2024-2025 Annual Report

A Message from the Board

Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our parent community and local partners, the 2024–25 school year was a powerful demonstration of what we can accomplish together. Through your contributions to the One Community LG campaign, LGEF proudly granted ***$1.7 million*** to Los Gatos Union School District (LGUSD)—funding the enrichment programs and specialist staff that distinguish our schools.

We are deeply grateful for your support and for the shared belief that all students deserve equitable access to a well-rounded, high-quality education.

Your Dollars at Work

LGEF's annual grant to LGUSD enables the district to hire and retain credentialed enrichment specialists who rotate across all five elementary and middle schools. These educators provide students with consistent, high-impact programming in:

- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)
- Music and Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Physical Education
- Mental Health and Wellness
- Library Services and Literacy Support

These programs were identified as top priorities by parents, staff, and community members during the development of the 2020–2026 LGUSD Strategic Plan. Additionally, these programs are not funded by the state and would not be possible without contributions from our community.

In addition to core enrichment funding, ***LGEF also supports $25,000 of Innovation Grants***—competitive, educator-driven proposals that fund creative, forward-thinking projects aligned with the district's strategic goals. These grants encourage teachers and staff to pilot new ideas, introduce cutting-edge instructional tools, and enhance student engagement beyond what the general budget allows.

Why Parent Contributions Are Essential

LGUSD receives no additional state dollars for enrichment. While state funding covers basic instruction, everything beyond that—STEAM, music, PE, art, mental health counselors, and librarians—is funded almost entirely through parent and community donations.

To fulfill its Strategic Plan, shaped by input from families and educators, LGUSD prioritizes equity, inclusion, and a whole-child approach. By employing shared enrichment staff, the district ensures every student—regardless of school site—benefits from the same high-quality educational experience. Without this community support, these programs would need to be scaled back or eliminated.

Additional funding is made possible through the generous support of Business and Real Estate Sponsors, Events, Grants, and other community members who share our commitment to educational excellence.

One Community LG: A Unified Effort

One Community LG (OCLG) is a collaborative fundraising campaign led by LGEF, the five school Home & School Clubs, and LGUSD. By consolidating our efforts, we make it easier for families to give—and ensure all students benefit equally. In 2024–2025, the campaign raised ***$2.4 million*** from 57% of our LGUSD families with $1.7 million granted to LGUSD and $0.7 million distributed equitably to the Home & School Clubs.

In 2024-2025, the $1.7 million grant to LGUSD was allocated as follows:

- *Elementary schools - grades K-5 - $890,000* **-** supporting art teachers (2), music teacher (1), PE teacher (1), PE specialists (4), librarians (4), Spanish teacher (1)
- *Middle school - grades 6-8 - $479,000* - supporting music teacher (1), dance teacher (1), STEM teacher (1), clubs, noontime sports coordinator
- *LGUSD district-wide - grades K-8 - 303,000* - supporting mental health counselor and coaching, innovation grants, STEAM TOSA

Financial Stewardship

The vast majority of LGEF revenues are directed toward educational programs and staffing. In 2024–2025, ***88% of foundation revenue was allocated to the annual grant to LGUSD***, enabling the district to provide consistent, high-quality enrichment across all schools. This level of program funding reflects best-in-class operational efficiency among education foundations.

The remaining 12% of foundation revenue supports essential foundation operations, including compensation for one full-time and one part-time staff member, along with modest administrative and fundraising expenses.

LGEF remains committed to transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility of the community's investment in public education.

Financial Summary

Revenue	
OCLG Campaign	$2,396,000
Less: H&SC Allocation	($719,000)
Net LGEF Funding	**$1,677,000**
Business & Real Estate Sponsors	$105,000
Events and Community Members	$116,000
Total Revenues	**$1,898,000**
Expenses	
LGUSD Grant	($1,672,000)
Payroll and related	($159,000)
Operational and fundraising expenses	($85,000)
Total Expenses	**($1,916,000)**
Other income/(expense)	**$165,000**
Investment income	$43,000
ERC Credit	$33,000
Unrealized Gains	$89,000
Net Revenue (Expense)	**$147,000**

Looking Ahead

As we plan for 2025–26, we remain committed to transparency, collaboration, and strategic investment in programs that elevate student outcomes. Our goal is not only to sustain enrichment but to strengthen it—by investing in staffing, training, and curriculum that support the district's evolving priorities.

We invite every family to continue participating in this collective effort. Whether through donations, volunteering, or advocacy, your involvement makes a difference.

Thank You
On behalf of the LGEF Board and the thousands of students your support reaches every day—thank you. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant future for Los Gatos public schools.

The LGEF Board of Directors