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Dear Supporter,

As we reflect on our past year, the East Lansing Educational Foundation (ELEF) extends our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support. Our mission is to engage the community to positively impact all students and educators in East Lansing Public Schools, and our work is possible because of the commitment of individuals like you.

Thanks to those who have given before, we were able to distribute **\$61,519 in 44 grants for students** this year alone. Together, we funded projects such as:

- Hosting teachers from the Ziibiwing Center sharing Anishinaabe culture with HS students
- Materials and registration for middle school Science Olympiad team members
- Updated spotlights for high school theater students
- Professional-grade photography equipment for journalism students
- A large-format printer for middle school art students
- Sensory materials for elementary students
- Resources for English Language Learners
- Native American literature for elementary readers
- Hosting top jazz and classical music guest artists
- A hip hop workshop for elementary writers with poet Baba Bomani

Please mark your calendars to join us in celebrating the impact of ELEF at the **Annual Awards and Fundraising Dinner on May 15, 2025**. And thank you to those who joined us at our past community events, including our golf outing, tailgate, and business partner reception.

To continue to help all of our students and educators, we need your support. Do you know a local business that would benefit from partnering with us? Would you volunteer your time to help us achieve our mission? **Most importantly, will you join us in investing in our students this year by making a year-end donation?** Please see our website at [www.ELEF.us](http://www.ELEF.us) for more details.

As we celebrated our **40th Anniversary** this past year, we honored the commitment that brought us here and looked ahead with gratitude for what's to come. Your support is invaluable to us, and we appreciate you being part of the ELEF family.

In this season of Thanksgiving, we are especially thankful for you.

Warm regards,

Julie Thomas-Beckett and  
ELEF President

Kacie Kefgen  
ELEF Vice-President



Please donate using the form below or online at [www.ELEF.us](http://www.ELEF.us).

Enclosed is my gift to the East Lansing Educational Foundation Annual Fund for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\$50,000+	Philanthropist
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\$15,000 – \$24,999	Patron Donor
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\$1,000 - \$2,499	MacDonald Donor
\$500 - \$999	Burcham Donor
\$250 - \$499	Blue & White Donor
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My contribution honors (teacher/friend/family): \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Please let my honoree know of my gift in his/her name: \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

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- I am a proud Trojan Alum from the Class of \_\_\_\_\_.
- My company has a matching gift program.
- Please contact me to discuss an estate gift.
- Please contact me to discuss endowment giving.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.  
**Please make checks payable to ELEF.**

**Thank you!**

**Questions? Call Michele Huisgen at 517.333.7439**