



“Together, we thrive.”

2020-2021 Annual Report



The mission of the Indian Valley Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization serving the Souderton Area School District, is to ensure the highest level of educational opportunity for students through a community partnership with public education.

2020-2021 Financial Snapshots

Dear Friends of the IVEF,

On the following pages you will find the IVEF Annual Report for 2020-2021. The work that we do within our schools is reflective of the caring and generous community that we know and interact with on a daily basis.

We are in a unique position to see the incredible work that is being done each and every day by our teachers and administrators who make all the children of the Souderton Area School District their priority.

We have highlighted just a few of the programs that the IVEF has been able to fund thanks to the generosity of our donors. As both individual families and corporate donors make their commitments to public education in the Souderton Area School District, the IVEF Board of Directors remains steadfast in our commitment as well.

That commitment is to bring the resources of the community into our classrooms in ways that foster innovation, creativity, equity and belonging.

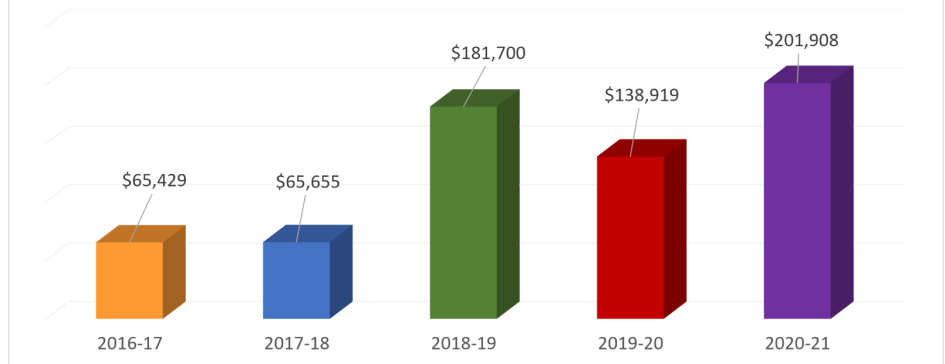
On behalf of the IVEF Board of Directors, thank you.

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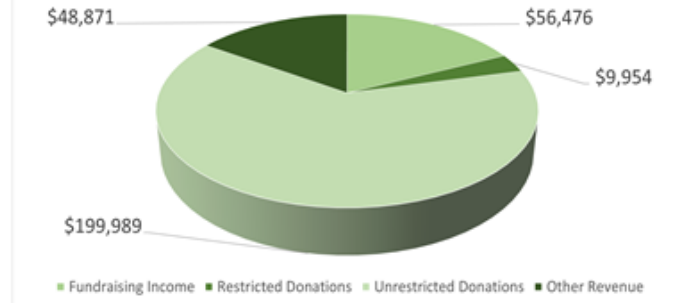


Ruth E. Potter, CEFL.
Executive Director

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SASD PROGRAMS



2020-21 IVEF Revenues



2020-21 IVEF Expenditures



Soudy Strong Statement

Thank you to everyone who supported our Soudy Strong campaign in the Spring of 2020, through the purchase of Soudy Strong apparel. The logo for this campaign was developed by an SAHS student and the intention of the campaign was to bring our community together during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Indian Valley Education Foundation is not affiliated with nor does it fund any political groups.

ABC: A Book Connection

As we all found ourselves at home in the Spring of 2020, the IVEF worked in partnership with SASD to bring the vision of Colleen Buck, Oak Ridge Elementary School Librarian, to life! The goal was simple, to bring the community together through **A Book Connection**.

Each family in grades K-5 received a copy of "Friendship for Humphrey" by Betty J. Birney. Each day they could tune in to read along or just listen in English or Spanish. Thanks to a host of SASD teachers, administrators and High School Students, we came together at a time of uncertainty and embraced a chance to be together, while remaining apart!

Through the creativity of our librarians, the logistical prowess of our administrative team, and the dedication of countless volunteers at each elementary school, we were quickly reminded that in Souderton, we are at our best when we work together!



"Thanks to generous support from the IVEF, a much-needed bond was formed across our community. From our kindergarteners through fifth graders, to our school staff and families, A Book Connection fostered communication and collaboration!"

During an immensely turbulent time, the Souderton community found joy in reading along in both English and Spanish with staff, Souderton high school students, and even our very own Superintendent!

A Book Connection accomplished building community, accentuated basic curriculum, advanced better communication, and was an all-around a beautiful collaboration! "

~Colleen Buck, Oak Ridge Elementary, Librarian

MCCC Dual Enrollment Scholarships

*"Education
is not the
filling of a pail,*

*But the
lighting
of a fire."*

~ W.B. Yeats

SAHS is proud of the academic rigor it provides to students. Many students find themselves taking AP (Advanced Placement) or DE (Dual Enrollment) classes in their Junior and Senior year to challenge themselves even further, however not all students are in the position to pay the additional tuition fees that come from taking Dual Enrollment credits through Montgomery County Community College. No student should have to do without when it comes to furthering their education, so the IVEF works in partnership with the Guidance Department to ensure all students who are ready to further their education while enrolled at SAHS have the opportunity to do so!

"This course is not only going to give me an excellent introduction to the world and foundation of politics, but will also help me decide whether I want this to be a concentration I continue to pursue academically. I could never afford the price of the class, and you were able to gift me such an incredible scholarship. Thank you!"
- Hagar Eldeeb, SAHS Class of 2021

Sensory Pathways

Schools are amazing places for kids to learn. We know that it happens in the classroom, but it also happens in the hallways, and on the playground!

Providing Sensory Pathways to each of our elementary schools facilitates the physical and mental development of children in a fun and engaging way. These tools and resources help kids work towards a healthier, smarter, and more active lifestyle. We want kids to have fun and stay engaged in school.

A sensory pathway is a colorful, creative, and playful way for kids to improve motor planning, fundamental motor skills, and build stronger sensory connections in the brain that are responsible for sight, touch, sound, and balance enabling kids to complete complex, multi-stage tasks. Sensory pathways are also an important part of a larger umbrella concept called "sensory play".



Adirondack Chairs

"On behalf of John and myself, we would like to thank the IVEF for allowing us this incredible opportunity to give back to our school. The chairs will be used and enjoyed by many students, and allow teachers a unique opportunity to teach outside."

~Jacob Marushak



During the 2019-2020 school year, Jacob Marusak and John McLaughlin were awarded a grant for 16 students in the Fall Wood Technology class to build six sets of double Adirondack chairs.

The goal was to create an outdoor learning space for SAHS students and teachers to use. They purchased 576 linear feet of white pine, 3 gallons of exterior deck stain, exterior deck screws, paint trays, and paint rollers for six sets of double Adirondack chairs. Students began the project by drawing 3D models of each individual part in a web-based program called OnShape.

Once the drawings were complete and a flow process was developed to ensure efficiency and quality control, each student was given a specific task including machining, transport, finishing, and quality control. Once the parts were made, everything received a coat of stain prior to assembly. They were able to utilize our CNC router to customize the chairs.

After assembly, they applied a final coat of stain to all of the exterior surfaces of the chairs. The chair project was a great success. Not only do the chair sets look fantastic, but they are extremely comfortable.

EITC: Educational Improvement Tax Credit

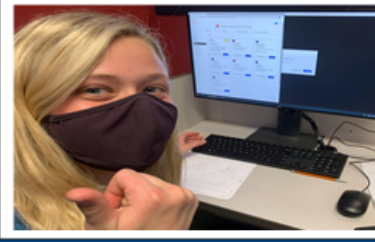
The Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program is administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) under Act 48. Established in 2001, the program awards tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/or educational improvement organizations that are on a list approved and published by DCED.

A gift to the IVEF can provide your company with a substantial tax credit. Your contribution can impact the quality of our schools and ensure that the Souderton Area School District remains a premiere community in Pennsylvania.

For more information:

PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program
website: www.NewPA.com/eitc

SATV Production Lab



The IVEF is a state approved **E**ducational **I**mprovement **O**rganization or **EIO**. That means that we are eligible for EITC funding thanks to a statewide program that allows businesses to allocate up to 90% of their PA State taxes to approved educational organizations.

We are excited to showcase our most recent funding allocations, both of which were possible thanks to Univest and their incredible commitment to the local community.

The SATV Production lab is home to one of the most popular courses, SATV, where students are able to film, edit and produce a live weekly TV show called Red Alert. We were able to replace all the computers in that lab and as a result can accommodate a more robust curriculum as students seek to explore studies in media and communications.

DONATE

One of the easiest ways to support the IVEF is through our wide variety of fundraisers we hold throughout the year. Keep in mind that the IVEF is constantly looking at ways to have an impact in our schools. Our goal is to match your gifts with the needs that can truly make a difference.

VOLUNTEER

The IVEF relies upon committed volunteers to help us advance our work and help accelerate our progress. There are many ways for you to make a positive impact. We would love to help match you with the right opportunity! Our success comes from our dedicated board members and volunteers working together to move the mission of the IVEF forward!

ADVOCATE

While financial support and philanthropic giving are paramount to meeting our mission, it is equally as important that we share resources to help educate the general public on the real challenges that our schools face. We encourage you to take the time to visit the following website and familiarize yourself with the role you can play in supporting public schools here in the Commonwealth.
<https://paschoolswork.org/>

Get Involved & Support SASD!

Save the Date for the following events:

Oct.18-Oct.29

Boon Supply Fundraiser

November

Fall Speaker series (Inspired)

Dec.1-Dec.31

Holiday Giving Campaign

March 25

Harlem Wizards Game

May

Cornhole Tournament

May 1-end of school year

Teacher Appreciation Campaign

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Special Thanks To

Kimberly Dommel, Virginia Woodbury & Michael Moyer!
All completed 6 years of service as board directors in May of 2021.
Your service, creativity, generosity and dedication to the IVEF is appreciated!

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