

# Annual Report

2023-2024



**NORTH EAST  
EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION**

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# The Heart of Our Work



Our purpose is to seek, cultivate, and obtain revenues to develop and expand educational opportunities for North East Independent School District students. NEEF underwrites projects and programs that enhance the primary required curriculum and broaden the range of students' educational experiences.

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## ***Message from our Chair***

As we reflect on the past year, the North East Educational Foundation is filled with gratitude for the incredible progress we have made together in our mission to enhance educational opportunities for all students. We kicked off the 2023-2024 school year by awarding over \$250,000 in Student Impact Grants. We saw innovative ideas like Power! Up: Empowering Middle Schoolers through Esports, S.T.E.E.L (space, technology, and earth exploration lab) at Harmony Hills, and so many more.

We continued the year with our two largest fundraisers, the Golf Tournament and the Gala. Both events were tremendous successes, thanks to the continued support and loyalty of our business partners, parents, and community volunteers.

I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to our board members, executive staff, and volunteers. Your unwavering support has enabled us to expand our reach and make a tangible impact in our communities.

**Kimberly Prater**

2023-2024 Chair

North East Educational Foundation

# 2024-2025 Board of Directors

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# Communities Make a Difference!

## Big Give

The Big Give is the biggest day of giving in South Central Texas. NEEF and 58 NEISD campuses raised \$97,885. NEEF won \$2,500 for raising the most money among mid-sized organizations in SA!



## Team NEISD

Our dedicated employees contributed \$75,361 through payroll deductions and donations. Half of these funds were invested back into NEISD schools, empowering teachers and enriching student experiences.



## Gala

Our Foundation's most significant fundraising event is the annual Gala, which raised \$295,654. The Denim, Diamonds, and Dreams Gala included a silent and live auction, student grant showcases, and student performances.



## Golf Tournament

NEEF raised over \$120,000 at the Jerry Comalander's Fore! the Kids Golf Tournament, thanks to the support of players and sponsors. The fundraiser was presented by Laurel Ridge Treatment Centers.



# Fueling Our Future

Through corporate and community donations, NEEF provides the funds for innovative classroom grants, campus-wide projects, and district initiatives that expand the learning environment for our students.

**507.7K**

Back to NEISD in the 23-24 school year

**259K**

Distributed in Student Impact Grants

**120K**

Annual Golf Tournament

**295.7K**

Denim, Diamonds & Dreams Gala



**NORTH EAST  
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**150K**

Total Given - JROTC Rappel Tower

**8.7K**

Teacher of the Year Grants

**97.9K**

Big Give

**7.5K**

New Teacher Grants

# Campus Tour



## DATA at Roosevelt

Where the line between hard reality and virtual reality has become almost indistinguishable

NEEF Board members attended a grant showcase at Roosevelt High School to see the *Virtual Production and Visualization Volume Space* grant - \$42,688

### Thanks **rackspace** FOUNDATION

The Rackspace Foundation donated \$50,000 to support the Institute of CyberSecurity and Innovation (iCSI) and the seven NEISD schools surrounding Rackspace's Headquarters. Additionally they generously donated school furniture, which filled needs at iCSI and the Space and Engineering Technologies Academy (SETA).

The Rackspace Foundation focuses on creating a learning community where education is valued, families and educators are engaged, and students strive to reach their full potential.





# Going from “I can’t” to “I CAN!”

NEEF raised \$150,000 to help construct the JROTC rappel tower at Camp Henson in San Antonio. In addition to the rappel tower, Camp Henson has obstacle courses, including ropes courses, climbing walls, and more, designed to challenge, inspire, and empower our youth.

It’s a regional resource available to organizations across South Texas and will be self-sustaining with sponsorships hereafter.

# Financial Report

NORTH EAST EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.  
Statements of Financial Position  
June 30, 2024 and 2023

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 226,701	\$ 193,511
Investments, at fair value	1,882,429	1,577,839
Contributions receivable	5,294	5,988
Deposits	1,500	2,247
Total Assets	\$ 2,115,924	\$ 1,779,585
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Liabilities:		
Deferred revenue	\$ 64,765	\$ 42,571
Total liabilities	64,765	42,571
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	2,047,559	1,737,014
Total Net Assets	\$ 2,051,159	\$ 1,779,585

\*Audited financials prepared by Certified Public Accountants: Akin, Doherty, Klein & Feuge.  
Full audit available upon request.

# Thank you **TOP DONORS!**



# NEEF Grants in Action

**“I think STEEL is a great thing because it is learning while having fun.”**

Max M., 5th grader

Harmony Hills Elementary - \$32,624.36  
*Space, Technology, and Earth Explorations Lab (S.T.E.E.L.)*



Coker Elementary - \$5,955.91  
*Literary STEAM Lab*



**“I got inspired by the book because it made me think I could do anything in the world.”**

Ellie W., 3rd grader



**Churchill Cluster**

**“We upgraded to more professional equipment, which really helped us prepare for college.”** Vanessa M., 2024 graduate



Johnson High - \$11,158.34  
*Future Innovative Filmmakers Program*



Encino Park Elementary - \$37,866.60  
*Immersive Educational Environment*



**“It was really fun, we had to throw balls at the puzzle pieces.”**

Kailen P., 3rd grade



**Johnson Cluster**

# NEEF Grants in Action

**“Me gusta mas la piscina de pelotas.”**  
**“I like the pool with the balls the most.”**

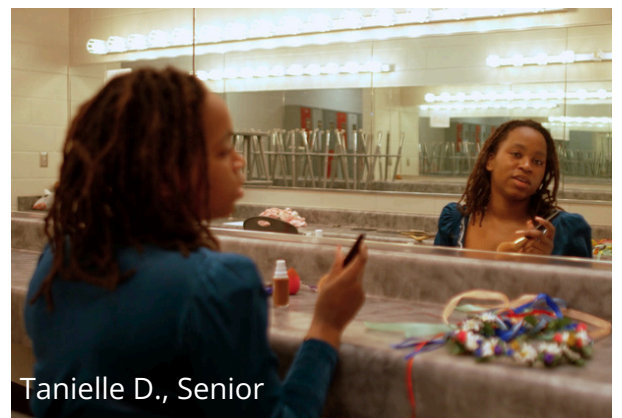
Yaretzy A. L., Pre-K



Pre-K Academy - \$5,290.18  
*Sensational Sensory Space*

**“I love to get to work in a writers’ room.”**

NESA at LEE High School \$33,493.96  
*NESA Web Series Production Studio*



Tanielle D., Senior

**L.E.E. Cluster**

**“Chess challenges your brain,  
and it's also fun to hang out  
with your friends.”**

Annie W., 5th grade

Northwood Elementary \$8,000  
*Unplug & Play the Northwood Way*



**“Being here helps me be kind.”**

Micah P-R., 5th grade

Northwood Elementary \$2,549.94  
*Relaxation Station*



**“I like this library because you get to  
play at stations and get books.”**

Dylan R., pre-K

Redland Oaks Elementary \$5,817.21  
*Library Stations That Inspire Early Childhood Creations*



**MacArthur Cluster**

# NEEF Grants in Action

Madison Cluster

**“I like eSports because I get to compete.”**

Trystan E., 7th grade



Eisenhower, Driscoll & Bradley Middle Schools \$10,325.53  
*Power Up!: Empowering Middle Schoolers Through eSports*

**“I’m able to play with my friends and it’s a lot of fun.”**



Bentley D., 7th grade  
Wood Middle School  
\$4,770.90  
*Wrangler eSports*



**“The garden helps us work together and communicate.”**

Hannah B., 2024 middle school graduate

Wilderness Oaks Elementary \$2,464  
*Wilderness Oak Sustainable Garden*



**“I wish a lot more people could see the drone program.”**



Noah C., Senior

Reagan High School JROTC \$3,895  
*JROTC Drone Program*

**“I come here when I’m anxious, and I feel relaxed after.”**

Jania P., 4th grade



Canyon Ridge Elementary \$1,934.99

*Building Better Behaviors: An Interactive Approach*

**Reagan Cluster**

# NEEF Grants in Action



**“I like ballet folklórico because you get to learn about different cultures.”** Liliana M., 2nd grade

Walzem Elementary \$2,746.22  
*Ballet Folklorico Dance Program*



**“I like having this book in the library so that I can learn about being a teacher.”**

Ruth L., 5th grade

Royal Ridge Elementary \$4,000  
*Exploring our Future*



DATA at Ed White Middle School \$19,540  
*Soaring Hydroponics*

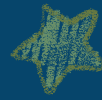
**“Hydroponics has really helped me want to pursue STEM.”**

Elizabeth A., 6th grade

Roosevelt Cluster

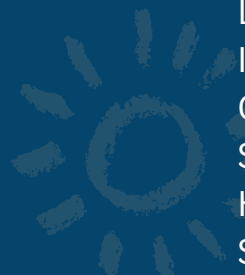
# Grants Funded 2023-2024

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Canyon Ridge  
Coker  
Encino Park  
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Harmony Hills  
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Northern Hills  
Northwood  
Northwood  
Oak Meadow  
Pre-K Academy  
Redland Oaks  
Royal Ridge  
Walzem  
Wilderness Oak  
Wilshire

Building Better Behaviors an Interactive Approach  
Literary STEAM  
Immersive Educational Environment  
Outdoor Learning Environment  
Space, Tech, and Earth Explorations Lab (S.T.E.E.L.)  
Hawk Talk  
Sensory Garden  
Relaxation Station  
Unplug & Play - the Northwood Way  
Maverick Collab  
Sensory Space  
Library Stations  
Exploring our Future  
Ballet Folklorico Dance Program  
Sustainable Garden  
Phonics Phun



## MIDDLE SCHOOL



Bradley  
DATA at Ed White  
Eisenhower, Driscoll, & Bradley  
Eisenhower  
Wood

The Physics of Drones  
Soaring Hydroponics  
Power Up! Empowering Middle Schoolers Through eSports  
GLOBE Program Weather Station  
Wrangler eSports

## HIGH SCHOOL

Churchill  
Johnson  
NESAs at LEE  
Reagan  
STEM Academy at LEE

Robots in English  
Future Innovative Filmmakers Program  
NESAs Web Series Production Studio  
Drone Program  
STEM Advanced Research Lab

## Districtwide

Athletics

North East Sports Park Disc Golf Course



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