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.

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 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. EIN: 47-4742575
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.
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
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 11th 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.

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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 or by emailing Michele Neely, President, at 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+
Next Generation Foundation

$1,000+
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