\$2,460
Fundraising Expense	\$1,902	\$2,519
Total Program Services & Expenses	\$123,479	\$77,080



SCHOLARSHIPS

Advanced education and training has never been more important and also never been more expensive. Providing support through scholarship opportunities can reduce the financial stress and pressure students and their families face as they pursue their advanced education or skills development. We believe these opportunities will enable greater success for our students preparing them to become valuable contributors to our communities and society.

DCGEF Scholarship History



Scholarship history:

- 2015 > 1 scholarship for \$500
- 2016 > 59 scholarships, 17 donors, totalling \$77,000
- 2017 > 70 scholarships, 24 donors, totalling \$72,100
- 2018 > 109 scholarships, 37 donors, totalling \$111,600

Since inception:

239 scholarships have been awarded for a total of \$261,200

TEACHER EDUCATION GRANTS

In addition to scholarship opportunities, we provide support to staff and faculty, via identifying and securing grants, for help in classroom needs not funded by the district.

Examples of Investments:

Classroom reading sets, trampoline for gross motor movement, STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) materials, therapy swing, reading support materials, digital materials, music books



"The guided reading books that were purchased by the DCG Education Foundation have been an integral part of my guided reading groups. Having books that are not only interesting for the students but also provides text that I can teach appropriate reading strategies, sight words and skills has been a wonderful asset. Thank you!"

~ Kathy Morrow, Kindergarten teacher

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Officers: President, Mitzi Chizek
Vice President, Tiffany Hamil

Treasurer, Kelli McGuire
Secretary, Lori Thomas

Board Members at large: Aaron Chittenden
Bob German
Del Gustafson
Allison Howard
Jason Kerndt

Russ Kramer
Craig Patterson
Jeanine Voelker
Scott Grimes, DC-G Superintendent
School Representative

A special thank you to the outgoing board members, Chuck Fagen, Gary Wilson, and Brian Jones. Your service and commitment made a significant difference in the organization and has impacted the lives of students and teachers in the DC-G School District.

Committees:

Marketing – Create awareness and promote the foundation through branding, advertising, website, and social media efforts.

Tiffany Hamil
Aaron Chittenden
Lori Thomas

Scholarship and Grants – Facilitate the administration of funds for current and future scholarships and grants.

Mitzi Chizek
Jeanine Volker
Craig Patterson
Allison Howard

Events and Fundraising – Organize and implement events designed to bring value to the community while sharing an opportunity to invest in the DCG Education Foundation and its goals.

Jason Kerndt
Mitzi Chizek
Russ Kramer
Scott Grimes

Finance – Manage and direct the accounting and investment strategies for the foundation.

Russ Kramer
Bob German
Del Gustafson
Kelli McGuire

Along with these valuable committee leaders, we have numerous community members that volunteer their time and talents on the committees - contributing to the success of all communications, events and activities.

We would not be able to fulfill our mission without these volunteers from our community. Please consider sharing your time and talents with DCGEF by emailing contact@dcgeducationfoundation.org





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