Impact Update

BIG IDEAS BRIGHTER CLASSROOMS

See what your support made possible this fall and how you can give more classroom ideas a second chance this Giving Tuesday.

$13,124
Classroom Grants

6,000
Snack Servings

40
New teachers supported with classroom supply funding.

HOW CHARGE UP! HELPED TURN A DAY AROUND



Through the Charge Up! snack program, you've helped provide more than 6,000 snack servings at **Huntertown and Arcola** elementary schools. One teacher told us about a student who arrived late after missing breakfast at home and at school. Her teacher had a snack ready in the classroom. That small moment of care helped her feel supported and get her day back on track.

With snacks on hand, students can get what they need and return to learning without a trip to the nurse's office or cafeteria share table. Teachers tell us they're also spending less of their own money on classroom snacks.

Thank you to our individual and monthly donors and our snack drive partners, Carroll High School Band, C3 Sports, Lakes of Willow Creek Community, and Pine Hills Church, for keeping classroom snack bins stocked.

If you'd like to help keep those bins full, consider joining Charge Up! as a **monthly donor at $9 a month**. We'd love to welcome 20 more monthly donors by the end of 2026 to help fund our 2027 snack needs. **Monthly gifts give us steady funding to plan ahead and bring Charge Up! to more NACS schools.**



FEATURED IGNITE GRANT | TAKE FLIGHT WITH DRONES

At Maple Creek Middle School, educator **Stacy Gill** received a $2,000 IGNITE grant to bring drones into eighth-grade College & Careers classes. Students will form flight crews, program drones to follow routes through school hallways, and use headsets to communicate as they fly. They'll also design crew logos and explore how the skills they practice connect to careers in aerospace, coding, and logistics.

GIVE A CLASSROOM PROJECT A SECOND CHANCE THIS GIVING TUESDAY

The NACS Education Foundation received **$36,000 in grant requests** in our first round this fall. On **Giving Tuesday**, December 1, our Second Chance Grants campaign will feature some of the great projects we couldn't fund.

Proposed projects include coding robots at **Arcola**, classroom drums at **Perry Hill**, books for middle school readers at **Willow Creek**, and glockenspiels and mallets at **Aspen Meadow**.

Visit a project page to hear from the teacher, see what students need, and give directly to the project you choose. Some projects may also offer a wishlist.

We'll share the campaign link on our **website and social media** as soon as it's ready. Help by **giving or sharing** a project page.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11, 2026

Pine Hills Church Serve Event benefitting **Charge Up!** Snack Program

December 15, 2026

Spring Teacher Grant Applications **Open**

January 15, 2027

Spring Teacher Grant Applications **Due**

March 11, 2027

Spark After Dark: Y2K Throwback - Gala fundraiser supporting 2027-2028 NACS Education Foundation Programs

WANT TO HELP?

Volunteer, Donate, or Connect

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