



Education Foundation of Indian River County

"Opening Doors to Student Success!"

High Impact Grants Make A Difference!



Projects That Make a High Impact in Student Achievement Receive Funding

We love creative ideas, and principals and teachers at our local schools came through with flying colors when we asked them to submit "Letters of Idea." After a competitive vetting process, we awarded \$33,775 to seven projects that made a high impact to improve student success.

The projects were required to focus on either School Cultural Climate (social and emotional supports), Secondary Science (8th and 9th Biology), Math (K – 12th) or Reading (K-12th).

Funding for the grants was made possible through a dollar-for-dollar matching grant program sponsored by the Florida Legislature. The matching funds were contributed by Bank of America, Grand Harbor Community Outreach, Jennifer Watson, Head, and Quail Valley Charities.

[Click Here To See Details About The Winning Projects](#)

Sneaker Exchange - More Children Receive New Shoes!



Our Happy Feet program, also known as Sneaker Exchange, is up and running for the new school year. The goal is to improve self-esteem and proper physical development in children by providing comfortable, appropriate school shoes to every public school student in need in Indian River County. To date, we have served 20,000+ students.

So far this year, students from Dodgertown and Beachland Elementary schools have received shoes. Thank you to First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach Women's Club and "Head, Heart and Hands" of Indian River Club for helping to fund these first visits of the school year. Happy children with happy feet are off to a running start!

Education In The News!



Want to learn more about what's going on with education in Indian River County? Stay tuned to our show called "Building Foundations for Education." In the latest edition, Education Foundation Director, Cynthia Falardeau, interviews former Wabasso School principal, Dr. Kathy Pierandozzi, who has taken on a new role as Executive Director of Secondary Education.

[Click Here To See A Video Of The Latest Show Building Foundations For Education](#)

Fresh Look - Same Cause!



Florida's newly designed Support Education specialty license plate is coming In October. When Florida residents purchase or renew their Support Education specialty tag, \$20 goes directly back to support public education. You can pick one up at Indian River County's Tax Collector's office.

[Click Here To Be Notified When The Tags Are Available.](#)

Qualified Charitable Distributions More Ways To Help Support Education!



If you have charities you would like to support, including the Education Foundation of Indian River County, you can utilize pretax money saved in an IRA. It can be an ideal way to make a charitable donation. Rather than passing these assets to a beneficiary - who will likely pay taxes when the inherited IRA is distributed - you can give them to charity by taking a qualified charitable distribution. A qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your required minimum distribution, and neither you nor the charity will have to pay income taxes.

[Click Here To Learn More About Qualified Charitable Contributions And More](#)

**"Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."**

Malcolm X

Do you want to continue to help us **grow power, knowledge and skills** for our local students and teachers? Without the help of donors like you, many needs in our education community will be unmet.

Please **make a gift for education** to help us continue to provide skills for children and their teachers ensuring they will achieve successful lives through high quality education.

Change a Life With One Gift - Open Doors To Student Success

[Yes! I would like to provide more opportunities for children and teachers!](#)

The [Education Foundation of Indian River County](#) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to enhance our community's investment in our schools with the goal of achieving excellence for students and educators.

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