

Great Valley School District Education Foundation

Bridging community and schools for over 15 years

Corporate Partnership Guide: Making a Difference Together

2023

Mission:

We exist to enrich the total student experience in the Great Valley School District as a community partner by funding special projects and programs.

Vision:

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation envisions a thriving educational community where the collective efforts of students, schools, businesses, and the broader community come together to create a seamless bridge of support, collaboration, and growth.



Values

1. **Excellence:** We believe in striving for excellence in all aspects of education, promoting high standards of teaching and learning, and supporting initiatives that enhance the educational experience of students in the Great Valley School District.
2. **Equity and Inclusion:** We are dedicated to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment where all students, regardless of their backgrounds or abilities, have equal opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
3. **Collaboration:** We value collaboration among educators, students, parents, community members, and stakeholders. We actively seek partnerships and cooperation to create a collective impact that strengthens the educational ecosystem within the Great Valley School District.
4. **Innovation:** We embrace innovation and seek transformative educational practices, technologies, and approaches that prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the future. We support initiatives that encourage creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and lifelong learning.
5. **Stewardship:** We are committed to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. We ensure transparency, accountability, and efficient utilization of funds to maximize their impact on student learning and educational initiatives.
6. **Community Engagement:** We recognize the importance of active community involvement and engagement in education. We strive to foster strong partnerships with parents, businesses, community organizations, and local leaders to build a supportive network that enhances the educational experience for all students.



Goals:

The Foundation strongly aligns with the School District's strategic objectives to provide support in the areas where it is most needed. We strongly support STEM education to cultivate future innovators, while our dedication to ensuring equitable access to resources addresses disparities across the district. We also support career readiness programs that equip students with essential skills for future success. Working with the schools, we help maintain Great Valley's high-quality education, ensure a breadth and depth of educational opportunities that connect with our students, and promote innovative possibilities that inspire them.



Overview:

The Great Valley, School District Education Foundation, serves as a bridge between the community and schools by offering a charitable vehicle for the business community to support innovative programming for the school community where the school budget may fall short. Since its inception over 15 years ago, the Foundation has given back over \$700,000 in support for our Great Valley schools. GVSDEF is 100% supported by community and business sponsorships and donations.

Like other education foundations nationwide, GVSDEF has become a powerful partner in providing access to equitable and outstanding educational opportunities for all students. By working with our business community, we are helping create programs that allow students to explore their career interests, gain skills, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

The Great Valley, School District Education Foundation, plays a vital role in supporting and advancing our students' educational journey at Great Valley. With 100% of our financial support coming from the community, our programs and initiatives provide students with access to resources and experiences they wouldn't otherwise be able to access. From providing STEM education opportunities to funding after-school activities, field trips, scholarships, and support for underserved populations, the Foundation is helping bridge the gap between what schools can offer and what students need.



2023/24 Year in Review

Community and business support has been instrumental in bolstering our **Venture Grants** program. Our work this year has left a profound and indelible impact on the lives of our teachers and students alike. This year, we were privileged to allocate \$25,000 in Venture Grants for inspirational programming brought forward by our dedicated educational staff. Notably, we drove initiatives to ensure equitable student access to library resources and promote comprehensive emotional support for our students. Donations have enabled us to finance STEM and arts programs, incorporating forensic learning kits for 4th and 5th graders and cutting-edge robotic equipment for 7th-grade physics classes. Cumulatively, your backing has enriched the educational journeys of over 2,000 students, with a ripple effect that will continue to be felt in the coming years.

Additionally, your unwavering support helped furnished us with the capacity to disburse \$4,500 in **scholarships**, lighting the path for deserving students embarking on their higher education endeavors. Our Good Neighbor Program, although initially necessitated by the pandemic, has evolved into a cornerstone of our efforts to address the fundamental needs of our under-served student population. This year, the **Good Neighbor Program** delivered over \$4,000 in crucial aid to students in need - an achievement made possible by your backing.

We look forward to another year of funding for our mission to enrich the lives of all students in Great Valley. We have a lot to do in the coming year. Great Valley schools are recognized for outstanding student achievement, which is driving expansive growth in the district. The Foundation continues to play a critical role in meeting the needs of students and schools where the public dollars fall short.

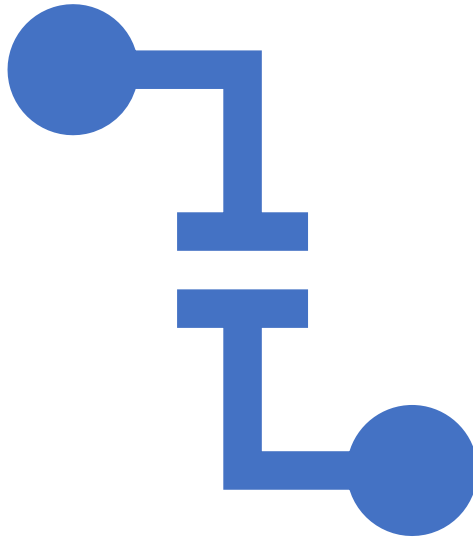
We cannot do this alone, and we hope that you are inspired to join us in our mission.

Corporate-Social Responsibility Alignment

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation strives to enrich the educational experience for students by providing additional resources, programs, and initiatives that go beyond what is typically funded by the government. We serve as a bridge between the corporate/business community and the schools. GVSDEF focuses on a range of areas including student scholarships, Venture Grants, STEM education, literacy programs, arts education, and more.

The Great Valley School District Education Foundation can offer Janssen programs that align with the organization's corporate social responsibility in the following ways:

- 1. Investing in Local Communities:** GVSDEF is deeply rooted in the Great Valley community. Support for the Foundation is thereby investing in the local community and the future workforce in Great Valley.
- 2. Investing in Sustainable Partnerships:** The Foundation has been serving the Great Valley schools for over 15 years with enduring community connections. GVSDEF has a proven track record of responsible stewardship and impactful use of philanthropic resources.
- 3. Promoting Educational Opportunities:** By supporting our education foundation, Janssen can directly contribute to improving the quality of education in the community, offering enhanced opportunities for all Great Valley students.
- 4. Fostering Equality and Social Justice:** GVSDEF has programs aimed at reducing educational disparities and promoting equal opportunities for all students. By supporting these programs, Janssen can advance CSR objectives related to social justice.
- 5. Supporting Youth Development:** The Foundation provides opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and succeed. This aligns with a career enhancement objectives related to youth development and future workforce preparation.
- 6. Advancing Innovation:** The Foundation funds STEM education and other innovative learning opportunities, we lead with innovation and support the advancement of technology for a skilled workforce.
- 7. Matching Donation Programs:** Matching charitable donations of employees encourages more giving and offers a sense of community connection. This not only supports the school community, but it can also improve employee engagement and morale.
- 8. Empowering Employees:** GVSDEF offers opportunities for Janssen employees to engage in skills-based volunteerism to assist students in career development while connecting their business affiliation with the school community.



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