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SPARTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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THANK YOU!

Dear Sparta Community,

With the Covid-19 restrictions a distant memory, the Sparta Education Foundation entered 2022 reenergized in its quest to serve the students of Sparta. A variety of fantastic fundraisers offered our community numerous opportunities to engage in family friendly activities which fostered both competition and camaraderie.

Our Dragon Boat Festival offered competitors and spectators alike the enjoyment of lakeside viewing while cheering on their favorite team. The festival has been one of our best-attended and enjoyable activities over the years.

The second annual Cornament was even better received than the inaugural event. Competitors laughed and sighed as they challenged the abilities of their rivals. This sold out event is a valid indication of our committee's interest in having competitive fun.

The "Main Event" of the 2022 fundraising season was the 16th Annual Krogh's Turkey Trot. Runners and walkers of all ages participated in the record setting lakeside event. This year, Sparta High School economics teacher Will Anderson assisted as emcee, lending his booming voice and playful anecdotes throughout the morning from his perch in our title sponsor's new "Krogh's Nest". The addition of the second floor deck at Krogh's Restaurant and Brewpub was the perfect place to oversee the start and finish of our 5k!

Among the many generous sponsors who enabled our foundation to continue to serve the children of Sparta, Wasseen Petroleum donated \$5,000 through our Giving Pump Project. We also partnered with North Star on their production of Shrek held over the summer at Sparta High School. Continued generosity from our sponsors allows us to provide the community with activities we all can enjoy and participate in.

The volunteers, though unsung heroes who work tirelessly in the shadows to facilitate the set up, breakdown, and other tasks necessary for the accomplishment of a successful event, need to be thanked profusely. For without their contributions, Sparta Educational Foundation activities would grind to a halt.

2023 will be the Best Year Ever!

Sincerely,
Heather Egli
President, Sparta Education Foundation





ABOUT SEF

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.

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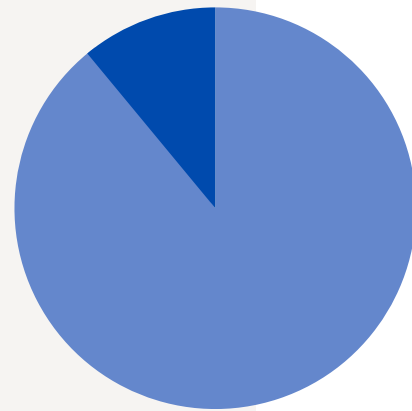


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2022 FINANCIAL REVIEW

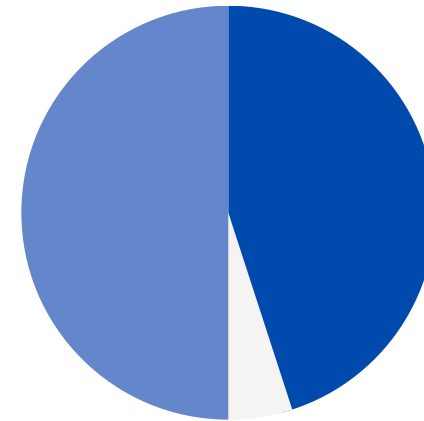
GENERAL DONATION
11%



EVENTS
89%

FUNDS GENERATED

EVENT EXPENSES
50%



GRANTS AWARDED
45%

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
5%

EXPENSES

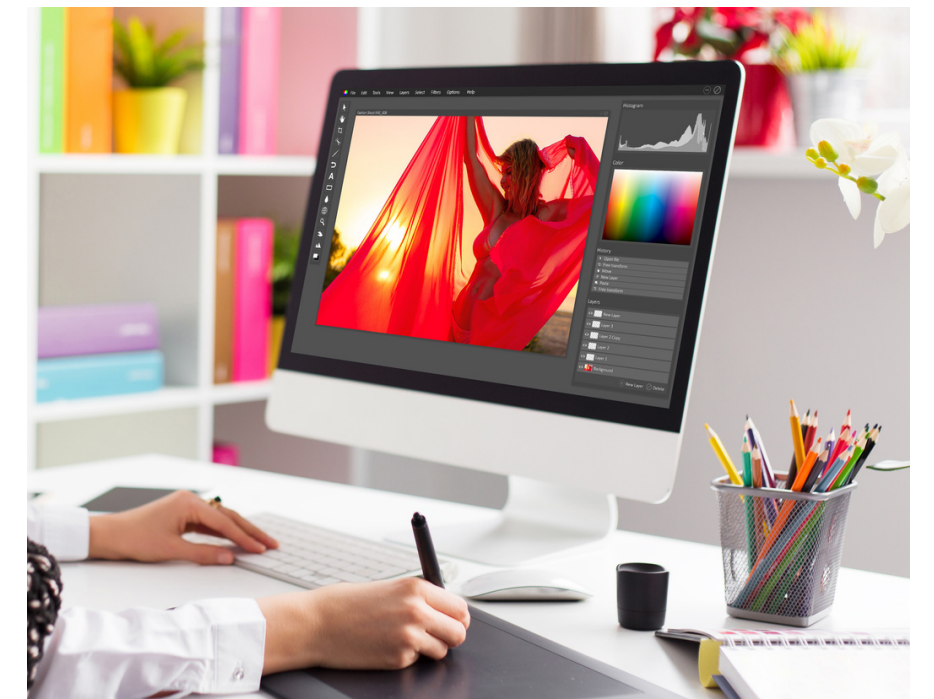
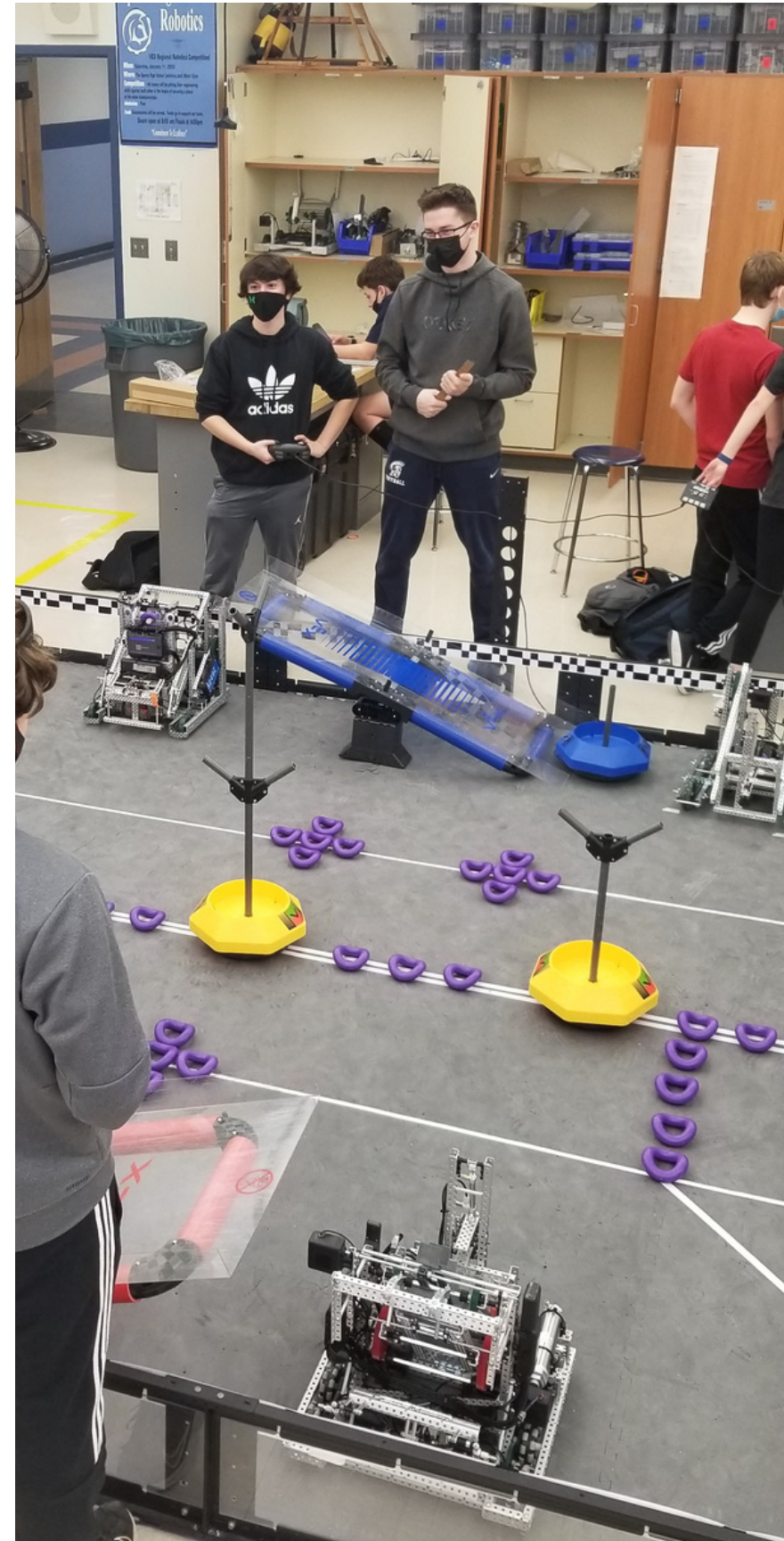
- Event Revenues / Expenses include: Dragon Boat, Cornament and Turkey Trot.
- Contributions & Other: General Donations, Amazon Smile, In Kind
- Sparta Education Foundation awarded a total of 7 grants in 2022, totaling 96,557 (which includes one grant from the Isak Anderson memorial fund).
- Grant monies are refunded for various reasons, such as a drop in pricing from grant submission to the actual order date. The amount shown in the chart above is a net percentage.
- The low administration expenses of 5% in 2022 ensures a maximum impact for every dollar raised.
- The Isak Anderson Memorial Fund was established in July 2015. These funds will be disbursed by a committee of the SEF chaired by the Anderson Family. The opening balance for 2022 was \$23,395 less one grant of \$2044. The 2022 year end closing balance was \$21,351.

FINANCIAL REVIEW		TOTAL
Total: Start of 2022		\$178,001
Funds Generated		\$218,037
Events Revenue	\$194,075	
Contributions & Other	\$23,961	
Expenses		\$188,297
Grants Awarded	\$94,513	
Grants Refunded	-\$10,648	
Event Expenses	\$94,343	
Administrative Expenses	\$10,090	
Total: End of 2022		\$207,740

2022 GRANTS

"The Sparta Education Foundation continues to play a vital role in ensuring that Sparta students have opportunities to be technically competitive in a global environment that places high demands on technical literacy and competency."

— Mark Meola, Robotics and Engineering Teacher



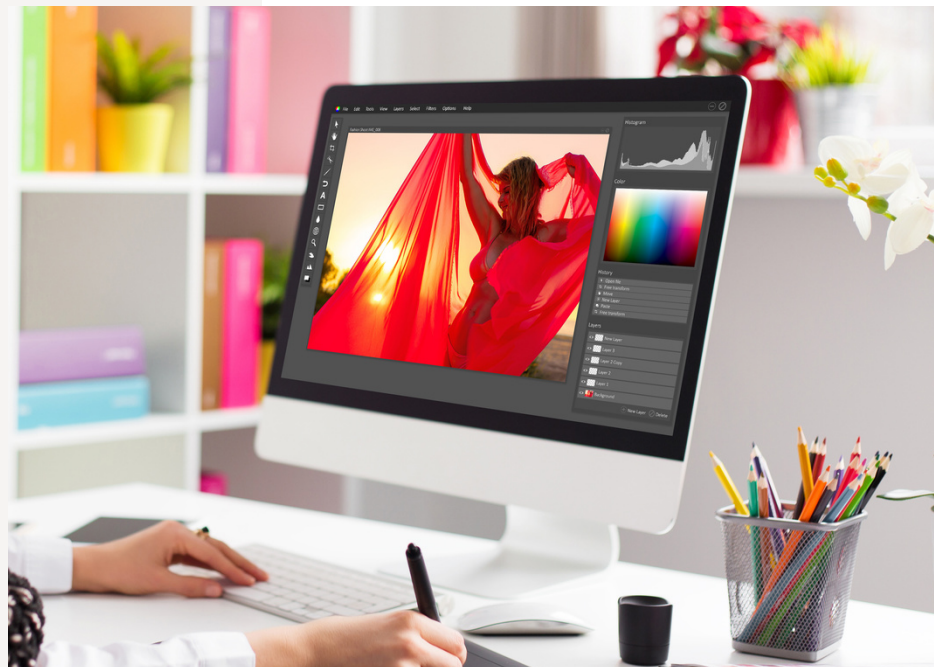
GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022



1 BOOKS FOR DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • JANUARY 2022 • \$7,045

This grant will help expand the selection of books offered to 10-12th grade students, and will assist the district with new initiatives while continuing to provide students with updated and relevant texts that will help them learn skills, and also cultivate their lifelong love of reading.



2 IMACS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL • JANUARY 2022 • \$5,844

The iMacs will connect computer science and the gifted and talented curriculum by allowing students to explore creative design programs such as Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, Blender animation, Garageband, iMovie, Makerbot 3D print, and more.

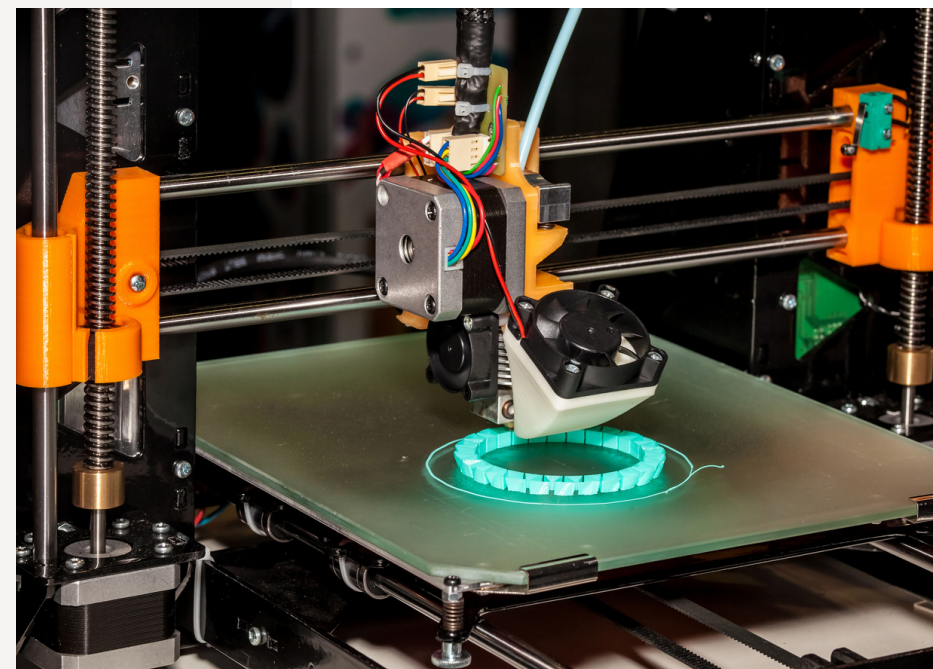
GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022



3 ITEMS FOR ISAK ANDERSON STUDIO

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • APRIL 2022 • \$2,044

This grant provides updated electronic materials to enhance the technological integrity of the Isak Anderson Recording Studio at Sparta High School. A Native Instruments Maschine, Switchcraft Studiopatch Patch Panel, multi-use studio grade headphones, and new Fat Head short-ribbon microphone were all included in this studio upgrade.



4 3D PRINTER FOR ROBOTICS

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • JUNE 2022 • \$48,785

This grant afforded the Sparta High School STEM department a new Stratasys F190 CR 3D printer, replacing the 10-year-old model the students had been using. Robotics and Engineering students are utilizing the printer throughout the year to expand their studies of the STEM fields. Tools like this help to enable Sparta students for readiness as 21st century engineering majors and in their future careers.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022



5

FLEXIBLE SEATING FOR NEW BEHAVIORAL CENTER

SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL • JUNE 2022 • \$16,839

In response to the district's goal of increasing inclusivity, this grant supplies the newly introduced behavioral center at Sparta Middle School with flexible new seating options, like bean bags, bar stools, and lounge chairs. It also provided carpeting, tables, a bookcase, and lighting. Students who have difficulty with the rigid nature of a traditional classroom often find comfort and an ability to stay calm when offered more flexible seating options.



6

VERNIER LABQUEST MINIS

SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL • SEPTEMBER 2022 • \$5,075

This grant provides the 8th grade science classes at Sparta Middle School with 30 additional Labquest Minis, which are utilized in support of the physics and chemistry-based curriculum for all 8th graders. With more machines on hand, students are able to further explore motion/acceleration, force, temperature, pressure, voltage, and sound. The interface connects directly to students' Chromebooks, and allows students to upload data collected by the Labquest Minis to their computer for analysis and graphing.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2022



7 VO2 MASTER ANALYZERS

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • SEPTEMBER 2022 • \$10,924

Sparta High School Science Teacher Kenneth Scognagmilio petitioned the SEF for this innovative grant for his newly introduced Exercise Physiology class, the first of its kind at the high school level in the nation. The VO2 Master Analyzers allow students to measure their VO2 max, helping each to understand the way exercise affects how efficiently their bodies use oxygen. Without these machines, students would need to use a more generalized, and less accurate, method.

2022 EVENTS

Sparta Education Foundation hosted 3 wonderful events in 2022: the 8th Annual Dragon Boat Festival in May, the 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament in September, and finally the 16th Annual Krogh's Turkey trot on Thanksgiving morning.





DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

MAY 22, 2022 • LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

The 8th Annual Dragon Boat Festival returned to the waters of Lake Mohawk on a beautiful spring day after a two-year hiatus. Competition was fierce as teams paddled their way to the finish line: spending the day breaking a sweat all in the good name of raising funds for Sparta's public schools.



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 • THE FIELDHOUSE AT SAC

Despite the weather, our 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament was a huge hit with adults and kids alike. Teams of two competed against each other at the Fieldhouse for prizes and bragging rights, and the day was a huge success.



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KROGH'S TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 24, 2022 • LAKE MOHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

The Sparta Education Foundation proudly hosted its 16th Annual Krogh's Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, and welcomed more than 2,000 runners to the Lake Mohawk Plaza to kick off the day. The largest event for the SEF, the Krogh's Turkey Trot is an integral fundraiser for our foundation and helps to raise needed funds that get passed along to grant recipients of Sparta's Public Schools.



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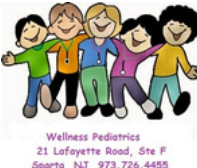
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IN APPRECIATION

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

Middle School Principal
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