



TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER

IMPACT REPORT 2020

GRANITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER:

NEW CHALLENGES & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The 2019-2020 school year presented numerous unforeseen challenges and opportunities for Granite Education Foundation and the community we serve. With roughly 35,000 students living at or below poverty level, the Foundation has always been a critical resource. But as schools were forced to close due to COVID-19, the importance of the Foundation became more evident than ever.

The simple fact is that when schools close, student hunger goes up.

But with your help, the Foundation was able to adapt to the sudden increase in need. We provided an average of 4,278 meals per day to families who did not have alternative resources.

This is a time when we, as a community, must take care of one another. This is the mission at the heart of everything we do at Granite Education Foundation. With your help, the Foundation has met the challenges presented by the coronavirus outbreak. And while times remain uncertain, we know that together we're stronger. Together we can overcome new challenges to ensure the ongoing health and success of the Granite community.

Race, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion:

GRANITE EDUCATION FOUNDATION JOINS GLOBAL VOICES TO CONDEMN RACISM

Our public schools and the ecosystem of Granite School District proudly represent the diversity of students from within our respective community to include ALL racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. As a nonprofit whose sole purpose is to help reduce barriers so all students receive an equitable education, Granite Education Foundation commits itself to equity, and supports district leadership who value impartiality and bring forth required change to encompass diversity and inclusion.

Granite Education Foundation recognizes we have much to learn about how racism perpetuates itself in our culture and how we become unwitting participants in a process which limits equitable opportunities and access to every student. We will examine our own policies and practices which relate to our governance along with the support we provide to educators who interact with multicultural students of diverse backgrounds. Ultimately, Granite Education Foundation will continue to operate within a structure of best practices for the benefit of every student.

Together we will continue our critical effort to sustain and improve public education for all children in our school systems. Collectively we can and will enrich the lives of every student, every day.

ADAPTING TO NEW CHALLENGES



Dear Friends,

For over thirty years, we have continued to evolve as an organization. Needless to say, a lot has transpired over the last year, but one thing remains constant, Granite Education Foundation remains committed to open communication and transparency, passionate about those we serve, and when faced with challenges, we adapt and grow — becoming stronger together in the process.

Throughout the 2019–2020 school year, we continued to diligently work to live up to our mission, vision, and goals. We provided critical assistance to children and families who had nowhere else to turn, and we worked to support educators as they strived to best serve the needs of their students.

But in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic came to our doorstep, and everything changed. With schools suddenly closed, and the majority of

Granite's children facing food insecurity, the Foundation immediately pivoted to focus on the need to provide meals to its hungry children. In the first month after schools were closed, the Foundation delivered an average of 4,278 meals per day.

In the months since the pandemic came to the Salt Lake Valley, the Foundation has continued to work arduously to serve the community, and we've innovated to address an even wider array of needs. In these uncertain times, it is reassuring to know that the Foundation remains a steadfast and constant resource to those with limited means.

Now, as we look forward to a new school year, with little foreknowledge of what may come, we vow to persist and to remain flexible in our efforts to find creative, workable solutions to lift and improve the Granite community.

But we can never do this alone. The support you provide to the Foundation makes a critical difference. Thank you to our supporters, board members, donors, and volunteers for bolstering our efforts for so many years.

With your help, we've learned that every challenge is just an opportunity in disguise.

With gratitude,


RANDY WOODBURY
 Board Chair


BRENT SEVERE
 Chief Executive Officer

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I believe that the resources available to our students through Granite Education Foundation improve a student's ability to do better academically. It is sometimes the littlest thing that can make it easier for a student to stop worrying and start learning. Students shouldn't have to worry about: sweaty feet because they cannot afford socks, icy cold fingers because they have no gloves at recess, no brush at home to brush their hair before school and kids making fun of them, having lice (possibly for the 5th or 6th time) with no way to treat it, coming to school hungry, or leaving school wishing they had a snack to hold them over until school breakfast tomorrow.

I can probably think of over a hundred scenarios where I have seen needs and turned to the Foundation for a way to alleviate the worry.

Sometimes I am the only advocate for our students because I am the only one who knows about the problem, or knows where to get help for our families. I have asked GEF many times for help for our students. Without the resources and goods provided by GEF, I could not help students stop worrying and start learning.

It is clear to me that GEF, through their programs that provide new clothing, shoes, school supplies, backpacks, or hygiene kits, and everything else, literally helps meet our students' most basic needs so they can focus on being a kid and being in school.

CHRISTINE PEASLEY
Social Worker, Millcreek Elementary

GRANITE STORIES



KATELYN

I know first-hand that Granite Education Foundation programs help students improve educational attainment. I have met with countless families who needed assistance. GEF's programs & partners make food available, as well as provide relief during a family crisis. Delivering relief to parents translates into children who feel more secure and better able to concentrate in school. This, of course, leads to better scores and overall learning and achievement.

I have had parents cry in my office after I reached out to GEF to get assistance for food, clothing or Christmas/Holidays. I can't begin to tell you how many parents were both shocked and overwhelmed with gratitude when they realize the comprehensive help that is made available during a family difficulty.

I have literally had mothers come to me with nothing, after having just left an abusive relationship. Almost immediately, the fear and uncertainty give way to relief and courage, because of the access GEF provides to clothing and food, all of which helps these mothers get back on their feet.

It has been my experience that parents only come asking for help when in the deepest need, as it can be humiliating for them. We help them understand that most families will experience some type of crisis and, while GEF programs are short-term interventions, they are offered free of judgment and help provide assistance at the very moment they are needed.

The bottom line is this: when parents have what they need for their children, they can focus on higher functions, such as their child's academics, which is a win-win for everyone.

KATELYN BOSCH

Social Worker, Redwood Elementary

COVID-19:

MEETING NEW CHALLENGES

On Friday March 13th, Granite School District announced that schools would be closed, starting Monday March 16th, due to the coronavirus. This closure brought new challenges to Granite Education Foundation; we needed to figure out how to get food to our pantries and students and families, while dealing with COVID-19.

Before the pandemic, we delivered food on pallets to our in-school food pantries and the pantry coordinators would sort and distribute the food, with students and families shopping the pantries during open hours. COVID-19 prevented people from shopping the pantries, so we needed an easy and quick way to get food to those in need in Granite School District. We came up with food bags; a preassembled bag of food that the schools could easily hand out to students and families.

Using space at the Donation & Distribution Center and food we already had in stock, we recruited volunteers to help bag up food to be delivered to schools with existing in-school food pantries. Every week, pantry coordinators/principals requested deliveries of food bags that were prepared by volunteers, and then delivered by volunteer drivers to the schools.

During the 10 weeks schools were closed, Granite Education Foundation distributed 213,900 meals, an average of 4,278 meals per day. The value of the meals distributed was approximately \$300,000. Utah Food Bank and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Bishop's Storehouse provided additional food, which enabled us to have adequate supplies of food during the closure.

UTAH FOOD BANK:

HELPING US MEET HUNGER

Utah Food Bank is a key partner in helping Granite Education Foundation provide food to our students and families. Every month they provide food that we are able to distribute out to schools. They have also made arrangements with our larger in-school pantries to deliver directly to these schools. They provide a wide variety of non-perishable food, along with frozen and refrigerator items.

In addition to providing food for our in-school food pantries, Utah Food Bank also runs Mobile Food Pantries in about 30 of our schools. Each month they arrive at the school, bag up the food, and hand it out to students and families. During the 10 weeks schools were closed last spring due to COVID-19, the Foundation worked with Utah Food Bank to ensure the Mobile Food Pantries would still run. Each week the Utah Food Bank delivered food to our Donation & Distribution Center. Volunteers then bagged and delivered the food to schools; who would then disperse the food with Grab-and-go lunches.

Granite Education Foundation is so grateful to Utah Food Bank. They are a wonderful partner that helps us to meet the basic needs of our students and families. Thank you!

**UTAH FOOD BANK**

COVID-19:

MEETING NEW CHALLENGES

IN-SCHOOL PANTRIES

- Beehive Elementary
- Bonneville Jr High (GAPP)
- Cottonwood High School
- Cyprus High School
- Farnsworth Elementary
- Gourley Elementary
- Granger Elementary
- Granite Connections
- Granite Park Jr High
- Hillsdale Elementary
- Hunter High School
- Kearns High School
- Kearns Jr High
- Lincoln Elementary
- Magna Elementary
- Millcreek Elementary
- Moss Elementary
- Pioneer Elementary
- South Kearns Elementary
- sSTEP Program
- West Lake STEM
- Woodrow Wilson Elementary

23 IN-SCHOOL
FOOD PANTRIES

In our effort to meet food insecurity in Granite School District we have made great strides in offering food pantry options to our schools. This effort has only increased during the pandemic.

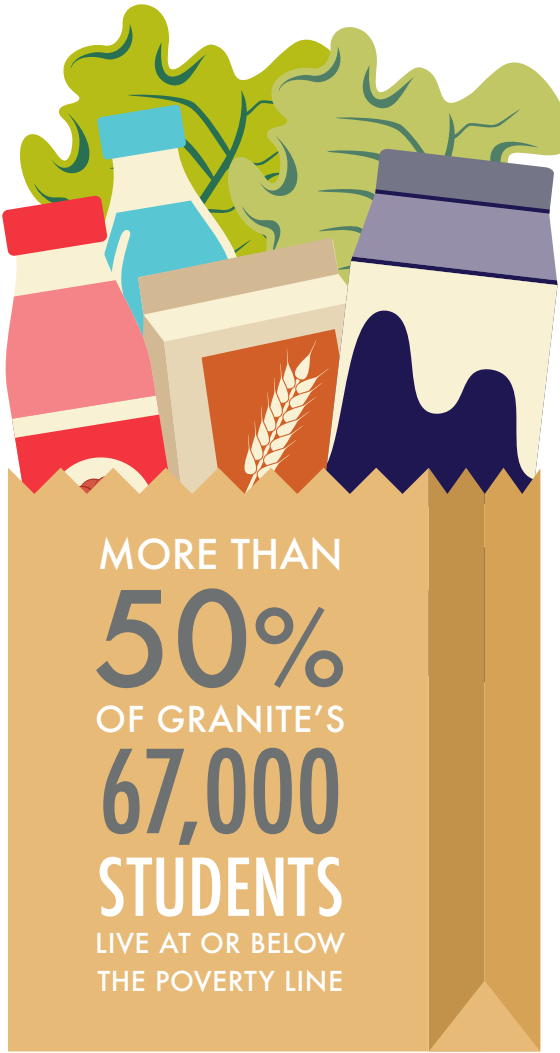
As more schools are looking for ways to make food available to our students we have introduced a new pantry model, rolling pantries, that have allowed us to get pantries into schools who can't accommodate our other food pantry models. We hope to add rolling pantries to many more schools in the future.

*GEF provides mobile food pantries in partnership with Utah Food Bank


29 MOBILE FOOD
PANTRY STOPS*

5 ROLLING FOOD PANTRIES


2020 BY THE NUMBERS




2,166
INDIVIDUALS WERE
SUPPORTED BY A
TWO-WEEK SUPPLY
OF FOOD THROUGH
STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIPS
(VALUING \$63,549)


AN AVERAGE OF 10+
STUDENT AID REQUESTS
ARE FILLED DAILY

7% OF GRANITE SCHOOL
DISTRICT STUDENTS
RECEIVED HOLIDAY
ASSISTANCE*
(VALUING \$696,369)




446 PAIRS OF
SHOES GIVEN
TO STUDENTS
(VALUING \$11,145)

JUN 2020
Y 
720
STUDENTS GIVEN
BUS PASSES
(VALUING \$30,240)


836
COATS
DISTRIBUTED
(VALUING \$41,800)


11,929
BACKPACKS WITH
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
DISTRIBUTED
(VALUING \$536,805)

*Holiday Assistance was given through GEF's Santa Sacks program & strategic partnerships.

FINANCIALS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30

2020

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

Contributions	\$618,523
Donated Goods/Services	\$3,643,777
Grants (Government & Other Grants)	\$846,914
Net Investment Income	\$92,488
Total Public Support & Revenue	\$5,201,702

PROGRAM SERVICES & EXPENSES

Program Services	\$4,774,305
Management & General	\$164,489
Development/Fundraising	\$213,654
Total Program Services & Expenses	\$5,152,448

NET INCOME

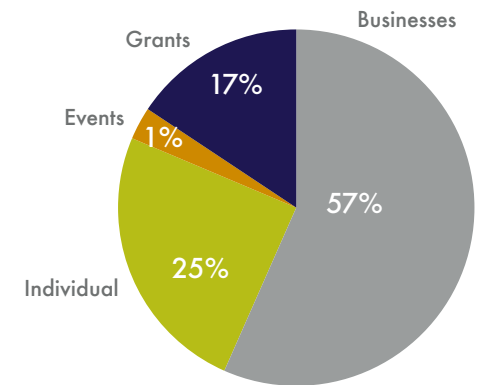
\$49,254

VOLUNTEER HOURS

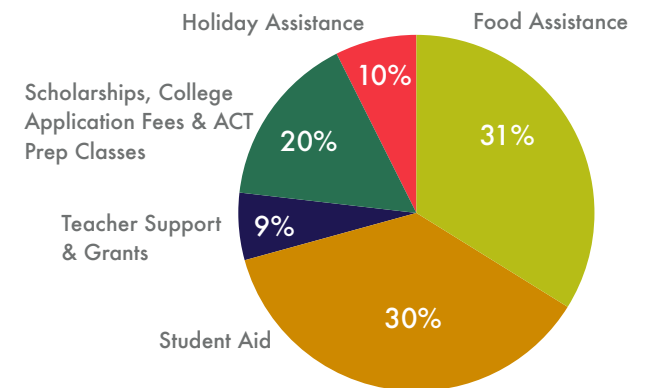
Number of Hours	6,832
IRS Estimated National Value ¹	\$27/hr
Total Value	\$185,837

¹ Independentsector.org/value.of.volunteer.time.2020/

REVENUE BY SOURCE (INCLUDING IN-KIND)



SERVICES PROVIDED



DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG

Granite Education Foundation is very fortunate to have many dedicated and generous supporters who help us to better meet the needs of our children, families, and teachers. One critical partner is Smith's Food & Drug. Smith's has become an important contributor to the ongoing success of our food pantries and our clothing programs. And in a year as challenging as 2020, they have stepped-up to help ensure that, despite the difficulties presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, Granite children will not go hungry or suffer the cold.

Decreasing hunger among our students can also decrease behavioral and emotional effects that would manifest at home and in the classroom. Reducing student hunger helps improve physical and mental health and is a vital predecessor to academic and personal success. So, while up to 65% of our students are food insecure, thanks to donors, like Smith's, who support our food pantries, our kids are not without hope. They have a resource to help them remain healthy, comfortable, and ready to learn.

Granite Education Foundation is extremely thankful for Smith's and everything they do on behalf of our children. They are a steadfast and generous partner that helps our community in a number of ways, and we are grateful for their ongoing support. Thank you, Smith's Food & Drug!

Smith's
FOOD & DRUG STORES



MISSION & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Governed by a volunteer board of directors, these individuals give of their time in assuring that the organization fulfills its mission.

MISSION

Granite Education Foundation exists to reduce learning barriers for students (primarily those that emerge from poverty), and to enhance the overall capacity of instructors and administrators — in ways that complement but are beyond the District's academic-focused objectives.

In very specific terms, the Foundation provides food beyond what is provided by the school lunch program, new clothing, public transportation, and other forms of assistance to impoverished students so they can attend school ready to learn.

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The foundation is proud to be an important resource to students, families, and educators, but we can't do it alone. The support you provide makes a critical difference. Your assistance can help make the difference for a child or family. So please, consider getting involved.

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