HENRICO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Annual GIVING

BRIDGING THE GAP IN 2021
"Time and time again the Henrico Education Foundation has shown they deliver for our students, teachers and families. From fostering innovation and supporting literacy initiatives, to ensuring Henrico families have a healthy meal or internet access during the pandemic for remote learning — no other organization has done more for Henrico schools. I look forward to HEF’s continued support and generosity as we work together toward a brighter future for Henrico County Public Schools."

Dr. Amy E. Cashwell
Superintendent, Henrico County Public Schools

How the Pieces Fit Together
With your help, HEF completes the funding puzzle by providing critical funds to ensure that Henrico schools continue to close opportunity gaps and remain a leader in innovation.

10 Facts about HEF

$9.7 MILLION
Amount of funding provided by HEF since 1994, directly impacting Henrico students

Increase in Innovative Grant funding since 2014:
795%
of 2nd-5th graders at Glen Lea ES offered free afterschool programming via HEF’s 21st Century grant
HEF Key Focus Areas

Community Learning Centers
- Community Learning Centers (CLC) is a strategy to improve student learning and build stronger families and healthier communities.
- Using school facilities as a hub to deliver programs and services, the CLC brings together a wide variety of community partners offering a range of support to students, families, and the community.
- HEF's CLC Initiative began in collaboration with HCPS in 2015 and now has four sites: Glen Lea Elementary, Laburnum Elementary, Ratcliffe Elementary, and Wilder Middle.
- CLC has grown from serving 80 to more than 200 students and their families!

Early Learning Programs
- **Henrico Mixed Delivery** — Increases access to early learning for eligible Henrico Pre-K and 3-year old students at private childcare centers for those unable to attend HCPS programs due to limited space.
- **Regional Mixed Delivery** — Under HEF's leadership, in partnership with Smart Beginnings, this regional initiative supports students in Richmond City, Chesterfield and Henrico for a 24-month program.
- **Preschool Development Grant** — Will strengthen kindergarten readiness by increasing the number of Henrico childcare centers that meet state requirements through upgrading curriculum and teacher training.

Innovative Grants
- HEF's signature grant program awards projects that are creative and have specific measurable outcomes.
- Past grants include future-ready classroom make-overs, 3-D maker tools, tower gardens, Trout in the Classroom, and student literacy projects.
- Funding priorities support school and division goals in areas such as literacy, social emotional learning and life-ready skills.
- Innovative Grant funding has grown more than 700% in the past 6 years!

“HEF Innovative Grants are accelerated, proof-of-concept projects that generate key insights into the future of Henrico schools through promoting greater equity, academic effectiveness, and student engagement.”

Jon Gregori, HCPS Innovation Specialist — Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

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4,000+
Number of HCPS staff impacted in 2020 via HEF's investment in professional development

71%
Decrease in discipline referrals for regular program attendees at the HEF-sponsored extended day program at CLC

31
Number of community child care centers received HEF funding to improve kindergarten readiness in Henrico County

115,237
Number of students impacted by HEF innovation grants since 2014:

105
Number of 3- and 4-year students placed in private pre-K programs via HEF’s Mixed Delivery system

$640,000
Amount secured for launch of guaranteed 2-year Pre-K program for Henrico 3 year-olds

82%
Number of students improved grades in science compared with 52% of peers not attending the program
HEF Steps Up to COVID-19 Challenges

COVID-19 Response Fund

In March 2020 HEF established our COVID-19 Response Fund. Working closely with the HCPS Department of Family and Community Engagement, we quickly identified two areas of need — ensuring that families could receive meals that they typically relied on HCPS to supply and providing hot spots for remote learning in households without internet access. Over $751,000.00 was raised as our Henrico family came together to support each another.

Full Day Support Programs

In July 2020 — after HCPS announced a virtual start to the 2020–2021 school year — school leaders asked HEF if we would provide full day care and virtual learning support for children of essential workers, including school employees. HEF delivered this critical need and provided full day care for 163 students.

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QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL US AT: (804) 652-3869

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Jay Shively, Chief Development Officer

HEF COVID Relief By the Numbers

400,000+ meals delivered by School Nutrition to 4,340 individuals with tools provided by HEF

8,000 weekend food packs made available April–June 2020

400 one-time family stipends provided assistance with rent, food, childcare and other critical family needs

650 prek-12th grade students were afforded reliable internet access

4,255 teachers, principals and administrators trained in virtual instruction

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“Over the past year, the education system as we’ve known it has been disrupted and our children and teachers have adapted teaching and learning in the face of COVID-19. The pandemic has also magnified the inequities we know exist in education and has amplified the need to address these inequities explicitly. Educators are committed and creative; children are eager and resilient, but both must have our help. The need for organizations such as HEF is as great now as it’s ever been.”

Jamelle Wilson, Ed.D., Vice President – Virginia Board of Education

According to Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) data from Fall 2020, 40.6% of Virginia low-income 1st graders need reading intervention (an increase of nearly 15% since 2019).

“The pandemic has created new challenges for many Henrico students and families. Much of our work in 2021 will be focused on addressing COVID-related learning loss and providing additional social emotional supports for students. Thanks to our strong public-private partnership with Henrico schools, HEF is uniquely positioned to help. Working together, we can bridge the gap to ensure every child has the resources they need to reach their fullest potential.”

Mike Taylor, Chief Executive Officer – Henrico Education Foundation
Thank YOU!

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