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to our 2023-24 Community Champions







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Create a lasting legacy through a planned gift; your thoughtful generosity can secure a brighter future for generations of local students. By including CCSF in your estate plans, you secure enduring support for educational excellence and opportunity. Plus, you'll ensure your legacy outlives your collection of quirky coffee mugs.

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2023-24 Impact Report

CCSF + You =

40k students positively impacted



decades serving our school community



\$641,000 invested in students across 67 schools in 2023-24



177 new educator-led projects



\$43k in scholarships to students

143 Leadership Academy graduates since 2022



\$40k in mental health support









Support the next generation of learners and leaders: CCSDFoundation.org

SUPPORTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

4 in 10 students felt persistently sad or hopeless in the 2023-24 school year.

-Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, 2021



CCSF Mental Health Student Support Fund

We understand the critical role mental health plays in our students' wellbeing and success. In 2021, we launched the Student Mental Health Support Fund to provide essential services to those who lacked access to critical care. This year, **CCSF** has allocated \$40,000 to support student mental health, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing the whole wellbeing of our students and providing equitable access to support.

- Helped more than 100 students get specialized care that otherwise would have been inaccessible, resulting in improvements in their mental health, academic performance, and attendance.
- **Funded bilingual therapists** to help non-English speaking students and their families, to help ensure they received culturally appropriate care and better communication with school staff.
- Partnered with Judi's House to continue funding **group therapy and support for students dealing with grief and trauma**, helping them cope and remain engaged with school.
- Partnered with Servicios De La Raza to fund Newcomer Art Therapy groups to help middle and high school students cope with the trauma of coming into a new country and cultivating a safe school environment. 73% of participating students reported an improvement in understanding their feelings, themselves, and their families.

"Without this support from the Foundation, low-income people like me wouldn't even get a chance to get outside therapy for my child. Without counseling, I'd be under a lot of stress from this issue, so there would be a vicious cycle."

-Student Support Fund Recipient Parent

ENSURING THE ESSENTIALS

Fighting Food Insecurity & Providing Internet Access

We know that addressing students' basic needs is crucial for their learning, which is why our foundation supports initiatives to combat food insecurity and provide internet access. In partnership with **SECOR Cares**, we hosted mobile market events supplying food, essentials, clothing to families, and funded internet access to keep students connected and ready to learn.



5 mobile market events for CCSD families



25,000 lbs of food made available



592 families received goods



67 schools received clothing



\$24,000 for internet service for students without access



"The Foundation has helped tremendously to make a difference for students and families through funding the mobile food markets where families can come to the school and shop for food they need. It helps alleviate the stress of hunger while also allowing families an opportunity to secure the necessary needs of survival for their students."

-Sara Khatib, CCSD Interventions Teacher

1,100 CCSD students **experienced unstable housing** in 2023-24.

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

Educator Initiative Grants

What can \$1,200 do for an educator? From creating diverse classroom libraries to implementing mindfulness programs to providing CPR certification, there is no limit to what our educators can do for our students. In the 2023-24 school year, we funded 177 new EIG projects, enhancing education for over 40,000 students.

- Success in reading growth, with significant improvements in reading levels, helping to close achievement gaps.
 - -Prairie Middle School, Climate & Culture
- Growth in student engagement, interest, and confidence in STEAM-related skills, demonstrated by survey and interview feedback.
 - -Pine Ridge Elementary, Empowering Young Innovators
- Improvements in students' speech and language skills, recorded in progress monitoring data.
 - -Village East Elementary, Speech, Language and Literacy Connection



2023-24 Grant Projects Launched

- 53 Social Emotional Learning & Wellness
- 59 STEAM
- 24 Special Needs Students
- 11 Project Based Learning
- 24 Literacy & Writing
- 26 Equity & Inclusion

3,000+ teachers in CCSD

\$178,000 awarded to CCSD staff

"Donors are our superheroes because you allow us to meet the needs of all students regardless of their backgrounds."

- Karin Alfonso, Retired CCSD Teacher

See grants in action!



Colorado teachers spend **\$656 of their own money** on average for classroom supplies.

COMBATTING VIOLENCE AND CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Cherry Creek Schools Leadership Academy

In March 2022, CCSD students faced a tragic wave of violence. In response, CCSF partnered with the district to launch the Leadership Academy, aiming to break cycles of violence and empower students as community leaders. Now in its third year, this yearlong program re-engages students with education and their community, working to prevent youth violence through a grassroots approach.

- 143 students completed the program or continued through three cohorts since 2022.
- \$1 million+ in additional community investments to expand the program.
- 19 Community Liaisons hired to support student engagement and relationship-building.
- 90% attendance rate (on average).
- **Positive behavioral outcomes**, including decrease in behavioral incidents, an increase in credits earned, and a slight increase in attendance during the school year.



"It was 100% worth it. I would do it over and over again if I'm given the opportunity. This has truly impacted my life in such a positive way. I believe my voice is important and I deserve to pursue being on stage giving a lecture at an Ivy League university."

-Leana Gafar, Leadership Academy participant