

A MESSAGE FROM AMY

FORGING STRONG CONNECTIONS: LITEHOUSE & PAFE'S BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS

PAFE's mission thrives on the invaluable support of local businesses, with Litehouse, Inc. standing out as a shining example.

Two decades ago, Georgia Simmons, then President / CMO of Coldwater Creek, had a vision: to initiate a charity golf tournament to champion PAFE's endeavor to support local public schools. In 2013, Litehouse co-hosted the event with Coldwater Creek before taking it over, continuing it as one of our primary annual fundraisers. What began as vendors cultivating relationships with Coldwater Creek and, subsequently, Litehouse, Inc., has blossomed into enduring connections rooted in an enjoyable annual event. Year after year, these relationships flourish, simultaneously supporting our thriving school district and community.



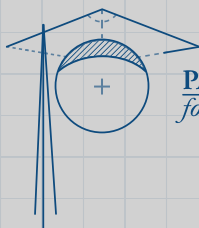
When asked why she travels all the way from Denver to golf with us, Marcia Humphrey, Director of National Client Services for Acosta, provided a poignant perspective. "I have two daughters who have dedicated over 40 combined years to education. They work tirelessly for salaries far below their worth, dedicating their lives to education and the spirit of learning. Any organization willing to supplement the government's efforts to achieve societal goals deserves our support and applause."

Benton Englehart and his team at Wells Fargo travel from Spokane, Boise, and San Francisco. Their initial motivation was to strengthen their relationship with Litehouse, Inc. and our surrounding community. They continue to return because, in their words, "It's undeniably the most enjoyable event around, and we look forward to returning."

Taylor Schrage, Senior Vice President with StoneX, observed, "Litehouse's commitment extends beyond producing exceptional salad dressings. They are deeply rooted in supporting their local communities through the ESOP program and, via PAFE, channeling revenues and funds to enhance all facets of their communities."

I'm continually amazed and deeply appreciative of the dedication shown by Litehouse and their vendors from across the country who support an organization quite distant from their own. Witnessing people from within and beyond our community partnering with PAFE, attending our gala, serving on our board, volunteering, and contributing in any capacity fills me with immense gratitude.

Amy Longanecker
Executive Director



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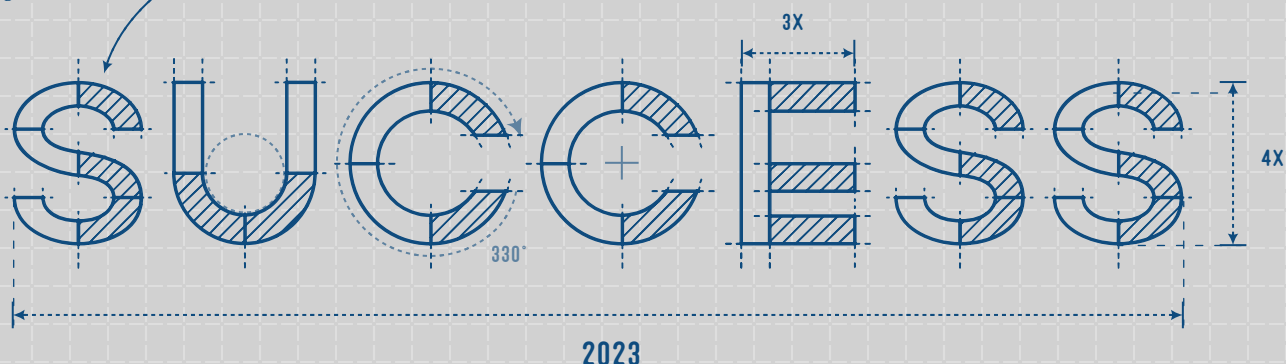
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A BLUEPRINT FOR

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A MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

When my family moved to Sandpoint from Coeur D'Alene in 2003, I quickly observed the positive impact of PAFE in my children's classrooms. The grants and programs funded by PAFE not only enrich the learning environment but also provide essential resources that would otherwise be unavailable.



The fact that we can collaborate with the school administration and the teachers to fill gaps in funding with innovative programs amplifies our impact. It's important to note that these programs aren't dictated by PAFE; rather, they stem from the ideas of teachers and the drive of educational leaders. The success and impact of these initiatives are significantly heightened because they originate from our educators themselves.

As a citizen of this community, a business owner, and a donor to PAFE, I have many choices in where I give. I choose PAFE because of the blueprint for success they have created: Working with families and children, literally, from the day they're born with our Born to Read program to our READY for Kindergarten program and then READY to Read right on through the 12th grade with teacher grants and now with our residential carpentry program. I hope you'll take the time to read through the stories here to learn more about our mission.

Sincerely,
Kendon Perry

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote excellence in education and broad-based community support for the Lake Pend Oreille School District. As an independent organization, we will create and sustain an endowment to provide resources in support of effective teaching, learning and school management.

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SUMMER GALA RECOGNITION

A special thanks to Dr. Jim & Geraldine Lewis for hosting the 2022 Summer Gala, celebrating PAFE's 20th anniversary. We would also like to thank the following sponsors: Litehouse, Inc., Daher, Trinity at City Beach, Mountain West Bank, Family Health Center, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Finan McDonald and the Alpine Shop. *2022 Gala proceeds are included within the fiscal year for this report (July 1 2022 to June 30, 2023).



2023 Summer Gala proved to be a Blueprint for Success. Hosted by Charles and Kimberly Manning, thanks to event sponsors Litehouse, Inc., Trinity at City Beach, Mountain West Bank, Family Health Center, Farm Bureau Financial Services, Dr. Jim & Geraldine Lewis and the Alpine Shop.


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A	<h1>STRATEGIC INITIATIVE: RESIDENTIAL CARPENTRY AT SANDPOINT HIGH SCHOOL</h1>								A
B	<h2>BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS IN THE SKILLED TRADES</h2>								B
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C	<p>Alicia Prins, Sandpoint High School class of 2017, is a fourth-year electrician apprentice for North County Electric (NCE). She is one of few women in the industry and didn't have an easy time finding her way to this career path. Recognizing the need and importance of growing Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities at Sandpoint High School, PAFE is funding the addition of residential carpentry classes for students wanting to increase their understanding of skilled trades.</p>				<p>back in high school. If I had, I would have gone into it sooner," Alicia said.</p>				C
D	<p>Starting as an apprentice in a primarily male classroom (about three women in her class of 500) was intimidating. Still, she had a support system around her, including her father and Sean and Lauren Behm, owners of NCE. She took leadership positions and learned how to think creatively to solve problems. She worked on skeletons of housing and roughed in electrical the way the owner specified. Her goal is to become a master electrician after earning the title of a journeyman.</p>				<p>We can play that role at PAFE by funding programs that bring people like Alicia into the classroom to teach practical skills that set them up for a bright future.</p>				D
E	<p>Alicia learned about the residential carpentry program at the high school through her involvement with the Construction Combine, a PAFE-funded Teacher Grant, in 2022. "I loved teaching high school students the basics of electrical work at Construction Combine. The ones who got it were intrigued, and I loved sharing my knowledge. I wanted them to see that I enjoy this work, and they can too; if I can do this, they can. I didn't know about skilled trades</p>				<p>Alicia has a clear path full of growth and opportunity ahead of her. She wants other young men and women to experience these classes because her journey would have been more direct if she had known when she was in high school.</p>				E
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TOTAL EXPENSES

\$958,883

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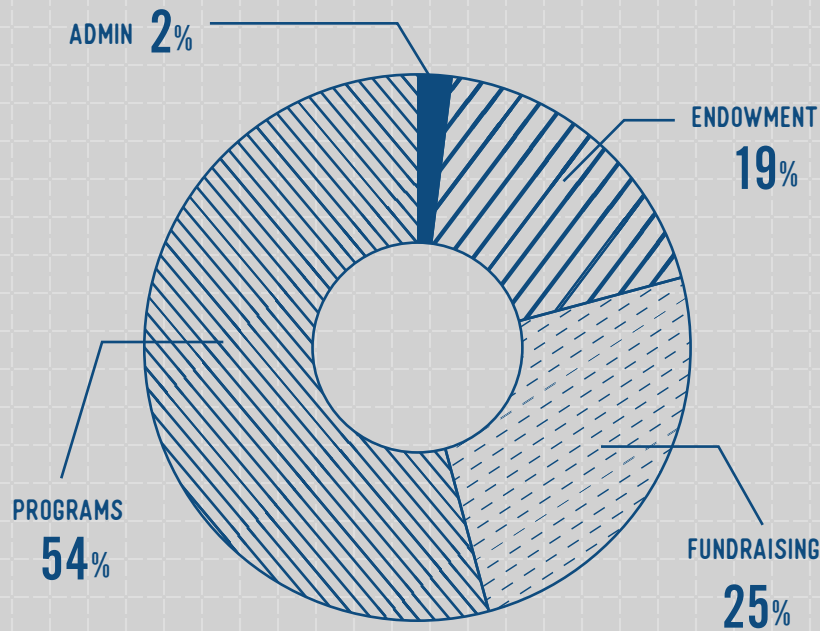
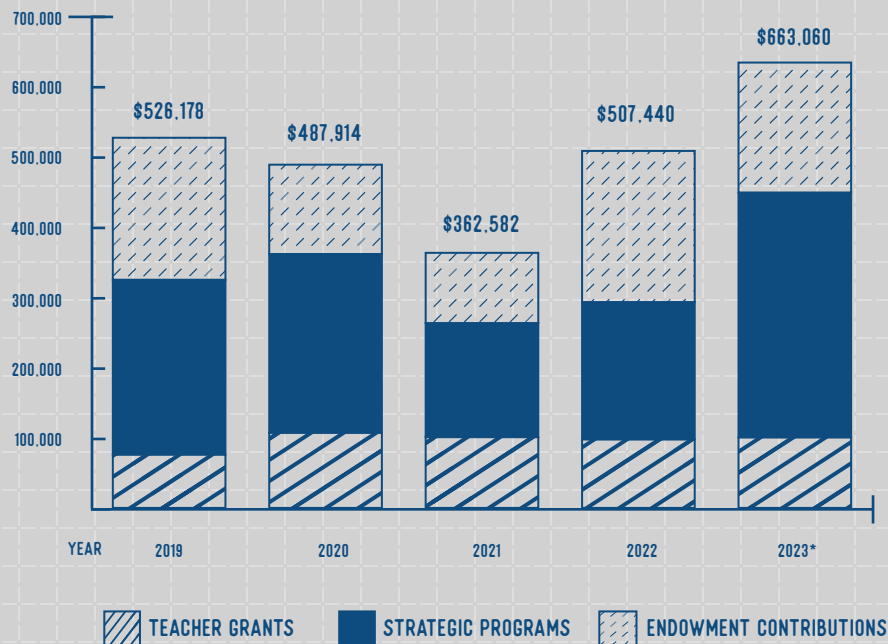


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PROGRAM AND ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$



*2023 INCLUDES BIG IDEA INVESTMENTS.

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TOTAL REVENUE

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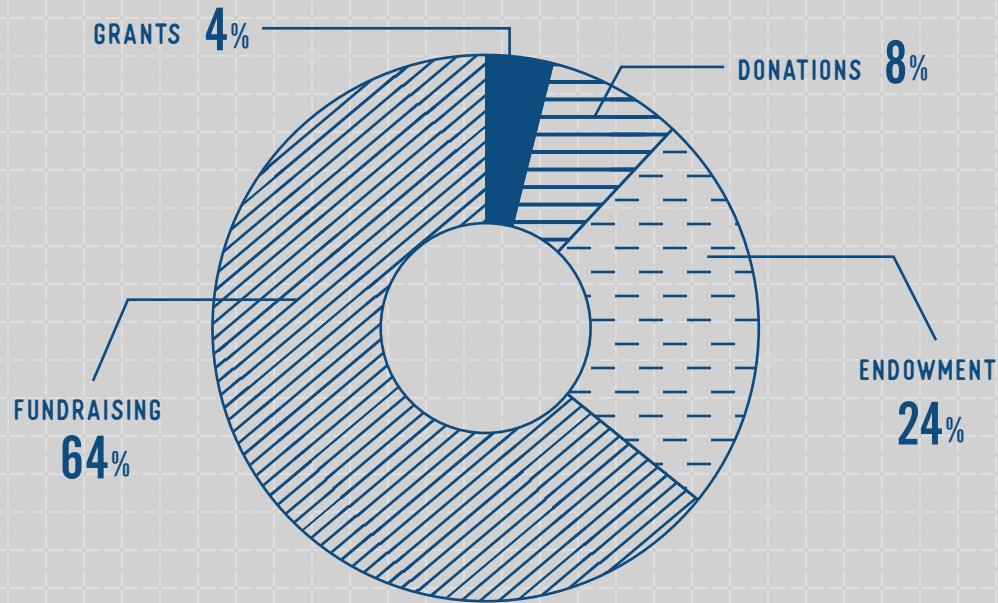
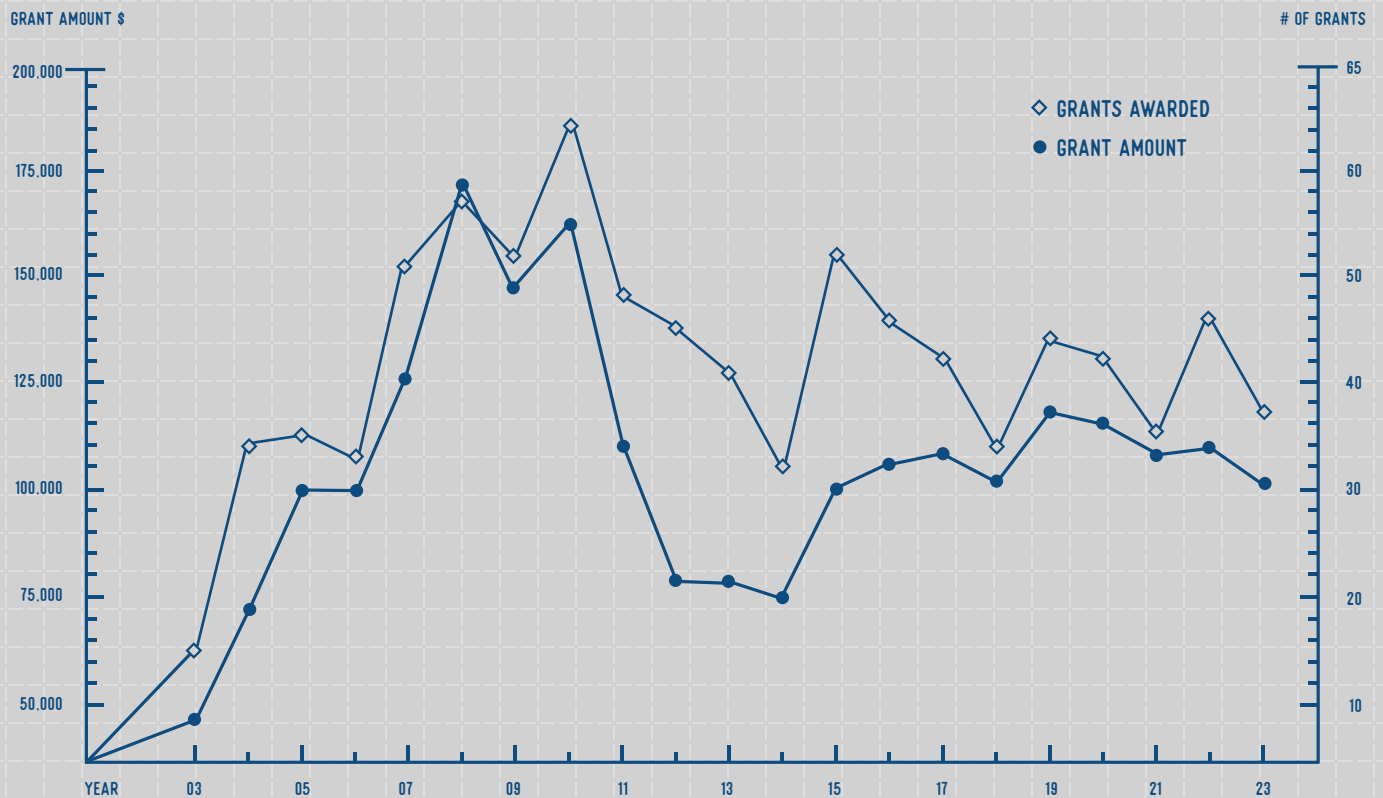


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TEACHER GRANTS AWARDED SINCE INCEPTION



GRANTS RECEIVED

We are grateful for the generosity of the foundations and organizations that granted significant dollars to the Panhandle Alliance for Education towards our Mission including: Equinox Foundation, Idaho Community Foundation, Innovia Foundation, PIFCU, STCU, Avista Foundation, Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, BNSF Railroad and Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children.



TEACHER GRANT HIGHLIGHT MUSIC AND FITNESS: A WINNING COMBO

In collaboration with Farmin Stidwell Elementary School's music teacher Jessica Hanna and Physical Education (PE) teacher Rayna Longstreet, PAFE was pleased to fund Cardio-drumming, a teacher grant that brings music and movement together to elevate both the PE and the music experience for students.

Using equipment provided by PAFE (pool noodles, yoga balls, and buckets), students perform a steady beat, play rhythms, show the form of music, and engage with music from different genres and cultures. Physically, they develop motor skills, build strength and stamina, and move purposefully, demonstrating full-body awareness and control. They can learn, improve, and succeed at it individually rather than as a team sport.

Research shows a significant link between drumming and reducing stress, boosting the immune system, and helping release emotional trauma. It's also interesting to note that when young students use their arms and legs to move across their body to complete tasks (known as crossing the midline), studies have shown it is likely to improve reading scores.

Students in grades kindergarten through sixth across the district have access to the equipment, impacting around 1,930 kids for a three- to four-week instruction unit. We asked some students if they were tired afterward, and they responded, "No, it was fun!." "Amazing!" "Awesome!"