



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

SPARTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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THANK YOU

Dear Sparta Community,

As we reflect on the past year, we are thankful for the tremendous support and dedication of our sponsors, volunteers, donors, and the entire community. Because of your generosity and commitment, we have achieved significant milestones and made a lasting impact on the lives of many students and teachers.

In this past year, we have successfully awarded 9 significant grants to deserving teachers, enabling them to provide advanced education to fulfill students' academic aspirations. Additionally, the grants totaled \$167,265 donated to our public schools, surpassing our contributions from the past 8 years.

This year's events saw a significant increase in both attendance and profits, making it a resounding success. The Turkey Trot, in particular, attracted more participants and generated higher revenue than in previous years. It was an outstanding achievement bringing together the community for a united cause!

This year we strengthened existing partnerships and forged new collaborations to enhance our capacity to serve our community more effectively. We are proud of the progress we have made and remain committed to our mission of raising funds for all five of Sparta's public schools to supply educational grants in classrooms throughout the district. Our foundation is built on the collective effort of volunteers who share a vision of a better, more inclusive future, and we are humbled by the dedication and passion of our community. None of this would have been possible without your ongoing support and belief in our cause. As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities to further our impact and reach even more students. With your continued support, we are confident that we can achieve even greater success and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated sponsors, the many volunteers, and the enthusiastic participants of our events. Special thanks to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Beck, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Tara Rossi, and the entire administrative team at the Board of Education, with which we are proud to have such a strong partnership. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for your steadfast commitment to making a positive impact on Sparta Public Schools.

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 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 2023, 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 2023 we have awarded grants totaling over \$1,401,185.

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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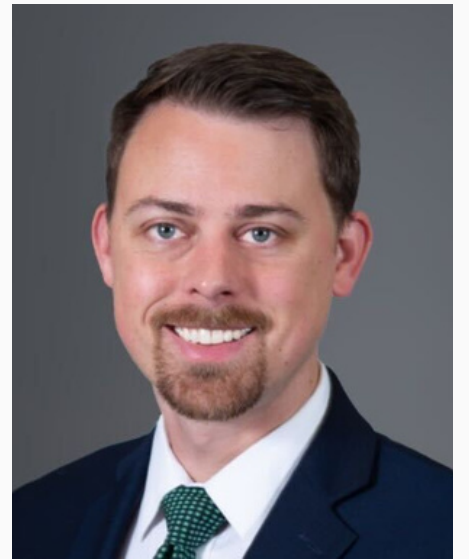
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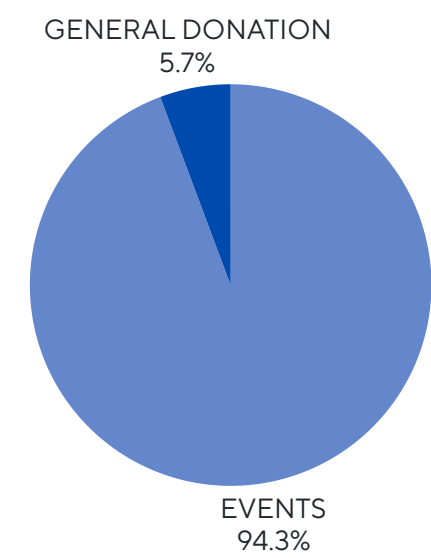
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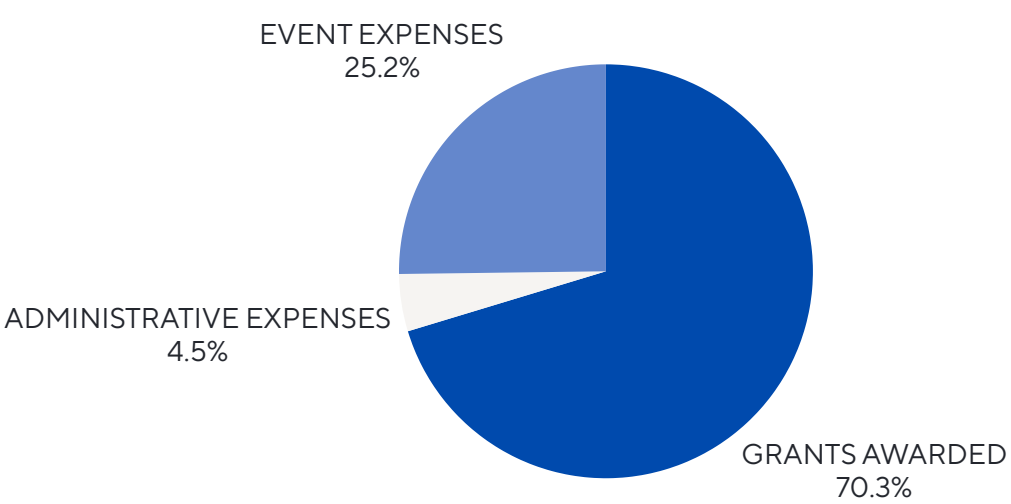
2023 FINANCIAL REVIEW

FINANCIAL REVIEW		TOTAL
Total: Start of 2023		\$207,740
Funds Generated		\$173,296
Events Revenue	\$163,348	
Contributions & Other	\$9,948	
Expenses		\$237,899
Grants Awarded	\$167,265	
Event Expenses	\$60,028	
Administrative Expenses	\$10,636	
Total: End of 2023		\$143,137

FUNDS GENERATED



EXPENSES



- Event Revenues / Expenses include Wine & Food Pairing, Cornament, and Turkey Trot.
- Contributions & Other: General Donations, Amazon Smile, In Kind
- Sparta Education Foundation awarded a total of 9 grants in 2023, totaling \$167,265
- The low administration expenses of 4.5% in 2023 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 2023 year-end closing balance was \$21,351

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023



1

NOVELS FOR 4TH GRADE ELA CURRICULUM

HELEN MORGAN SCHOOL • JANUARY 2023 • \$7,916

This grant added a new reading option to district fourth graders at Helen Morgan School. Each class year, students read a novel together, and after using the same novels for several years, teachers were looking for a new text. This grant covers novels for each student in fourth grade.



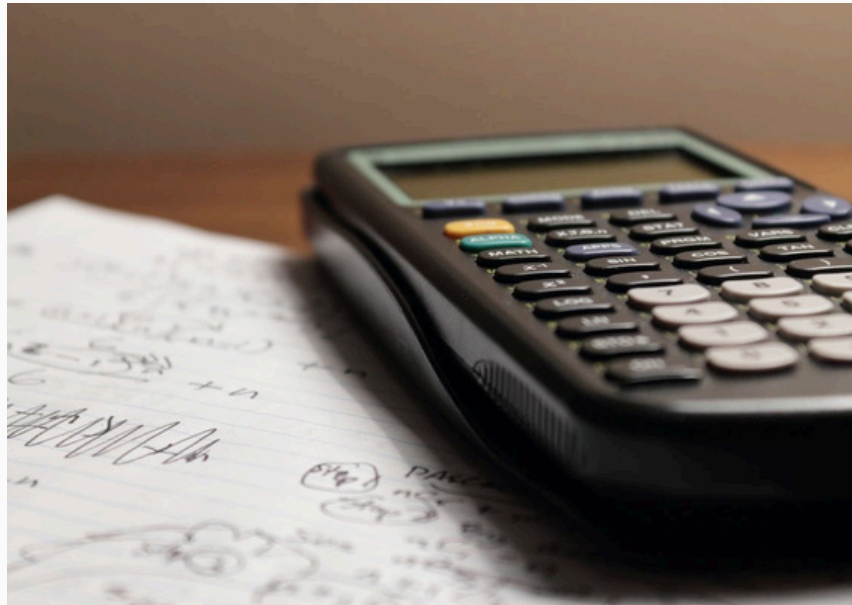
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PROMETHEAN ACTIVEPANELS

MOHAWK AVENUE SCHOOL • JANUARY 2023 • \$17,802

This grant approved to add five additional Promethean ActivPanels to classrooms at MAS, after ten had been purchased by the district. These screens replace the use of projectors in the classroom. They are brighter, easier to use, load quickly, and have a touch-screen, allowing teachers and students to interact with the boards during lessons. In addition, cameras are embedded in each screen, and were found to be a very useful tool during virtual learning.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023



3

TI-84 CE GRAPHING CALCULATORS

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • JANUARY 2023 • \$27,699

SEF approved a grant that provides all levels of math classes in the high school with 21 new graphing calculators. These advanced machines hold a longer battery life, and replace outdated calculators that were being used by the entire math department. This grant supports the district's goal of incorporating technology into the classroom, and gives the most updated technological access to all of Sparta's student population.



4

COMPUTERS FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • MARCH 2023 • \$32,710

In May, the SEF approved a \$64,000 grant to Sparta High School Teachers Marisa Wilson & Lisa Tafuri, modernizing the computers for the Architecture/Robotics/Engineering lab at Sparta High School. These new computers will allow Sparta students to learn on software currently being used on the professional level, and replace computers that have become obsolete.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023



5

NOVELS FOR 8TH GRADE MATHEMATICS CLASS

SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL • MARCH 2023 • \$1,480

Sparta Middle School teacher Rosemary Bayliss was awarded a grant to fund her innovative approach of using novels to teach math to her 8th grade students. Her cross-curricular approach aims to show students the value of mathematics in the real world, as well as to further their understanding of the mathematical concept.



6

COMFORT & HYGIENE CABINET

SPARTA MIDDLE SCHOOL • MAY 2023 • \$2,815

This grant, proposed by School Nurse Alexa Griffin, provides comfort and hygiene care to students at Sparta Middle School. Products are available to all students who may realize they are in need of hygiene care in the middle of the school day. Since hygiene can affect self-esteem, social skills, and overall student happiness, this grant aims to help lessen student anxiety and worries throughout the school day.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023



7

PROMETHEAN ACTIVEPANELS

HELEN MORGAN SCHOOL • DECEMBER 2023 • \$26,557

This grant provides Promethan ActivPanels boards to help bring instruction to all students, and was requested by Helen Morgan ELA, Spanish, Music and Special Education teachers . This will help bring the curriculums to all students through technology, deliver instruction to multiple modalities, and provide a shared interactive learning experience. Through music, art, special education, and general education all of the students of Helen Morgan School benefit from this grant.



8

SHS WEIGHT ROOM

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL • DECEMBER 2023 • \$48,660

The SEF awarded Sparta High School Science teacher Ken Scognamiglio a grant towards his plans to renovate the weight and exercise room at Sparta High School. Though this money will not completely cover renovations and supplies, it will provide Sparta High School's exercise and physiology classes, its physical education classes, and its student athletes updated equipment on which to train.

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023



9

CALMING CORNERS

ALPINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • DECEMBER 2023 • \$1,626

In November, Alpine Elementary School Counselor Heather Yanoff was awarded a \$1,626 grant to cover supplies to enhance the school's Social and Emotional Learning goals. The grant covered stress balls, putty, motivational signs, fidget toys, bean bags chairs, a mini trampoline, a hopscotch rug, and more tools to help the district's youngest students handle their emotions.

EVENTS IN 2023





WINE & FOOD PAIRING

MARCH 4, 2023 • THE BARN AT HILLSIDE PARK

In March, the SEF hosted their 9th annual Wine & Food Pairing event, this year at the Barn at Hillside Park in Andover. Our guests had a great evening dining, mingling, and bidding on auction items. Thanks to the participation of our community, as well as our sponsors, the Wine & Food Pairing once again was a successful fundraiser for the SEF, helping to fund innovative educational grants for Sparta's public school classrooms.



WINE & FOOD PAIRING SPONSORS

EVENT SPONSOR
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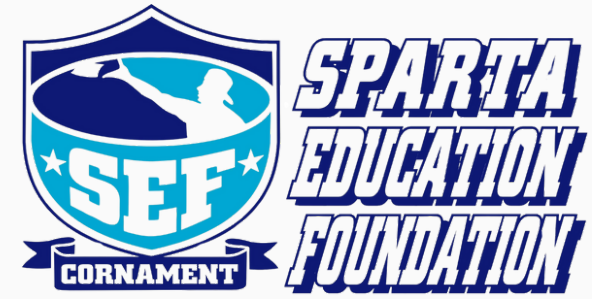


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CORNAMENT

AUGUST 26, 2023 • STATION PARK

Our third annual Cornament was held Saturday, August 26th on the turf at Station Park in Sparta. It was a beautiful day filled with food, music and good ol' fashioned competition - all in the name of raising money for the Sparta School District! A big Thank You to all of our participants, sponsors and volunteers for once again assuring a successful fundraiser for the Sparta Education Foundation!



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TURKEY TROT

NOVEMBER 23, 2023 • LAKE MOHAWK

The SEF is proud to announce that we had more than 2700 participants run, walk or wobble their way down our course for the 17th running of our Krogh's Turkey Trot! A day blessed with beautiful weather, it was an awesome community celebration, and each and every dollar raised is helping to fund grants for all five of Sparta's public schools!



TURKEY TROT SPONSORS

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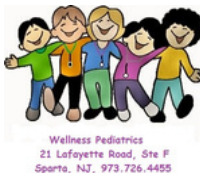


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We would like to express our appreciation to all the teachers, administrators and liaisons for their continued contributions to advancing Sparta education and thank them for their support.

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Sparta High School Principal

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Middle School Principal

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