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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW  
SPARTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# Thank you!

Dear Sparta Community—

We greeted 2021 with hopeful optimism. Vaccinations were available, restrictions were being loosened, and as we approached spring there were promising signs that the worst was behind us.

We kicked off our event season with our inaugural Cornament, a Cornhole Tournament, in June. This event quickly sold out as people clamored to be together again. This lively, family-friendly competition has quickly become a community favorite with plans to make it an annual event.

We hosted our Wine Tasting and Food Pairing event for the fall in a beautiful new setting to accommodate a larger crowd. In addition to the good food, paired with great wines and spirits, the event offered live music, a wine pull, and silent auction of gifted prizes by donors.

We ended our event season with the beloved “tradition before the tradition,” the 15th Annual Krogh’s Turkey Trot, to a record number of attendees. The crowd was enthusiastic, the weather was perfect, and it was a wonderful way to end our fundraising season!

And we could not do any of our events without our awesome sponsors and volunteers. Thank you all --this is truly a great community we live in!

Here’s to a happy, healthy 2022!

Sincerely,

Donna West

President, Sparta Education Foundation





# SPARTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Sparta Education Foundation (SEF) is an independent, 501(c)(3) New Jersey non-profit corporation, it has its own mission, goals and by-laws that are organized and managed by an independent Board of Trustees. The Foundation is not connected to the Sparta Board of Education or the Town Council. The Board is comprised entirely of volunteers who are committed to encouraging philanthropic support of our five public schools. They are responsible for the organization of fundraising projects and other activities that benefit Sparta schools. During 2021, Sparta Education Foundation's "Efficiency of Funds" remained high for each dollar collected.

We believe that a strong community counts on strong public schools to prepare its children to become productive citizens, strengthen property values and inspire civic pride. As such, the SEF is committed to raising funds to ensure continued excellence. Through the end of 2021 we have awarded grants totaling over \$1,148,011.

## OUR MISSION

To raise funds that will enable the Sparta Education Foundation to make ongoing charitable contributions that enrich the educational experience of children in the Sparta Public Schools.

To promote pride and positive awareness in the Sparta Public Schools.

## OUR VISION

To engage the entire community in philanthropic giving that strengthens our public schools, supports our teachers, and inspires our students.

# Our Board

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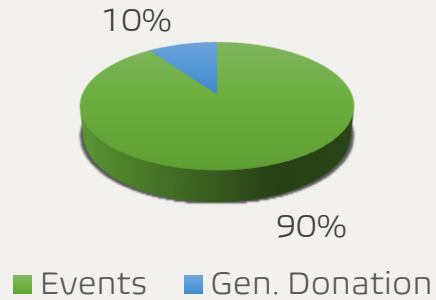


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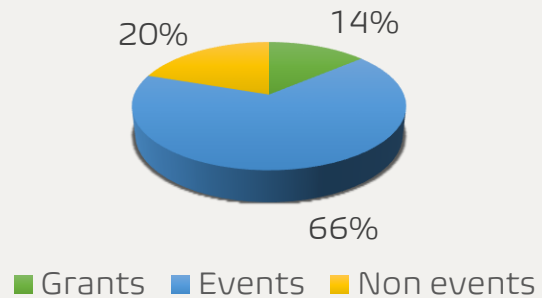


# 2021 FINANCIALS

## Funds Generated



## Expenses



TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF 2021		\$116,092
Funds generated in 2021		\$137,111
*Event revenues	123,862	
Contributions & Other	13,249	
Expenses in 2021		\$75,202
Grants awarded in 2021	12,782	
**Grant monies refunded	(2,319)	
*Event expenses	49,746	
***Administrative expenses	14,993	
FUNDS AT YEAR END 2021		\$178,001

*\*Event Revenues / Expenses include, Cornament, Wine Tasting, and Turkey Trot.*

*Contributions & Other – General Donations, Amazon Smile, In Kind*

*\*\*Grant monies are refunded for various reasons, such as a drop in pricing from grant submission to the actual order date.*

*\*\*\*2021 admin expenses include attorney review of bylaws, one-time expenses for new websites, and covid-related costs.*

*The Isak Anderson Memorial Fund was established in July 2015.*

*The 2021 year end closing balance was \$23,395.*

*These funds will be disbursed by a committee of the SEF chaired by the Anderson Family*

2021  
Grants

## 2021 Grants

*In 2021, the Sparta Education Foundation funded 2 grants totaling \$12,782 for the year*

### **Flexible seating, Helen Morgan School, \$6,342**

#### **November 2021**

Classrooms with flexible seating are conducive to both individual, quiet study as well as more collaborative, discussion-based group work, and meet the diverse needs of our students. These grants meet curriculum goals because flexible seating encourages individualized learning. Furniture at Helen Morgan School will include standing desks, soft seat stools, and wobble chairs.



### **Archery equipment, Helen Morgan School, \$6,440**

#### **November 2021**

The National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) program gives each student the means to succeed, increasing their confidence and helping them gain new abilities. Archery can be a team sport, but also an individual event putting no pressure on students to “win”. This program is all about focus, discipline, patience, and continuing to try and become better at something where if they put the attitude and effort towards it they will get better. Archery promotes health, physical, and emotional well-being in something that can be done out of the classroom. It is an activity that can be promoted throughout our students’ lives and not just while they are in the classrooms.



2021  
Events





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# Cornament



Our inaugural cornhole tournament was a huge hit with adults and kids alike. Teams of two competed against each other for prizes and bragging rights.





# Cornament Sponsors and Contributors

## Presenting Sponsor

**Rev it Up!**  
**AUTOMOTIVE OF SPARTA**

## Sponsors -- \$2,500



**Atlantic  
Health System**  
Newton Medical Center

## Sponsors -- \$1,500



**NORTHERN PRIDE**  
Web Design • Hosting • Marketing



# Cornament Sponsors and Contributors

## Sponsors -- \$1,000



## Sponsors -- \$500-\$1,000

Coldwell Banker

Harte Orthodontics

Gina & Bob Loewen

Sparta Dental Designs

Schenk, Price, Smith,  
and King, LLP

Duphiney Financial Network

Pelican Shops

Ewa Iden

# Cornament Sponsors and Contributors

## Sponsors -- \$250 and In-Kind

Dr. Sullivan, DDS

Village Electric

Sparta Benevolent Society

Skyland's Orthodontics

W.H. Roddy Insurance

Bubbakoo's Burritos, Sparta

Design Management Services

Sparta Dairy

Jersey Mike's

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Krogh's Restaurant  
& Brew Pub

J. Thomas Jeweler's

# Cornament Sponsors and Contributors

## Lawn Sign Sponsors

Farmers Ins.  
Mark Unglaub

Goble Funeral Home

Weichert Realtors

RB Painting Plus

Halteman Family

Sparta Athletic Campus

Mathnasium

Fat Daddy's  
Cheesesteaks

Garger Family

Charley

# Wine & Food Pairing

On a perfect fall day in October, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine & Food Pairing event brought together the community to socialize and raise money for Sparta schools.









# Wine & Food Pairing Sponsors and Contributors

## Champagne Welcome Sponsor



## Wine & Spirits Sponsors



## Cocktail Napkin Sponsor



# Wine & Food Pairing Sponsors and Contributors

## Food Pairing Sponsor

Econo-Pak

## Auction Sponsor

LaFrieda Purveyors

## Sommelier Table Sponsors

Sparta Benevolent Society

American Smoke BBQ

Landon Maxwell Barbers

FoxVale Homes

## Cocktail Table Sponsors

Pour House and Sparta Lanes

White Lotus Yoga

The Buono Family

FoxVale Homes

Performance Pediatrics

Cedar and Sage

Black Bear Fitness

Charles & Alice Terry

## Auction and Raffle Donations

J. Thomas Jewelers

White Lotus Yoga

LaFrieda Purveyors

Garlic and Oil

Get Personal

FoxVale Homes

Cedar and Sage

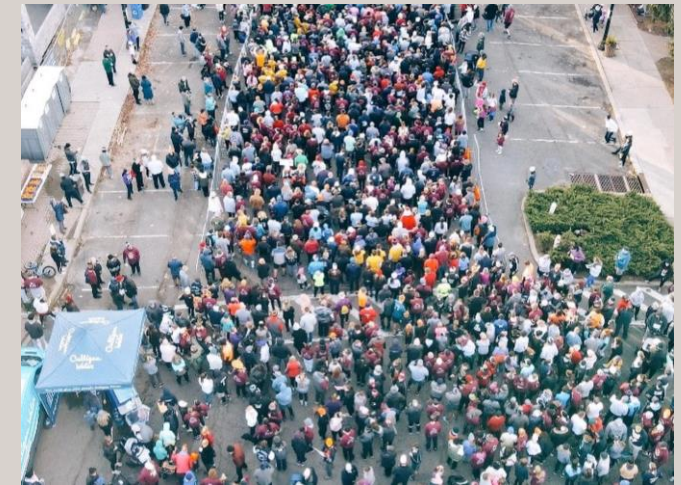
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Murray Designs

Samantha's Closet

# Krogh's Turkey Trot

The “tradition before the tradition” was back in person this year. Perfect weather, plus enthusiastic runners and walkers, plus cheerful crowds all add up to great support for Sparta schools!









# Turkey Trot Sponsors and Contributors

## Title Sponsor



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## Gold Sponsor



# Turkey Trot Sponsors and Contributors

## Bib & Finish Line Sponsor



## Packet Pickup Sponsor



## Grandstand Sponsor



# Turkey Trot Sponsors and Contributors

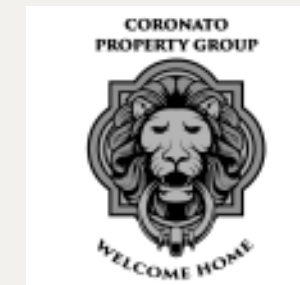
## Goody Bag Sponsor



## Leader Board Sponsor



## Silver Sponsors





# Turkey Trot Sponsors and Contributors

## Bronze Sponsors

Askin & Hooker

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Lakeland Surveying

Liquor Factory

Pine Cone Chiropractic

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Dawn Corbo and  
Dawnice LaFave

# In appreciation

*We would like to express our appreciation to all the teachers, administrators and liaisons for their continued contributions to advancing Sparta education and thank them for their support.*

DR. EDWARD LAZZARA  
*Sparta High School Principal*

MR. FRANK CIABURRI  
*Sparta Middle School  
Principal Liaison*

MR. DOUG LAYMAN  
*Helen Morgan School Principal*

MS. LAURA TRENT  
*Mohawk Avenue School Principal*

MR. GIUSEPPE "JOE" LEONE  
*Alpine School Principal*

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*Student Liaison*

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*Superintendent of Schools*

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*Asst. Superintendent of Schools  
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