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CHEYENNE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



**LARAMIE COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 1**

# **2023 Report to Board of Trustees**

*Working Together to Enhance Education*

# Cheyenne Schools Foundation

## Annual Report to the Board of Trustees Laramie County School District 1

### **2023 – Another Successful Year**

Since the last report to the Trustees, the Foundation has been successful in fulfilling its mission. Two rounds of grant funding were completed for the 2022/2023 school year, the Run for #1 saw a substantial increase in participation, and sponsorships were at a record level.

### **Grants – The Mission of the Foundation**

The mission of the Foundation is to enhance the education of students attending school in Laramie County School District 1 and the primary way this mission is fulfilled is through grants to classroom teachers. For the 2023/2024 school year, the Foundation will be funding twenty grants totaling over \$30,000. Go to <https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org/past-grant-winners/> to see all grants.

Additionally, the Foundation collaborated with Pilot/Flying J to fund a \$10,000 grant to purchase microscopes for McCormick Junior High School.

### **Board of Trustees – Vital Supporter**

In 1995, the Board of Trustees identified a critical need for a philanthropic extension of the District, leading to the establishment of the Cheyenne Schools Foundation.

The Trustees' support remains as vital today as it was nearly three decades ago. We extend our appreciation to Trustee Alicia Smith for demonstrating this commitment by starting this year's Run for #1.

### **93¢ – Getting the Most Out of Your Money**

The Foundation Board values your hard-earned contributions and is committed to excellence in education. With no paid staff and a 1% administrative expense ratio, ninety-three cents of each donated dollar directly fund educational grants, primarily to District 1 classroom teachers.

### **Committees – Doing the Work of the Foundation**

The Foundation operates with three core committees: Events, Grants, and Public Relations. The Events Committee, under the leadership of Gabriele Kramer in her inaugural year, has revitalized the Run for #1 by reintroducing T-shirts, incorporating professional timing systems, and transitioning to a new location at Lions Park. Dr. Michelle Aldrich spearheads the Grants Committee, which is responsible for managing the intricate grant allocation process. Meanwhile, Chris Mickey chairs the Public Relations Committee, focusing on the Foundation's fundraising initiatives.

## Sponsors – Please Support

The financial backing from our corporate sponsors constitutes the primary source of funding for our initiatives, underscoring their commitment to advancing local education. We strongly encourage you to support these organizations whenever possible.

GOLD Sponsors		
First Education Federal Credit Union	Microsoft	Jonah Bank of Wyoming
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Wyoming	Kohl's	Pilot Flying J
North Silo Resources		
BRONZE Sponsors		
Simpson Electric Co.	ANB Bank	Blue Federal Credit Union
EVENT Sponsors		
Woodhouse, Roden, Ames & Brennan	MSI, Inc	Circle 5K Wild Game Processing
City Drug	Jo-Ed Produce	Service First

## Community – Thank You

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all supporters of the Foundation: District employees contributing via payroll deductions, Run for #1 participants, corporate sponsors, and individual donors. Your collective efforts empower us to support our educators effectively.

## Community Spirit – School Groups

The ROTC, cheer squads, and bands from Central, East and South High Schools transformed the event into a genuine community gathering. The bands energized the atmosphere, setting the stage for an enthusiastic start, while the ROTC ensured the safety of participants along the course. The cheer squads added a spirited touch, welcoming everyone as they crossed the finish line. We extend our deepest gratitude to the students and their sponsors for their invaluable contributions in uniting the community to support our educators.

## Recognition – All Year

Commit to being a sponsor in 2024 and be included on all Foundation announcements throughout the year.

<https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org/sponsor>

## Foundation Hero – Payroll Deduction

District employees have the distinct advantage of supporting the Foundation year-round via payroll deductions. To enroll, simply scan the accompanying QR code. Collective contributions from district employees significantly bolster the Foundation's efforts.



## Welcome Anytime – Donations



Although the Run for #1 serves as the Foundation's primary fundraising event, contributions are welcome year-round via PayPal. A PayPal account is not required; debit or credit cards are accepted. To donate, visit <https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org> and select the 'DONATE' apple, or simply scan the provided QR code.

## Unique Structure – Board

The composition of the Foundation's Board of Directors is designed to uphold our commitment to educational excellence and alignment with the objectives of Laramie County School District 1. Designated seats on the Board are allocated for the Superintendent and an additional administrative leader. Further seats are set aside for representatives from the Board of Trustees, the Cheyenne Teachers Education Association, and the Parent Advisory Committee. The remaining directors are members of the community, often comprising both active and retired educators as well as business leaders from the Cheyenne area.

All directors serve as uncompensated volunteers, collaboratively working to elevate the quality of local education. We extend our deepest gratitude for their invaluable contributions and encourage you to thank them for their dedicated service.

Jim Yates, President	Dr. Stephen Newton	Alicia Smith
Jon VanOverbeke, Vice President	Dr. Michelle Aldrich	Lori Brennan
Steven Girt, Treasurer	Marguerite Herman	Chris Mickey
Kristen Siegel, Secretary	Mason Magagna	Mary Quast
	Gabriele Kramer	

## Mission – Enhance Education

The Foundation's mission is to enhance education by providing grants to classroom teachers in Laramie Country School District 1 for innovative projects which are outside of the normal budget.



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The Cheyenne Schools Foundation is a public charity which normally receives a substantial part of its support from the public as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and tax exempt as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Tax ID: 83-0313084. For more information go to <https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org>.

# 2023 Run for #1 – The Foundation’s Annual 5K Walk/Run

## Race Champions - Official

With the return of professional timing, we again have official winners for the Run.

AGE GROUP	Winners	
14 and under	Wyatt Johnson	Brianna Hollingsworth
15 to 19	Gabrial Escajada	Liberty Araas
20 to 29	Matthew Mastalir	Marisa Skajewski
30 to 39	Mike Morris	Rachel Reinhardt
40 to 49	Adam DeBall	Kristi Racines
50 to 59	Donald Swenson	Devonna Reiner
60 to 69	Eric Saund	Laura Larkin
70 and older	Brent Weigner	Marguerite Herman
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Chris Hall</b>	<b>Josephine Abbey</b>

## Award Winners - Schools

The Foundation Board extends its appreciation to the 2023 Participation Awards recipients for their commitment to the success of the Run for #1 event.

	MOST MONEY RAISED	STUDENT PARTICIPATION RATE
<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Dildine</b> Keri Peacock, Principal – Shelly Davis, Team Captain	
<b>Junior High</b>	<b>McCormick</b> Tina Troutd, Principal – Katie Wheeler, Team Captain	
<b>High School</b>	<b>Central</b> Karen Delbridge, Principal – Jennifer Krause, Team Captain	<b>Triumph</b> Troy Lake, Principal – Marissa Smith, Team Captain

Dildine continues to set a remarkable standard, capturing the Most Money Raised award for thirteen years in a row. McCormick has also made its mark, clinching this honor for the second consecutive year. In the high school division, Central has been a consistent performer, winning the award for the last two years and a total of seven times over the past thirteen years.

Additionally, Dildine has achieved the highest rate of student participation in four of the past five years. Triumph has consistently excelled in this category, winning the award for five consecutive years.

We express our sincere thanks to the school principals for their consistent support and to the team captains for their tireless and at times challenging work in ensuring the Run for #1's success. Each award-winning school receives a monetary prize of \$500 per award.

## 2024 – Save the Date

The 2024 Run for #1 will be held on September 14 at Lions Park.





# Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Statements

October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023

## Statement of Financial Condition

ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	
Savings Accounts	\$84,473
Noel Endowment	338,742
Checking Accounts	32,633
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$455,848</b>
Sponsorship Receivable	3,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$458,848</b>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	
Passthrough Grants	\$3,575
Group Support	2,250
Expenses Payable	288
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$6,113</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$6,113</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$452,735</b>
Change from Previous Year	\$18,609

## 2023 Run for #1 Participation

GROUP	Count
Students	95
Adults	157
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>252</b>
Change from 2022	150

## Statement of Event Transactions 2023 Run for #1

REVENUE	
Registrations	\$7,161
Event Sponsors	3,750
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,911</b>
EXPENDITURES	
T-Shirts	\$3,725
School Group Support	2,250
Awards & Incentives	3,533
Other Event Expenses	1,682
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,190</b>
<b>Net Event Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>\$(279)</b>

## Statement of Financial Transactions

REVENUE		
Sponsorships & Donations		
Run for #1 Sponsors	\$69,731	
Corporate Programs	16,054	
LCSD1 Payroll	5,790	
Other Donations	2,779	
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>\$94,354</b>	
Interest Earned	4,295	
Event Revenue (Loss)	(279)	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$98,369</b>	
EXPENDITURES		
Program Expenses		
Grants	\$63,216	
Passthrough Grants	14,983	
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$78,199</b>	
Marketing	900	
Administrative Costs	661	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$79,760</b>	
<b>Net Addition to Assets</b>	<b>\$18,609</b>	

## Impact on Education

PROGRAM	
Classroom Grants	\$591,153
Passthrough Grants	469,129
Awards/Incentives	79,895
Special Projects	47,000
<b>Total Impact</b>	<b>\$1,187,177</b>

## Distribution of Grants

SUBJECT	Amount	Count
Science	34%	27%
The Arts	29%	30%
Literacy/Literature	17%	20%
Other Subjects	20%	23%

LEVEL	Amount	Count
Elementary	61%	66%
Junior High	10%	10%
High School	29%	24%



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# 2023/2024 School Year Grants

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Educator	School	Amount	Title	Sponsor
<b>Student Enrichment Grants</b>				
Taffi Brown	Rossman	\$1,000.00	Building Knowledge through Virtual Reality	Microsoft
Steve Knox	East High	1,200.00	Easels to Ease - the Studio Space	Simpson Electric Company
Sarah Evans	East/South/Central	1,491.00	Supporting Stacked French Classrooms	ANB Bank
Nicole Cameron	East High	1,500.00	Installation Problems	Blue Federal Credit Union
Megan John	East High	1,437.71	Studio Equipment	Jonah Bank of Wyoming
Mary Kintsler	Pioneer Park	1,500.00	Integrating STEM	North Silo Resources, LLC
Mark Vinich	Central High	1,500.00	Creativity in Ceramics	Jonah Bank of Wyoming
Kayla Pearson	East High	1,500.00	Felting - An Art Project	ANB Bank
Jennifer Connolly	Prairie Wind	1,300.00	Building an Affinity for STEM	North Silo Resources, LLC
Janice Lee	Alta Vista	1,499.82	Creative Kids	Kohl's
Dina Johnson	Davis	1,481.83	Creative Art Resources Enhancement	First Education Federal Credit Union
Corrinna Price	Hebard	1,250.00	Cooking Connection Club	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming
Colby Harrison	East High	1,198.00	Microsoft MakeCode Arcade	Microsoft
Beth Fasting	Hebard	600.00	Expanding Awareness	Blue Federal Credit Union
Amy Curtis	Sunrise	1,000.00	Sip & Snack	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming
Aletha Womack	Central High	560.00	Supplemental Painting Supplies	Kohl's
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$20,018.36</b>		
<b>Excellence in Education Grants</b>				
Michelle Ottoes	Districtwide	\$3,300.00	Early Literacy in the Library	First Education Federal Credit Union
Katie Lovett	East High	2,040.00	Advancement in Printing Techniques	Simpson Electric Company
Janice Lee/Dina Johnson	Davis/Alta Vista	3,485.58	Creative Kids	The Carlton Family
Brenda Jenkins	Rossman	3,096.50	Kids & Kagan	The Carlton Family
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$11,922.08</b>		
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$31,940.44</b>		

Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your dedication to excellence in education.

To see past grants, go to <https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org/past-grants-winners/>



## Donate



Funds are used for grants to teachers in Laramie County School District 1.

## Enroll



LCSD1 employees can contribute year around with payroll deduction.

## Register



Register for the 2024 Run for #1 – September 14, 2024 at Lions Park.

<https://cheyenneschoolsfoundation.org>