



2024-2025

LAUSD Education Foundation Impact Report

Dear Friends, Partners, *and* Supporters,

At the LAUSD Education Foundation, we believe there is a role for every corporation, foundation, and individual to support LAUSD students—the future of our beloved district. Every day, we work hand-in-hand with Los Angeles Unified to unlock opportunities for more than 500,000 students, bringing the power of philanthropy to help them thrive in school and in life.

This year, we've taken bold steps to relaunch the Foundation as the central hub for philanthropic investment in LAUSD. We've aligned closely with LAUSD district leadership to ensure that every dollar we raise supports priorities that matter most—from student wellness and post-disaster recovery to STEM enrichment and college and career pathways.

We've also built new bridges between the private sector and our public schools, ensuring that Los Angeles' extraordinary resources reach the communities that need them most.

The pages that follow reflect not only the generosity of our partners, but also the trust they've placed in us to act with integrity, urgency, and impact. We're proud to share highlights from our work this year and are deeply grateful to the many individuals and organizations who made it possible.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding the reach of our efforts and welcoming new allies into this important work. Together, we're not just supporting LAUSD—we're powering its evolution into the premier urban school district in America where every student is *Ready for the World*.

With gratitude,

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FIRE RELIEF

In the immediate aftermath of the devastating January 2025 fires, the LAUSD Education Foundation mobilized swiftly to support every facet of recovery for our school communities. Thanks to the generosity of hundreds of donors, grantors, and our partnership with the [SoCal Fire Fund](#), we've delivered over \$3 million in direct cash assistance to affected families—and equipped teachers with the resources they need to rebuild and relocate their classrooms.

DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE

To support those hardest hit by the fires, the Foundation provided:

- Up to **\$5,500 in direct cash assistance to 261 impacted employees** of Los Angeles Unified and Palisades Charter High School. Employees also received Uber vouchers for food and transportation.
- Up to **\$3,000 in direct cash assistance to nearly 900 families** who were displaced or experienced income loss.
- In partnership with SoCal Fire Fund, the Foundation collaborated with our neighbors at the Pasadena Educational Foundation and the Greater Los Angeles Education Foundation to **grant nearly \$800K to over 410 impacted families and employees** in Altadena and surrounding communities

CLASSROOM RESTORATION

- After losing two elementary schools entirely, facing severe damages to the Palisades' community high school, and with neighboring schools facing smoke damage and evacuations, donors stepped in to ensure student learning and routine remained intact.
- **Over \$67,500** has been provided to teachers, principals and parent groups to restore items that were lost or to purchase learning and social emotional tools to address the needs of their students and school communities.

TACKLING FOOD INSECURITY

- In partnership with LAUSD, The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation provided grocery gift cards to support families and individuals in need, to support over **2,375 families**.

“This program has been such a blessing, I'm a housekeeper, and a lot of my clients are not in their homes right now, making it hard for me to have an income. I want to thank you all for this help!”

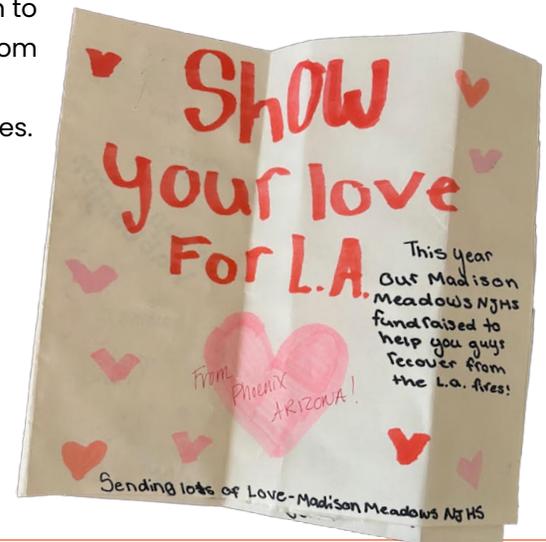
-LAUSD Student Family



FIRE RELIEF

MENTAL HEALTH & COMMUNITY WELLNESS

- Tens of thousands in support from InstaCart credit to ensure wellness, appreciation, and supplies were available to all impacted schools.
- Over the summer and through the next school year, the Foundation will amplify the District's partnership with Cedars Sinai Share & Care program, which offers trauma informed group meetings for impacted families.
- The Foundation is investing in District psychiatric social workers to be present during summer enrichment programming and over the coming school year to offer trauma informed counseling in individual and group settings.
- Support for community-driven events and places that bring joy and celebration, such as a partnership with CD II Foundation to keep an elementary school open on weekends so families can gather together.
- The Foundation partnered with the Crayon Collection to support Banners of Hope, a project where schools from across the Palisades created artwork and messages of hope to be placed in the community.
- Partnering with the District, Disney, and the Dodgers to put on events that brought joy and celebration to students from impacted communities.



“ I don't think the general public has any idea how something like an Uber voucher helps to lift an incredible weight off one's shoulders. I lost my housing and car and everything else I owned in the Palisades fire... It has been trauma upon trauma in the last 12 weeks. When one is facing devastating loss upon loss, something as (seemingly) simple as a voucher or direct cash assistance is invaluable. It says I'm not facing this alone.

-Laura V., a Pali HS Employee. ”

\$414k

IN CASH ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYEES IMPACTED

\$2.1m

FOR FAMILIES IMPACTED

\$67.5k

IN CLASSROOM GRANTS



Over \$3M Raised for The Last Repair Shop:

The Oscar®-winning short documentary *The Last Repair Shop*, co-directed by Ben Proudfoot and LAUSD alum Kris Bowers, spotlighted LAUSD's one-of-a-kind music program and the students and staff behind it.

Since 1959, LAUSD's Central Musical Instrument Shop has provided and repaired over 130,000 instruments annually—free of charge—so every student can access the power of music.

Now, in partnership with the filmmakers, the LAUSD Education Foundation is expanding the Shop's impact: launching an apprenticeship program, upgrading tools and facilities, and getting more instruments into students' hands—faster.

Celebrating Resilience

Over 200 graduating seniors experiencing homelessness or in foster care were honored with special culmination ceremonies and received gift cards, laptops, and essentials—thanks to the generosity of our donors—helping them take their next steps with dignity and support.



Philanthropic Funding for Priority Schools

Driving equity-focused investments across LAUSD's 121 highest-need campuses, the Foundation is accelerating the success of Priority Schools—where academic gains, especially among English Learners and Black students, are outpacing state and peer district trends. Aligned with the Superintendent's Strategic Plan, this work powers the Equitable School Performance and Educational Transformation Offices to deepen instructional leadership, data-driven decision-making, and accountability.

Annual Sponsor-A-Family Campaign

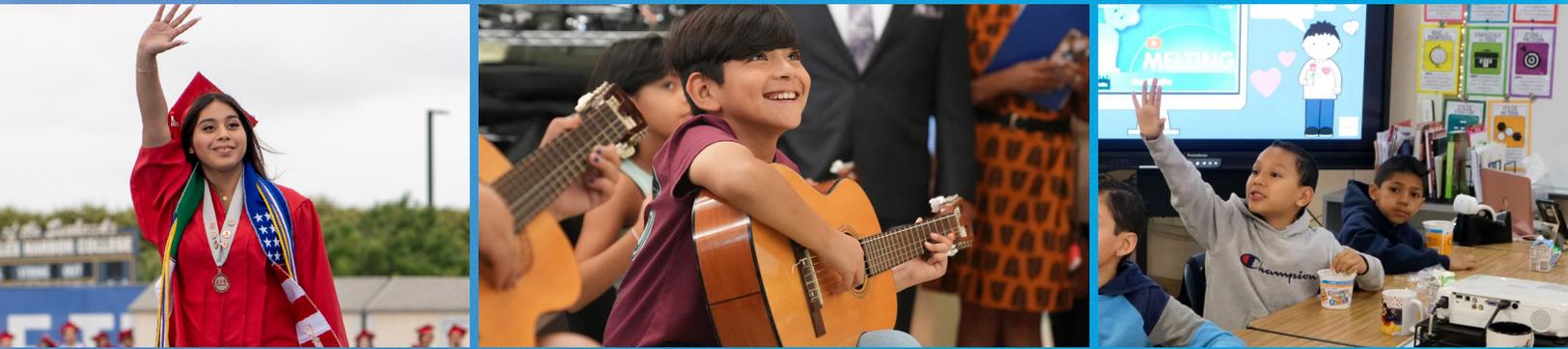
Hundreds of donors came together to more than double past giving—raising over \$200,000 to support 590 families and 1,400 students experiencing homelessness. Their generosity delivered cash gift cards that helped make the holiday season warmer, brighter, and more joyful for those who needed it most.

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The LAUSD Education Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 68-0503221) and the official philanthropic partner of Los Angeles Unified School District.

Your contribution is tax-deductible and directly supports programs that advance equity, wellness, creativity, and academic achievement.

Let's work together to inspire what's possible for LA's students. Interested in learning more, reach out to Sadie Jefferson (sadie@lausdedfoundation.org).



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THE LAUSD EDUCATION FOUNDATION IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR WORK TO SUPPORT LAUSD STUDENTS AND FAMILIES THIS YEAR.