

Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation Annual Report 2022-2023

Connecting Learning;
Improving Lives



A Message from LLEF

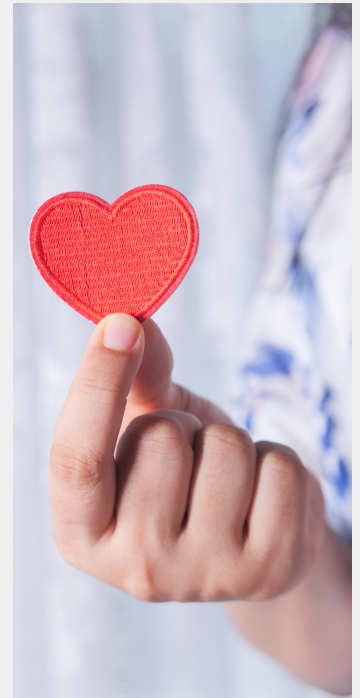
As we reflect on 2022-23, one word comes to mind: gratitude. Everyone involved in the Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation, from the Board of Directors and staff to the larger IU13 organization, is grateful for the generosity of our donors, grantors, sponsors, and volunteers who make our work possible. Without this outpouring of support from our community, we could not enhance learning and improve the lives of the students served by IU13. Thank you for the record number of contributions to LLEF during our Payroll Deduction campaign, the ExtraGive, From the Heart Bingo, and other fundraising activities.

As deep as our gratitude is for the contributions we received last year, we are equally appreciative of the opportunity to serve the IU13 community through giving programs like the Season of Hope and Mini-Grants, as well as partnering with IU13 on the Giving Bags and Mitten Tree. These programs make a difference for families of students during the holidays and foster educational innovation in IU13 classrooms. We are grateful to do such meaningful work in Lancaster and Lebanon counties in partnership with IU13 social workers, educators, and administrators.

At LLEF, our hearts are full for so many reasons. Whether you are a donor, grantor, sponsor, or volunteer, we are grateful for your role in our community and support of our fundraising and giving programs in 2022-23. Together, we have had a positive impact on many IU13 students and their families. On behalf of all of us at LLEF, thank you for your ongoing support.

With Much Gratitude,

LLEF Board of Directors



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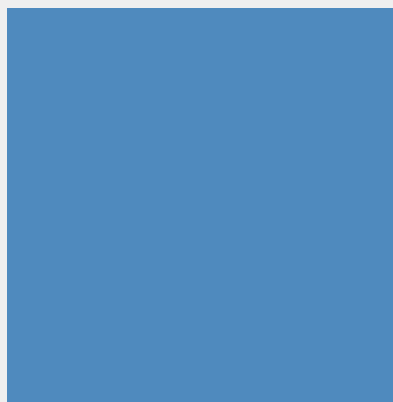
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Non-Discrimination Policy

In order to be an inclusive organization, the Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation does not and shall not discriminate against any person based on race, color, age, creed, income levels, religion, sex, sexual orientation or expression, ancestry, national origin, English language ability, marital status, genetic information, pregnancy or disability.



About LLEF

The Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation (LLEF) is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports the work of Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (IU13). The overall purpose of LLEF is to provide financial and other support for learning opportunities and educational programs that benefit students of all ages within IU13 and/or its member school districts.

Mission

The Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation, a charitable nonprofit organization, supports the IU13 education community by enhancing learning opportunities for students of all ages.

Vision

The Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation will be the leading advocate of advancing learning through educational support, innovation, and enrichment in Lancaster and Lebanon counties.



Audited Financials

Financial Highlights

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

REVENUE:

Without Donor Restrictions	\$249,459
With Donor Restrictions	<u>94,814</u>
Total Revenue	\$344,273

EXPENSES:

Grants, Gifts, and Awards	\$182,247
Management & General	51,410
Fundraising	<u>10,059</u>
Total Expenses	\$243,716

Change in Net Assets \$100,557

Beginning of Year \$196,133

End of Year **\$296,690**

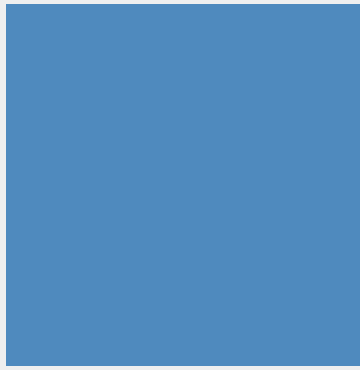
Major Revenue Sources:

Donor Contributions
Payroll Deduction
Grant Income
Special Events

Donor Restricted Funds

Academic Enrichment
Assistive Technology
Autism Fund
Community Education
Early Intervention
ELECT
Mini-Grants
Refugee Center
Season of Hope
Social Work Fund
Student Assistance





Making an Impact

**Provided by: Amy Roth, DSW, LSW, HSV
IU13 School Social Worker
Attend Program
Early Childhood & Special Education Services**

When I was with the Work Immersion and Career and Technical Education (CTC) programs, our team developed a soft skill curriculum entitled, “IMPACT.” The concept is to teach soft skills (taking initiative, communication skills, cooperation, collaboration, leadership, etc.) through problem-solving games.

These games require students to work together, brainstorm, look at things from a new perspective, communicate, and listen to each other. Once we complete the game, we circle up and talk about our shared experience. We learn from each other, grow, and practice our skills.

The problem we faced was with obtaining the supplies needed to facilitate the curriculum. Fortunately, our team learned about grant opportunities provided by LLEF. After our application was accepted, LLEF provided grant funds for the purchase of supplies. The supplies purchased several years ago are still being used today. Many students have had adventure-based learning opportunities thanks to LLEF’s contribution.

Thank you to the donors who make the LLEF mini-grants possible!

Grant Highlights

The Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation collaborates with IU13 programs to seek competitive grants that enhance IU13 services and learning opportunities for students of all ages. The Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for these grants. In 2022-2023, six grant awards were made to LLEF.

Improving Incumbent Worker Self-Dependence Through Cultural Navigation Services

Program: Community Education
Funder: United Way of Lebanon County
Amount: \$17,014

Re-Entry Roundtables

Program: Community Education
Funder: Lancaster County Community Foundation
Amount: \$25,000

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Program: Instructional Media Services
Funder: High Foundation
Amount: \$5,000

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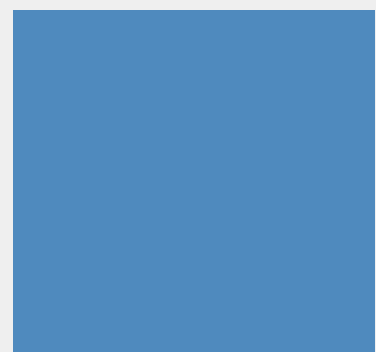
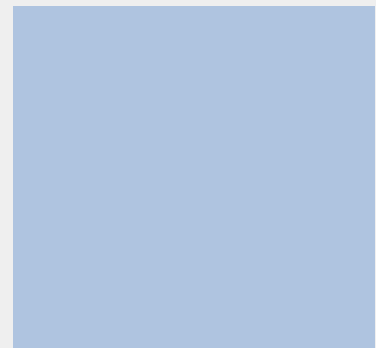
Program: Instructional Media Services
Funder: Steinman Foundation
Amount: \$23,000

IU13 Social Work Fund Support

Program: Social Workers
Funder: CommunityAid Foundation
Amount: \$22,500

Career Pathways for English Learners

Program: Community Education
Funder: Truist Foundation
Amount: \$50,000



LLEF Partnerships

The Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation benefits from the generosity of community partners with programs designed to support nonprofits through fundraising opportunities. As an alternative to direct financial contributions, Individuals interested in helping LLEF are encouraged to consider the following options:

Hershey Park Volunteers

Did you know you can earn FREE admission to Hershey Park while helping LLEF raise funds by volunteering for Hershey Entertainment & Resorts? Volunteers who are 18 and older are invited to sign up, have fun, earn Hershey Park admission vouchers, and raise \$8.00 per hour for the Foundation. There are many different opportunities throughout the park: food and beverage, retail, games, ZooAmerica, and guest experiences, to name a few. Volunteer shifts are available for Hershey Bears hockey games as well as concerts at the Giant Center and Hershey Park Arena. Community members on the mailing list receive regular updates on shift openings. There is never an obligation to participate, but email messages provide details on a regular basis.

For information on program details or to join the mailing list for shift opportunities, contact LLEF Board Member Kathy Dinkel at kdinkel@comcast.net.

Community Aid

Through a partnership with CommunityAid, gently used clothes and shoes can find a new home and benefit IU13 students and their families. Each donation earns a credit to LLEF based on donation weight. As a CommunityAid virtual partner, LLEF also receives “Care Cards” throughout the year, which enable IU13 social workers to share with families in need.

Anyone in the community can support the LLEF/CommunityAid partnership by dropping off donations at the Donation Center at 31 Rohrerstown Rd., Lancaster, and include a note specifying Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation (Partner #40063).



Honor Roll of Donors

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IU13 Gives: Payroll Deduction

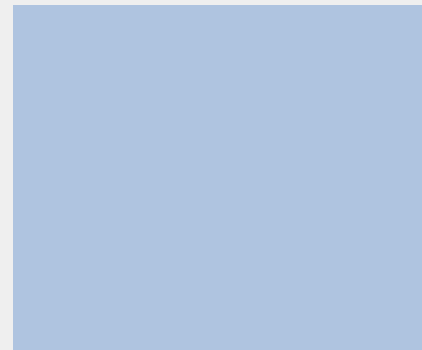
In the fall of 2022, LLEF appreciated an unprecedented level of support through payroll deduction. There were 17 NEW participants in 2022-23, bringing the total number of donors to 73 people who contributed \$20,748. IU13 staff members have the opportunity to sign up each school year to donate a portion of their paycheck to LLEF. If they prefer, a one-time donation is also an option. In such a large organization, even a small donation can make a difference as employees come together to provide essential services to students. Thank you to all IU13 employees who donated through payroll deduction in 2022-2023!



Raise Right Gift Cards

LLEF offers an ongoing gift card fundraiser through RaiseRight. The program is simple. Gift cards are purchased either through the RaiseRight website or app, at face value, with up to 20% of the card's face value coming to LLEF as an additional donation from the brand. Throughout the year, the company also offers bonuses that earn even more for LLEF. The gift cards can be used at all of the brands' locations, and occasionally RaiseRight offers reloadable cards. RaiseRight offers a ship-to-home option, or gift certificates can be printed at home.

For information, contact: LLEF Board Member
Amanda Paveglio at amanda_paveglio@iu13.org.



LLEF Donors Give Extra

The ExtraGive is a 24-hour community celebration of giving, inspiring thousands of individual donations and shining a light on the work of local non-profit organizations. Since the Lancaster County Community Foundation launched the first Extraordinary Give in 2012, our community has raised more than \$92 Million for regional organizations.

In November 2022, donors brought extraordinary hope to IU13 families in need by contributing to LLEF during Lancaster County's largest day of online giving. Over \$20,000 was raised during the ExtraGive, and most of that money was pledged to support IU13 families through Season of Hope. This was an unprecedented level of generosity by LLEF donors in the 10+ year history of the Extra Give.

On the evening of the ExtraGive, the LLEF Board hosted an event at The Fridge in Lancaster to share information on the Foundation's mission and IU13 programs. It was a fun time meeting donors and celebrating the generosity of our community. The IU13 Community Education Program joined the fundraising efforts and LLEF's event at The Fridge to support the Refugee Center at Reynolds Middle School.



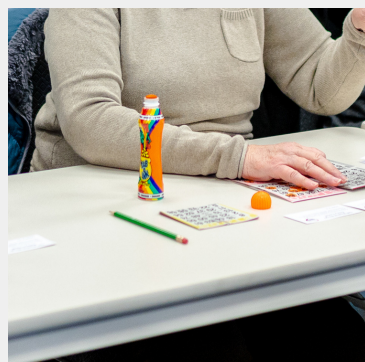
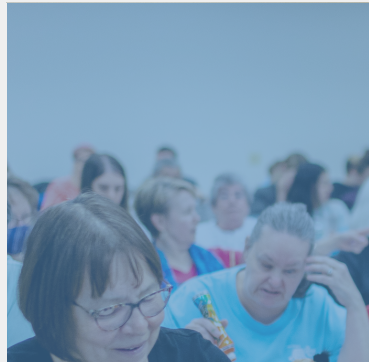
From the Heart Bingo

On April 23, LLEF held the 2023 From the Heart Gift Basket Bingo. Thanks to the generosity of the IU13 community, it was a remarkable day of fundraising for students. Gift basket donations poured in from local school districts, IU13 staff, community members, and area businesses. Over 300 people attended this sold-out event to support LLEF and the work of IU13. Through ticket sales, sponsorships, chance auction tickets, a 50/50 raffle, food sales, and cash donations, over \$18,000 was raised.

From the Heart Gift Basket Bingo is not only a fundraising event. It allows LLEF to showcase the incredible work of IU13 staff. In addition, a student ambassador is selected to represent IU13 each year. Shawn McKinney served as the 2023 Student Ambassador. He attended the event with his family and teacher, Kelsey Olsen, brightening the room with his enthusiastic welcome and announcements.

Thank you to everyone who played a role in the success of our event in 2023. We hope to see you in 2024.

Make plans to join us on April 14, 2024, for bingo and to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of LLEF at IU13!



A Season of Hope

Understanding that learning is possible when students feel safe and cared for at home, LLEF accepts applications for assistance from IU13 families in need during the winter. Season of Hope allows LLEF to work with IU13 staff to offer targeted help to students in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. In 2022, families requested financial support for rent, utility bills, clothing, food, diapers, bedding, and other necessities.

Financial donations from LLEF supporters in the community bring holiday joy in tangible ways, including gifts for children, household necessities, or heat on a cold night. Money raised through the Lancaster County Community Foundation's ExtraGive in November often goes to fund Season of HOPE requests. The Foundation appreciates help in spreading the word about LLEF's participation in the ExtraGive--more donations lead to more assistance for families.

Thank you to the Horn Foundation for offering significant financial support to Season of Hope in 2022.

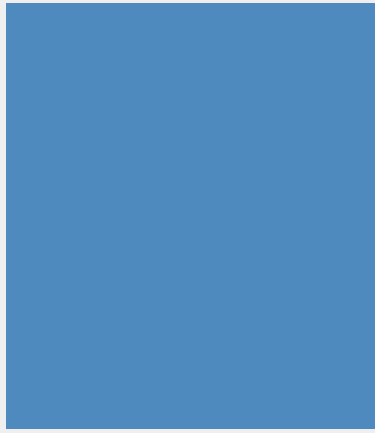
Messages from a few families supported through Season of Hope:

I wanted to say thank you for the bus passes. My family and I are very thankful because now we can get to where we need to go during these cold months.

The clothes that were provided for all four of our children are beautiful. We will use these clothes every day.

The gift of cases of diapers, as well as coats for my two of my children is a huge blessing. I cannot thank you enough.





Mini-Grants Program

What do fine motor skills, inclusive/equitable communication experiences, positive behavior incentives, adventure-based learning, emotional regulation, and a 3-D printer project have in common? They were all new initiatives funded through the 2022-23 LLEF Mini-Grant Program. LLEF awarded up to \$750 to nine IU13 applicants who proposed innovative projects. Applications were distributed to IU13 employees in May 2022, and the deadline for submission was early October 2022. Awarded grant projects were implemented from November 2022 through May 2023.

LLEF Mini-Grants 2022-2023:


- Infusing Fine Motor and Linguistic Concepts into the Diagnostic Kindergarten Classroom
- Building Inclusive and Equitable Communication Experiences for Preschool Students
- Fairland - School Wide Positive Behavior Incentives
- Adventure Based Education
- Building Strength and Empathy through 3D Print Projects
- Hands-on Language and Literacy Kits
- Social Skills Library
- Expanding Expression Using Manipulatives
- Teaching Emotional Regulation in a Sensory Room
- Individualized Healthcare Plan Facilitation




Please join us for LLEF's 20th Anniversary in 2024!

The celebration begins on April 14 at
From the Heart Gift Basket Bingo.



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