



MANATEE
Education Foundation

PARTNERSHIP & IMPACT GUIDE

*When we all give a little,
our students gain a lot.*



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR *Executive Director*

At the Manatee Education Foundation, we believe that when we all give a little, our students gain a lot. Through purpose-driven partnerships, we make a real impact felt by teachers and students across every school in our community.

Your partnership doesn't just fund programs. It opens doors, empowers educators, and fuels the next generation of leaders, innovators, and changemakers right here in Manatee County.

A little from you, means a lot to them. Be part of what's possible.

Kathy Price

Kathy Price
Executive Director





A MEANINGFUL GIFT.

A LASTING IMPACT.

Becoming a Partner in Education means your investment goes directly where it matters most — into classrooms, into the hands of teachers, and into the futures of students who will one day shape our community.

OUR MISSION. OUR IMPACT.

We remove barriers and expand opportunities for teachers and students across Manatee County public schools, funding innovative programs that go beyond what state dollars alone can provide.

With partners like you, every investment supports a program, equips an educator, and moves a student closer to their potential.



53,000+

STUDENTS
IMPACTED ANNUALLY



\$161,000

AWARDED IN TEACHER
IMPACT GRANTS



\$1.6 M

INVESTED IN
EDUCATION LAST YEAR



67

SCHOOLS
SUPPORTED

Thank you to our partners for believing in our students and educators



WHY PARTNER WITH US?

- ✓ Align with education and community impact.
- ✓ Build brand visibility and positive recognition.
- ✓ Engage with thousands of students, educators, and families.
- ✓ Demonstrate corporate social responsibility.
- ✓ Make a measurable difference in our community.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Impact in Action

From grants and scholarships to community-driven programs, here are a few of the ways we impact students and teachers.



Teacher IMPACT Grants

Provides support for teachers to innovate in their classrooms.



Foster Youth Initiative

Collaborative initiative to strengthen support for foster students.



Scholarships

Opens doors and fuels futures for students across Manatee County.



Migrant Education Fund

Provides resources so students can achieve academic success.



Support Education License Plate

Funds classroom innovation and \$20 from every plate is returned to MEF.



SDMC PROGRAMS

Support in Action

We proudly support a variety of programs for the School District of Manatee County:



Back to School Jam



Early Literacy Conference



Summer REFRESH Conference



New Educator Orientation



Soar in 4 / Soar Lab



Transportation Conference



SDMC STEM Fair & School Showcase



REACH Manatee



Wonderland Title 1 Student Experience

For SDMC sponsorship information, [click here.](#)



EXCELLENCE IN *Education Awards*

We proudly partner with the School District of Manatee County to celebrate educators who make a difference every day. From the excitement of surprising finalists at their schools to an evening honoring the Educator of the Year and Support Employee of the Year, this event brings our community together in one powerful celebration of excellence.



PHIL GALVANO

Golf Classic

For 30 years, the Phil Galvano Golf Classic has united Manatee County's business and community leaders around a shared commitment to public education. Fueled by the generous legacy of the Galvano family, this tournament raises critical funds that go directly into classrooms and programs, making it one of our most impactful events of the year.



ARTS ALIVE

Manatee Arts Education Council

The arts thrive when communities invest in them.

Arts Alive celebrates the creativity and passion that make the arts vital to every student's education. This signature event honors the community members who champion the arts, the teachers who inspire young artists every day, and the talented students we send to the next level through scholarship support.



SUCCESS STORIES

Support that Strengthens Schools

Our grants, scholarships, and programs are built on one powerful idea: that when community partners invest together, students and teachers thrive.



Through the grant, you help support teachers like me make a difference in the lives of our learners with special needs in their very own unique ways. I truly appreciate it.

Ruth Covacha, ASD Teacher



The Manatee Education Foundation directly supports teachers and students, and I've personally seen the impact—having received three grants that provided exciting opportunities for my K-5 art students.

Kristen Simpson, Visual Arts Teacher



MEF's impact on educators and students is inspiring. These programs are true difference makers in our community and MEF is a cornerstone in harnessing the power of partner investment back into our schools.

**Brando Fetzek, NDC Construction
2024-2026 MEF Board Chair**



Thank you for being a part of these stories



PARTNERSHIP TIERS

At a Glance



PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS	Platinum \$30,000+	Gold \$20,000+	Silver \$10,000+	Bronze \$5,000+	Friend of the Foundation \$1,000+
Acknowledgement at all organization events	✓	—	—	—	—
MEF social media spotlight story	✓	—	—	—	—
Recognition in SDMC email	✓	✓	—	—	—
Recognition in SDMC social media post	✓	✓	✓	—	—
Logo in quarterly newsletter	4x	2x	1x	—	—
Social media shout out with tag	Individual	Individual	Individual	Group post	—
Logo on printed materials & event banner	✓	✓	✓	✓	—
Logo placement with live URL on website	Homepage + Partnership page	Partnership page	Partnership page	Partnership page	Name only
Partner in Education badge	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in annual impact report	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name

PARTNER VISIBILITY

Our Reach. Your Impact.



WEBSITE



EMAIL



EVENT
SIGNAGE



SOCIAL MEDIA



IMPACT REPORT

Plus: Exclusive SDMC Recognition for Top-Tier Partners

Platinum, Gold, and Silver partners extend their reach across the School District of Manatee County's digital audiences.

SDMC Email



42,000+

Student households

One email per family, often reaching multiple members



7,000+

District employees

Largest single employer in Manatee County

SDMC Social Media



31,000+

followers



6,300+

followers



6,000+

followers

JOIN OUR GROWING LIST OF

Partners in Education...

PLATINUM MEMBERS



GOLD MEMBERS



SILVER MEMBERS



BRONZE MEMBERS



Give a Little. **CHANGE A LOT.**

The mission of the Manatee Education Foundation is to provide funding for innovative programs and enhanced educational opportunities for the teachers and students of Manatee County public schools beyond allocated state dollars.

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Partnership Opportunities



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Contact Communications & Marketing Manager
Megan Ribbens at RibbensM@manateeschools.net to learn more.

