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Thank you, donors!

Thank you, **Wells Fargo**, for a \$20,000 grant for the students of SBISD! The grant will benefit two projects: \$15,000 for SBEF's Project School Supplies and \$5,000 for the district's Character Without Question program.

Royal Bank of Canada is also funding Project School Supplies with a grant of \$7,500!

All contributions to Project School Supplies make a difference in the academic success of students in our Title 1 schools.



Pictured, Board President Chris Gonzalez and Superintendent Jennifer Blaine accept the symbolic check from SBEF Executive Director Cece Thompson and Board Chair Lisa Schwartz.

More than \$1 million – 7 consecutive years!

For the seventh time, SBEF presented SBISD with a check for more than \$1 million – \$1,836,304 to be precise. You made that happen with your donations and support of fundraising events. Each contribution, small and large, serves the district's students and teachers with education-enhancing grants/programming and scholarships for graduates to pursue technical, 2-year and 4-year programs.

In opening remarks at the September 20 board meeting, Trustee J. Carter Breed said, "Each year, the Spring Branch Education Foundation finds creative ways to partner with the district and community to fund programs that enhance students' educational experience. Thank you, SBEF, for your incredible work – you truly put our school district at the heart of all you do."

Examples of what SBEF funding makes possible:

- Character Without Question student recognition
- Project School Supplies for Title 1 pre-kindergarten, elementary and middle school students
- Mini-grants to teachers for innovative ideas to enhance classroom learning
- Campus grants for supplemental equipment, supplies and student experiences
- Support for mentor programs
- Scholarships for seniors
- Prizes and incentives for student participation in reading challenges



Thank you, **Ciro Lampasas, SBEF's Community Partner Bright Star**

SBEF's Board of Directors presented its inaugural Community Partner Bright Star Award to **Ciro Lampasas** in September. "There are a lot of good, caring people in the world, and this man is one of the best," SBEF Chair **Lisa Schwartz** said. "When we come to **Ciro** with a request, the answer is always, 'Yes, how can I help?'"

The recognition came as a surprise to **Ciro**. "It's humbling," he says. "How can I not support our schools? **Kim** and I went through them. Our kids went through them." **Ciro's Italian Grill** celebrates 35 years in this neighborhood this month.



Alumni, be true to your school (and its students)

Mustangs, Raiders, Spartans, Tigers and Wildcats, the Class of '22 needs your support. By contributing to SBEF's 2022 Alumni Scholarship Campaign, you can assure graduates of your favorite school receive a little help on their way to a 2-year, 4-year or technical program. Every dollar you donate will fund a scholarship.

In 2021, SBEF awarded \$186,100 in scholarships to 117 students – 14 were Alumni Scholarships. Let's award even more this year. [Donate today](#) and support the Class of '22!



Your grants at work

SBEF Board members Jennifer Espey and Elizabeth Wang have been busy celebrating 2020-2021 campus and district grant recipients. They have presented checks for projects as varied as dramatic play furniture for young children and book vending machines. Each grant may be different, but the responses they are receiving are universal: "Thank you, SBEF, for making this project possible!"

This grant to Spring Forest Middle School will be used in the art department to allow students authentic choices for artmaking. Rather than all students working on one project, they will choose the art medium that interests them and explore ideas through self-directed art activity.

Shown here are SBEF Board member Debra Aiken, SFMS art teachers Becky Mustachio and Lindsey Ripley, SBEF Board member Jen Espey and SFMS Principal Curtis George.



The Style Show was a huge success!

Style Show co-chairs Elizabeth Canfield, Madison Ford and Stephanie Montalbano welcomed more than 650 guests to the Royal Sonesta Hotel to ooh and ahhh over the latest fashions on September 17. The Frock Shop, Chloe Dao, Lucho, and Kendra Scott surpassed expectations!

Fashionistas cheered for the 21 volunteer models and shopped at 17 pop-up shops. They also donated \$8,425 to SBEF's Project School Supplies. Best of all, the Style Show provided \$68,723 for SBISD grants and scholarships. That's more than a \$20,000 increase over other successful Style Shows!

The Foundation is receiving a plethora of emails: "The best event of the year!" and "Where can we sign up for next year's show?" A huge thank you to the three dynamic women who made the event possible!



Golf Classic bigger than ever!

SBEF's 26th annual Golf Classic at Pine Forest Country Club sold out so quickly, the committee voted to open a third course, making the tournament the largest ever. A week after the event, all the dust hasn't settled, and the numbers haven't been crunched, but co-chairs Scooter Hicks and Jay Sartain are certain they'll be handing over a sizable check to fund grants and scholarships. Thank you, Scooter and Jay, for another rousing success!



Thinking caps on for Scholarship and Grant applications

Your **high school seniors** are invited to apply for SBEF scholarships for technical, 2-year and 4-year programs. While many scholarships are academic- or need-based, ours are based on each student's holistic achievements: personal qualities, school and community involvement, family life and academics.

The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application will be available January 2022.

Faculty, teachers and volunteers are invited to dream big about education-enhancing district and campus grants. Campus grants are up to \$5,000; district grants may be larger. A committee of SBEF board members carefully reviews each application and awards grants to the most innovative.

The 2021-2022 Grant Application will be available February 2022.



Monday
Feb. 7, 2022

Sporting Clay Tournament

Co-chairs:
Doug Goodson and
Rob Stewart



Friday
March 25, 2022

***Diamond Jubilee -
Celebrating 75 Years of
SBISD***

Chairs: Joy & Don McCormick
Honoree: Lisa Schwartz



Thursday
May 12, 2022

Bright Stars of SBISD

Chair: Laura Minyard
This event recognizes our
scholarship recipients as well as
Teachers and Principals of the
Year.

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Our Mission

Spring Branch Education Foundation is committed to supporting our students and educators. We partner with Spring Branch ISD and the community to fund programs that enhance education and prepare our students for the future.

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