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IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023





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SchoolPower has evolved over 40 years, but, at its core, it is still about uniting parents and community members who care deeply about our schools and are eager to support public education in Laguna Beach.



“It’s incredible what can be accomplished when teachers, coaches, parents, and Laguna Beach businesses and organizations come together to make a difference in students’ lives. Our community is stronger when our students have the tools and support they need to learn, explore, take risks, and collaborate.”

Amy Dechary, President 2022-2023



“I am grateful for the invaluable partnership with SchoolPower that has ignited brighter futures and empowered countless students. The unwavering support year over year has been a beacon of light for our families, illuminating the path to educational excellence in our community.”

Jason Viloria, LBUSD Superintendent



“My hope is that the entire community takes pride in our incredible schools and SchoolPower can help facilitate that. Since we have such a unique, tiny school district, community involvement—from financial support to volunteerism and connections—can make a huge impact for students.”

Sarah Durand, Executive Director





mission & programs

SchoolPower strives to empower kids.

SchoolPower's Core

We are a non-profit education foundation with the mission to enrich the education and support the well-being of all children in the Laguna Beach Unified School District. We achieve our mission by providing programs, raising funds, and uniting the community in support of Laguna Beach students.

It Takes a Village

SchoolPower is governed by a board of trustees, most of whom are parents of LBUSD students. We rely on many hard-working volunteers, a small, dedicated staff, and a generous community. We work hand-in-hand with LBUSD educators to execute our programs.

Inspiring Educators

LBUSD provides an incredible climate for our teachers, staff, and coaches to continuously hone their craft. SchoolPower's goal is to help support innovation and enrichment by awarding grants in all areas—academics, athletics, music, visual and performing arts, student experiences, social emotional support, and more.

Here to Help

SchoolPower spearheads programs designed to support families. We know that after school enrichment is imperative to families and healthy for kids, so we provide a robust selection of classes through the After School Program. Our parenting book club is designed to build a culture of informed and connected parents in Laguna Beach. We partner with LBUSD at the Family Resource Center to offer family support services including aid for essential needs, scholarships for extracurricular and summer activities, tutoring referrals, and mental health resources.



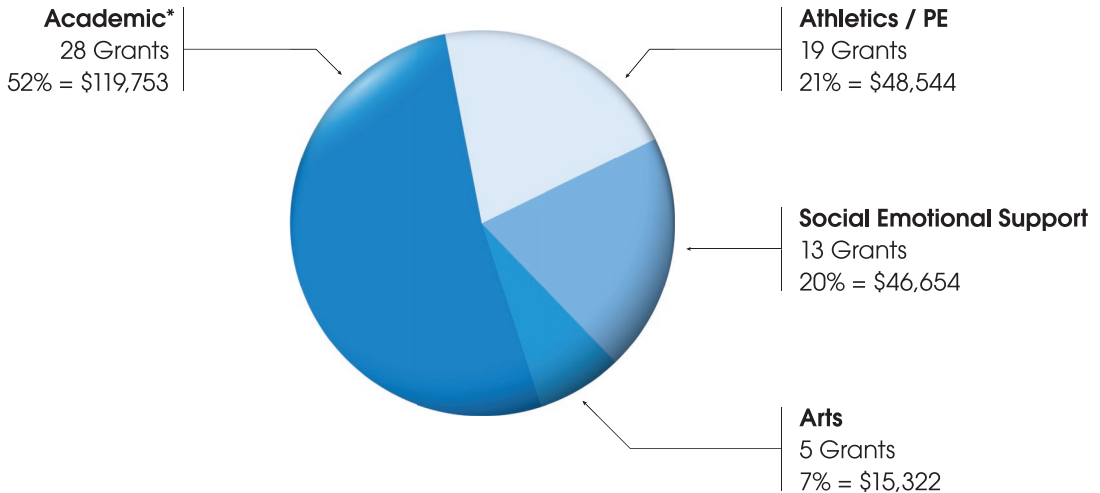
Grants pictured (clockwise from top): Kodable computer science curriculum, Ozobot block coding robots, TMS SMART rewards student recognition breakfast, stringing machine for LBHS boys and girls tennis, kindergarten kindness rock garden, supplies for 4th grade electric houses

Program Spotlight

schoolpower grants

One of our signature programs is the SchoolPower Grant Program. Teachers, coaches, counselors, and staff are invited to apply for SchoolPower grants at any time during the school year. Our goal is to encourage innovation and to support enrichment—the “extra stuff” that makes our schools here in Laguna so incredible.

65 Grants awarded in 2022-2023



\$230,273 Total Distributions

* Includes Science Camp funding: \$60,000 for 6th and 8th grade camp in 2023-2024 school year

Follow us to stay up-to date on the latest grants!



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**FAMILY
RESOURCE
CENTER**

In 2017, LBUSD recognized a national rise in families experiencing social and emotional distress throughout their education journey. With the support of the Board of Education and at the direction of the superintendent, the district built on its existing systems of support to expand access to school-based mental health services districtwide. They've since partnered with SchoolPower to consolidate a patchwork of existing support services into a single, more accessible place known as the Family Resource Center.

The vision is for the Family Resource Center to serve as a vibrant hub dedicated to building LBUSD family engagement by providing community activities, confidential counseling, and support services for student success. The FRC will be housed in the cottage at 733 St Ann's Drive, across from the LBHS track and field.

Funded primarily by LBUSD, with support from SchoolPower donors, the remodel of the cottage included creating private offices and a comfortable gathering space for small groups. Special thanks to community partners Kim Duensing Projects, The Shipp Group, Carolina Vergara Landscape Studio, and Nicol Architecture for their amazing work on the project.

Contact the Family Resource Center directly at frc@lbUSD.org.



This year, thanks to your support, SchoolPower’s Family Support Services have continued to expand and evolve.



We helped over 300 parents learn and connect through our parenting book club, speaker series, and therapeutic creativity workshops.



Over 100 families received support for essential needs, mental health, tutoring, and extracurricular scholarships.



We offered scholarships so 11 LBHS seniors could be included in year-end activities and helped to support over 50 kids with their summer plans from UCI’s 4-week COSMOS STEM program to the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program.



Classes pictured (left to right from top): BrainStorm coding, The Center Stage Studio musical theater, Artventure OC watercolor, guitar with Beth Sand, Thrive Superpower Hour, Strategic Kids Chess, Bala Shala Big Kid Yoga.

Program Spotlight

after school program



SchoolPower administers the After School Program at El Morro and Top of the World elementary schools. Families can choose from over 35 enrichment classes at each site during a session. Our goal is to support families' after-school care needs and to encourage kids to explore new areas and expand their interests.

Our impact includes:

74% of elementary students participated in the program

211 total classes offered

2,955 individual registrations for classes annually

296 students registered for two or more classes per session

65 kindergarteners participated in pilot classes

\$15,067 funded 52 scholarships for students in need



New for 2023-2024: We are growing the after-school program to four sessions per year! Check out the new schedule and fall classes.

lbschoolpower.org/after-school-program

2023 Senior Luau & Paddle Out



individual support for 2022-2023

We are so grateful for the incredible community members who support SchoolPower's mission with donations to our annual campaign and fund-a-need at our annual gala. Your generosity inspires us to do everything we can to further our work for Laguna Beach students!

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upcoming events



Dodgeball XII

SchoolPower's dodgeball tournament has connected the community for 11 years as a "fun-raiser" for Laguna Beach schools. The event involves hundreds of players and volunteers for fierce competition, complete with crazy costumes.

Save the date — October 10, 2023



Lumberyard Chef Challenge

Conceived and hosted by Suzanne and Cary Redfearn, this unique dinner brings together school principals and SchoolPower supporters for a tasty evening in support of our schools.

Save the date — January 29, 2024



38th Annual Gala at Montage Laguna Beach

Support SchoolPower's important mission for students and families while enjoying an evening of cocktails, dinner, and dancing.

Save the date — March 23, 2024



Three Clubs Barefoot Canyon Classic

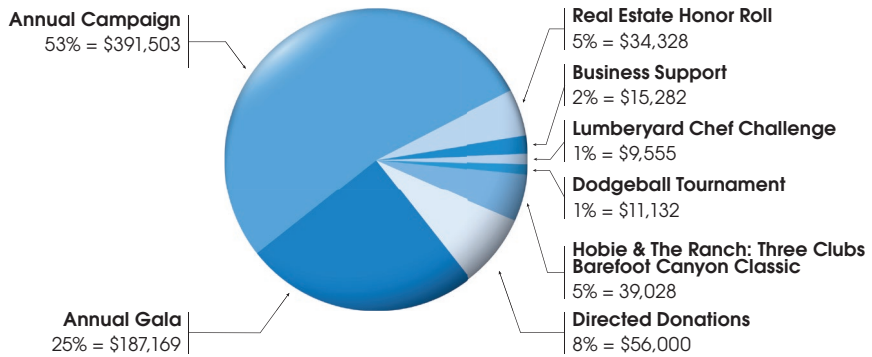
We are indebted to Mark Christy and his incredibly generous team at Hobie and The Ranch for hosting this unconventional golf tournament to benefit SchoolPower. Foursomes sell out in minutes!

Save the date — May 6, 2024

financial overview 2022-2023

These figures represent actual revenue and expenses through fiscal year-end June 30, 2023.

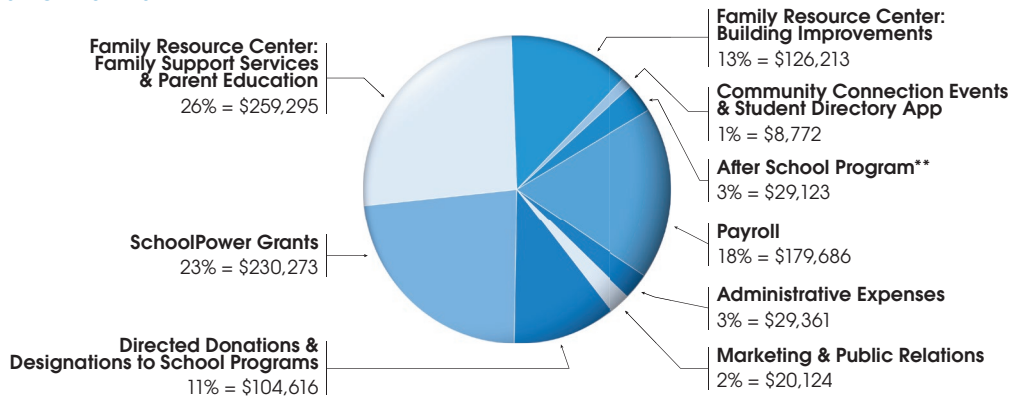
SOURCE OF FUNDS*



Total = \$743,997

* Revenue is net of event and campaign direct expenses

USE OF FUNDS



Total = \$987,462

** Expense is net of program revenue

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

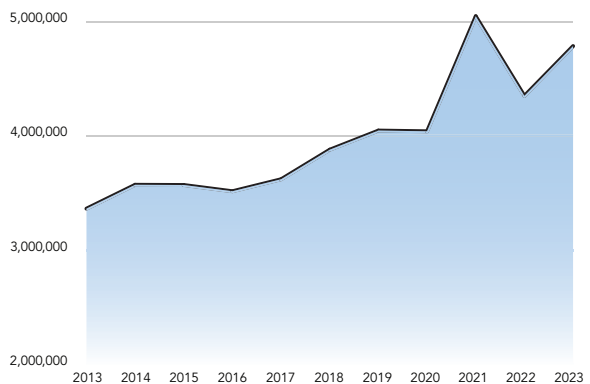
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	547,964
Plus: Net Revenue	743,997
Less: Net Expenses	(987,462)
Fund Balance at End of Year	304,499



The Laguna Beach Education Endowment and Capital Fund is a separate charitable foundation that complements SchoolPower.

The fund advances the same goals by providing a reliable, long-term income stream for the present and future of Laguna Beach schools.

Endowment Fund Growth 2013-2023



special thanks

We would like to acknowledge the entire SchoolPower organization for their commitment to our mission, vision, and values. A special thanks goes to the committee members who have volunteered above and beyond.

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