

— 2024 / 2025 —

Annual Report



SUPPORTING STUDENTS | EMPOWERING TEACHERS | STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

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A 2024-2025 guide to SBEF impact, programs, partners, and community support.



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Our Mission



About the San Bruno Education Foundation

We believe our public schools should offer a balance of core academics and enrichment opportunities that inspire children to learn and grow.

Who We Serve:

The San Bruno Education Foundation is dedicated to improving the academic experience for every child in the San Bruno Park School District.

A well-rounded education requires music, arts, hands-on science, and strong community connection. Because public funding does not fully cover these opportunities, it is up to all of us as parents and community members to help bring them to life. Learn more at sbefkids.org.

Who We Serve

2,000+

Students Served

TK-8

Grade Levels

5

Schools

Letter from the President

Building opportunities that inspire every student.

Dear Friends,

The San Bruno Education Foundation had another impactful year supporting the 2,000 students in the San Bruno Park School District. Your generosity made it possible to sustain and grow the enrichment programs that help our students learn, create, and thrive. This year, your support strengthened music and arts, expanded STEM experiences, opened new learning opportunities for teachers and students, and brought our community together through events and volunteer projects. These efforts reflect our shared belief that every child deserves access to joyful, engaging, and well-rounded educational experiences.

This work is possible because of the dedication of our donors, partners, families, educators, and volunteers. We are especially grateful for the support of the San Bruno Community Foundation, Google.org, Artichoke Joe's, and the many individuals and local businesses who contributed throughout the year.

Thank you for believing in our students and for helping us build strong and vibrant public schools. We look forward to everything we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

With gratitude,



Heather Latta
President, San Bruno Education Foundation



*“Together we
are building
opportunities
that inspire
every student.”*

Our Programs

Four focus areas, one shared mission.



Music & Arts

Concerts, music instruction, drama, dance, and creative expression.



STEM

Lego Robotics, science fairs, labs, and hands-on discovery.



Teacher Support

Professional learning, educator leadership, and classroom resources.



Community

Events, campus beautification, volunteers, and districtwide pride.

Our Impact

A quantitative look at SBEF's impact in the 2024-25 school year.

Funding That Powers Our Work

\$600,000*

Total invested in District enrichment programs this year

\$150,000

From the San Bruno Community Foundation for athletic field improvements at Belle Air, John Muir, and Parkside

\$100,000

From Google.org to support science, art, and music

\$25,000

Matching funds from Artichoke Joes during the fall campaign

**This includes \$200,000 from the Give Forward Foundation that was received and provided to SBPSD at the end of the year for the 2025-2026 school year.*

Impact Across the District

2,000

Students served across all District schools

200

Parkside students in band, orchestra, and choir

100+

Volunteers supporting Community Pride Project Days

90+

Students in the Lego Robotics programs

~60+

3rd - 8th grade students participated in the drama program

45

English Learners reclassified as English proficient

Music & Arts

Art and music nurture creativity, build confidence, and support the social and emotional development of students across all grade levels. SBEF is committed to ensuring every child has access to quality arts education.



Elementary Music

SBEF funded a full-time elementary music teacher for the third year and continued its partnership with Music for Minors to support instruction in the younger grades. Families enjoyed spring performances at each school that highlighted students' growth and enthusiasm for music.

Parkside Music

SBEF funded a second music teacher at Parkside, giving more than 200 students the opportunity to participate in band, orchestra, and choir. Students performed in winter and spring concerts and represented San Bruno at several community events, including the SBEF Gala and the Narita Delegation visit. SBEF also supported the purchase of musical instruments and supplies to strengthen the program and ensure students had access to quality equipment.

Parkside's ensembles earned strong ratings at the Music In The Parks festival at Great America. Orchestra and Choir received ratings of Excellent, Band received a rating of Good, and the school earned the Esprit de Corps award. These high marks made Parkside eligible to apply for a performance opportunity at Disneyland next year.



Music & Arts

Elementary music, Parkside music, drama, dance, and student creativity.



Drama and Dance

SBEF supported the District's afterschool drama programs for elementary and Parkside students, as well as Parkside's dance classes, which were offered as an alternative to physical education. These programs gave students opportunities to build confidence, collaborate with peers, and express their creativity on stage during their fantastic fall plays, spring musicals, and a spring dance concert!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

STEM learning encourages curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving. SBEF supported hands-on opportunities that helped students explore and create throughout the year.

Life Sciences through School Gardens

SBEF helped expand the Each Green Corner school garden program at Allen, Belle Air, and Portola. The program provides weekly opportunities for students to explore life science concepts through hands-on activities while helping school communities grow nutritious produce and learn about sustainability.

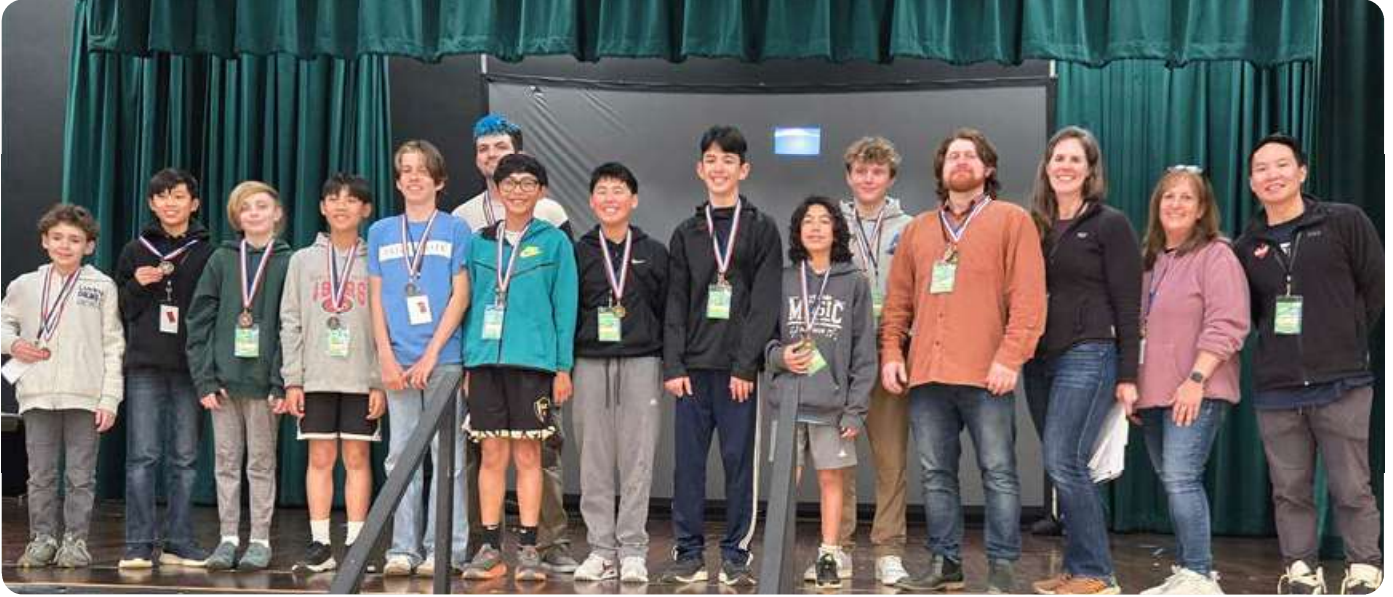
STEAM Classrooms and Science Supplies

SBEF funded classroom science supplies for the elementary schools and Parkside to bring science concepts to life. SBEF also supported the development of Portola's new STEAM Lab, which expands hands-on learning opportunities for students and helps teachers integrate real-world science and engineering concepts into their lessons. Further, SBEF supported supplies for Allen's STEAM lab to ensure the students had the materials they needed.



Lego Robotics Competition

Hands-on teamwork, coding, design, and joyful problem-solving.



Lego Robotics

More than 90 students in grades 5 through 8 participated in SBEF-supported Lego Robotics clubs. Students designed, built, and coded their robots each week and showcased their work at the Districtwide competition judged by volunteers from AbbVie and the Nueva School's Robotics Team.



Science Fair

Student inquiry, mentorship, experiments, and countywide recognition.



Science Fair

SBEF supported the District's Science Fair for 5-8th graders. Twelve students from across the District designed science projects and gained valuable experience presenting their work to expert judges. Parkside students were able to submit their projects to the San Mateo County STEM Fair, and we are proud that a Parkside 7th grader won first place in his division!

Supporting Teachers & Students

Supporting teachers and students is at the heart of SBEF's mission. This year, we invested in programs that strengthened classroom instruction and expanded learning opportunities across the District.



Early Literacy and Math Training

To enhance literacy instruction, SBEF funded 28 teachers to participate in Science of Reading and LETRS (Language Essentials for Reading and Spelling) training. The strong response from educators has created demand for expanded participation next year. SBEF also supported a preschool-to-3rd-grade math team that attended statewide conferences focused on strengthening early math instruction and aligning curriculum across grade levels.

Washington DC Scholarships

SBEF supported the District in providing scholarships to three Parkside eighth graders – who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford the trip – to join their classmates in Washington DC, giving them an enriching experience beyond the classroom.

Communities of Practice

SBEF supported teacher leaders who guided other teachers in “Communities of Practice” groups in English Learners, STEM, and early math. Their work helped improve instruction and contributed to the reclassification of 45 English Learners.

Supporting Teachers & Students

Professional learning communities and instructional support.



Narita Exchange

SBEF began a partnership with the School District and City to support a sustainable model for maintaining San Bruno's Sister City relationship with Narita, Japan, including the exchange program for Parkside's 8th grade students. A grant from the San Bruno Community Foundation supported this year's exchange, and we will continue working with the School District and City to develop a long-term funding plan.

Community Across the District

A strong school community helps students feel connected and supported. This year, SBEF brought families, volunteers, and partners together through events and projects that strengthened school campuses and built pride across San Bruno.



Back-to-School BBQ

Families gathered at City Park to kick off the new school year with food, games, PTA booths, and free fingerprinting services for parent volunteers. SBEF's annual BBQ continues to be a welcoming start for families across the District and an opportunity to connect with school and community partners.

School Fields Improvements

With generous support from the San Bruno Community Foundation, SBEF partnered with the District to significantly improve the usability, safety, and longevity of athletic fields at John Muir, Belle Air, and Parkside. This \$150,000 investment supported critical field enhancements that expanded access for students during the school day and strengthened shared use with community sports programs after school and on weekends.

At **John Muir Elementary**, the field that was closed for decades is now full of lush grass and available for school and community use. Students use this space for special events, and sports games during recess and PE, giving students space to move and play beyond the blacktop. The San Bruno AYSO

soccer program now regularly holds practices and games on John Muir's field as well.

At **Belle Air Elementary**, grant funds supported major upgrades to improve field conditions and address long-standing irrigation and drainage issues. These improvements increased the field's usability for students and enabled broader community use, including soccer activities through AYSO and baseball programs through San Bruno Pony Baseball. The work also sparked new partnerships among the District, sports leagues, and the City, laying the groundwork for more coordinated and sustainable field planning in the future.

At **Parkside Intermediate School**, grant-funded improvements focused on safety and functionality for both students and community leagues. Upgrades included new fencing, improved practice areas, and enhancements around the softball diamonds and batting cages. These improvements support physical education during the school day and provide safe, well-maintained home fields for the San Bruno Girls Softball League, which continues to grow in participation.

Community Across the District

Volunteers, beautification, gala, BBQ, and districtwide connection.

Together, these field improvements benefit more than 2,000 students and community sports participants each year, strengthening access to safe outdoor spaces and reinforcing schools as shared community assets across San Bruno.

Community Pride Project Days

More than 100 volunteers came together to improve campuses across the District. Projects included sprucing up the library and greenery at Parkside, painting games on the blacktops at Portola and John Muir, preparing Belle Air's new Zen Den, and helping build out Allen's new school garden. These days reflect the power of community involvement and shared ownership of our schools.

Gala

Held at the new Recreation and Aquatic Center, SBEF's third annual Gala was a formal evening featuring dining, dancing, and a silent auction. The event brought the community together to raise funds for District enrichment programs that support students across San Bruno.

Other Community Events

SBEF supported school and citywide events that helped families connect with their campuses and each other. Highlights included Coffee with the Superintendent events at each school and Parkside's Panther Pride Day.

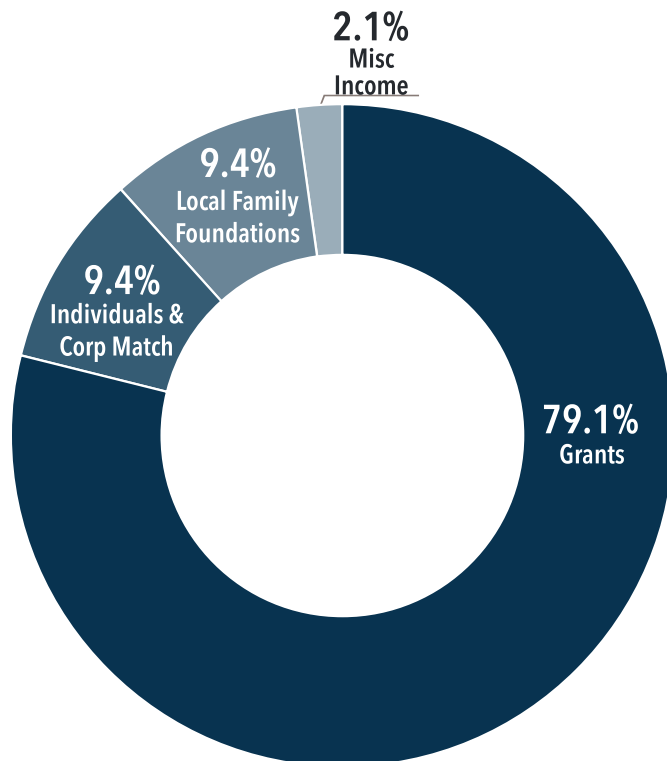


Financial Snapshot

Community partners help make enrichment possible.

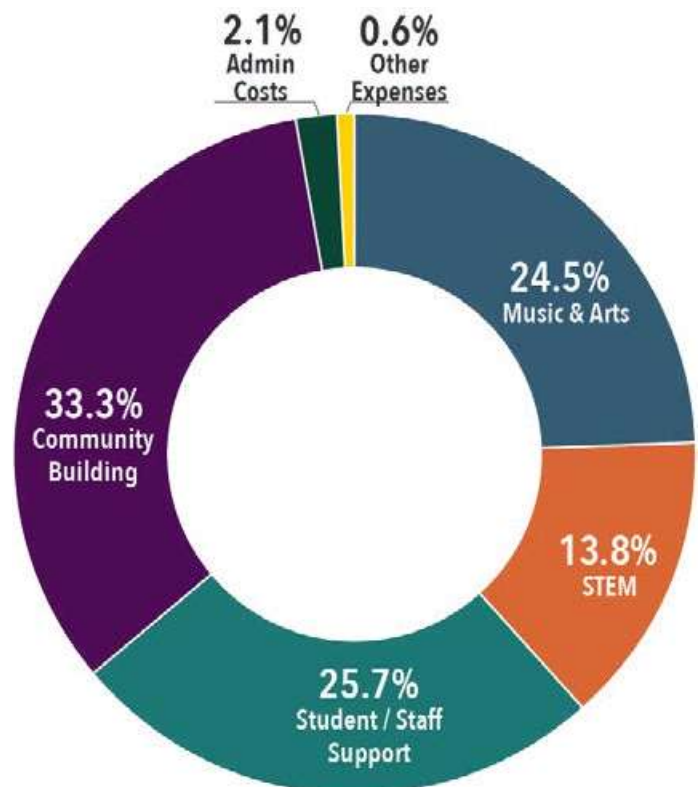
\$533,164.72

Revenue



\$618,221.09

Expenses



The charts above reflect SBEF's financial activity for the 2024-25 school year and show how community support translates into direct investments in students, teachers, and enrichment programs.

Notes on This Year's Funding

Measure X Classification

Measure X funds appear in the "Other" category. These dollars were provided through interest income rather than direct donations to SBEF.

Student/Staff Support

The Student and Staff Support category appears larger this year because SBEF provided the District with \$200,000 in June 2025 for use in the following school year. This early transfer ensures programs have stable funding to begin the year, although it visually shifts the distribution in this report.

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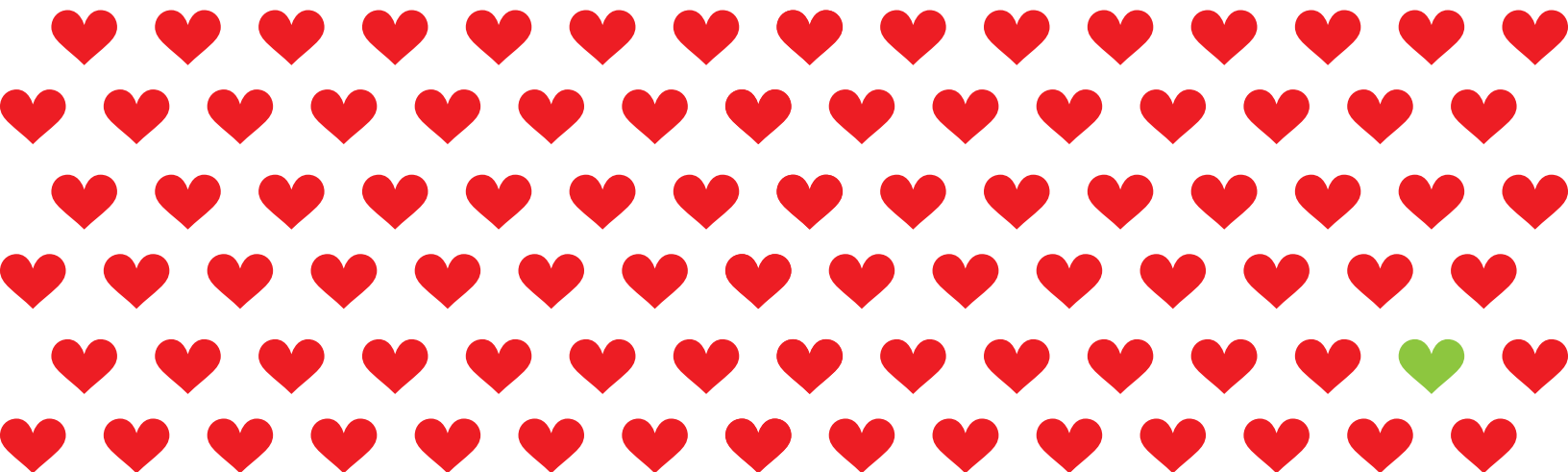
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This year we extend our thanks to **Makiko Sato** for her dedicated service as Treasurer. We also welcome **Annie Yoshiyama** into the role and appreciate her commitment to supporting SBEF's financial stewardship and mission.



Our Partners

Thank you community partners, businesses and volunteers!

We Thank You

SBEF is grateful for the organizations, businesses, and volunteers who strengthened our schools this year. The San Bruno community continues to show what it means to be the City with a Heart.

The **San Bruno Community Foundation's** long-standing support has helped us to start growing so many programs over the years. This year they were supportive of field improvements and the Narita program.

Google.org continued its strong partnership with SBEF, supporting science, arts, and music programs across the District.

Artichoke Joe's once again supported Lego Robotics, Community Pride Project Days, and generously matched community donations during our fall campaign.

We also appreciate the **San Bruno Lions Club**, the **Rotary Club of San Bruno**, and the many **PTA and PTO leaders** who helped bring families together throughout the year.

A special thank you to the volunteers whose time and talent made an impact across our schools, including parents and community members, Portola parent Lorin Lee, the Nueva School Robotics teacher Michelle Grau and her team, and AbbVie Volunteers including Portola parent Michelle Toft Graham.

SBEF also thanks the **San Bruno Park School District** for its continued partnership and shared commitment to enriching student learning.



Thanks
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Donor Roll

Donate, volunteer, sponsor, and stay connected.

CORPORATE GIVERS

(\$50,000-\$200,000)

- Give Forward Foundation
- Google.org
- Artichoke Joe's
- San Bruno Community Foundation

COMMUNITY LEADERS

(\$5,000 - \$20,000)

- Eric Ball & Alexis Petru
- Margaret Burchell

PREMIER CHAMPIONS

(\$1,801 - \$4,999)

- Robert Choy

CHAMPIONS

(\$600 - \$1,800)

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- Apple
- Blue Shield
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- Netflix
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- Playstation
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BUSINESS SPONSORS

Gold Sponsor

- Hangry Planet
- Rotary Club of San Bruno

Silver Sponsor

- Mathnasium
- Recology San Bruno

Supporter

- Arbor Genetics
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- Julianna's Luxe
- Twice as Nice
- Local Kitchens
- Bill's Lock Shop
- Dojo USA San Bruno Martial Arts

GALA SILENT AUCTION DONORS

- BCD Academy
- Beauty Inked by Diana
- Bel Mateo Bowl
- Bill's Lock Shop
- Blo Daly City
- British Swim School
- Chez Gabrielle
- Colagrossi Winery
- Curiodyssey
- Fabulosity Antiques
- Hecho Handmade Jewelry
- Julianna's Luxe

Donor Roll

GALA SILENT AUCTION DONORS CONTINUED

- Kiss My Boba
- Kumon
- Local Kitchens
- Mathnasium
- Matt Duffy
- Mayahuel Massage
- Red Robin
- Spindrift School of Performing Arts
- San Bruno Parks & Recreation Department
- The Golf Mart
- Twice as Nice
- San Bruno Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- Recology



Join Us
Donate Here!



Your support is the difference



SBEF is only as strong as our support from the community

Get involved

- **Donate:** Join our [Schools with a Heart](#) community as an SBEF Advocate (\$10/month or \$120/year) or SBEF Champion (\$50/month or \$600/year)
- **Volunteer:** SBEF always needs volunteers for
 - Event planning and coordination
 - IT and web maintenance
 - Outreach to businesses
 - and more!
- **Become a Sponsor:** Your business can sponsor us or donate an item or service to our annual gala, and increase visibility in the community!
- **Stay Connected:** Follow us on [social media](#), read our [blog](#), and sign up for our [newsletter](#) to keep up-to-date on our programs and events.

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SBEF Advocates pledge to donate \$10/month or \$120/year.



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