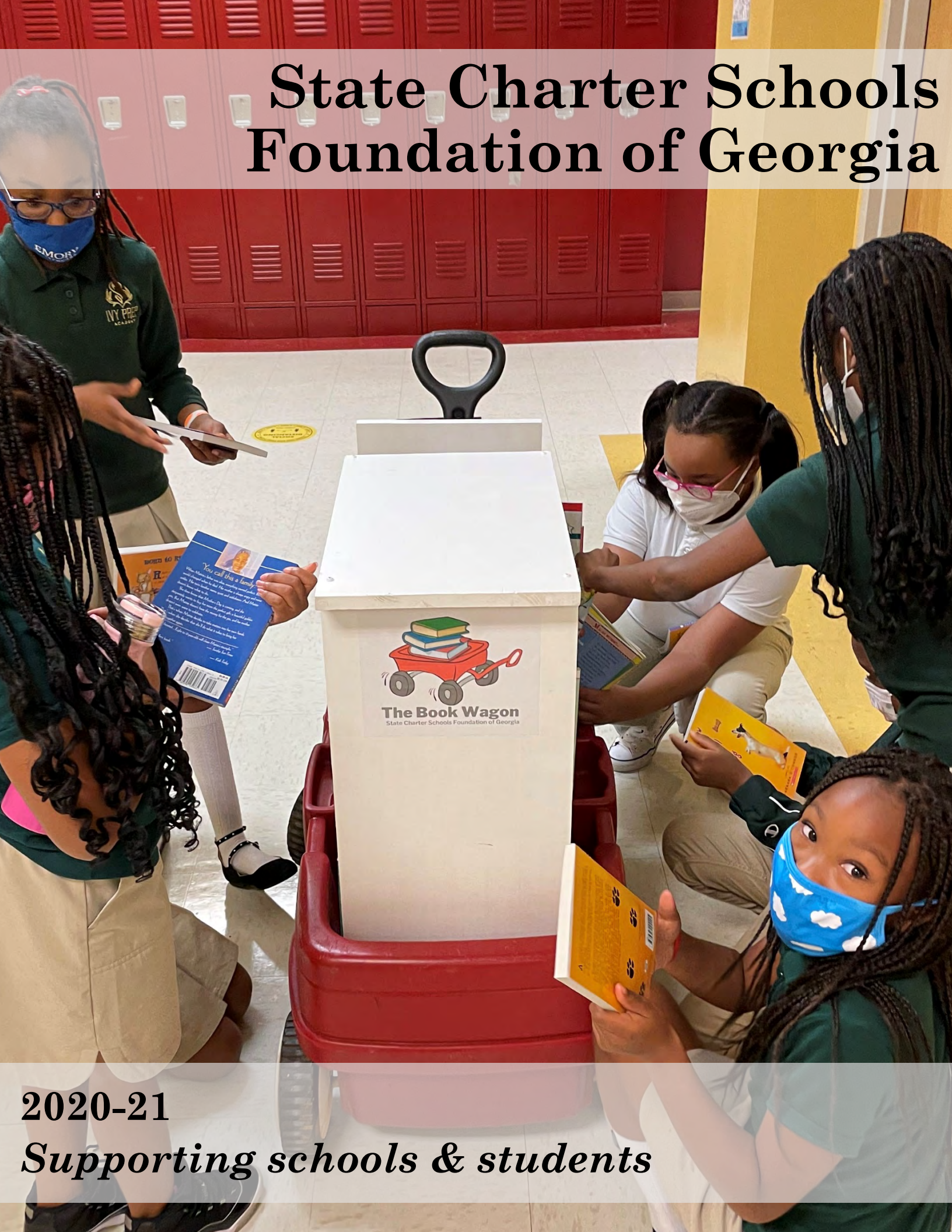


# State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia



2020-21

*Supporting schools & students*



**History:** The State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (SCSF) was founded when SB156 gave the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC) the authority to create a charitable foundation (2015). The SCSF supports the mission of the SCSC and schools authorized by the SCSC. For a list of state charter schools, visit [scsfga.org](https://scsfga.org).

**Our Mission:** We support high-quality state charter schools serving children throughout Georgia by leveraging resources to help schools launch, build capacity, and grow.



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The SCSF is **more than a charitable foundation**. We are a bridge between state charter schools and the resources and support they need. In addition to donations, we offer technical assistance and webinars on topics that are most important to our schools.

## Highlights

- Effective remote learning during COVID-19
- Health strategies for disease mitigation & response
- Marketing for enrollment & digital marketing
- Fundraising basics & capital campaigns
- Federal grants tips & tricks
- Pre-opening schools – team structure & federal programs
- Marketing & outreach on behalf of schools
- Communication toolkits & resources developed with the Georgia Charter Schools Association

The SCSF offered free webinars and training events, as well as resources, support, and donations, to state charter schools in conjunction with public, private, and nonprofit partners.

## Technical Assistance & Donation Partners



During unprecedented disruptions to school operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, learning continued at Georgia's state charter schools. **The State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (SCSF) was there to help.**



Internet  
access for  
nearly  
1,000  
students

Tutoring  
for over  
1,500  
students

Over 500  
electronic  
devices

**\$374,000 in COVID-19 Relief grants  
to 26 state charter schools**



# Donations from community partners for schools & students



Electronic devices & support for 500 families



150+ learning kits & 7,700 books



Bulk donations of office & school supplies

The SCSF leveraged donations, financial support, and other resources to help state charter schools provide instruction and serve their students, despite the challenges of remote and blended learning.



New **Signature Programs** provide enrichment opportunities for state charter school students and recognition for faculty.

## Book Wagon



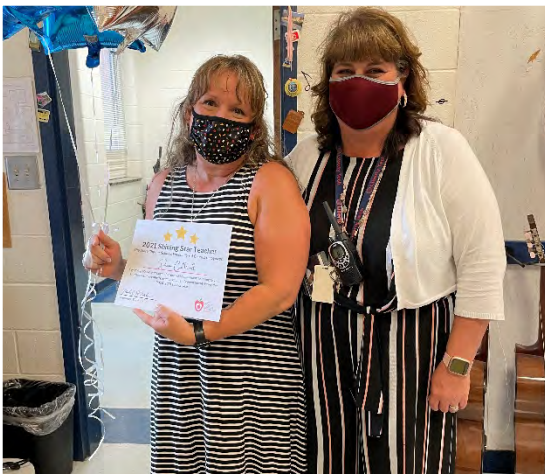
The Book Wagon brought 1,500 books to students at 12 state charter schools, including a scholar from Cirrus Academy.

## Art of Connection



Genesys Gonzalez-Cirilo, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at Georgia Connections Academy, was a winner in the SCSF's *Art of Connection – Exhibition of Student Art*, which featured art from 150 students.

## Shining Star Teachers



Diana Caldwell from Liberty Tech Charter School was one of the 25 exceptional teachers recognized.

## Donuts for Teachers



School faculty & staff, including those at the International Charter Academy of Georgia, enjoyed 130 dozen donated donuts.



# Strategic Goals for 2021-2022

Strengthen digital literacy & reading initiatives.

Support innovation in schools with a micro-grant program & other initiatives.

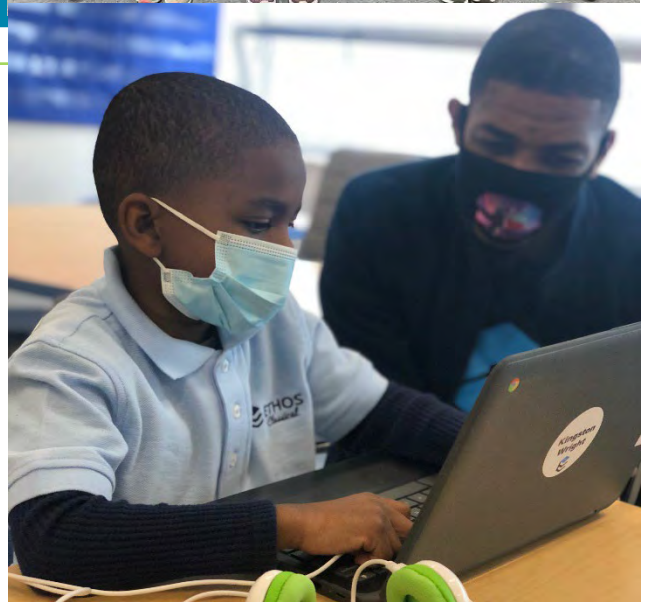
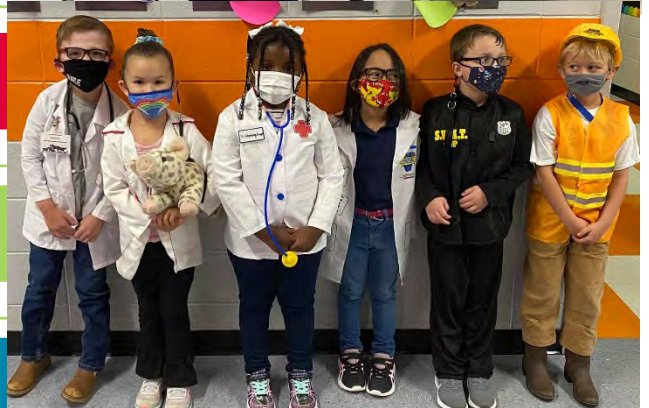
Continue signature programs & add a new focus on student wellbeing.

Encourage charter school growth in underserved communities outside Atlanta.

Provide opportunities for state charter schools to convene & collaborate.

Support educator development & retention.

The SCSF needs sponsors, donors, and grants to help us meet our goals. **Sponsorship and investment opportunities are available.** We keep our costs low so that your donation can directly support state charter schools and their students.



**Learn more:** [scsfga.org](https://scsfga.org)

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# Supporters Make a Difference



The State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia needs **your financial support** to provide grants, donations, and assistance to our state charter schools. State-authorized charter are offering innovative public education choices for Georgia's families but are typically funded at a lower level than traditional public schools. Demand for public school choice has never been higher in Georgia.

Please give generously online at [scsfga.org](https://scsfga.org) or by emailing Michele Neely, President, at [mneely@scsfga.org](mailto:mneely@scsfga.org).

## Financial Supporters 2019-2021

### \$100,000+

Greater Atlanta  
COVID-19 Recovery  
and Response  
Fund (a  
partnership  
between the  
Community  
Foundation of  
Greater Atlanta  
and United Way of  
Greater Atlanta)

State Charter  
Schools  
Commission of  
Georgia

\$10,000+  
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Foundation

\$1,000+  
AirTutors

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### \$500+

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Lemoine, PC

### \$100+

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Group  
FEV Tutor  
Lauren Holcomb  
PNC Foundation

### Up to \$100

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