



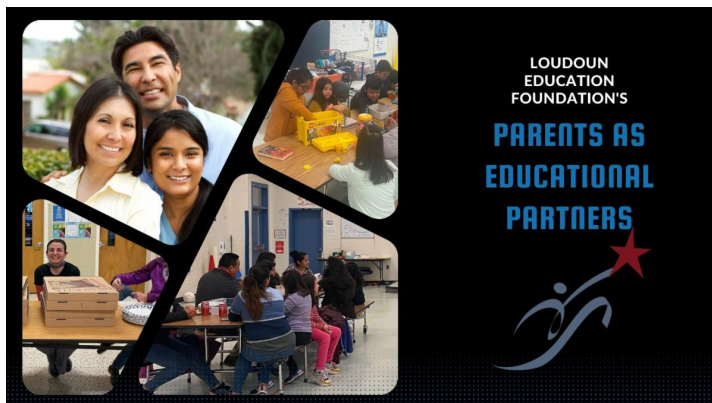
## Working Together to Bring Down Barriers

**Message from Executive Director Danielle Nadler:** The Loudoun Education Foundation team was thrilled to join our partner Loudoun Hunger Relief at their "wall-breaking ceremony" this week.

Loudoun Hunger Relief is expanding its footprint to create a community market and establish a Loudoun human services hub in Leesburg. LHR generously provides warehouse space for our Backpack Coalition program, helping us provide meals for thousands of students each month and we are forever grateful!

The team's expanded digs open in September. Cheers to LHR's success and continued growth!

## Building Supportive Communities Through PEP



When Parents as Educational Partners was first conceived by the Loudoun Education Foundation, the objective was to get English Learner parents more aware and engaged with their kids' education.

The goal is to uplift, encourage and empower Loudoun County Public School families.

However, the impact of the program goes far beyond educational resources, as English Learner parents meet peers and share their experiences and resources.

This year, PEP expanded from 15 to 27 schools, and you can help us reach every school in the future. **LEARN MORE**

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## Give Choose 2023 is Nearly Here!

Give Choose Day is just around the corner, on Tuesday, March 28! On this 24-hour day of giving, the Loudoun Education Foundation is raising funds for our Diversifying the Teacher Workforce Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to qualifying high school seniors or classified employees who will be pursuing their teaching degree. Please **consider donating** ANY TIME between now and March 28.

Help us beat last year's fundraising total. Interested in becoming a matching sponsor? Contact our Director of Development at: [kari@loudouneeducationfoundation.org](mailto:kari@loudouneeducationfoundation.org).



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## Partner Spotlight



Once again, Kaiser Permanente has generously awarded a \$15,000 grant in support of LEF's Backpack Coalition.

The funds support the cost to provide about 140 meal bags each week for Sterling Elementary School students from January and through the end of this school year.

In addition, Kaiser Permanente donated 500 reusable shopping bags for use in the program as well; a much needed resource to help transport items to the 11 in-school food pantries the Backpack Coalition program serves. Thank you Kaiser Permanente for supporting our priority of student health and wellness!

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## Celebrating Year of the Educator

Meet Mr. Travis Mirabella, a math teacher at Willard Middle School, who was randomly selected as the Loudoun County Public Schools March honoree for Year of the Educator!

Thanks to the generosity of this month's prize sponsors, Bill and Koren Sica, Mr. Mirabelle was gifted:

- a two-night stay in Luray, VA, at a two-bedroom Airbnb that's owned by the Sica family;
- a gift certificate to Loudoun's



The LCPS Year of the Educator continues in April!  
If you'd like to donate funding, a gift certificate or another prize, please reply to this email.

## Thank You, LCPS Leadership!



Thanks to the Loudoun County Public Schools Instruction Leadership Team for rolling up its sleeves to help pack 995 Backpack Coalition meal bags for students in need!

From a warehouse in Leesburg, the bags were delivered to 22 schools throughout Loudoun County.

Each bag includes a protein, fruit, vegetable, and side options such as rice and lentils, and provides enough food to feed the student and their family over the weekend. Each school's family liaison discretely slips the meals into the backpacks of food-insecure students.

**Backpack Coalition** also supports 11 in-school pantries, providing students with much-needed meals and snacks.

This is a great partnership between administrators and LEF, and we appreciate their support!



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