



CENTENNIAL AREA
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Supporting Education
to build a Strong Community

2022 Year-In-Review

Thanks to all our generous givers for your thoughtful donations! We appreciate your support in 2022.

Because of your commitment to the Centennial Area Education Foundation, more than \$76,500 overall was given in various support to the Centennial School District. We're thankful and proud of the positive impact you've made in our community.



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ANNUAL GRANT PROGRAM

CAEF had a record Spring 2022 Grant cycle awarding \$26,513 in grants to 22 district education initiatives with full or partial funding. This supplemental support provided Centennial students with enhanced educational experiences at all levels of education. 2022 grants awarded:

- Reading and Learning - Summer Enrichment (\$3,000)
- Community School Supplies Project (\$3,000)
- CHS Empowering Young Women: Building Healthy Relationships (\$500)
- Powerpack Program (\$1,250)
- CHS Peer Leadership Training (\$1,000)
- Operation No Limits (\$3,200)
- Centennial Robotics Continuation and Growth (\$2,250)
- CMS STEM Clock Project (\$1,000)
- Preschool Kinder Konzerts (\$750)
- Rotary Youth Exchange Program (\$1,200)
- CMS Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change (\$340)
- CMS Hydroponics Lab Organizer (\$600)
- RLE Storyworks Reading Magazine Program (\$933.90)
- RLE Hatching Baby Chicks in the Classroom (\$298.57)
- CMS Media Center - Social & Emotional Learning Support (\$750)
- CHS Gay Straight Alliance - Q-Quest Seminar (\$250)
- Comm. Ed Somali Culture Overview & Experience (\$350)
- Kids Club - Summer Cardio Drumming (\$661.10)
- CALC Outdoor Classroom Support (\$400)
- ECSE Portable Classroom Divider (\$642.85)
- CHS Cougar Strength Technology (\$3,050)
- CVE Kindergarten STEM Support (\$1,087)

Grant donations can be made anytime online at caefoundation.org with the opportunity to make a one-time or recurring donation. Checks may also be made out to "CAEF" and mailed to PO Box 4, Circle Pines.

22
DIFFERENT
PROGRAMS



Centerville Elementary
Kindergarten Teacher, Lisa
Brown, and class.

NEW for 2023 - CAEF Grants Awarded Twice per Year

CAEF is updating the annual grant process and awards will be given twice per year starting 2023. Grant applications will be open and accepted throughout the year allowing applicants the opportunity to apply at any time. A new funding cycle means educators can plan application timing based on their educational curriculum and program needs that same year. A committee made up of members of the community will review grants in spring and fall.

The first grant review will be considered for applications received on or before March 15, 2023 with award announcements made in April. The second review will be any applications submitted on or before October 15th with an award announcement in November/December. The new CAEF grant dates, process, and application can be found online at caefoundation.org.

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POWER OF CENTENNIAL (POC)

The POC community members pooled their donations and awarded \$3,176 in spring 2022 toward six different programs. Since 2014 the program awarded a grand total of \$25,759.



2022 Awarded Grants:

- Centennial Culture Fair by Centennial Students for Change (\$100)
- CHS Physics Supplies for grades 10-12 (\$99.92)
- Centennial Area Learning Center Group Retreat to Fort Snelling (\$1,000)
- ECFE Fall Parent Speaker Sessions (\$800)
- World Culture Club Supplies (\$600)
- CHS Musical Professional Orchestra Musicians (\$576.08)

The POC underwent a few changes over the summer of 2022. The Chairperson stepped down and the role was not filled for a Fall 2022 meeting. After a membership meeting with many discussions, and no Chairperson taking the leadership role, it was concluded the program will fold into the new CAEF Grant cycles starting in 2023.

50 SCHOLARSHIPS



CAEF President, Jesse Bentrup,
and 2022 CAEF
Scholarship Recipients

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

More than \$47,000 was administered by the foundation to 50 graduating seniors of Centennial High School on May 23, 2022. CAEF hosted a reception for recipients, parents, and donors which was followed by the CHS scholarship award ceremony. CAEF directly funded \$16,000 to seniors including a newly created scholarship honoring former foundation president, Jan Kreminski, for his 19 years of service and leadership.

CAEF had two thoughtful 2022 donors that made special scholarships tributes for our schools.

\$2,500 - In Honor of Class of 2008

\$100 - In Honor of Centennial Middle School - Teams 603 and 803

We appreciate the individual donors, community and school organizations, and local businesses that give to the annual Centennial Scholarship Program. Contact us for your special tribute.

2022 CAEF EVENTS

CAEF Annual Gala (April) - Our 2022 Gala night was all about continuing our mission of "Supporting Education to build a Strong Community" and gathering for our first "back in person" Gala since 2019. Saturday, April 9, 2022 was a fun evening of 195 guests and exhibited a splendid showing of generosity. More than \$65,000 in commitments were made by gala attendees, sponsors, Fund-the-Need bidders and the online auction.

A few event highlights include:

- The LIVE auction included six different experiences bringing in more than \$11,900.
- 115 bids were made during our online silent auction which collected around \$4,000.
- Over \$21,000 was raised for Fund-A-Need supporting "Social and Emotional Learning", a priority for the district to enhance social and emotional learning programs and curriculum throughout the district.
- 13 CHS National Honor Society student volunteers donated their time during the event and their assistance was invaluable.

THANK YOU to all the financial supporters and the community for continuing to partner with CAEF keeping Centennial students a focus of your generosity!

2023 Gala



APRIL 1, 2023

MAJESTIC OAKS GOLF CLUB, HAM LAKE

Golf Tournament (August) - The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament held August 12, 2023 was a great day to swing the clubs. 28 golfers took to the course at Majestic Oaks Golf Club for a fun day of competition followed by dinner. Thank you CHS robotics club, Team 2472 "The Centurions", for hosting a "friendly" putting competition: Golfers vs Robot. CAEF raised around \$3,000 during the golf event from sponsors, players, games, and raffle donations.



CHS Robotics Team 2472 - The Centurions

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Cornhole Tournament (August) - CAEF hosted a Cornhole Tournament in cooperation with the City of Lino Lakes and the Chain of Lakes Rotary Club during the Blue Heron Days family-fun festival at the Lino Community Green. It was a beautiful Saturday, August 20, 2022 for outdoor games with eight teams playing in a double elimination match. The event brought in \$830 from the community. The tournament champs walked away with bragging rights and a \$50 gift card.



Jason and Nick Holton, 2022 CAEF Cornhole Champs



Basketball Tournament Fun

3v3 Alumni Basketball Tournament (December) - CAEF teamed up with the Centennial basketball teams and Alumni Association to host the first 3v3 Alumni Basketball Tournament on Saturday, December 17th, 2022. The tournament brought together over 20 alumni and friends on the CHS courts. Each player received a event t-shirt thanks to our sponsors. Thank you Centennial alumni and CHS Basketball Coaches & Players for making the tournament a fun success.

We appreciate your continued support!

Wishing to support Centennial students in education? CAEF offers a number of options that make it possible for any interested giver. Donations can include: volunteering time, sponsorships, contributing toward existing programs, or creating a program or scholarship you're passionate about. Contact us today about all the possibilities!

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