

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN SINCE 2014





Our Mission

To encourage the enrichment of the public education experience for K-12 students and to support at-risk children or those with medical and special needs in the communities we serve.

Our Vision

To make a difference in the lives of children.

WE WANT TO MAKE IMPACTS THAT...



are even **stronger** than the structures we build.



are more **beautiful** than the environments we design.



are spanning gaps that no bridge ever could.

WHO WE SERVE



Non Profits For Children With Special/Medical Needs



Non Profits For Children At-Risk



K-12 Public Schools

LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Reflecting on our 2023 grant cycle, I am amazed at how we have grown as a Foundation over the years.

As I reflect on 2023 and our Foundation as a whole, I am most proud of the wide variety of impacts we make in our communities. We truly believe that when it comes to helping kids, no cause is too big or too small.

Some of our grants support organizations that tackle huge societal issues, such as helping children in the foster care system or offering support for kids with life-threatening illnesses. These grants help some of the most vulnerable members of our community through unimaginable difficulties.

On the other hand, some of our grants focus on "smaller-level" projects, like helping a teacher update their classroom library or allowing a coach to finally purchase new uniforms for their inclusive cheer squad. These grants may not solve the world's problems, but they make a huge difference for those kids.

No matter what the cause, I am so proud that our Foundation is continuing to strengthen our communities by supporting so many different programs that, at their core, all have the same goal in mind. I can't wait to see what we do in the years to come!

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2023 BY THE NUMBERS

organizations received grants totaling over \$863,000

\$4,700 average grant size

363,000 total number of children impacted

118,000 # who are at risk

42,000 # who are special needs





























Non Profits For Children With Special/Medical Needs

\$195,000

total given to special/medical needs non-profits

107,000

special/medical needs children impacted

\$20,000

given to organizations that offered extracurricular activites for children with special/medical needs

\$20,000

given to organizations that focused on increasing inclusivity in schools and organizations for children with special/medical needs

\$26,000

given to organizations that offered medical support to children

\$33,000

given to organizations that focused on providing educational opportunities for children with special needs

\$50,000

given to organizations that provide opportunities for kids who have medical needs







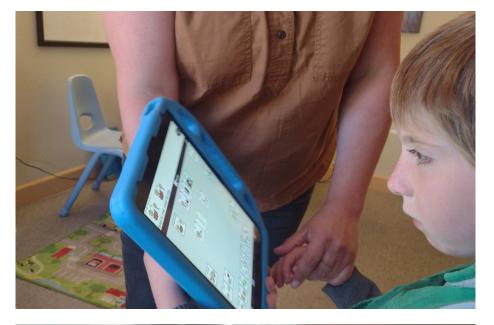


Our grant made it able for the SATB2 Foundation to purchase iPads with a speciality communication app for three families with children diagnosed with SATB2-associated syndrome. The SATB2 Gene Foundation was established to enrich the lives of individuals with SATB2-associated syndrome. They support families, research various issues related to SATB2-associated syndrome, and raise awareness.



"I am so thankful for the gift of the AAC device. Chandler has been learning how to use it since we received it. We have uploaded photos of each family member. I love how we can customize it to her exact needs and preferences. She brings it to school every day, and they are working with her. She also brings it to her weekly private speech therapy session, and her SLP loves how well she communicates with it and that Chandler makes sure it gets put back into her backpack at the end of each session. Thank you for this gift of a voice for our girl."

- Kelly, Chandler's (age 4) mom





Down Syndrome Association of Gentral Ohio

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Our grant supported the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio's summer learning program that focuses on reducing the impact of summer learning loss. Participants work 1-on-1 with certified educators on their math and literacy goals while also having fun social opportunities throughout the summer!



"The support of the GPD Employee's Foundation has been incredible for the ongoing success of Summer Learning Academy, the investment of the Foundation in supporting the needs of students on an IEP helps to ensure that Summer Learning Academy is not only a successful program, but that it is enjoyable for every student enrolled. DSACO's Summer Learning Academy could not be the success story that it is without the ongoing support and dedication of the GPD Employee's Foundation."

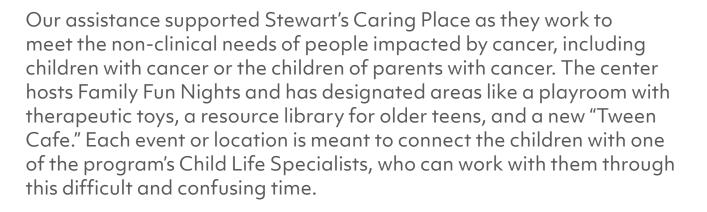
- Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio Member













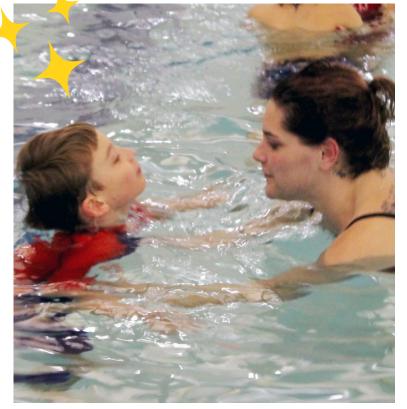


Our grant helped support Camp Quality's program that serves children with cancer and their families by providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship at no cost. Camp Quality promotes hope and inspiration while helping children foster life skills and develop their full potential. In 2023, Camp Quality's week-long camp for kids with unique medical circumstances increased their attendance at overnight week-long summer camp by 26%. They also hosted a 2-day event for all family members to become more comfortable and familiar with their program.













Did you know that drowning is the number 1 cause of death for children with autism? Our Water Safety Program for Individuals with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities grant supported a "Parent and Me" call for children aged 3-5 to get acclimated with water and for parents to learn more about being safe around water.



Check out success stories from recipients themselves!



Man House



Ryan House enriches the quality of life and creates cherished memories for children and their families, providing a muchneeded break from 24/7 caregiving as they navigate lifelimiting or end-of-life journeys.

Ryan House is the only facility of its kind in Arizona that provides around-the-clock care so parents can have a break. Our grant supported the Child Life program, which offers adaptive activities, arts and crafts, and hydrotherapy sessions. Hydrotherapy provides physical benefits such as reduced pain, better sleep, improved circulation, and improved mobility. Other activities the program supports include music exploration, art, telling their own story, building their legacy, improving the general well-being, and meeting the emotional needs of the children. Activities offer opportunities for children to make friends, express themselves, explore their feelings, and have fun.









Non Profits For Ghildren At-Risk

\$205,000

total given to at-risk non-profits

71,000

at-risk needs children impacted

\$44,000

given to organizations that offered camps/after school programs

\$34,000

given to organizations that offered extracurricular activities

\$32,000

given to organizations for kids in the foster care/ emergency care system

\$23,000

given to organizations that provide art-related programs

12,000

children impacted from programs that provide food/hygiene products

grants given to organizations that support job readiness, therapy, and school enhancing programs



Our grant enabled Child Crisis Arizona to continue to offer free or very low-cost Early Childhood Education Services to low-income families. This investment is significant for the future health and success of those children and families. Child Crisis Arizona aims to create a community of "Safe kids. Strong Families." Their Early Education Services are preparing children for successful kindergarten entry.







"We are beyond satisfied with the impact the week at TRUST Camp had on Pathway teens, staff, and volunteers. Teens made new friendships, demonstrated respect for other's unique abilities, and challenged themselves to try new adventures."

- Pathway Caring for Children Member

Our grant went towards Pathway Caring for Children's 2023 Summer TRUST Camp. The week at TRUST Camp celebrated the teens' big and small successes that will give them the confidence to use the coming year in their home, school, and community environments.



Check out the video from this years' TRUST Camp!



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Our grant supported SSEF's free Summer Reading Club which was designed to encourage the City of Sandy Springs' most vulnerable students to read over the summer to address the issue of decreasing reading levels known as the "summer slide". This issue is particularly prevalent with at-risk students. Our grant enabled SSEF to hire certified teachers and enhance the program with pizza parties and extra books to make it a fun and valuable experience for the students. 86% of participating students maintained or improved their reading levels.









"For many of the children who benefited from the Beds for Kids Program, this was their first bed (or crib) that was all their own. They no longer had to sleep on the floor or on an air mattress. They no longer had to share a bed with a parent or sibling. They no longer had to sleep on the couch or other piece of furniture."

- Women's Auxiliary Board of Summit County Children's Services

Our grant provided 19 beds and cribs to children to ensure they were safe! These children were identified as being at risk of unsafe sleeping conditions, meaning they were possibly co-sleeping with an adult or another child. The primary goal of the Beds for Kids Program is to help ensure kids are safe by providing beds and cribs, and our grant allowed them to do that.



Nearly two-thirds of low-income families do not own any books for their children. Reading Is Fundamental Pittsburgh addresses this critical need by providing children with access to self-selected books, creating positive environments that motivate children to develop a lifelong love of reading, and engaging families in literacy practices in the home. Our grant supported the relaunch of all programs in-person and the reintroduction of their Storymobiles back into the community for biweekly storytime visits, community time stops, and weekly Book Babies sessions. With our help, they provided more than 83,000 books, including many high-interest, diverse titles, to more than 22,000 kids!





Our grant provided dance and music programming for 450 Akron Public School Children during the school day and 15 APS children in our newly formed Team DDX after-school program. Student's were challenged to reach their personal best while embracing diversity in all forms. ArtSparks classrooms encourage children to develop discipline, a standard of excellence, and a belief in themselves that carries over into all aspects of their lives.



"ArtSparks is pleased to report that we achieved our goals of providing dance and music programming for 450 Akron Public School Children during the school day and 15 APS children in our newly formed Team DDX after-school program. Students were challenged to reach their personal best while embracing diversity in all forms. We are thrilled with the progress of our Dynamite Duos program and are expanding our culminating performances this year to better accommodate for age differences in our students. Our DDJr (K-2nd graders) and DD (3rd-5th graders) had previously been combined in our end-of-year performances. The separation will allow the students more time on stage and a more focused presentation."- ArtSparks Board Member





K-12 Public Schools

\$463,000

total given to K-12 schools

190,000

K-12 aged children impacted

\$17,000

given to schools to help fund field trips

\$4,000

given to schools for hygiene related products

\$25,000

given to schools for literacy related grants impacting 32,000 kids

\$30,000

given to schools for sensory rooms

grants given to schools for social programming, special education, and STEM/robotics programs





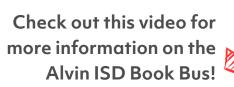
Alvin 78D Book Bus



Our grant to Alvin Independent School District helped fund the incredible stock of books made available to students to encourage summer reading. It all started with a grand idea of bringing stories to kids at home during the summer through a mobile library in Alvin ISD. By targeting students at high risk of suffering from the summer reading slide, the Book Bus program helps mitigate this educational setback. It actively contributed to preventing a decline in students' reading abilities over the summer, which is crucial for their academic success. Not only did our donation go towards buying new books for the bus, but to also help with bus upkeep and maintenance. The Alvin ISD Book Bus program is a vital initiative that we offer to our entire Alvin ISD community each year.









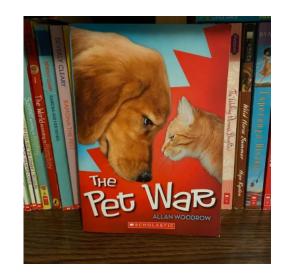
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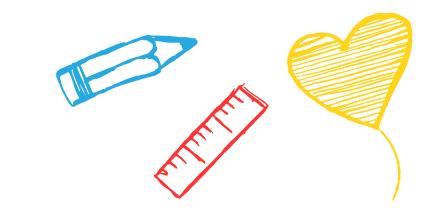
Wooster City Schools

Our grant allowed Cuyahoga Heights Schools to provide a copy of "The Pet War" book to every student in their elementary school! They held a week long "reveal" in which students were given clues to guess the book's title. The big reveal came at a school wide pep rally. Each kid had the same book at the same time creating a sense of community and excitement about learning!











Our grant allowed Wooster City Schools to fund field trips for all 348 students at Cornerstone Elementary. Cornerstone is a high-poverty school, and the funds took the pressure off of families to provide funding for the field trips. Students will experience the Ohio maze at Ramseyer Farms, Magical Theater Performance, Wilderness Center, Museums, and outdoor activities throughout the school year. The goal was met to provide funding for all students.

FINANCIALS

2023

\$863,000 awarded total

159 grants awarded

363,000 children impacted

LIFETIME TOTALS

\$5,200,000 awarded total

1,300 grants awarded

2,400,000 children impacted

337

organizations impacted



98.5% OF EVERY \$1 RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO THE KIDS.

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maximum impact



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are passionate about volunteering in the communities we serve.







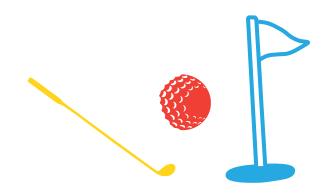






ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING

As a part of our community outreach, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every participant, sponsor, and volunteer whose invaluable contributions led to the resounding success of our Annual Charity Golf Outing held on July 24, 2023, at Portage Country Club! With the collective effort of 30 teams, we raised an astounding \$121,000, leaving a profound impact on the lives of children in our communities.















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