

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we wrap up our 15th anniversary year, thank you for your support of GFPE. Whether through direct donations or PEACH Education Tax Credit contributions, you are making a big impact for public education in Georgia.

Through the work of GFPE, Georgia's public schools and districts are creating and expanding programs that are engaging students in innovative ways. From mental health and English Language Learner programming to technology enhancements, economic literacy lessons, teacher recruitment programs, and more, GFPE partners are providing funding above district budgets to give schools the opportunity to implement programming they otherwise would not be able to.

This year **we fulfilled \$7.4 million in PEACH Education Tax Credit requests**, demonstrating that taxpayers are gaining awareness of this opportunity and are eager to contribute. We are proud to have been able to fulfill all of the contributions thanks to the recent increase in the cap from \$5 million to \$15 million. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue working together to advocate for the value of the



PEACH Education Tax Credit and to support even more school systems across the state as they work tirelessly to give Georgia's students the opportunity to thrive in a 21st-century workforce.

We are grateful to all our partners who continue to support this important program, which is working to shape the future of public education in Georgia.

With gratitude,

Kenneth Mason, Board Chair
Paige Buzbee, GFPE Executive Director



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LICENSE PLATE DOLLARS AT WORK



A portion of the sales from **Georgia's Honor or Support Educators license tags** helps GFPE fund several public education initiatives such as Georgia Teacher of the Year, rural education and innovation, and Georgia's state schools for blind, deaf, and hard-of-hearing students. **Scan the QR code to read more about some of the programs made possible because of license plate sales.**



GIVE Center West in Gwinnett County serves non-traditional students, who are able to receive the academic and behavioral support they need to succeed in school and thrive beyond the classroom. **The PEACH Education Tax Credit allowed GIVE Center West to enhance its holistic approach** to serving students by launching a trauma-informed program that trains faculty on how to help students with resilience and self-regulation strategies and engages families through evidence-based parenting classes. And it's making a difference. Teachers and parents report greater confidence in supporting students, resulting in remarkable growth in both student achievement and overall well-being.

Building on the success of its trauma-informed initiative, GIVE Center West received an additional grant through the Workforce for Georgia Grant program, made possible by GFPE in partnership with the Georgia Power Foundation. With this additional funding, the school launched GIVE RESET, a workforce development program that pairs mental health and resiliency education with career training to connect students to certificate training programs and internships in high-demand fields such as construction.

This combination of grants highlights the power in using initial investments to pilot new ideas, then leveraging additional funding to scale what works. At GIVE Center West, this approach is paying off in meaningful ways. Students are not only gaining the resilience needed to thrive in and beyond the classroom but are also **graduating with workforce-ready skills** that set them up for long-term success.

Preparing Morgan County Students for Georgia's Workforce

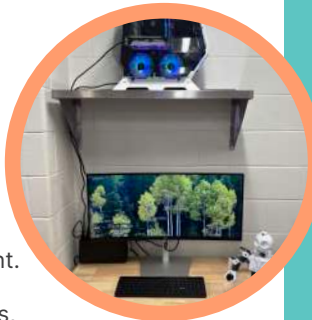
Across Georgia, schools are utilizing the PEACH Education Tax Credit to bring innovative learning opportunities to their students. **PEACH Fundraising Plan Partner Morgan County High School (MCHS)** stands out as an example of how districts can leverage this resource to deliver **cutting-edge opportunities for students**.

In its first campaign, MCHS raised **\$75,000** to transform its cybersecurity and networking technology program by turning a standard classroom into a state-of-the-art learning space equipped with upgraded

power and data, mobile furnishings, and essential equipment.

Building on this success, MCHS launched a second fundraising campaign with a \$65,000 goal to further strengthen career-readiness programs.

MCHS continues to lead the way in demonstrating how all schools can equip students with advanced technical skills, industry connections, and the confidence to thrive in Georgia's workforce.



OUR IMPACT

Donor Advised Fund Grant
\$54,000

Early Language Alignment Grants
\$50,000

EDP Grants
\$10,500

Georgia Power Grants
\$70,000

Georgia Teachers Initiative Grants
\$151,528

Innovative Education Fund Grants
\$460,005

Kaiser Permanente Grants
\$30,900

PEACH Partner Funds
\$6,279,985

Rural Education Grant
\$1,000

State Schools Grants
\$15,000

TOTAL: \$7,122,918

Recognizing and Empowering Georgia's Teachers

In April 2024, GFPE, in partnership with the College Football Playoff Foundation and the Atlanta Football Host Committee, launched the **Georgia Teachers Initiative (GTI)** – a statewide effort to provide teachers with the resources they need and the recognition they deserve as they work tirelessly to prepare Georgia's PreK-12 students for an optimal life.

TEACHER GRANTS FOR INNOVATION

A competitive grant program providing teachers \$500-\$2,500 to implement creative classroom projects

\$150,000+
awarded to **82** teachers
from **58** school districts

11,415
students
impacted

INNOVATIVE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

Weekly recognition of outstanding teachers nominated by students, parents, and school administrators

50+
teachers
recognized

\$5,000+
in DonorsChoose
gift cards awarded

Two GTI signature programs – **Teacher Grants for Innovation** and **Teacher Recognition Spotlight Awards** – highlight how a small investment can make a huge difference in classrooms across the state.



I am so thankful for the opportunities provided to my students through grants like this. Grants are the only way I am able to obtain things like this for my classroom. Last year I spent over \$4,100 on my classroom, which is more than I make per month.

