

# 2025

## Annual Update



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### DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

2,323 Children Graduated in 9 Years | 14,596 Books Mailed in 2025



With the 10th anniversary of program on the horizon, in 2025 we celebrated surpassing 2,000 children graduating out of the program. With incredible support from grants and our community partner, the Rotary Club of Arlington, we are able to continue mailing free books every month to any registered child under 5 years old who lives in Arlington or Darrington. We have had amazing grant support in 2025, as well! We are tremendously grateful to The Olson Foundation, Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation, Lucky Seven Foundation, McEachern Charitable Trust, Optum/Everett Clinic Foundation, Glaser Foundation, The Norcliffe Foundation, and the Tulalip Tribes for their gifts that enrich the lives of local children and foster early literacy!

**105,154 Books Mailed to Kids in Arlington and Darrington!**

### CLASSROOM MINI GRANTS

In 2025, we awarded over \$31,000 in grants to Arlington educators. This was the 14th year of the mini grant program, which has given out over **\$232,000 since 2011**.

To view a complete list of recent mini-grant projects, please visit our website at <https://arlingtonedfoundation.org/classroom-mini-grants>.

Grants are awarded to projects that have clear standards-based academic goals, provide long-term sustainable benefits, promote inclusion and equity, include an innovative idea or element of technology, or have an opportunity for family involvement. These mini grants turn educators' innovative ideas into reality.



**Grants awarded to schools in 2025:**

**Haller Middle School (10)**  
**Eagle Creek Elementary (9)**  
**Presidents Elementary (8)**  
**Arlington High School (5)**  
**Stilly Valley Learning Center (4)**  
**Kent Prairie Elementary (5)**  
**Post Middle School (5)**  
**Pioneer Elementary (5)**  
**ECEAP/Apple (1)**

# 2025 FUNDRAISING AND FRIEND-MAKING



## Sip Sip Hooray!

### RECORD-YEAR: OVER \$33,000 RAISED

Sip, Sip Hooray! - the annual wine and beer tasting event - was held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 in the Showroom at Dwayne Lanes Chevrolet- Arlington. Guests were able to taste from six Washington wineries (Alluvium Cellars, Coyote Canyon Winery, Dusty Cellars Winery, Edward Lynne Cellars, Mercer Wine Estates and Skagit Cellars), and In the Shadow Brewing while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, while listening to the excellent emcee, Ben Ballew.

A special thank you to our EVENT SPONSORS: Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Arlington Pharmacy, Inc, McCarthy Team, Dwayne Lane's Arlington Chevrolet, Peoples Bank, Jim Minifie-State Farm Agent, Arlington Grocery Outlet, Banner Bank, and Allen Bros. Forest Management.

Annually, the Arlington Education Foundation receives support from sponsors. With their generous support and commitment, the AEF can dedicate 100% of funds raised to educational programs.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR SIP SIP HOORAY! →  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**



## Breakfast with Santa

### FUN-RAISING

The annual pancake breakfast with Santa is always a magical event for children! It is looked forward to by families each year, and raised \$2,300. AHS Flight performed a holiday concert and Santa and Mrs. Claus posed for photos by professional photographer Kevin A. Krieg (Facebook @kakriegphotography). Thank you to event sponsors: Kulits Orthodontics and Grocery Outlet - Arlington for their continued support! A big thank you too to the firefighters from Fire District 21 for making pancakes and North County Fire & EMS for serving breakfast!

## THANK YOU TO OUR ANNUAL SPONSORS

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