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## Year in Review – Calendar Year 2019

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Smyrna Education Foundation (SEF) enjoyed a busy year in 2019, which was the organization's ninth full year of service to the community. 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 resources to host the **Annual Principals Reception**, a special opportunity that allows 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 12 Smyrna schools that applied for funding. A total of \$11,160 was distributed through the 2019 grant program. To date, more than \$90,000 in grants have been awarded to Smyrna schools since January 2011. Initiatives and items supported in 2019 included:

- Learning Commons upgrade
- Literacy Links program
- Honor Roll roster board
- Recycling program materials
- STEM camp transportation
- Student and teacher rewards programs
- STEM lessons and book kit
- Writing resources for teachers
- Sensory break room materials
- Professional development expenses
- 5th grade field trip
- Curriculum support

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;
- Starting an Advisory Council to provide additional professional support to the SEF Board
- Regularly attending Smyrna Business Association and Campbell Business Association meetings to share information with the Smyrna community about school achievements and volunteer needs via social media and community events.
- Participating in the City's Volunteer Fair, meeting with elected officials to exchange information about school needs, and presenting a summary of activity to the Mayor and Council members.

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The Smyrna Education Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization founded in 2010. Our mission is to promote public elementary and secondary education in 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.

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