

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Sandy Springs EDUCATION FORCE

Educate - Inspire - Prepare



PUTTING THE WORLD WITHIN THEIR REACH!

BACK ON TRACK!

We are thrilled to share the incredible impact your generous contributions made on students' lives. Thanks to your unwavering support, we fully emerged from the pandemic, implemented all 15 of our programs and provided valuable opportunities for students to engage with adults, volunteers, teachers and business professionals in academic and informational settings.

This year, 89% of students in programs such as Link with a Leader, After-School All-Stars and Aspire After-School interacted with adult mentors and teachers in small group settings. Additionally, 11% of students worked one-on-one with adults in our Reading Buddies, SAIL, Senior Push and Tutor Teams programs. These powerful engagements translated into quantitative academic performance improvements.

In line with our mission to prepare students for a competitive world, our annual STEAM Showcase offered 37 interactive exhibits, including a flight simulator and electric cars. Attendees engaged in design thinking processes, experienced augmented and virtual reality innovations and used cutting-edge robotic surgery tools. We showcased projects funded by SSEF's STEAM Legacy grants featuring student-created drones, robots, 3-D printer projects and solar-paneled lights. In combination with our partnership with Skills USA, we introduced students to promising careers in STEM, construction and medical fields, which ignited aspirations and opened doors to exciting possibilities. Coupled with our Teacher's Supply Closet and Mini Libraries programs, SSEF touched over 7,000 students in public schools in Sandy Springs during this school year. None of these accomplishments would have been possible without our community's unwavering support. Thank you for believing in our mission and for your commitment to students' success. Together, we are creating a brighter future and empowering the next generation of leaders to thrive and make a difference in the world. We are grateful to you for being an essential part of this journey.

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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





PROGRAM PARTNERS

After-School All-Stars Atlanta
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 Atlanta Science Festival
 Community Assistance Center
 eWaste/ePlanet
 Georgia State University/Perimeter College
 Most Valuable Kids
 Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church
 PSI Media & Fulfillment Solutions
 Rotary Club of Sandy Springs

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: SENIOR PUSH & KAYLA LANGFORD

The SSEF Senior Push program is a transformative initiative that empowers students to carve their path to success against all odds. Kayla Langford is a shining example of the program's impact. Amidst the uncertainties of her future, Kayla, a determined student at North Springs High School, found herself at a crossroads. Her initial plans to work full-time and pursue a GED so she could support her struggling family took a compelling turn in her senior year.

Guided by SSEF mentors, Kayla decided to pursue her dream of being an electrical engineer. Their unwavering belief in her potential fueled her drive to pursue not only a college education, but also directed her towards relevant scholarships, making her goal of attending college debt-free a reality. Empowered by SSEF's invaluable support system, Kayla is majoring in electrical engineering at Kennesaw State University.

Inspired by SSEF, Kayla understands the significance of giving back. As part of SSEF's Tutor Teams Program, she has dedicated her time to tutor a 2nd grader at Dunwoody Springs Elementary school. Kayla also actively participates in our Link with a Leader Program at Sandy Springs Charter Middle School, where she connects with students facing similar pressures and challenges that she faced. As a positive role model, she shares her story of perseverance, and motivates and inspires these young people to believe in themselves and their dreams.

PROGRAMS 2022–2023

STEAM Initiatives

STEAM Showcase
 (2000 students)
 All Schools

STEAM Legacy Grants
 (260 students)
 Dunwoody Springs Elementary
 High Point Elementary
 Spalding Drive Elementary
 Woodland Elementary
 Ridgeview Middle
 North Springs High
 Riverwood International Charter

Math Madness MOEMS Tournament
 (35 students)
 High Point Elementary
 Spalding Drive Elementary
 Woodland Elementary
 Sandy Springs Charter Middle

Literacy Programs

Mini Libraries
 (7000 students)
 All Schools

Reading Buddies
 (57 students)
 Dunwoody Springs Elementary
 Ison Springs Elementary
 Lake Forest Elementary
 Spalding Drive Elementary

Summer Book Club
 (48 students)
 Dunwoody Springs Elementary
 Ison Springs Elementary

Author Connection
 (90 students)
 Dunwoody Springs Elementary
 Ison Springs Elementary
 Sandy Springs Charter Middle

Mentoring/Role Models

Cradle to College/Georgia State University/Perimeter College
 (67 students)
 Dunwoody Springs Elementary

Link with a Leader
 (245 students)
 Ridgeview Middle
 Sandy Springs Charter Middle
 North Springs High
 Riverwood International Charter

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

Business Bridge
 (160 students)
 Ridgeview Middle
 Sandy Springs Charter Middle
 North Springs High
 Riverwood International Charter

Tutor Teams - Virtual
 (15 students)
 Ison Springs Elementary

After-School Programs

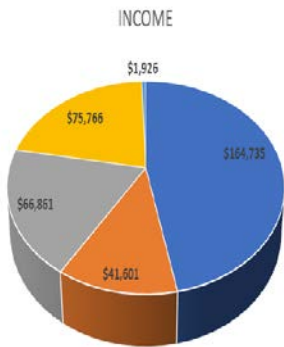
After-School All-Stars
 (51 students)
 Sandy Springs Charter Middle

Aspire After-School Program
 (40 students)
 North Springs High

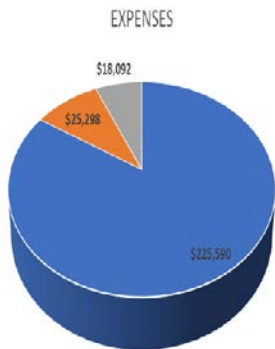
Community Collaborative

SSEF and Community Assistance Center Teacher's Supply Closet
 (7788 students)
 All Schools

YOUR DOLLARS AT WORK!



Events & Sponsorships 47%
 In-Kind 21%
 Foundations & Grants 19%
 Individual Donors 12%
 Business 1%
TOTAL - \$350,889



Programs 84%
 Marketing & Fundraising 9%
 Administration 7%
TOTAL - \$268,979



EVENT SPONSORS & PATRONS

REGENT (\$20,000+)

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 Range Water Impact Foundation * State Farm

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**OUR
 SUCCESS
 IS YOUR
 SUCCESS**

**Students Served:
 7,700**

Programs: 15

STEAM Grants: 7

**Books
 Distributed: 15,000**

**Community
 Volunteers: 250**

**Volunteer Hours:
 3,000+**

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

\$500-\$999

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