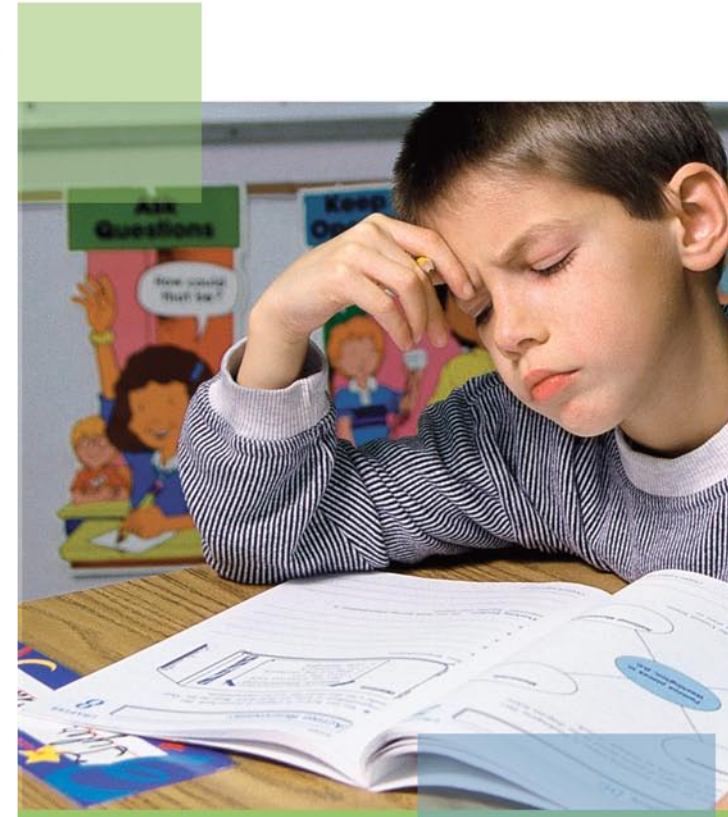


The Foundation works to unlock the potential of our children, inspire possibilities and bring hope for a bright future. And we do that in partnership with the community.



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“ With support from the Foundation, we’ve been able to provide many enriching opportunities for our students that otherwise would not have been possible. Our students have created cities, investigated Shakespeare and designed robots. They’ve learned about collaboration and problem-solving through hands-on experiences. The Foundation has made that happen. ”

Susan Leeds

Science teacher, Howard Middle School



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These are the very things at the heart of the Foundation's work for our children and the things we instill in students every day through mentoring, critical support and creative educational programs.

Our work includes:

- + managing dozens of unique educational programs that are making a monumental impact in the classroom and in the lives of our children
- + bringing mentors to students who are struggling with reading and comprehension, and helping transform their lives through building confidence and showing compassion
- + generating and awarding thousands of dollars each year to teachers for innovative classroom learning
- + engaging the community in the shared responsibility of ensuring a quality education for every child
- + providing more than \$1 million annually in resources and grants to schools to help create a brighter future for our children

Core Programs & Support

Read2Succeed



A signature program of the Foundation, Read2Succeed engages hundreds of volunteers each year to provide one-on-one reading assistance and mentoring to second graders. In addition to managing the recruitment, training and placement of these volunteers, the Foundation also provides needed resources in the classroom to support and advance this important program. Research shows second grade is a critical developmental year – when reading becomes fundamental to advanced concepts and skills. It's also a significant social and emotional period in a child's life, when positive encouragement and confidence-building are essential. Read2Succeed builds on both aspects, with a focus on building up our children.

Teacher Grants



Through unique and innovative teacher grant programs backed by some of the community's major corporate education supporters, the Foundation is bringing creative learning initiatives into the classroom. In fact, since the establishment of the grants, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1.4 million to more than 2,700 Orange County Public School teachers. Areas of grant focus include math and science enrichment, reading readiness and specialized in-class resources. These grants enable teachers to help students stretch their imaginations and take learning to a new level. They give our schools extra resources and directly aid teachers, who often spend hundreds of dollars of their own money on classroom needs each year.

Teach-In



Thousands of people go back into the classroom on one day in November – not to be taught but to teach. In conjunction with American Education Week, the Foundation coordinates Teach-In every year, bringing business leaders and citizens into schools to talk to students about academics, careers and the future. It's a day to inspire, open up a world of possibilities and get our young people to think about life after school. And it's a testament to the value, importance and role we all play in helping our children succeed.

Middle School Kids



Middle school years are perhaps the toughest, considering the major social, emotional and physical changes happening. Dropping out of school, drugs, violence and greater independence are all things our students are exposed to, consider and experience. Without a doubt, it's a critical and decisive period in a child's life. A focus on academic well-being becomes paramount. The Foundation's Middle School Kids program is advancing positive youth development in thousands of 11- to 14-year-old children in the district. Using the acclaimed *LifeSkills* curriculum, the Foundation has trained teachers to integrate social and emotional developmental study and discussion into their classrooms, and have also expanded the program into parenting classes and other community forums.



Count Me In!



People make the difference. People are a community's greatest asset. We are the key to making meaningful change happen. We create hope, inspire and take action. We share common goals, and work together to meet needs. In the arena of education, this couldn't be more true. And that's why the Foundation manages a citizen-based engagement and action program called Count Me In! It's mobilizing people to get informed and involved for the sake of our children – for their success academically and in life. We know that schools cannot do it alone – that everyone has a duty and responsibility to help our children. The Foundation is working with citizens to ensure parents have the resources they need to help their children. We're working to improve teaching quality. We're working to provide schools more resources, close achievement gaps and boost graduation rates. We're working to increase the potential of the community to unlock the possibilities for our children.