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What people are saying about SSEF

"Thank you SO much for this opportunity as it has been truly nothing short of awesome! Not only did it foster a love for reading, but she learned so much and was able to apply skills to her enrichment activities that enable her to have a deeper understanding and appreciation for the world around her." - Parent, Summer Book Club

"I have seen amazing growth in this student from the beginning of the year. Her reading and phonics skills have improved dramatically!" - 1st Grade Teacher, Tutoring Teams

"My most favorite thing is when we talk and do math questions together. I've learned to be myself because of my tutor." - 4th Grade Student, Tutoring Teams

"What has been most special for me has been hearing from other tutors about how much they enjoy working with the students and seeing how quickly they can have an impact on a child's life through a virtual connection." - Volunteer, Tutoring Teams

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Our Mission

To create targeted programs that educate. inspire and prepare public school students in Sandy Springs for a competitive world

Putting the world within their reach!





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A year to remember...

This past school year has been very challenging for our students, teachers and parents. Almost half of our students attended school virtually as parents struggled to balance work and home-schooling and teachers worked to teach virtually and in-person classes at the same time. In response to this challenge, SSEF adjusted many of our programs to meet the unique and ever-changing needs of our students. We re-directed our after-school programs to focus on small group and individual tutoring. Our Mini Libraries program expanded to deliver over 17,000 books to students in our schools and in food pantries. We continued to mentor our high school seniors via Microsoft Teams to assist them with post-secondary plans. We initiated a new tutoring program in which high school students worked with elementary school students virtually each week to provide targeted instruction to meet their educational needs. The results of this program were positive, not only in moving the needle academically, but by providing positive supportive relationships between the students. We were able to implement our six-week Summer Book Club virtually to keep our elementary students reading throughout the summer. And, we were able to hold our SSEF STEAM Showcase virtually, impacting over 2000 students!

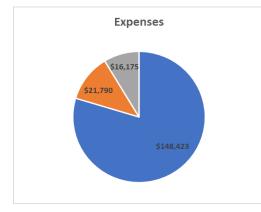
Looking forward to this school year, we plan to continue to be flexible with both in-person and virtual programs as we work to meet the needs of students who have learning gaps due to the pandemic. We will expand our tutoring programs, increase our mentoring efforts and focus on literacy programs. As we continue to deal with the effects of the pandemic, SSEF will seek creative ways to engage technology and our community resources to work with our schools. This is truly a critical time for our kids. We cannot be sure what this school year will bring; but we are sure that, with your assistance, SSEF will be there to help make the difference with our students in our schools!



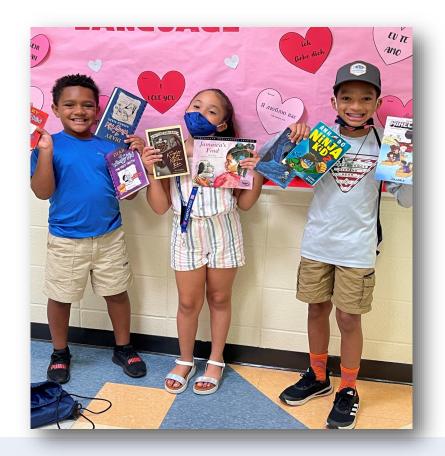
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Events 43% Individual Donations 22% In-Kind 18% Foundations & Grants 16% Business 1%



Programs 80%
Marketing & Fundraising 12%
Administrative 8%



Programs 2020-2021

(Many of our programs served fewer students or were canceled due to the Pandemic)

STEAM Initiatives
STEAM Showcase - Virtual
(2000 students)
All Schools

STEAM Outreach/Field Trips (Cancelled due to COVID)

STEAM Legacy Grants (430 students)

Ison Springs Elementary
Spalding Drive Elementary
Woodland Elementary
North Springs High
Riverwood International Charter

Literacy Programs
Mini Libraries (7000 students)
All Schools

Reading Buddies
Cancelled due to COVID

Summer Book Club - Virtual (55 students)
Ison Springs Elementary

Community Collaborative CAC Teacher Supply Closet (979 students)
All Schools

After-School Programs After-All School All-Stars (79 students) Sandy Springs Charter Middle

After-School North Springs (18 students) North Springs High

Mentoring/Role Models
Cradle to College
Cancelled due to COVID

Link with a Leader (200 students)
Sandy Springs Charter Middle

SAIL/Senior Push (45 students) Riverwood International Charter North Springs High

Tutor Teams - Virtual (25 students) Ison Springs Elementary



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By the Numbers

Student Served - 7,000
Programs - 11
Number of STEAM Grants - 5
Number of Books Distributed - 17,000
Number of Community Volunteers - 250
Number of Volunteer Hours - 2000+