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North East Educational Foundation

NEEF CONNECTION:

Mission in Motion



Big Hearts, Big Impact: A Record-Breaking Night for Our NEISD Students!

We are proud to share that our Big Hearts & Big Dreams Gala, held on February 28, 2026, raised an incredible \$405,415 (gross) in support of our students! This achievement would not have been possible without the generosity and partnership of our sponsors and dedicated donors, to whom we are beyond grateful.

To our NEEF Board of Directors and Gala Committee—thank you for your dedication, support, and the time you invested to ensure our event’s success. Your leadership is invaluable as we continue to fulfill our mission of expanding opportunities for the students we serve year after year!

We also extend our sincere appreciation to our community members, NEISD schools, and PTAs for their unwavering support and generous contributions, which helped make our Silent Auction a success. Additionally, we thank NEISD Interim Superintendent Anthony Jarrett, Executive Staff, and the NEISD Board of Trustees for their continued leadership and support.

The collective generosity and participation of all made the evening truly unforgettable. Your belief in our mission fuels meaningful impact in classrooms throughout our district, and we are deeply grateful!

Warm Regards,
Kasey Navin, NEEF Executive Director

Upcoming Dates

- 5/9- Fiesta Footsteps for Education 5k and Kids Color Run at Heroes Stadium

Footsteps for Education 5k & Wellness Fair

This is YOUR chance to make history at the inaugural Fiesta Footsteps for Education 5K! Lace up on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at Heroes Stadium and join a morning of family fun:

- Kids Color Fun Run at 8:00 AM
- 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 AM

Wellness Fair with vendors, activities & good vibes all morning!

Every step supports NEISD students and teachers through the North East Educational Foundation. Be part of this new tradition and help build brighter futures in our community!

Spots are disappearing fast—don’t miss out!



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BIG HEARTS BIG DREAMS GALA



NEEF BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

FAVORITE QUOTE

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." -- Eleanor Roosevelt

FUN FACT

My daughter and I share a goal of visiting all seven continents together. This summer, we will check off our fourth -- Africa!



WHY NEEF

The most rewarding part of my work with NEEF is witnessing a teacher's or administrator's vision come to life thanks to the support of a Student Impact Grant.



JUDY WHEELER

NEEF BOARD MEMBER