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2022-23 FINANCIALS
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Teacher Arts Grants: $10,290
Teacher Education Grants: $11,983

FUNDRAISING EVENTS
Peoria Arts & Cultural Festival
Education Visionary Awards
Follow the Fork

MEETING STUDENTS URGENT NEEDS
The Foundation continues to offer the Emergency Needs Fund which provides principals with the opportunity to support a student or family with an immediate need with a reimbursement up to $500 from the Foundation per school year.

PRIDE OF PEORIA
The Foundation was able to support the district’s employee recognition program, Pride of Peoria, by providing commemorative pins to the 36 award recipients.

EDUCATION VISIONARY AWARDS
The annual Education Visionary Awards recognizes individuals, non-profits and community partners who make a positive impact on public education. This event also serves as a fundraiser for the Peoria Education Foundation so that the Foundation’s great work continues by providing grants to teachers and scholarships to students in the Peoria Unified School District. In 2022, the Foundation raised $85,000 at the Education Visionary Awards.

FOLLOW THE FORK
The 2022 Follow the Fork event offered a progressive dining experience with 100% of ticket sales benefiting the Peoria Education Foundation. Follow the Fork engaged the community and highlighted multiple restaurants at Park West all while supporting the work of the Foundation. All guests who purchased tickets enjoyed bites at multiple restaurants, live music, interactive art, photo ops, a midnight snack goody bag, and more. The event raised more than $21,000 for the Peoria Education Foundation.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP
The Foundation prides itself on being good financial stewards with a laser focus on supporting the students and staff in the Peoria Unified School District. With an operating budget of approximately $174,759, the Foundation has very little overhead and keeps its administrative costs at or under 10% of the overall budget.
### Student Scholarships

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**Support the Foundation**

You can give students the gift of education and support opportunities to develop their potential. Your donation directly impacts students and teachers across the West Valley.

It also helps build a healthy and well-educated community. Below are all the ways you can donate to make a difference!

- **Direct Donation**
  - Donate to the Peoria Education Foundation directly by going to peoriaedfoundation.org and select “Donate Now” or scan the QR code.

- **Visionary Awards Dinner**
  - Purchase a table or seat at the annual dinner that celebrates educational visionaries in our community. Enjoy a delicious dinner and live auction.

- **Whooser Club**
  - Make a monthly donation to join our Whooser Club at peoriaedfoundation.org and click the “Donate” tab.

- **Valley of the Sun United Way**
  - Select the Peoria Education Foundation through United Way as one of the many organizations that benefit from the local services.

- **Thank-a-Teacher**
  - Purchase a customized “Thank You” card for a Peoria Unified teacher or employee during the Thank-A-Teacher campaign dates.

**Teacher Grants**

Grants fund innovative projects that will significantly improve student achievement. Priority is given to projects that can be replicated in other classrooms or can impact the learning environment of an entire school. There are two grant categories: General and Arts.

**Board of Directors**

The Foundation’s board is made up of a diverse group of individuals consisting of parents, community members and business owners who support the Peoria Unified School District.

The board members include a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and historian. The Foundation holds monthly meetings.

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