



# FOUNDATION NEWS

Loudon County Education Foundation Newsletter

June 2021

For the past nine and a half years it has been my honor to be the executive director of the Loudon County Education Foundation. This year it has been especially true. As a nation, we have faced hard times over the past year. But as a true testament to our educational community, what has not broken us has made us stronger. Our educators and our students faced insurmountable challenges and as a result – education will be forever changed. We now have new resources, new methods, and new processes that will enable us to move into the future of education with new skills. Education after 2020 will never be the same as education before 2020. We are better, stronger and smarter.

The Board of Directors of the Education Foundation have worked hard to create an organization that supports education and makes a difference in the lives of people living in this community. Like all non-profits asking for contributions, 2020-21 was a hard fundraising year. We were forced to cancel many events. But our contributors saw the value of supporting education and The Foundation was able to contribute \$74,218 to the Loudon County/Lenoir City Educational Systems in 2020. As of 2012, The Loudon County Education Foundation has contributed \$800,765 to education in Loudon County. These contributions were made through scholarships to students, Classroom grants to teachers, Classroom supplies, books to children through Imagination Library, and STEM grants.

The key ingredient in our recipe for success is **you**. I am asking you to help us reach our goals to continue supporting these programs for the 2021—2022 school year. I am asking you to partner with us to support education in our community. ***I am asking you to take a moment now and make a financial contribution to the Loudon County Education Foundation to support a grant, a scholarship, or a class room project that will engage, entertain and most importantly teach skills that will help Loudon County students learn and grow!***

The Champions of Education annual giving fund was created to offer the community a way to ensure the success of our mission: To invest in education in Loudon County by enriching lifelong learning, encouraging professional development and emphasizing business and community participation.

**Please make a gift for 2021 and help us continue to make such an amazing difference in this community.**

## Champions of Education Levels of Participation:

### **\$250 Individual – Family Membership**

Up to two members of the same household will receive recognition at all LCEF hosted events, LCEF website and Facebook, and local News-Herald. You will receive two tickets to the Champions of Education Gala.

### **\$500 Corporate Membership**

Company or organization recognition at all LCEF hosted events, on LCEF website and Facebook, and in the local News-Herald. Also, you will receive four tickets to the Champions of Education Gala with an opportunity to purchase 2 additional tickets for \$40 each.

### **\$1200 Community Partners**

Group, Company or Organization recognition at all LCEF hosted events, LCEF website and Facebook, and in the local News-Herald. Also, you will receive six tickets to the Champions of Education Gala with an opportunity to purchase up to 4 additional tickets for \$40 each.

A contribution envelope is enclosed. Your gift of \$250 or more will list you as Champions of Education. **Thank you for your consideration to support education in your community! Our Love Boat Champions Gala will be Thursday, September 23 at The Venue. Come aboard, we are expecting you!**

Thank you for your support. Together, we will continue to make a difference in our community.  
Michele Lewis  
LCEF Executive Director

## **GREAT IDEA! GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2021 – 2022**

The Great Idea! Grants are supported by individual and business contributions, funds raised in the community through special events by the Foundation, funds contributed from the George R. Johnson Family Foundation and an anonymous gift. These grants provide teachers with funds for classroom projects to engage and excite students in the learning process. Applications were received in April 2021. **Through this grant cycle, LCEF awarded \$20,279.80 and directly benefitted over 2,000 students with these projects.** Thank you to all of the schools and teachers who provided these opportunities for partnership for the better education of the students in our community!

### **Lenoir City Schools: \$6,918**

Lenoir City Elementary

Ashlea Graves received \$1,880.00 for Outdoor Classroom: Pollinator Garden

Lenoir City High School

Christy Mowery received \$3,500 for Video Production in the Classroom Part 2

Suzanne Tyler received \$1,538.11 for Steppingstones Through Time Art and History of Loudon County & Tennessee

### **Loudon County Schools: \$14,141.79**

Philadelphia

Alyce Watts received \$3,295 for Math from Memory with Reflex Learning

Ft. Loudoun Middle School

Jenna Gay received \$1,500 for Assistive Technology MakerSpace Supply Closet

Loudon Elementary School

Anjelika Fields received \$2,193.12 for Digging History

Eaton Elementary School

Erin Wilson and Jessica Fedor received \$2,573.10 for Growing Little Learners

Steekee Elementary

Rebecca Edwards and Neil Zupko received \$345 for Forcing Croquet

North Middle

Kayla Vaughn received \$1,115.57 for Science Manipulatives and Models Project

Greenback School

Heather Stevens received \$1,620 for Patient Care Monitoring for a Future in Healthcare

Loudon High School:

Lauren Corder received \$1,500 for Making Connections with the Visual Arts

### **Upcoming Events**

**Banking on Education**—ticket sales began June 1—Drawing will be Saturday, August 21 at RiverFest.

**Run A Little LoCo**—Fun Run for Kids 12 and under— Saturday, August 21 at 6 pm at RiverFest. Participants get a t-shirt and Medal, Sign up is \$20 per racer, sign up at RunLoCo.net

**Dine Out For Education**—Local participating Restaurants donate 10% from proceeds on Thursday, September 2, 2021. Community encouraged to support participating restaurants and Dine Out for Education!

**Champions Love Boat Gala**— LCEF Appreciation Gala for donors of \$250 and Above. Thursday, September 23 at 6pm at the Venue. Attendees will be treated to three ports of call, We have great prizes for the Trivia Games and great food!

**Run LoCo**— Boston Qualifier Marathon, Half Marathon, 5K— challenging course on Saturday, December 4, 2021. All participants get t-shirts, Finishers get medals in Marathon and Half-Marathon, Winners in 5K receive medals. Sign up at RunloCo.net



**Lenoir City Schools** is focused on providing the best learning experiences for all of our students. Our vision is to "Build Lenoir City's future...one student at a time." Lenoir City Elementary School provides a strong foundation in reading, writing, speaking and listening along with

skills in mathematics that supports learning in all areas. After school programs through the LEAPS program are also available during the school year. In the past year, Lenoir City Intermediate/Middle School was honored to receive the Tennessee STEM School Designation as a model school. Lenoir City High School was recognized as a Pathways School for our Mechatronics program. In addition, this year LCHS began a cyber security program with dual enrollment opportunities through Roane State. Additional opportunities for dual enrollment and industry certifications will be available through a grant which is allow LCHS to offer accredited classes in Building Trades for both students and adults in the 2021-2022 school year. LCHS offers curriculum and training in the following career areas: Engineering, STEM, Health Science, Animal Science, Digital Arts/Journalism, Marketing and Business, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Mechatronics, Cyber Security. A middle college opportunity is also available for students who are interested in getting an Associates Degree while still attending high school. A full range of extracurricular activities are also provided.

Lenoir City Schools is also offering summer learning experiences for students in grades 1-8 at LCIMS and credit recovery and advancement opportunities for students in grades 9-12. The focus is to enhance the time students have to gain critical skills for accelerating achievement with lots of hands-on and active learning.

Lenoir City Schools offers a full-time online school for grades K-12. Parents who want to actively support their students online is available through the iLearn Institute. Enrollment criteria is online at [lenoircityschools.com](http://lenoircityschools.com).

Dr. Jeanne Barker  
Director of Schools  
Lenoir City School



**Loudon County Schools** was able to operate successfully in-person for the entire 2020-21 school year. We believe we provided great educational opportunities to our students despite the constraints of the

pandemic. We have continued this approach into the summer by offering a six-week elementary and four-week summer camp program for students needing additional reinforcement in various skills. We are operating these camps at every school with bus, food and counseling services provided to meet everyone's needs. Additionally, we have continued our summer feeding program this summer by offer weekly meals from our school sites and selected bus routes.

It is important for our school system to meet the needs of our students and community. Our teachers worked very hard to achieve our goals this last school year and continue that dedication into the summer.

The Loudon County Education Foundation has assisted our teachers in meeting their goals through various grants this last year and moving into next year. Some of our teachers were just awarded Great Idea! Grants related to math, history, assistive technology, visual arts, science, and even croquet. The Foundation is a great partner to the school system and our teachers in helping make us an exemplary school system .

We are in the process for planning the most beneficial use of our federal stimulus dollars moving into next year. We believe it is vital to utilize these one-time funds to address the learning needs of our students. We are anxious to begin the 2021-22 school year and serve our community to the best of our ability.

Michael Garren  
Director of Schools  
Loudon County Schools



Run LoCo 2021  
Saturday,  
December  
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Save the Date!

**Named Loudon County Chamber of Commerce  
Non-Profit of the Year for 2019!!**

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