

THE FOUNDATION FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

# TOP 10

OUR

## 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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### THE ROBERT & ROSEMARY METZLER FAMILY EDUCATION FUND

Douglas County's roots reach deep into the mid-nineteenth century when homesteading families arrived and began to carve a living from the land. Over 150 years later, the footprints of the founding families can be seen across the county on parks, street names, and historic sites. One of these names is "Metzler." Most recently the Metzler Family homestead was generously donated to the Town of Castle Rock as permanently protected open space. You can now visit the Metzler Family Open Space, a 4 mile trail with amazing views, plentiful wildlife and diverse topography.

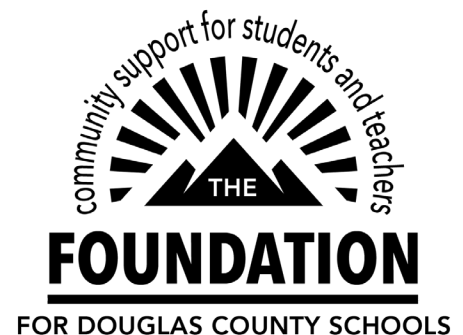
The Douglas County School District (DCSD) will soon be another place where the Metzler name plays a part. The Foundation for Douglas County Schools (FDCS) has received a gift from The Metzler Estate, totaling **\$500,000**. The donation will go to support underserved students with back-to-school needs, student assistance through scholarships and grants to DCSD programs and post-secondary education, and support district-wide reading and literacy programs for students and their families. The last Metzler's, siblings Robert and Rosemary, helped shape the modern model of DCSD from the beginning of their careers in education.



*Thanks to their generosity and commitment to education, Robert and Rosemary have ensured that their legacy will benefit students across the state and in DCSD for years to come.*



The Foundation for Douglas County Schools works to enrich student experience and promote innovation. The Foundation is an independent charitable organization that develops private resources to support our students and schools.



# LEND-A-HAND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



2022 was another greatly successful year of the Foundation's Lend a Hand Back 2 School Supply Drive! The Foundation provided over **1200** packed backpacks to Douglas County students in need. The Douglas County community business came out in support of the program in bigger and better ways.

Through these community partnerships, the Foundation received almost **\$55,000** of donated supplies from over **32** partners.

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## OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

The Foundation funds and fundraises around the three pillars of Leadership & Innovation, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math), and Community. This year the Opportunity Grants were redefined to follow the pillar philosophy. This year the Foundation funded over **\$57,000** in Opportunity Grants. Grants ranged from a few hundred dollars, to five thousand dollars, funding ideas such as refreshing a library to forensic dummies - taking foundational learning and making it engaging.



## BUILDING THE DREAM GALA



Welcome back to an in-person Gala! What an amazing night to be together again. The annual Building the Dream Gala was held on September 30 at the amazing *Wings Over the Rockies Exploration of Flight* at Centennial Airport. The evening celebrated the impact the Foundation has made on the students, teachers and schools of the Douglas County School District. Funds raised programming, and celebrated the 2021 Apple Award winners. Thank you to the great community partners who helped us raise over **\$86,000**.

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## APPLE AWARDS



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The Foundation for Douglas County Schools is proud to continue its tradition of honoring exceptional educators and staff who inspire a love of learning in students and are trailblazing extraordinary innovation in our schools. Over the years, the Apple Awards have grown to engage the entire community bringing in thousands of nominations every year for teachers and staff members across the district. The Foundation celebrated the excellence in Douglas County School District receiving over **2600** nominations. On April 21, over **650** event attendees recognized **162** teacher and staff representatives, **12** finalists and **5** winners.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded annually based on the criteria established by each scholarship fund's donors, Foundation scholarships help students make their dreams come true. This year, the Foundation was happy to partner with a local family to fund a scholarship for students at Ponderosa High School. Additionally, we continued to partner with the neighborhood and alternative high schools to award the Perseverance Scholarship. The Foundation presented **14** scholarships totaling **\$25,000**.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

In a slow recovery from COVID restrictions, district-wide community events still raised over **\$12,000** for Douglas County Schools. Nearly **3,300** tickets were sold for exciting opportunities to enjoy fun experiences with friends and family. All tickets are discounted, and for each ticket sold through the Foundation, a portion of the ticket cost is donated back to Douglas County Schools to provide grant support to our students, teachers and classrooms.

## CAREER EXPO



What if you had the opportunity to begin exploring careers when you were in 8th Grade. . . where would you be today? This year, the Foundation had the opportunity to expose **3719** DCSD 8th Graders to career opportunities from **100** participating employers through an interactive online platform.

Participating companies were able to record greetings from their top CEO's encouraging our students to dream big.

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## CHAPTER SUPPORT

The Foundation continued to see our Chapters recover after the Covid Pandemic. Holding virtual, hybrid, and in-person events to raise funds for schools was incredibly challenging, and our Chapters did a great job of pivoting with the times. From fun runs, to virtual auctions, to pumpkin carving and scarecrow making contests and drive-thru holiday parties, Chapters demonstrated that with some extra effort and creativity, PTO's can still support their schools in these extraordinary times!

The Foundation provides financial infrastructure, insurance, bookkeeping, and 501(c)(3) oversight, as our Chapters work to support their students, teachers, coaches and schools.



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## FINANCIALS

**Total Revenue**  
**\$5,239,959**

Chapter Income \$3,846,612  
Contributions \$855,449  
In-Kind Contributions \$382,981  
Program Income \$154,917

**Total Expenses**  
**\$4,672,147**

Chapter Expenses \$3,898,762  
Other Services \$580,827  
Administration \$116,145  
Fundraising \$76,413

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