



IMPACT REPORT

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Education Foundation



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OUR MISSION

Established in 1990, the Flagler County Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, committed to generating financial support and awareness to enhance educational programs that benefit students, families, and teachers in Flagler Schools.



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THE JOSH CREWS WRITING PROJECT

Book Release

The JDC Writing Project is a creative writing club for students grades 4-12 in all schools in Flagler County. This program was created in memory of a local Flagler Schools alumni, Josh Crews, who was an avid reader and writer. Educators leading the creative writing clubs work with each student to become published authors. The book launch each year is filled with anticipation and excitement as our young writers autograph their work for the community. Hundreds of students become published writers by participating in the JDC Writing Project in Flagler County each year.

"What started as a way to honor a dear friend of mine Josh Crews, the writing project has evolved into something I had never imagined. I am so honored to see students of all ages given a platform to express their creativity through words, art and public speaking. It warms my heart to be able to help provide them an outlet to be themselves but also contribute another set of tools to help them be even more successful in their chosen adventures."

- Carla Cline
JDC writing project founder



JDC Creative
Writing Club



FLAGLER COUNTY CULTURAL COUNCIL



PALM COAST

JOSH CREWS GALA

Supporting Event

The JDC Writing Project is supported by the annual fundraising event Josh Crews Gala. Each year, Josh Crews' family selects a novel for the theme of the costume gala. Community members are invited to attend an energetic evening with delectable dining, themed desserts, costume contest, and an auction to support the writing project. This fanciful event is something the family and friends of Josh Crews, and the community, look forward to each and every year.



"Last year's JDC Gala was such a special night filled with energy, generosity and community. It was inspiring to see everyone come together for such an awesome cause!"

– Nancy Kusy

Peter & Sue Freytag



Take Stock in
Children®

"The Take Stock program has been a big help in my journey toward achieving my long-term goals. It provided me with opportunities that have significantly improved my personal and career development. The program's support has allowed me to focus on my education and career aspirations."

- Eric Salter



THE PETER & SUE FREYTAG TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN PROGRAM

What is Take Stock in Children?

Take Stock in Children was founded in response to persistent high school dropout rates among Florida's most under-resourced youth. Research has increasingly shown that low-income students are less successful academically

than their higher-income peers due to the constraints of living in poverty. The Take Stock in Children program was designed to be a simple yet transformative model for 100% low-income youth in grades 8-12 by combining a volunteer mentor, college readiness and coaching, and a Florida Prepaid Project STARS scholarship. This program expands educational opportunities by removing obstacles that prevent student achievement. The Take Stock in Children program remains successful in Flagler County, thanks to the generous support of Peter and Sue Freytag.



CLASS OF 2025

96
STUDENTS

16
SENIORS

38
SOPHOMORES

19
JUNIORS

23
FRESHMAN



MARDI GRAS COMMUNITY EVENT

Supporting Take Stock in Children

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, sponsors, and supporters, last year's Mardi Gras event was a resounding success to support our students with college scholarships. With a state match, your contributions were doubled creating twice the impact and transforming lives through education.

From fun-filled casino tables to reconnecting with friends and welcoming new faces, the event was more than just a fundraiser it was a celebration of community, generosity, and shared purpose.



There were many individuals that I do not recall seeing in years past. Kudos to the Mardi Gras committee and Ed Foundation staff on spreading the word!

Here's what guests had to say:

"I enjoyed relationship building with friends and colleagues. And I learned a bit more about Black Jack."

"I enjoy seeing all of the support from our local people as well as businesses."

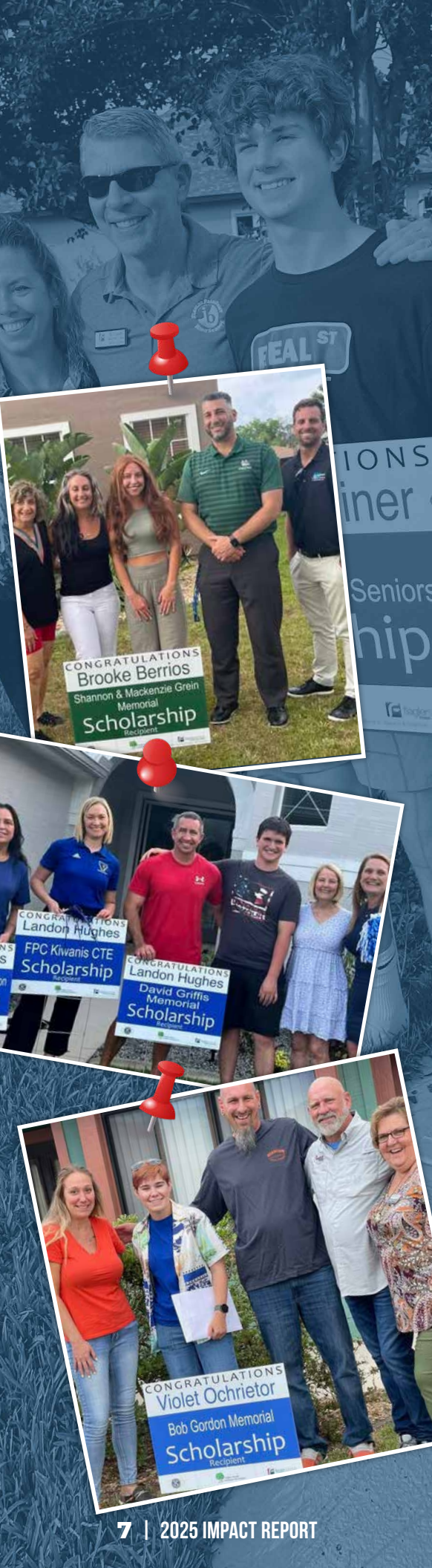
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Drive-By & Surprise

The Flagler County Education Foundation strives to go above and beyond for local graduates. Last year, more than 75 local businesses and organizations came together to help ease the minds of graduating seniors by awarding college and trade school scholarships.

Many community organizations such as the Flagler Palm Coast Kiwanis, the Rotary Club of Flagler County and Flagler Tiger Bay Club, as well as local businesses like Quantum Electrical Contractors and Sunshine State Heating and Air help to make the Senior Scholarship Program a success. The scholarship program also includes several memorial scholarships that local families have set up to commemorate the loss of a loved one. Thank you to the Flagler community for supporting the 2025 graduates.

231 Scholarships Totaling
\$538,264

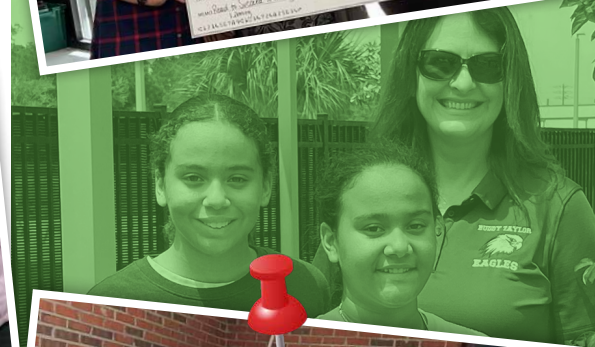


BEAVER TOYOTA FUND-A-PROJECT

Teacher Grants

Beaver Toyota St. Augustine once again demonstrated its deep commitment to local education in 2024-25 through its cornerstone initiative, the Beaver Toyota Fund a Project Grant. This program, a true testament to Beaver Toyota's dedication to education, directly funded innovative classroom projects across Flagler Schools.

Through the Beaver Toyota Fund-a-Project Grant, Beaver Toyota of St. Augustine proudly partnered with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations to match funds that empower teachers and enrich the learning experience for Flagler students. This collaboration ensures educators have the resources to bring innovative ideas to life in the classroom, directly impacting student success. This vital partnership allowed for a significant investment of over \$70,000 to be invested back into Flagler County classrooms in 2024-25, directly supporting teachers in bringing creative and impactful projects to life. All projects funded through this generous grant align with Flagler Schools' Strategic Plan and Improvement Plans, ensuring that Beaver Toyota's contribution directly enhances the district's educational goals.



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MAKE IT HAPPEN

Supporting Event: Annual Dinner

The Annual “Make It Happen” Dinner is more than just an event—it’s a powerful celebration of compassion, collaboration, and community. Each year, the **Flagler County Education Foundation** brings together passionate supporters, partners, and educators to reflect on the life-changing impact their efforts have on Flagler County students and families.

“We are honored to be associated with FCEF, which has a truly significant and positive impact on Flagler County students and the community, addressing both current and long-term needs.”

- Ron and Diana Tortelli

This year’s dinner spotlighted the **Make It Happen** initiative, a vital program that steps in during life’s toughest moments, offering direct support to students, teachers, and families facing crises such as homelessness, the loss of a loved one, or urgent food insecurity. Keynote speaker Makayla Buchanan, Director of Early Learning and Literacy at the Florida Chamber Foundation, inspired attendees with her message of innovation and progress.

The dinner also celebrated Flagler’s unsung heroes—those who go above and beyond to champion student success. The atmosphere was electric with unity and purpose. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, the 2025 **Make It Happen Dinner** raised over \$100,000—funds that will continue to uplift those in need and invest in the future of Flagler County. **Together, we don’t just make it happen—we make a lasting difference.**

Chiumento CARES Fund

The Chiumento CARES program, a partnership between Chiumento Law and the Flagler County Education Foundation, is a powerful initiative dedicated to supporting students and families in Flagler County experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Created to fill critical gaps not covered by federal McKinney-Vento funding, this program ensures that students facing some of life's most difficult challenges can continue their education without disruption.

Through the CARES Fund, families receive emergency relief, housing assistance, and other essential support, all coordinated closely with the school district's Families in Transition (FIT) program. Each situation is approached individually, ensuring that resources are used to meet the most urgent and impactful needs. All funds are managed by the Education Foundation, guaranteeing transparency and direct benefit to the families served.



More than just a stopgap, Chiumento CARES represents a broader community commitment to ending student homelessness and providing stability and hope for the future. The long-term vision includes exploring sustainable solutions such as transitional housing—ensuring that every child in Flagler County has the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life.



Chiumento CARES Fund

Community Assistance Relief Ending Student homelessness





CLASSROOM TO CAREERS

United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties

The Classroom-to-Careers Coaching program continues to thrive thanks to strong partnerships with local businesses and community leaders. Through collaboration with the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce, Flagler County Schools, AdventHealth, Chiumento Law, Quantum Electric, and countless dedicated business owners, students gain direct access to career insights and mentoring. From Future Fridays and speaker series to workshops and industry exploration events, students are gaining a clearer understanding of the opportunities that await them.

This year, seven dynamic career fairs were held as part of the district's Diploma Plus initiative—connecting students with local employers, career pathways, and real-world inspiration for their futures. These events offered hands-on exposure to various industries and empowered students to explore their passions while building confidence in their post-graduation plans.



JOE RIZZO MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting Event

What an absolutely incredible day we had at the 4th Annual Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Classic at Grand Haven Golf Club! This year's event was a tremendous success, bringing together golfers, sponsors, and volunteers for a day of friendly competition and heartfelt remembrance. The Classic truly embodied Joe Rizzo's enduring legacy of dedication to Flagler Schools. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of everyone involved for Flagler Schools' vital Classroom to Careers programs! This funding will directly impact thousands of students, providing them with essential skills and opportunities for their future. From the lively games on the course and the delicious food at every hole, to the exciting silent auction and 50/50 raffle, the atmosphere was electric.

A special highlight was the golf ball launcher, adding an extra layer of fun to the day! We are deeply grateful to all the participants, our incredible sponsors, and our tireless volunteers who made this event such a memorable and impactful day. Your support ensures Joe Rizzo's vision continues to inspire and empower students in Flagler County. Huge thank you to all who sponsored.





CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

The S.T.U.F.F. Bus

S.T.U.F.F. stands for Supplying Things U Find Fundamental. This program provides school supplies and clothing to Flagler students, educators, and families in need. Our mission is to ensure every student goes to school with the same opportunity to reach their highest educational level and become productive citizens.

"Getting these supplies and clothes from the STUFF Bus means so much. It's not just about having notebooks or a new shirt; it's about feeling like I belong and that I can really focus on learning. It makes me feel ready for school, and that's a huge relief."

– S.T.U.F.F. Bus Recipient

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our successful S.T.U.F.F. Bus program.



S.T.U.F.F. Bus has a closet at every school

Over **2,000** School Supply Packs Provided!

CARVER CENTER OUR HOUSE

Carver Community

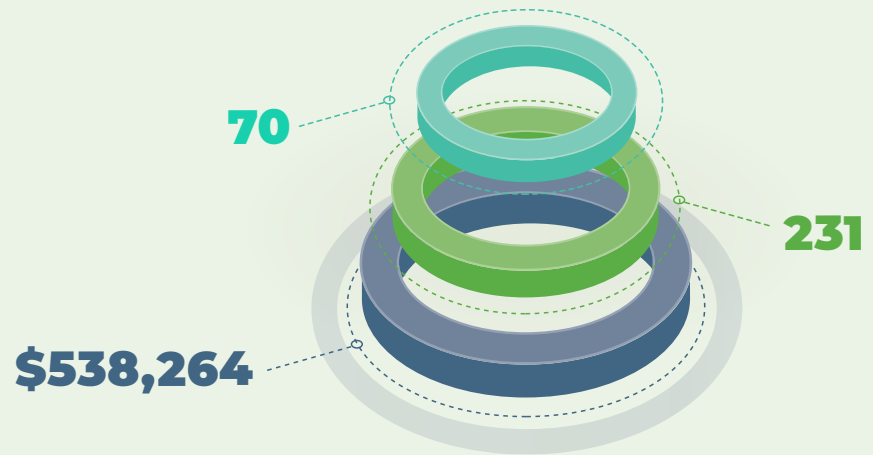
Students and families in the Carver community are uplifted through the dedicated efforts of the G.W. Carver Community Center and Our House. With strong support from the Flagler County Education Foundation and passionate community partners, vital programs like the S.T.U.F.F. Bus, New Worlds Reading events, and the Great Minds Summer Enrichment Program are making a profound impact. These initiatives bring learning, resources, and opportunity directly to those who need it most. We are proud to stand alongside our Flagler Schools staff in delivering meaningful support and expanding access to education in this vibrant and resilient community.



BY THE NUMBERS

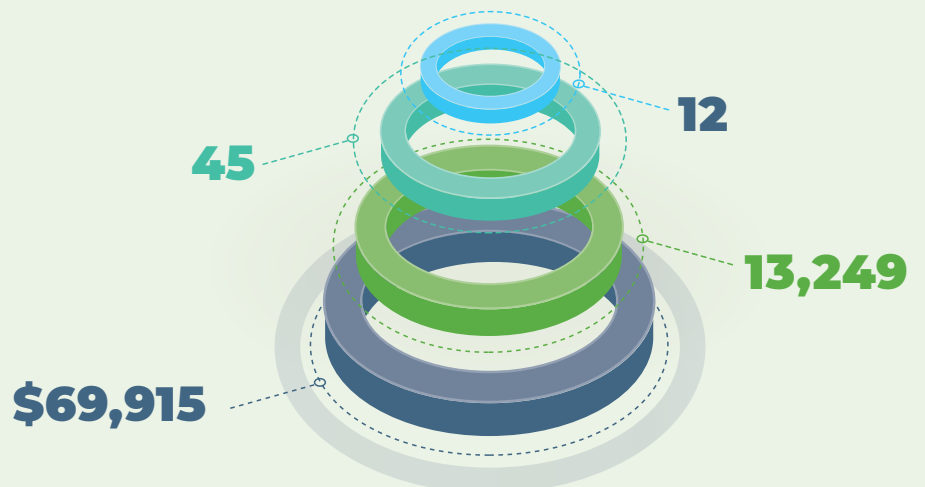
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SCHOLARSHIPS



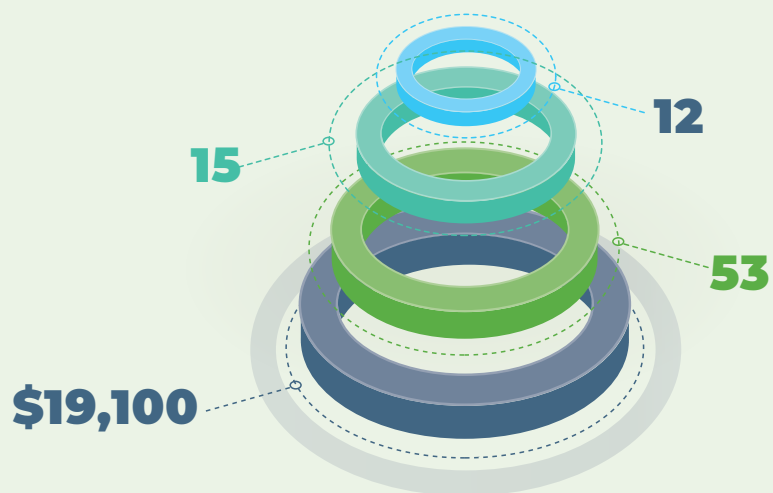
- ORGANIZATIONS = 70
 - SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED = 231
 - TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS GIVING = \$538,264
- LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP: \$291,850
TSIC SCHOLARSHIP: \$246,414

TEACHER GRANTS



- SCHOOLS = 12
- TEACHER GRANTS = 45
- STUDENTS = 13,249
- DOLLARS AWARDED = \$69,915

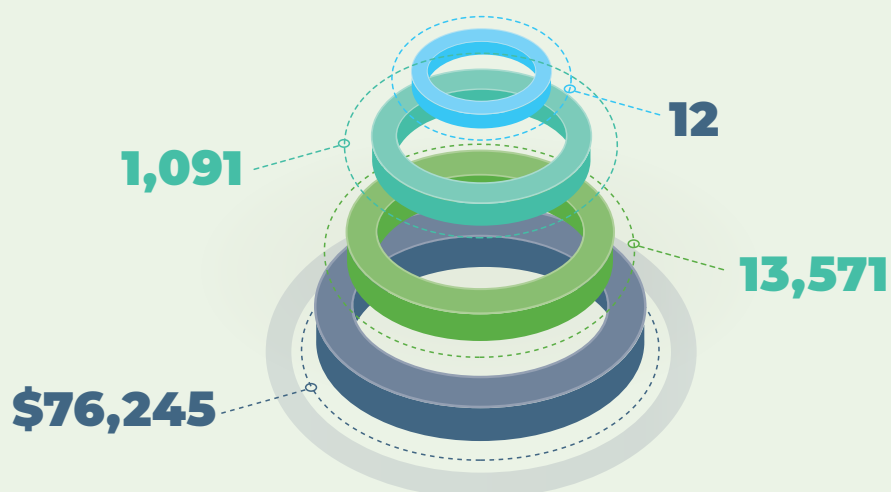
MAKE IT HAPPEN



- SCHOOLS = 12
- FAMILIES = 15
- STUDENTS = 53
- DOLLARS AWARDED = \$19,100



CLASSROOM TO CAREERS



- SCHOOLS = 12
- TEACHERS = 1,091
- STUDENTS = 13,571
- DOLLARS AWARDED = \$76,245



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We Thank You!



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2024-2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

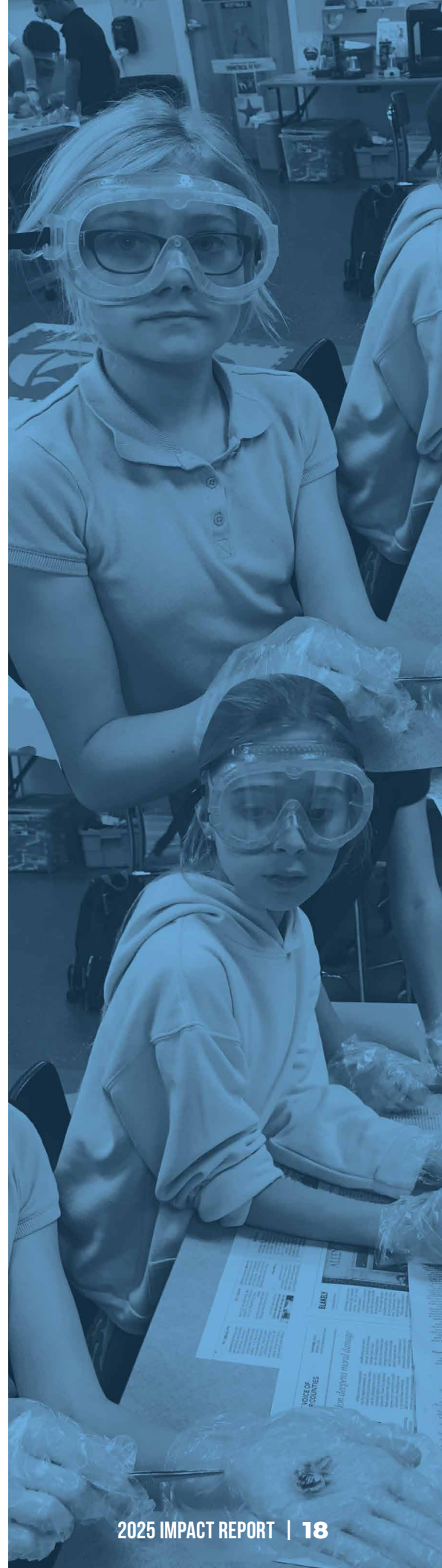
The "One 4 the Kids" program is administered by the Flagler County Education Foundation through payroll deductions. "One 4 the Kids" ensures that funds directly benefit various departments within Flagler Schools. Every contribution, no matter the size, plays a vital role in enriching the educational experience. Join us in making a difference—because together, we can do so much more for our kids!

\$17,960
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With over 13,000 students and 1,200 dedicated educators within Flagler County Public Schools, ***every classroom has its own unique needs and potential.***

Our incredible team—teachers, paraprofessionals, coaches, administrators, custodians, mentors, volunteers, and IT specialists—work tirelessly to support our future generations. These everyday heroes dedicate their lives to ensuring every child has access to quality education, regardless of their background or circumstances.

By including the Flagler County Education Foundation in your estate plan, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of countless students, families, and educators. Thank you for considering leaving a legacy of learning.

If you do decide to leave a gift in your estate plans, we are deeply grateful. Your generosity will not be forgotten. When your gift is received, we will promptly and proudly display your name within the trunk of our giving tree, located in the main lobby of the Government Service Building.

We understand your loved ones come first:

- We will respect what your will or trust says.
- We will use your special gift wisely.
- We understand this is a big decision, so please take your time.
- We respect your right to privacy.
- You can come and see our service firsthand—just let us know.
- You can see the impact of gifts left in wills and trusts to the Flagler County Education Foundation through every hallway, classroom, and in the success of Flagler Schools' graduates.

Estate planning gifts can help pay for:

- **Scholarships:** Empowering students to pursue their educational and career dreams.
- **Resources and Supplies:** Equipping classrooms with necessary materials for a comprehensive education.
- **Educational Programs:** Developing innovative projects to foster creativity and critical thinking.
- **Housing for Homeless Students:** Securing shelter for families, promoting stability.
- **Literacy Growth:** Enhancing reading and writing skills.
- **Professional Development:** Helping teachers inspire and engage their students.

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