

November, 2020

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Chatham Education Foundation (CEF) would like to extend a heart-felt **THANK YOU** to our generous supporters who have already donated to this year's *Fund the Need Campaign*. Through reserves from prior years and this year's *Fund the Need Campaign*, CEF has already awarded \$58,313 in grants this school year to the School District of the Chathams.

In a typical academic year, CEF awards approximately \$100,000 in grants. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we have had to cancel our Spring 2020 Casino Royale fundraising event and modify our Trivia Night for fall. We are asking for your direct assistance in reaching our \$100,000 fundraising goal in order to continue to fund grants for our Chatham students. Giving to a non-profit during these unprecedented times may not seem like a priority, however, now is when we need your help more than ever. With assistance from the community, we can fund grants that address the ongoing needs of our students.

In addition to our Fall Appeal, Chatham Education Foundation is proud to officially announce the new endowment campaign, *Reach Higher for Educational Excellence*. Our Endowment recently surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark. In celebration of the new campaign, Chatham Education Foundation is excited to announce two matching gift offers for as long as matching funds last: Endowment gifts paid over a five-year period will be **doubled**, and unrestricted endowment gifts paid over a two-year period will be **tripled**. The minimum Named Endowment gift is \$20,000. Our long-term goal is to reach a \$4,000,000 endowment.

Example: a \$20,000 gift paid at \$4,000/year over five years will become a \$40,000 endowment, and a \$20,000 unrestricted gift paid at \$10,000/year over two years will become a \$60,000 endowment.

Company matching gifts are counted in computing the endowment gift. So, if your company will match your tax-deductible gifts to Chatham Education Foundation, a \$10,000 personal gift can become a \$60,000 endowment in your family's name!

To learn more about the new endowment campaign, please contact Alan or Kristine at endowment@chathamedfoundation.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT! Please see the reverse side for more information about who we are and what we do or visit us at www.chathamedfoundation.org.

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Grant Awards 2020-2021

Outdoor Classroom at MAS

CEF funded a \$16,000 grant and partnered with the MAS PTO to take learning outdoors. The space promotes whole class instruction with enough safe seating for each student.

Technology for Student Engagement

The \$12,300 grant includes three online instructional resources: Ed Puzzle, Screencastify and Padlet for use by all schools and students to foster interactive learning. The programs give teachers the technology to build lessons and engage with students, whether in-person or virtually.

Clear Communication with Masks

The \$3,300 grant award provides teachers in music, ESL, World Language and counselors across the district with 200 reusable masks with clear fronts. Students can see their teachers' lips and facial expressions, enhancing learning and social-emotional wellness.

CMS Community Social Justice Read

The \$19,266 grant calls for a multi-faceted approach to the reading of the book *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes by CMS students and parents, and school staff. In addition to the 1,200 copies of Ghost Boys, 240 copies of non-fiction books and a series of Professional Development workshops for teachers will help students engage in authentic conversation about their world.

Ready Readers, SBS, MAS, WAS

The \$7,447 grant will benefit students at all three of our K-3 Schools. This grant provides many copies of 130 new titles for reading levels A-K. Included with the system are "take home" books and transport bags. Additional teaching tools will support individualized instruction, both virtually and in person.

Read more about our grants at www.chathamedfoundation.org

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