

YEAR IN REVIEW



BLUE VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION

2021-2022

BVEF Welcomes Executive Director *Susan Tideman*



Month-By-Month Snapshot 2021

"The Blue Valley School District has and continues to play a large role in the success and economic health of our community. In partnership with a committed and strong Foundation board, I look forward to connecting educators, families, and local businesses with the many ways they can invest in the ongoing excellence of our schools."



The popular adage that change is inevitable is especially true at the Blue Valley Educational Foundation!

In July, we said a fond farewell to former BVEF Executive Director Joy Ginsburg and are excited to announce Susan Tideman is the new Executive Director of BVEF.

Susan has been an active leader in the Kansas City education community for nearly two decades. Prior to joining the BVEF team, she worked at William Jewell College as the Associate Vice President of Advancement. Prior to her time with William Jewell, she served as a major gift officer with the American Red Cross of Greater Kansas City. Susan holds a bachelor's degree in small business administration and management from Buena Vista University.

In addition to her experience as an advancement professional, Susan is an active community volunteer, a longtime Blue Valley resident and parent of three Blue Valley School District graduates.

Light at the End of the Tunnel 2021

As the pandemic began to ease and people returned to some semblance of pre-Covid living, the families and employees of the Blue Valley School District followed suit. In order to ease the transition at the beginning of the 2021 school year, the Blue Valley Educational Foundation invested \$200,000 into our schools as an investment to support our students and educators throughout the pandemic recovery. BVEF was proud to present each school and district-wide program with \$5,000 to use toward their specific needs.

July

"Sip, Shop and Support" was the theme for BVEF's first-time Destination Prairiefire fundraiser, which raised just over \$4,000. Patrons enjoyed a great evening outdoors with live music and special deals on food, drinks, and retail shopping!

August

Welcome New Blue Valley Teachers! BVEF was proud to carry on our annual tradition of surprising new educators with "Welcome to BV" grants. More than 200 new teachers received gift cards to mitigate out-of-pocket expenses to set up their classrooms thanks to the Dixon Family Foundation and other matching funds.

September

"Bridge to the Future" was the theme for the 31st annual Community Breakfast which raised more than \$345,000, setting a record for this signature event. Attendees gathered in person and watched online as BVEF celebrated accomplishments, awarded the Hall of Fame to Keep the Spark Alive Foundation, and enjoyed student musical performances. Highlights included recognizing many generous sponsors, hearing from BVSD administrators about upcoming goals for the school year and listening to keynote guest speaker Kirk Martin of Celebrate Calm.



October

Blue Valley District colleagues pull together in so many ways, and the annual **Payroll Donation Campaign** in October is just one way they show support! BVEF is incredibly grateful to the 790 BV district employees who participated in the campaign, raising \$51,476. Their generosity contributed to a tremendous impact for our students!

BVEF was proud to announce our first **Women's Giving Circle** event in October! The Women's Giving Circle is open to all women in the BV district and offers a \$15,000 grant opportunity two times a year to an individual school, a grade level across the district, or a department-wide curriculum. October recipients of the first Women's Giving Circle grant were the team from Blue Valley North High School for their Girls' Garage initiative!

November

The Surprise Squad was on the move in November to give away \$479K in one day! District office employees enjoyed a pep rally with lots of great music, enthusiasm, and cheer from the Blue Valley North cheer team and pep band. After an action-packed send-off, the Surprise Squad boarded four busses to travel the district to make dreams of unsuspecting teachers a reality... and this year, the amount given away was record-breaking! BVEF awarded \$479,000 to support educational excellence.

Thanks to so many families who support our teachers, students, and schools, the annual **Parent Membership Campaign** and school registration drive raised \$20,713. New members were given trendy "Love Blue Valley" custom-designed t-shirts to show our grateful appreciation and top bring awareness of BVEF to the community.

December

BVEF's **Milestone Donor Recognition** was reimagined this year as we showed our appreciation to all donors who reached a giving level of \$2,000 and above received a thank you note, a Milestone Donor Recognition Booklet, and a branded BVEF tumbler as a heartfelt thank you for their impact on students and teachers.

January

What a way to kick off 2022! Thanks to the generosity of 2004 Blue Valley Northwest graduate and Dropbox founder Arash Ferdowsi, BVEF received \$500,000- the largest single gift in our 32-year history. The **Ferdowsi Fund** will continue to impact students, teachers and our communities for generations to come! It is Arash's hope that his significant donation inspires other capable donors to make similar donations to Blue Valley Schools.

February

Battle of the Bands reached an all-time high fundraising record of \$71,400 and celebrated a 10-year anniversary in a new location generously donated by David VanNoy, owner of RC's in Martin City! The event was a sell-out, thanks to our BVIP Ambassadors and all who helped promote this adult-only event. Four former winning BV parent bands played and sang their hearts out for a good cause and for bragging rights, with Toxic Assets taking home the trophy that evening. Other fun activities included a wine pull, silent auction and an opportunity to enjoy BOB's ever-popular celebrity emcees, former KC football player Trent Green and his wife, Julie.

The annual **Major Saver campaign** broke another record with \$101,000 raised for BVEF! These popular cards offer discounts to multiple area restaurants and businesses, with half of the Major Saver funds going back to participating school Parent/Teacher organizations and/or the school principal to fund worthy initiatives for staff and students. To date, this valuable partnership with Major Saver has raised more than \$1 million!

March

March welcomed in warmer weather and a birthday celebration as **BV Well** turned four! BVEF is proud to support this parent group which focuses on educating and supporting families in the BV area as they navigate mental health and wellness with their children.

April

April brought BVEF's second **Women's Giving Circle** gathering! WGC is open to all women in the BV district and offers a \$15,000 grant opportunity two times a year to an individual school, a grade level across the district, or a department-wide curriculum. April's Women's Giving Circle grant was for ALL Blue Valley middle schools to receive resources and tools to create an animation studio in their libraries. These animation studios will foster teamwork, problem solving, hands-on learning, and creative and critical thinking.

Night of Lights was back again after a two-year hiatus, bringing thousands of attendees and raising \$33,000 for BV schools! This annual community-wide festival featured multi-cultural activities, corporate sponsor interactive booths, food trucks, music by student performing groups, yard games, a juried student art show, robotics demonstrations and art activities for ALL abilities! Thanks to all who attended and a special shout out to our friends at Westlake ACE Hardware for donating a Weber grill package for the raffle.

May

Thanks to our partners at Baron BMW for their generosity in donating a two-year lease on a beautiful 2022 BMW 228XI GC, and a partnership with Fox 4 to promote "**Raffle for a Reason**," BVEF was able to raise \$28,000 to support our schools!

Through the generosity of our Silver Society members and other BVEF patrons, the Foundation administered **\$22,500 in scholarships** to 27 deserving high school students to help prepare them for their next chapter after graduation.



"I value working in an organization where, although I don't work in a student facing role, I know that the work I do impacts our community's young people."

- Katie Mitchum
HR Information Specialist

From the Classrooms of Blue Valley to Founding One of the Largest Tech Companies in the World

(Article courtesy of Blue Valley Today magazine)

At age nine, Arash Ferdowsi sat at his parents' desk with pieces of a new computer spread out. His parents, Gholam and Tahmineh, had purchased him his very own first computer, which Arash assembled piece by piece until it was functional. Little did he know that 12 years later, instead of assembling a computer, he would be assembling one of the largest technology companies in the world- Dropbox.

Gholam and Tahmineh Ferdowsi separately immigrated in the 1970's from Iran to Kansas City, where they later met and got married. They moved into the Blue Valley School District to provide Arash with the best education possible.

"My parents had heard such great things about Blue Valley, so they decided it would be best to raise me here," Arash said. "Education was very important to my parents, but also important in Iranian culture."

Arash attended Heartland Elementary and Cottonwood Point Elementary, then Harmony Middle, and graduated from BV Northwest High School. It was at BVNW where he was able to explore his passions.

"I started learning about computers at a very young age," Arash said. "The first knowledge came from my dad. He bought me my first computer and I was so excited. What was nice, though, is that I got to continue my interests in school. We had programming classes in middle school, and then I took classes at Johnson County Community College. It was a mix of nudges from my parents and the opportunities I had in BV schools that I could explore what I loved."

Upon graduating from BVNW in 2004, Arash attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on scholarship. At MIT, he and fellow student Drew Houston founded Dropbox- a cloud storage service- in 2007. Within six months of publicly launching, Dropbox had over 1 million users. Today, it has over 700 million users.

"I definitely felt at home at school. Even when I went off to college, I still felt closer to my friends at Blue Valley Northwest. I was on the debate team and that helped me venture outside of my comfort zone. My teachers were amazing and generous with their time. I grew up in Blue Valley and it's a formative time in my life that

I look back on positively."

- Arash Ferdowsi
Dropbox Creator



Arash said one of the most important pieces of advice he can give to students is to surround themselves with great people; people who will take them to new heights. One person who helped take Dropbox to new heights happened to also be a former Blue Valley student, Jon Ying, a lifelong friend of Arash's who graduated from Blue Valley North High School.

"Jon actually started with us as our first support rep and community manager," Arash said. "We quickly realized he had a good eye for design, and over time, he redesigned our products and became the shepherd of our brand. He was a really good friend even though he went to a rival BV high school!"

This year, Arash wanted to give back to the community that helped raise him. His initial gift to the Ferdowsi Fund, benefiting the Blue Valley Educational Foundation, was \$500,000, which is the largest single donation to BVEF to date. He structured the gift as an investment that can grow exponentially, which BV students and teachers will benefit from for years to come.

Arash notes, "I think it's validation for the educators that their work really matters and that they played a big role in my success."

Grant Stories and Beyond



To help ease the transition at the beginning of the 2021 school year, the Blue Valley Educational Foundation invested \$200,000 into our schools as an investment to support our students and educators throughout the pandemic recovery. BVEF was proud to present each school and district-wide program with \$5,000 to use toward their specific needs. See the list below to see what your building/program did with this donation!

Bridge to the Future \$5,000 Grants:

ELEMENTARY

Blue River	Online Learning Subscription for iXL
Cedar Hills	Indoor & Outdoor Sensory Path
Cottonwood Point	Wonderful Wednesdays/Orton-Gillingham Training
Harmony	Literacy & Math Connections
Heartland	Celebrate Calm Parent & Teacher Workshops
Indian Valley	Finding Core4 at IVE
Lakewood	Supporting Climate & Culture of LKE
Leawood	Activities That Encourage School Synergy
Liberty View	LVE Fostering a Love of Learning
Mission Trail	Decodable Readers
Morse	Phoenix Cups Program
Oak Hill	Conscience Discipline Speaker & Classroom Voice Amplifiers
Overland Trail	Science of Reading Books
Prairie Star	One School One Read
Stanley	Climate/Culture & Data Intervention
Stilwell	SEL Stories #TheMustangWay
Sunrise Point	Freckle ELA & Math Support
Sunset Ridge	Math Assessment
Timber Creek	Digital Supports for Student Learning
Valley Park	Learning through Play & Mystery Science
Wolf Springs	Staff Well-Being & Conscious Discipline Training

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Aubry Bend	A Faculty That Plays Together Stays Together
Blue Valley	Cardinal Connections
Harmony	Cricut Machines for Grade Level Teams
Lakewood	Put a Smile on their Face
Leawood	School Connections & Student Leadership
Overland Trail	OTMS Proud
Oxford	OMS Outdoor Learning Experience
Pleasant Ridge	Building Culture and Intervention Programs at PRMS
Prairie Star	PSMS Silver Anniversary Celebration

HIGH SCHOOL

Blue Valley Academy	Underclassman/Enrichment Events & Branded Attire
Blue Valley	Motivational Speaker, Common Formative Assessment
Blue Valley North	BVN Student School Spirit T-Shirts
Blue Valley Northwest	Connecting our Community
Blue Valley Southwest	Feeling Calm, Recording Studio and MakerSpace Refill
Blue Valley West	Bridge to the Future
CAPS	Learning from the Professionals
Hilltop Learning Center	Supporting Staff & Student Wellbeing
18-21 Program	18-21 Services/Access House
GEAR	GEAR Project

Excellence in Education Grants

For more than 30 years, BVEF has invested more than \$7.4 million into Blue Valley schools. Although education methods have changed throughout the years, the mission of BVEF has remained constant: to enrich educational excellence for our students. With that in mind, BVEF is proud to encourage educators to think outside of the box with support for classroom and building grants, and district-wide programs that make our schools the best they can be! For a full list of grants, visit our website at Fundbv.org.

CAREER READY COMPONENTS

Blue Valley North **\$1,992.87**

Authors: Abby Cornelius and Terri Snethen

Number of Students Impacted: 250

Blue Valley has already reimagined learning by partnering with JCCC to provide opportunities for students to earn certificates and market value assets in high school. This grant will provide students with resources and study materials to help prepare for career certificate exams available to all students through their school library.



MODELING LAND EROSION AND WATER PATTERNS

Leawood Middle **\$1,128.96**

Authors: Melissa Humphreville and Dave Soper

Number of students impacted: 200

This program develops a hands on learning experience for students to actually see water lines eroding while they guide the flow of water. It also has the capability for students to change the gradient of the stream table and sediment to bring a river system right in our classroom. These stream tables help students to study how different rivers and water bodies form.



I LIKE MYSELF

Sunrise Point Elementary **\$407.31**

Author: Lizzy Boyle

Number of students impacted: 450

This program develops social emotional learning and diversity through exploration in self-portraiture for Sunrise Point students in every grade level. The art of making self-portraits allow students a chance to foster self-acceptance, remind them of their origins, connect to others in their community, and even unlock their imagination.



"It was important to me to come back to serve in Blue Valley Schools because... I loved my time here so much. I could never miss an opportunity to work directly with some of the amazing educators that shaped my life and inspired me to become an educator. Coming back to Blue Valley was like coming home!"

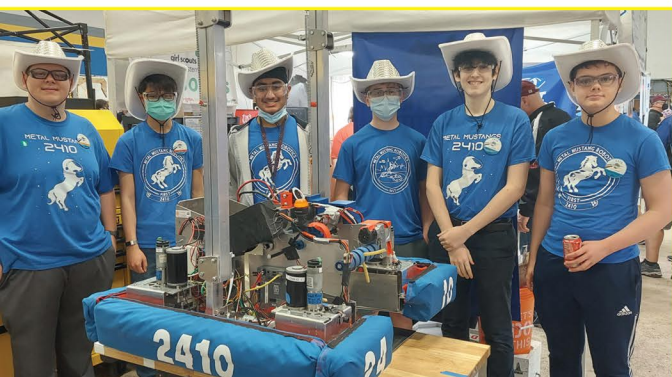
- Chris Huggard, 6th Grade ELA
Aubry Bend Middle School



UP and Coming...

Blue Valley Food Pantry to Benefit Students and Community

BVEF continued to source funding for the Blue Valley Food Pantry, which will be incorporated into a special education program. The benefits will be multiple with the intention of helping special education students gain real world experience as well as serving those who are food insecure.



Revving Up Robotics

BVEF is proud to announce that robotics grants have been provided to Blue Valley and Blue Valley Southwest High Schools to build their own individual Robotics Clubs, which will provide better access for interested students in those buildings. The district also offers one centralized high school robotics club at the Center for Advanced Professional Studies.

BVEF Inspires Student Careers with Updated Offerings from JCCC Partnership

BVEF continued to support the partnership with Johnson County Community College through their Career Tech Ed programs. To date, BVEF has invested \$250,000 which mitigated out-of-pocket expenses for more than 200 high school students who are interested in working towards earning industry-recognized credentials in the areas of Automotive Tech, Construction Management, HVAC, and Welding and Metal Fabrication. New offerings include Cybersecurity, Electronics Technology, Fire Science, Nail Technician, Plumbing Technology, and Culinary and Hospitality. BVEF is grateful for this important partnership which enables BV students to discover new paths to their success as well as explore lucrative future careers in a variety of fields.



Partners in Education



Spotlight

Westlake ACE Hardware

Westlake ACE Hardware has been a generous participant of BVEF's Partners in Education program for the past five years and has supported many of our signature events, like Night of Lights, as well as individual fundraisers, like Raffle for a Reason. The 151st Street location in Overland Park enjoys a fabulous reputation for helping community neighbors like BVEF and offering customers personal service, quality products, and a convenient shopping experience. Besides being a proud Blue Valley School District dad and alumni, General Manager Rich Crawford says, "Westlake ACE Hardware is always willing to help support students and teachers. The Blue Valley Educational Foundation helps do just that. We are proud to be a Partner in Education and feel good knowing that our contributions are making a difference in our schools." BVEF is truly grateful for our continued partnership with Westlake ACE Hardware and their team leaders like Rich and his contributions which help support teacher grants, student scholarships, and impact the way students learn. Westlake ACE epitomizes what it means to be "The Helpful Place!"

The Blue Valley Educational Foundation's "Partners in Education" program provides local businesses the opportunity to invest in our schools, market directly to BV families, and provide a special benefit to their target audience. Through our unique e-blast system, which reaches more than 34,000 families, our Partners in Ed receive marketing opportunities as well as benefits associated with BVEF's signature events. New Partners in Ed this year are: Chicken 'N Pickle, Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu, Honey Home Keepers, KC Monarch's, LevelUP E-sports, Sylvan, Tailored Living and Premier Garage, Whataburger, and Yogurtini.

We are extremely proud to partner with these outstanding community businesses and grateful for their support! The following are 2021-22 BVEF Partners in Education:



Chicken N Pickle.



Wellness Walk

Pairs Interactive Artwork & Nature Together for Better Mental Health

(Courtesy of Blue Valley Today magazine)

Stop and smell the flowers.

Close your eyes and take a deep breath.

Listen to the sounds of nature.

These are the messages those who embark on the quarter-mile Wellness Walk at Blue Valley's Wilderness Science Center will see. The Blue Valley Educational Foundation, Keep the Spark Alive Foundation, and BV Well funded the Wellness Walk in hopes that it will inspire people of all ages to take in the beauty of nature and instill gratitude, even in the darkest of times.

Although the Wilderness Science Center has been open to the public for decades, the Wellness Walk was created in 2022 to honor the memory of Chad Harrell, a Blue Valley North high school student who lost his life to suicide in 2017. Nathan Harrell, Chad's father says, "There have been countless studies that talk about how being outside in nature can improve somebody's mental health. This walk is important because Chad was happiest when he was outdoors."

BVEF's vision was to create an interactive walk which resulted in a design contest open to district high school art students to create pieces of artwork that would exemplify



the importance of mental wellness in a natural setting. The result? Julianne Zheng, a 2022 graduate of Blue Valley Northwest High School, was chosen as the contest winner.

Zheng's idea was to create several interactive pieces inspired by nature. Her designs are simple, beautiful, and encourage positivity, with drawings of flowers, ladybugs, and sound waves. Her artwork is displayed permanently throughout the Wellness Walk paths.

"I'm hoping visitors will take the words to heart and really take time to appreciate the little things or just take a moment to take a walk and clear your head," says Zheng.

Harrell also sees the Wellness Walk as an opportunity for parents to connect with their kids. "I want parents to understand how important it is to be very intentional about talking with their kids. I can picture Chad right here next to me, taking this walk and just using it as an opportunity to connect. That's something now I can't do."

Blue Valley's Wilderness Science Center isn't just for those who live within the district. Both the Center and the Wellness Walk are open to the public. It is located behind Blue Valley Middle and Blue River Elementary schools at 5001 W. 163rd Terrace in Stilwell, KS.

BVEF Communication Coordinator Lisa Austin says, "We are thrilled to partner with Keep the Spark Alive and BV Well to bring this walk to all members of the public. Besides being free of charge, the paths take you through several ecosystems in a beautiful setting, and the interactive artwork just enhances this experience. The Wellness Walk reminds us to slow down, take in the sights and smells of nature, and renew your senses with joy."



Focus on Wellness

By the Numbers



HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY!

BVEF is proud to support BV Well, a parent group educating and supporting area families as they navigate mental health and wellness with their children.

- BV Well has hosted **44 events** since its inception in 2018
- Offerings have included national speakers, local specialists, and opportunities for parents to talk with each other for support
- In 2021-22, BV Well hosted **11 events** including dealing with stress, improving family dynamics, and coping with eating disorders



The **Sources of Strength** program strives to connect teens with trusted adults and trained peers to break codes of silence with at-risk students.

- **Keep the Spark Alive Foundation and SPEAKUP** continue to fund social and emotional wellness and suicide prevention programs
- **\$25,000** of their generous contributions were used this year
- SOS was expanded to **nine middle schools** and **six high schools**



#GiveMe20 is a workshop developed to provide teens with tools and resources to help them get through dark moments.

- BVEF, with Keep the Spark Alive Foundation, funded materials for students to create a LifeBox, filled with activities and momentos to remind them that they are loved and that their life is worth living
- **#GiveMe20** was first presented to BV 8th graders and this past school year expanded to include **all 8th graders** and one grade level of **each BV high school**
- To date over **5,000 BV students and staff** have created LifeBoxes



Signature Events

What's Next? BVEF's signature events bring together generous partners, donors, community members, students, and teachers to celebrate educational excellence and raise support to continue to exceed traditional classroom limits through our robust calendar of fundraisers, celebrations, and community outreach events. We would love to have you join us!



This adult night out features bands made up of Blue Valley parents, teachers, and staff, all competing for bragging rights as champion! The winning band receives a \$250 grant to award the BV school of their choice and funds raised district-wide grants that support programs for the performing arts. Attendees enjoy celebrity chairs and emcees, great live music, a silent auction, and wine pull plus light appetizers and a chance to dance the night away while supporting a great cause!

Thanks to our 2022 sponsors:

Becky and Robert Alfred
Arvest Bank
Bank of Blue Valley
Baron BMW
Bell Bank Mortgage
Ramin and Ashley Cherfat

Cornerstone Bank
Fifth Third Bank
FNBO
JE Dunn
Meyer Music
Christy and Mike LaHood

Jennifer Levinson
Lutz Plumbing
McCownGordon
Midwest Trust
Chanie and Tom Mitchell
NBD Solutions

Carol and Brooks Sherman
Sunflower Bank
Sweet Sleep Studio
Synetic Technologies
Tailored Living
UMB



Mark your calendars for
Night of Lights on
Friday, April 28, 2023!

This community-wide, family-friendly event celebrates all that is great about our BV schools! Each spring, our community comes together to enjoy an evening of live student musical performances, food trucks, yard games, multi-cultural activities, robotics demonstrations, a high school art show, fireworks and more!

Thanks to our 2022 sponsors:

425 Plumbing
AdventHealth
Bank of Blue Valley
Baron BMW
BV Well
Candid KC Photo Booth

Carney Queens
Farmers Insurance
FNBO
Garmin
JE Dunn
Major Saver

Mathnasium
Midwest Trust
Sunflower Bank
Westlake ACE Hardware

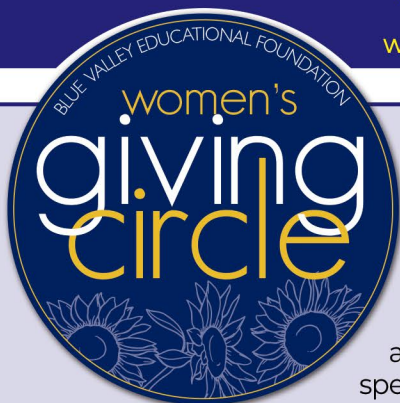


Each fall, BVEF hosts the **Community Breakfast** to hear from our district superintendent, the BVEF team and other community pillars about news and initiatives for the upcoming school year. Metro leaders, parents, and educators come together to celebrate successes across the Blue Valley School District, while building support and resources to maximize personal and academic outcomes for each and every student.

Thanks to our 2021 sponsors:

AdventHealth	Demdaco	JE Dunn	Menorah Medical Center
Bank of Blue Valley	Durham	Keep the Spark Alive	Midwest Trust
Baron BMW	Garmin	Foundation	Overland Park Regional
BV Parent Organizations	Hollis + Miller Architects	Mainstreet Credit Union	SPEAK UP
Capitol Federal	Holmes Murphy	McCownGordon	

This annual event will be held in late **August/early September 2023** with many opportunities to participate, so watch for more information.



Circle gatherings in October 2021 and April 2022 as they were an enormous success.

BVEF's Women's Giving Circle offers a \$15,000 grant opportunity twice a year to an individual school, a grade level across the district, or a department-wide curriculum. These grant proposals, submitted by principals, administrative leaders, or classroom teachers, are narrowed down to finalists by a grant sub-committee.

October participants gathered to enjoy drinks, appetizers, and networking in a beautifully decorated neighborhood barn, hosted by longtime donor and BV parent Noreen DuPriest. Seventy-five women were on hand to listen, learn, and vote on the presentations. At the end of the evening, a \$15,000 award was granted to the team at Blue

A giving circle is a form of participatory philanthropy in which individuals make donations which are pooled together, and the group collectively makes a choice about how the funds will be spent. BVEF is so proud to have held the first two Women's Giving

Valley North High School for their Girls' Garage concept, which was developed to give young women safe spaces to design and build. Their project encourages girls to learn about principles of construction, engineering, carpentry, architecture, sculpture and design while solving tangible problems using their hands and tools in a project-based learning environment.

The second Women's Giving Circle event was held in April at Aspen Restaurant and was generously underwritten by The Collective, Compass Realty Group. One hundred thirty-four women attended this springtime Party with a Purpose, and the winning grant was for ALL middle schools to receive resources and tools to create an animation studio in their libraries, which will foster teamwork, problem solving, hands-on learning and creative and critical thinking.

The Women's Giving Circle is open to all women in the BV district and if you would like to be part of this dynamic, impactful, **"Party with a Purpose," on October 18, 2022** visit the website at Fundbv.org/events or email us at BVEF@bluevalleyk12.org.

Gift Giving

2021-2022 Fiscal Year*



The Foundation is able to support our schools, teachers and students because we have loyal donors who have graciously contributed to the organization year-after-year. We honor these loyal donors each year as they reach significant milestone levels. These supporters have contributed over time to BVEF and continue to make an enormous impact on our Blue Valley Schools.

\$500,000-\$1,000,000

Ferdowsi Family Fund

\$100,000-\$499,999

Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen
Charitable Trust
Major Saver

\$50,000-\$99,999

JE Dunn Construction Co.
John and Marny Sherman

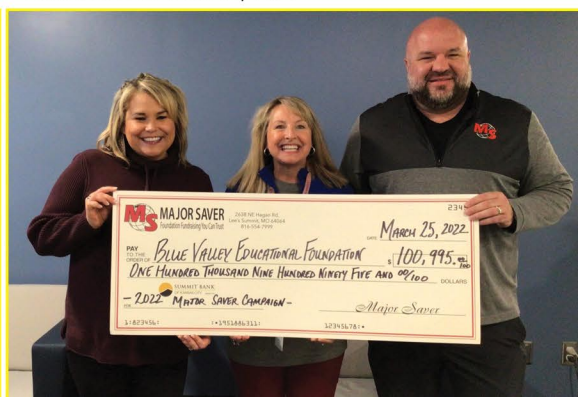
\$10,000-\$49,999

AdventHealth System
Bank of Blue Valley
James & Julie Beaver
Brad and Elizabeth Bergman
Capitol Federal Foundation
Frank and Kris Cappo
Garmin International, Inc.
Hollis + Miller Architects
Keep the Spark Alive Foundation
McCownGordon Construction
Overland Park Regional Medical
Center
Patsy Huggins Petzold Foundation
SpeakUP Foundation

\$5,000-\$9,999

All Point Transportation, Inc.
Bell Bank Mortgage
DEMDACO
Dixon Family Foundation
First National Bank of Omaha
Fore the Kids Foundation
Ron and Karen Gier
Holmes Murphy & Associates
Wai and Olive Lee
Mainstreet Credit Union
Menorah Medical Center, Inc.
Dr. Tonya Merrigan
Meyer Music Inc.
Ken Selzer and Deb Grimes
Brooks and Carol Sherman
Sunflower Bank, NA

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\$1,000-\$2,499

Robert and Becky Alfred
 Arvest Bank
 Ash Grove Charitable Foundation
 AT&T
 BAC Horn Doctor LLC
 Baron BMW Mini
 BCI Mechanical, Inc
 Blue River Elementary PTO
 Blue Valley High School PTO
 Blue Valley North Mustang Club
 Blue Valley West PTO
 BlueCross Blue Shield KC
 Ramin and Ashley Cherifat
 Children's Mercy
 City of Overland Park
 Dr. Katie and Clint Collier
 Commerce Bank, N.A.
 CommunityAmerica Credit Union
 Cornerstone Bank
 Cottonwood Point Elementary PTA
 Delta Dental of Kansas
 Equity Bank
 Fajita Pete's Overland Park
 Fifth Third Bank
 Freedom Interiors
 Fry-Wagner Relocation & Logistics
 Justin and Teresa Geddie
 Gould Evans
 Gracie Berra Overland Park
 Great Plains Inc
 Adam and LaVon Hamilton
 Heartland Elementary School PTO
 John & Rose Herman Support Fund
 Johnson County Mental Health
 KC Architects
 Mike and Christy LaHood
 Lakewood Middle School PTO
 Leawood Elementary School PTO

Level Up Esports Arena
 Jennifer Levinson
 Patricia Logan
 Lutz Plumbing, Inc.
 Merrill Companies, LLC
 Mission Trail Elementary PTO
 Morse Elementary School PTO
 NDB Payment Solutions
 Netsmart Technologies
 Oak Hill Elementary School PTO
 Olsson Associates
 Overland Park Chamber of
 Commerce
 Proof Positioning
 Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile
 Rhodes, PC
 Saint Luke's Health System
 Keith and Stephanie Sale
 Sam's Club
 Andy and Besty Sears
 Mike and Deb Seitz
 ServiceMaster DSI
 Stanley Elementary School PTO
 Stilwell Elementary School PTO
 Surency Life and Health
 Sweet Sleep Studio LLC
 Thomas McGee, L.C.
 TRANE
 Transamerica
 United Methodist Church Of The
 Resurrection
 Validity Screening Solutions
 Walmart #3273
 WaterOne of Johnson County
 The Wertzberger Agency
 Whataburger
 WireCo
 Yogurtini Overland Park LLC

\$2,500-\$4,999

Blue Valley Recreation
 Commission
 Brett and Sarah Baker
 Central Bank of the Midwest
 Country Club Bank
 Gilmore & Bell, P.C.
 Hedda Winetroub
 imageQuest
 Kansas City Audio-Visual
 Mathnasium of Blue Valley North
 & South
 Nick and Katie Bruels
 Regnier Family Foundation
 Spencer Fane LLP
 Stan and Cindy Bowling
 Stifel Nicholas & Company, Inc
 Sylvan Learning Center
 Syntec Technologies
 Tailored Living (T3 Family Enterprises)
 Tortoise Advisors
 UMB Bank
 University of Kansas Hospital
 Authority

Education Awards

The Dr. David Benson Teacher of the Year award was created by BVEF in 2004 to honor retiring BV Superintendent Dr. Benson. The awards were expanded in 2010 to include the Master Teacher of the Year finalists. Since 2005, these awards of \$1,250 each have been generously funded by Commerce Bank.

The 2022 awards are as follows:

Dr. David Benson Teacher of the Year Awards

Lizzy Boyle - Sunrise Point Elementary

Kate Tankel - Blue Valley North High School

Master Teacher of the Year Awards

Anne Sobba - Blue River Elementary

Karen Stohlmann Henderson - Blue Valley Northwest High School

Innovative Educator of the Year

The Innovative Educator Award was created with BVEF by Blue Valley North High School parents and BVEF Hall of Fame winners Ken Selzer and Deb Grimes to honor classroom educators using innovative and creative teaching practices. In 2014, the \$2,500 award was expanded to honor two recipients.

This year's winners are a team from BV Northwest High School:

Jamie Ballard

Rachel Kendrick

Michael Richards



"It was important to me to come back to serve in Blue Valley Schools because Blue Valley prioritizes relationships with students and families. Each school in the district has its own community identity that supports families and connects home life with school life. I loved this connection when I was a student and appreciate it even more now as a parent and educator in the district."

- Emily Waters, School Psychologist





Each year, BVEF recognizes an individual who has supported the Foundation with the Julie Miller Volunteer of the Year Award. This award was established in 2006 in honor of Julie Miller, who was a former board member, and dedicated many hours volunteering for the Foundation. This year's Volunteer of the Year has been involved at so many levels, it made her a unanimous choice.

She is a Blue Valley parent with two daughters in the district and also serves as a PTO President. She and her family have been longtime donors to the Foundation, and she is a member of the Women's Giving Circle. She served on the Battle of the Bands committee, chaired the Food Truck Committee at Night of Lights, and never fails to promote BVEF's events and posts on social media.

We are thrilled to recognize *Nayelli Palazuelos-Bowers* as our **2021-22 BVEF Volunteer of the Year**. We are touched by your generosity, enthusiasm, and willingness to support BVEF all year around. Congratulations and thank you!

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