

The 2018 calendar year marked the eighth full year of service and support by the Smyrna Education Foundation (SEF). As has been the case for the past several years, SEF received generous funding from a number of local organizations, businesses, and individuals. In-kind support provided SEF with the opportunity to host the **Annual Principals Reception**, a unique gathering to allow for peer to peer information exchange and networking in an informal setting.

SEF Board members and students from Campbell High School (CHS) volunteered approximately 90 hours of service during the **Taste of Smyrna**, selling water, soft drinks, and ice to raise money for SEF.

Financial support and fundraising efforts provided SEF with the opportunity to provide **grants** to each of the 10 Smyrna schools that applied for funding. A total of \$10,110 was dispersed through the 2018 grant program. To date, approximately \$80,000 in grants have been awarded to Smyrna schools since January 2011. Initiatives and items supported in 2018 included:

- Learning Commons upgrade
- Development of green space
- Student rewards program
- Robotics kits and makerspace additions
- Student attendance incentives program
- Safety kits and an additional AED machine
- Summer reading and math kits
- Professional development expenses
- 5th grade engagement activities and field trip
- Bilingual signage for school and dual language immersion program

SEF Board members **also engaged with the community** through a variety of methods, including the following.

- Personal visits to schools to get updates from Principals, see SEF funding in action, and to support school activities;
- Expanding SEF's online presence with a significant website update and increased presence on FaceBook and Twitter.
- Working with a longtime restaurant partner, SEF was featured during television coverage of the organization's primary community event (Taste of Smyrna fundraising booths) on CBS46.
- Developing a map highlighting the location of all 12 schools served by SEF to increase awareness and encourage volunteer engagement with all Smyrna schools.
- Sharing information with the Smyrna community about school achievements and volunteer needs via social media and community events.
- Meetings with City of Smyrna staff and elected officials to exchange information about school needs, and presenting a summary of activity to the Mayor and Council members.

The Smyrna Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2010. Our mission is to promote public elementary and secondary education within the City of Smyrna, Georgia, for attainment of higher academic achievement and for improved perception of public education through advocacy, education, research, sponsorship, service, and support. Board members receive no compensation for their service and provide financial resources, volunteer time, and strategic advice to further the SEF mission.