

Unit 40

Education Foundation

2024 Year in Review

Our Vision and Mission

The Unit 40 Education Foundation began with the vision of some of Effingham's business leaders, teachers, administrators, and caring citizens. They created a non-profit foundation to raise money to help Unit 40 students in every grade and classroom. Donations to the foundation are generated from fundraisers, business leaders, family memorials, community member contributions, and many other sources. The foundation directs money from these donations to benefit Unit 40 students in many ways. Classroom teachers can submit grant requests for classroom resources that will enhance students' learning, such as technology tools, library books, robotics, tools, and lab equipment. One of the founding goals of the foundation was to present a scholarship to each graduating senior of EHS. We are not there yet, but we still strive toward that goal.

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Scholarships

In 2024, the Education Foundation awarded scholarships totalling \$60,000.00 to EHS seniors planning to continue their education. Our loyal and generous donors made it possible to grant 60 scholarships in 2024..

We held our annual Russ Marvel Scholarship celebration in May. This celebration allows us to bring together and honor our donors and scholarship recipients.



2024 Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Dilaney Appelt

Olivia Moser

Abbie Cochran

Evie Ballard

Preston Siner

Spencer Fox

Adrew Lotz

Elena Niebrugge

Isabella Volpi

Evan Pryor

Charlie Ring

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Brady Stortzum

Raegan Boone

Raegan Dust

Levi Byrant

Phoenix Coleman

Keagin May

Danica Sleeper

Kayla Smith

Rylee Brown

Hannah Jones

2024 Foundation Scholarship Recipients (Continued)

Chris Hopper	Charly Kreke	Gracie Hall	Kaiden Nichols
Kendyll Schoonover	Mallory Tappendorf	Saul Ellis	Gabby Haslett
Keyan Kollman	Kalista Jackson	Zoe Lybarger	Lexi McCoy
Finley Pals	Peyton Whitaker	Michelle Guadarrama	Kaitlyn Budde
Addison Holste	Zach Donaldson	Aaron Bartels	Gracie Eaton
Aiden Hanks	Blayne Pals	Camden Raddatz	Makenna Duckwitz

2024 Scholarship Patrons

Al's Tire Mart

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Centenary United Methodist Church

Chris Donaldson Memorial

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2024 Scholarship Patrons (Continued)

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Leisure Times

Mary Higgs Trust

Maxine Gravenhorst Memorial

McDevitt, Osteen, Chojnicki, & Deters

Mitchell Coffin Memorial

Monroe Family Trust

New Hope Church

Nick Nosbisch Memorial

2024 Scholarship Patrons (Continued)

Northside Ford Business

Opal Dancey Memorial

Ron Mietzner (Santa)

Roy Schmidt Honda

Russ & Shari Marvel Teacher

Sacred Heart School

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care

Shawn Mohundro Memorial

Starwalt/McGrath

Chuck Stevens Memorial

Marth Stevens Memorial

Tom & Lana Henderson

Washington Savings Bank

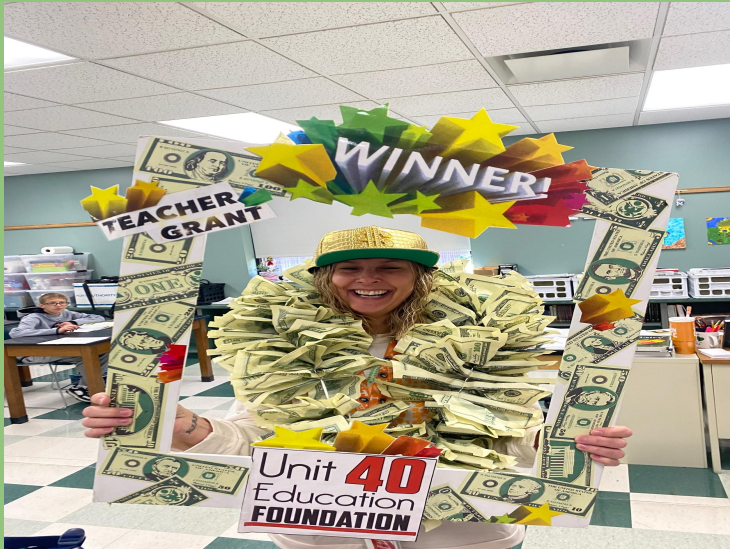
Zach Fish Memorial

Zach Scott

To read about each scholarship, visit our website
<https://effinghameducationfoundation.com/scholarships/>

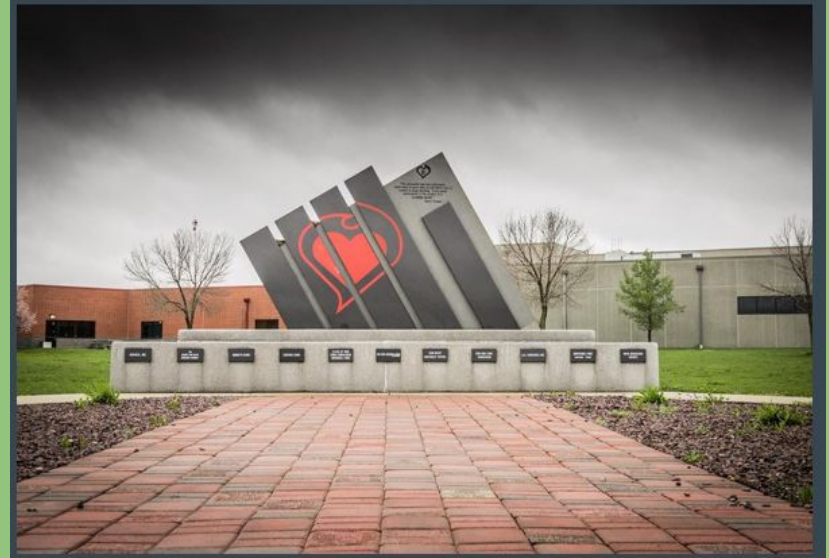
Teacher Grants

One of the primary missions for the Education Foundation is to fund teacher grants. In 2004, the foundation funded teacher grants totaling \$10,413.00. These grants help teachers provide hands-on experiences and enriched learning environment for their students.



Brick Paver Program

The brick paver program provides an opportunity for people to purchase engraved bricks to recognize alumni, students, faculty, and friends of Unit 40 schools. The pavers are then installed around the sculpture near the front of Effingham High School.



<https://effinghameducationfoundation.com/brick-pavers/>

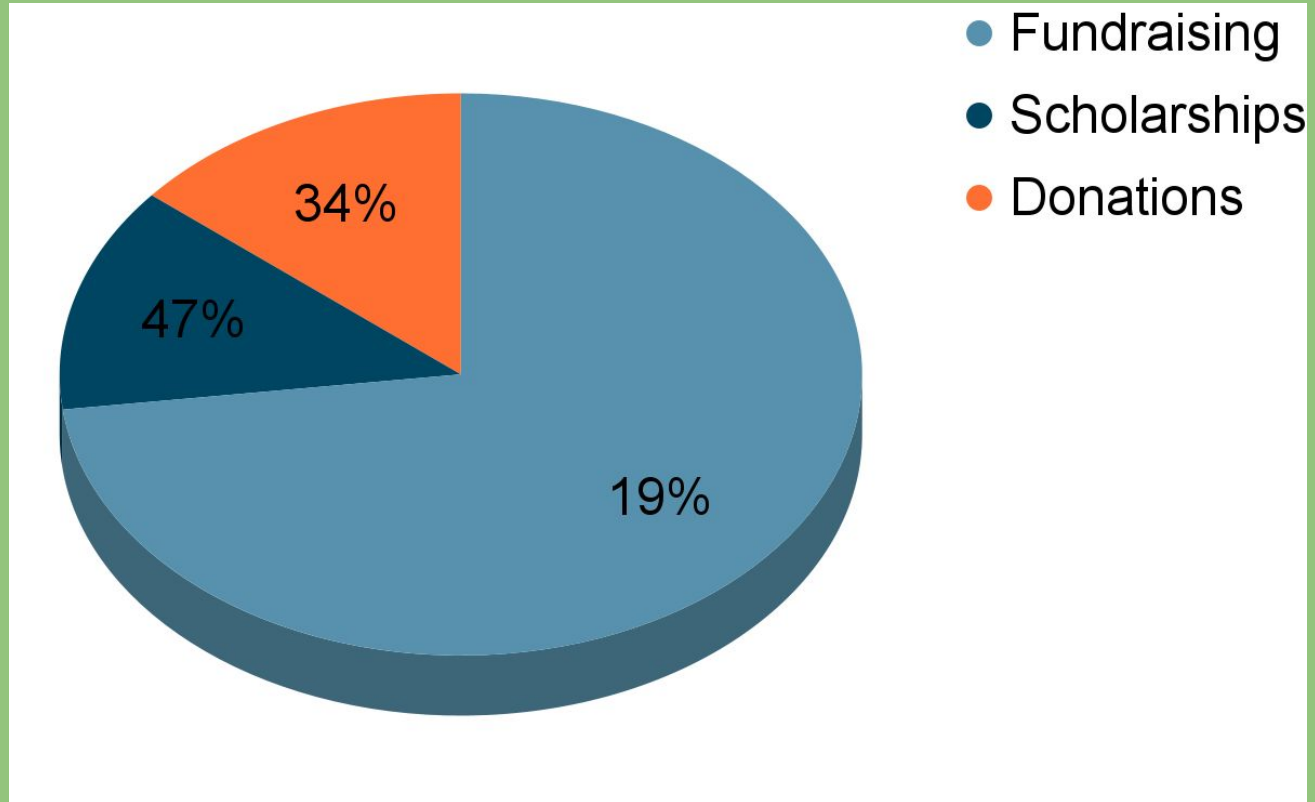
Breakfast with Santa



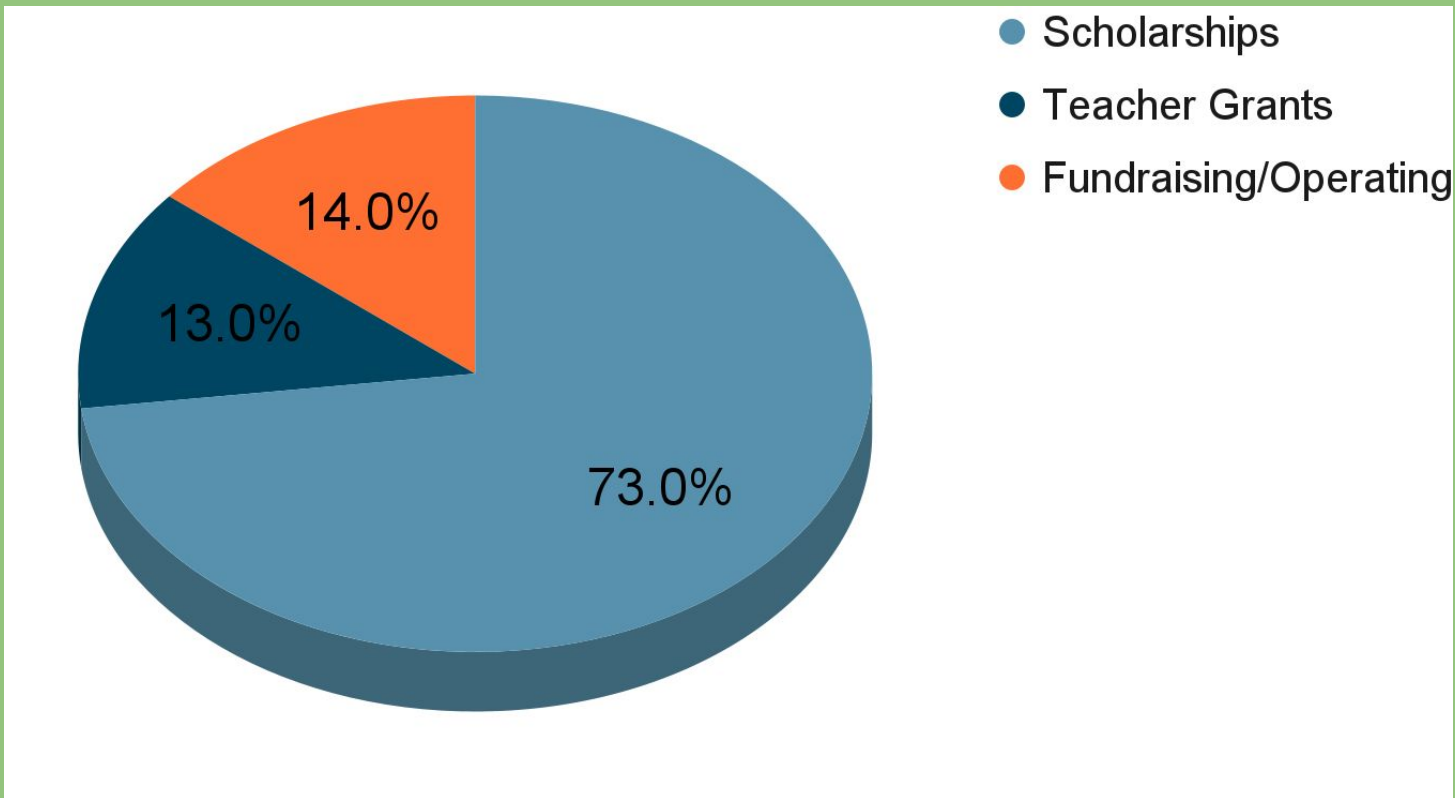
Breakfast with Santa has become a major community event that many look forward to annually. Children enjoy seeing visiting Santa as well as sitting on this lap. Those attending also enjoy pancakes and sausage, shop at the Santa Shoppe, enjoy music from the EHS chorus and take pictures at the photo booth. Children love seeing the llamas and this year a couple of baby goats.



Financial Overview: Income



Financial Overview: Expenses



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Unit 40 Education Foundation is a 501C(3) organization. We appreciate all donations and encourage you to visit our website for additional information.

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