Education is not just the schools' job. We're all partners in the task of making certain that each child is successful.
Founded in 1990, The Education Foundation of Collier County is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. **We are committed to ensuring a quality education for every child.**

A core value in our work is that through teachers, we can reach more children and significantly impact their learning.

We listen to teachers, principals, parents, students and community members to respond to needs and provide support that will contribute to student success.

**WE SERVE**

Students and families

Educators and schools

Community members, organizations and businesses

**WHAT YOU WILL SEE AS A RESULT OF OUR WORK**

Positive support for educators

Communication and learning opportunities that motivate informed understanding

Expanded parental involvement to increase academic success

Increased community involvement to ensure education is well-rounded

Our community has invested $22 million in the work of The Education Foundation, building and sustaining models of success.
HOW WE DO IT
Programs for students, educators and the community

- **Building Bridges Educator Corps** allows teachers and principals from every school to work with each other and the community.

- **Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program** allows the community to recognize and thank excellent teachers.

- **Connect With a Classroom Grant Program** provides the opportunity for teachers to request support for innovative classroom ideas.

- [www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org](http://www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org) provides opportunities for students and families, educators and schools, and the community to connect and match interests and resources.

- **Connect Now Community Engagement Initiative** has resulted in a Community Statement for education and ongoing, productive conversations.

- **Take Stock in Children Scholarship and Mentoring Program** provides deserving students with the opportunity to further their education and contribute to the community.

- **Family Literacy / Parent Engagement Grants** support schools in working with parents to foster student success.

- **Music Grants** provide instruments for students and create programs that bring partners together around music education and its benefits for academic success.

The Education Foundation strengthens funding and collaboration to fulfill the changing needs in education, and ensures that resources are connected to results by providing leadership with accountability.

- 75 students have already earned a scholarship for college or technical training, and 130 students are currently in the Collier Take Stock in Children Scholarship and Mentoring program.

- 1,500 teachers and principals have participated in professional development and networking opportunities.

- Thousands of parents, students and younger siblings have been engaged in academic success through a $1 million investment in school-based family literacy programs.

- $3.5 million has been invested directly in schools through grants to 7,000 teachers allowing 178,000 students to benefit.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

LEARN

• Read the Connect Now Community Statement and relevant articles.
• Interact with schools—attend a game or performance.
• Learn about local schools, their achievements and demographics.

VOLUNTEER

• Opportunities exist within schools, both with or without students.
• You can volunteer outside of schools, such as helping with events, or facilitating conversations.
• www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org allows you to browse and find a good match for your volunteer time.

DONATE

There are many ways you can have an impact through your financial investment. All types of major gifts have naming opportunities available.

• **Annual Gifts**: Provide funding for current programs, scholarships and grants that allow The Education Foundation to fulfill its annual program outcomes.

• **Planned Gifts**: Some gifts may require planning, such as a gift of property, stocks, mutual funds, life insurance or retirement plans. You can also plan to leave a gift to The Education Foundation in your will or through another type of charitable vehicle.

• **Endowment Gifts**: Build a permanent fund to support our work. Funds from our endowment are invested, generate ongoing revenue, and help ensure the long-term financial stability of The Education Foundation.
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— Kaleigh Grover, Chair
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