

LAKWOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





A WORD FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This past year was one of meaningful growth and generosity for our foundation, and none of it would have been possible without the continued support of our donors, partners, and community members. Together, we made a powerful impact on the students and educators we serve.

A Successful Golf Outing Supporting Grants

Our annual golf outing was a standout success, raising more than \$70,000 to directly support our grant initiatives. This event continues to be one of our most important fundraisers, bringing together local businesses, sponsors, volunteers, and golfers who believe in investing in education. The funds raised are already at work, helping to bring innovative programs, classroom resources, and enrichment opportunities to our schools.

Giving Tuesday: A Community-Wide Effort

We were also proud to participate in Giving Tuesday, joining a global movement that celebrates generosity and giving back. Thanks to the collective efforts of our donors and advocates, Giving Tuesday helped raise awareness about the critical role our foundation plays in supporting K-12 education in our community.

Spotlight on the Pick an Apple Program

This year, we placed special focus on our Pick an Apple Program, which continues to grow in both participation and impact. Through this program, donors are able to directly support specific classroom and school needs, creating a meaningful connection between community giving and student success. The response to Pick an Apple was inspiring, and the program remains a powerful example of how targeted giving can make a difference.

With Gratitude

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our donors for their continued generosity and belief in our mission. Your support makes it possible to fund grants, expand programs, and ensure that our students and teachers have the tools they need to thrive.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our schools, supporting educators, and enriching student learning experiences. Thank you for standing with us and for making these accomplishments possible. Together, we are shaping a brighter future for our students and our community.

With sincere appreciation,

CHAD HICKEY

BOARD CHAIR



PICK AN APPLE INITIATIVE

As any business owner knows, there are always costs that come up that you were not expecting almost on a daily basis. This is no different in the education sector, and teachers sometimes need smaller, but equally important help that the grant cycles are not able to bridge that gap. This is where our Pick an Apple initiative is so helpful. Teachers can ask, in real time, for a boost in areas that are needed to make sure the day-to-day education of Lakewood children can go on as seamlessly as possible.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PICK AN APPLE



LAKWOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2025 SPRING GRANTS AWARDED!



Teacher	Building	Description	Amount
1. Jennifer Barnes	ALL Buildings	Kinnebar Flex Seating (5)	\$ 2,349.90
2. Melissa Wilcox	LES	Emp. Girls 4 Running	\$ 90.00
3. Kelli James	LES	Clever Touch	\$ 3,648.00
4. Samantha Mills	LES	Clever Touch	\$ 3,648.00
5. Georgina Hill	LMS	Badminton Rackets/Birdies	\$ 440.00
6. Brienne Guilles	LMS	Recess Equip.	\$ 1,400.00
7. Matthew Aldrich	LMS	Video Journal Equip.	\$ 3,000.00
8. Karen Palazzolo	LHS	Coping Skills Resources	\$ 500.00
9. Kayla Bennington	LHS	Art Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
10. Jamie Hickey	LHS	PBIS Activities	\$ 2,000.00
11. Ken Smith	LHS	Aud. Projector Project #2	\$ 3,000.00
12. Ken Smith	LHS	Digital Projector	\$ 3,000.00
13. Amanda Smith	LHS	Electric Pianos/Accessories	\$ 3,000.00
		Spring Grant Total	\$27,075.90

2025 FALL GRANTS AWARDED!



Teacher	Building	Description	Amount
Linda Mondol	LECC	Print Books for YOTO minis	\$286.19
Katie Acker	LECC	Literacy (books)	\$800.00
Melissa Wilcox	LES	Are You Squidin' Me?	\$700.00
Mallorie Schrock	LES	Dynamic Shelving	\$1,997.92
Abby Mitchell	LES	Clever Touch	\$3,648.00
Anita Duits	LHS	Wheelchair	\$230.00
Noah McGinthy	LHS	Social Studies Poster Board	\$319.90
Kayla Bennington	LHS	Binder Dividers	\$410.00
Anthony Harmer	LHS	Bulletin Board Display Case	\$750.00
Anita Duits	LHS	Student Supplies	\$1,000.00
Stephen Williams	LHS	Mental Health Promotion	\$1,000.00
English Dept.	LHS	Literary Competition	\$2,000.00
Eric Hall	LHS	Smart Projector	\$2,650.00
Bryan Fritz	LHS	Power Tools	\$3,499.00
Ryan King	LMS	Biodiverse Tree Planting	\$1,310.00
Georgina Hill	LMS	OUTRIDE	\$1,425.00
Jennifer Barnes	LMS	Sensory Swing & Flexible Seating	\$1,425.93
Emma Withem	LMS	Editing Devices for Video Journalism	\$2,486.00
Amber Simons	LMS	Art Room Chairs/Stools	\$2,500.00
		TOTAL	\$28,437.94

Note: updated to reflect Abby M. grant, awarded post decision meeting.



2025 Fall Grant Awardees



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SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, July 17

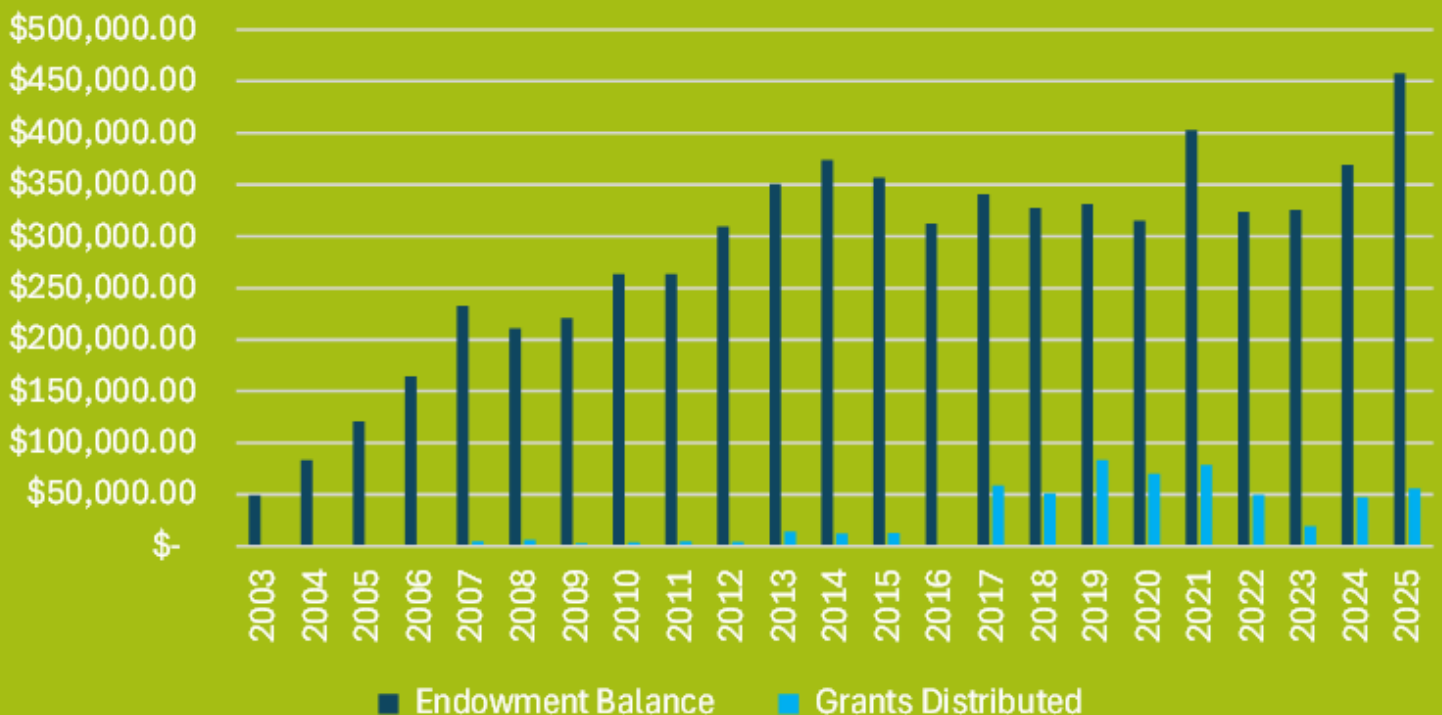
**Centennial Acres Golf
Course**

LAKESWOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lakewood Educational Foundation celebrated another strong fiscal year made possible by the generosity of individual donors, sponsors, and community partners. The annual golf outing continued to be the foundation’s most impactful fundraising event, with contributions generated through sponsorships, registrations, and in clubhouse contests. Donor support through this event provided essential funding for scholarships and educational programs while also deepening relationships with both longtime supporters and new corporate partners. In total, the golf outing accounted for approximately 80% of the foundation’s annual fundraising revenue, highlighting the vital role donors play in sustaining the foundation’s mission.

Through thoughtful stewardship of donor gifts and responsible financial management, the foundation was able to extend its impact beyond the golf outing. Contributions supported meaningful community initiatives, including the Back-to-School Bash, the Lake Odessa Fair Trivia Night, and the Pick an Apple program. These donor-funded efforts strengthened students, families, and the broader community, while positioning the foundation to continue growing its educational support in the years ahead.

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The mission of the Lakewood Educational Foundation is to invest in the enrichment of the whole Lakewood School District. The Foundation is committed to raising and disbursing funds to support educational programs and activities for students in the Lakewood Public Schools, which promote creative educational opportunities.

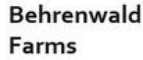
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